

# IIS-2025 Conference

**Venue:**  
Villa Steiner,  
Linnéplatz 3, 1190 Wien  
Austria

**Conference fees:** € 150  
includes  
three buffet-lunches and  
coffee-breaks.

All participants are kindly  
requested to make their own  
accommodation arrangements.

In this meeting we will continue the discussion about the perspective that Science is more and more becoming God's surprising ally.

On the foundations level, we will address the relevance of fundamental results in quantum physics, cosmology, mathematics, and neuro-science regarding free will, miracles, and God's omniscience.

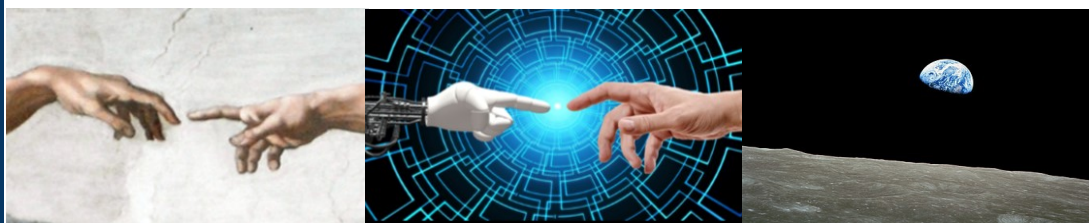
On the emotional level we tackle the issue of suffering: Physical death, illness, aging, and the selfish Darwinian mechanisms that underpin evolution are encoded in our DNA and become transmitted through reproduction.

Does such a fact speak against a good and omnipotent God?

Does suffering relate to eternal life?

Artificial intelligence, even if it already surpasses us in many areas, may never be like human intelligence and empathy:

Isn't suffering, love, experiencing joy and sharing it with others, more than reasoning, a constituent of our being? Is it not the way in which we care for those who suffer and are weaker that makes civilization great?



## Science, God's surprising ally.

Are miracles compatible with today's science? Why suffering?

### PROGRAM

#### September 4th

Foundations

- 10.00 Miracles, Science, and God  
*Michel-Yves Bolloré*
- 11.00 AI, paradoxes, and quantum  
mechanics  
*Alfred Driessen*
- 12.00 Mathematics and contemplation  
*Massimiliano Berti*
- 13.00 Buffet Lunch.
- 14.30 The Space perspective: A new  
paradigm.  
*Oliver Ullrich*
- 15.30 Is humanity called to continue  
intelligent life beyond Earth?  
*André Rubbia*
- 16.30 *Homo sapiens* and human  
kind in the image of God.  
*Antoine Suarez*
- 17.30 End.

#### September 5th

Artificial intelligence, suffering, love, joy.

- 10.00 The relevance of AI for today's  
professional life  
*Niklas Schmidt*

#### September 5th (continued)

- 11.00 Can we look at the world as a  
product of God? On Jacob  
Bekenstein's perspective  
*Emanuele Gaz*
- 12.00 The impact of AI on education.  
*Ignacio Monge*
- 13.00 Buffet Lunch
- 14.30 Is it not the way in which we  
care for those who suffer and  
are weaker that makes  
civilization great?  
*Flavio Keller*
- 15.30 Visit of the Otto-Wagner-Spital
- 17.30 End.

#### September 6th

Artificial intelligence, suffering, love, joy.

- 10.00 Is there life after death? The  
perspective of Edith Stein.  
*Florian Gahbauer*
- 11.00 Relationality and suffering:  
Keys to eternal life?  
*Jean-David Ponci*
- 12.00 End of the Conference.
- 14.00 Visits to Vienna.
- 19.00 Opera at the Volksoper.



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