For much of human existence, science and spirituality were like parallel lines, rarely crossing, yet both in the same pursuit of truth and understanding.

But recent history has seen the merging of those two paths. “Einstein said that, ‘Religion without science is blind. Science without religion is lame,’” said Lawrence E. Carter Sr., dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

To separately deal with life’s big questions will not provide sufficient paths to truth, Carter said. He believes the truth comes through universal knowledge.

“In other words, interdisciplinary understanding,” Carter said. “It’s that concept that undergirds this year’s Science and Spiritual Awareness Week, which runs from March 30 through April 6.”
Morehouse Celebrates Science and Spiritual Awareness Week

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“Most colleges have some form of a religious awareness week, at Morehouse we try to bring the spirit and science – reason and faith – together in a very innovative way,” said President Robert M. Franklin Jr. ’75. “It’s an opportunity to bring unlikely conversation partners together.”

The week falls in the midst of the Gandhi-King-Ikeda-Hassan Perennial Season for Non-Violence. That’s the 64-day period running from January 3 when Mohandas “Mahatma” Gandhi died and the April 4 date when Martin Luther King Jr. ’48 was assassinated.

Several major events will take place over the eight-day period, including a lecture by one of the Internet’s founding fathers, Philip Emeagwali, an April 3 screening of History cable channel’s new film “King,” and nightly worship services dedicated each evening to different denominations, their churches and congregations.

The week of dialogue is intended to demonstrate that science and spirituality cannot be viewed separately.

“It’s not just religion and faith,” Franklin said. “It’s also science and reason that helps people make sense of their lives and make sense of reality. It is the convergence of scientific pursuits of truth and religious pursuits of truth. Of course, Morehouse is the place where science and spirituality should come together.”

The week’s highlight will be the 40th anniversary remembrance of the assassination of King on April 4.

On that day, the first class of MLK International Board of Renaissance Leaders will be inducted, with the Rev. Charles Gilchrist Adams, pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., delivering a keynote address titled, “Where Are the Men?”

The diverse and distinguished group of 10 business, entertainment and political leaders were chosen because they have excelled in their fields, contributed to society and have demonstrated a will to live from a set of ethical principles.

This group, which includes Congressman Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) and actor Blair Underwood, will serve in an advisory role to President Franklin.

Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? In the chapter titled “World House,” King called for the world to transcend race, class, nation and religion to embrace the world house vision; eradicate the triple evils of racism, poverty and militarism; curb excessive materialism and shift from a “thing”-oriented society to a “people”-oriented society; and resist social injustice and resolve conflicts through love embodied in the spirit of non-violence.

That book is part of the historic Morehouse College King Collection housed at the Atlanta University Center’s Woodruff Library.

World House will be conducted on the four Fridays in April with each day focusing on one of the four challenges King makes in his “World House” chapter.

Walter E. Fluker, executive director of the Leadership Center, and Interim Director of the King Collection, will host his segment on April 4 in Beijing.

“I think this is an innovative and distinctive strategy that has brought together the entire community at Morehouse,” Fluker said. “We cannot ignore the last prophetic ascendance of Martin Luther King Jr. when he told us we inherited a larger house – a world house – where we can’t live apart.”

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THE REV. WILLIE JAMES WEBB ’61 believes the United States and the world is headed for a crisis.

In his book, *The Way Out of Darkness: Vital Public Theology*, he outlines the idea that a thorough knowledge of religion and Christianity is essential to a stronger future for this nation and the world.

“There is an urgency to overcoming the theological knowledge deficit to prevent an impending global technological catastrophe,” Webb says early in his book. “The world has become too dangerous for our leaders and citizens to be theologically uniformed.”

Webb says basic theological beliefs form the foundation for solid working relationships – even in the midst of cultural and religious differences – and can allow citizens and their leaders to make sound and fair decisions for all.

“Theology is the means of connecting with the will and ways of God in our decisions and in our actions and relationships,” he says.

Along with being a Morehouse graduate, Webb also has degrees from Clark Atlanta University, the Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.

Currently, he is pastor of Foundation of Community Church and president of the Christian Association of Public Theologians and the Christian Institute of Public Theology.

He credits Morehouse, and then president Benjamin Elijah Mays, with much of the motivation and knowledge that resulted in this book.

“Morehouse College provided a significant foundation in my pursuit to understand more about the vertical and horizontal dimensions of the cross that connects man with God and the human with the divine,” he says. “All of my experiences, knowledge and education continued to be used to make religion more practical and more relevant for the primary and ultimate needs of the people.”


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Theologian Jim Wallis Believes Social Movements, Not Politicians, Bring Change


It really won’t matter in the end, believes author and theologian Jim Wallis. During a March 5 appearance at Morehouse, Wallis said that while voting is important, nearly all politicians are more apt to make decisions by putting their fingers up and going with the winds of popular thought instead of what is right for the nation.

“(The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. ’48) knew you just don’t change the country by changing out wet-fingered politicians for another,” Wallis said. “You change the country by changing the world.”

Walls is president and CEO of Sojourners, an organization dedicated to articulating the biblical call to social justice. A frequent guest commentator for newspapers, magazines and television outlets nationwide, he also is editor-in-chief of *Sojourners* magazine.

As a young man, Walls became very active in the civil rights movement and was arrested 22 times in his fight against racism and discrimination.

“The formula for change is movements pushing on open doors,” Wallis said.


He participated in a book signing and hour-long discussion with 50 intense, note-taking students in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel’s library.

Walls cautioned the group against believing change in this country will come if Obama, Clinton or McCain are elected president.

“Whoever wins this election won’t be able to change the big things that need changing unless and until there are social movements pressing and pushing outside to change politics.”

“He’s really saying that political agents aren’t responsive to the people and vice versa,” added Walter E. Fluker, executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College and Interim Director of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection. “All significant change of recalcitrant social structure emanates from the bottom up and not the top down.”

And Wallis said that change has to be rooted in faith.

“We won’t get to social justice without a revival of faith,” he said to nods. “Getting the issues straight isn’t enough. Having the right program isn’t enough. Having the right strategy isn’t enough. Unless God multiplies our faith….we’re not going to get the social justice.”
Schedule of Major Events

March 29 through April 6
Exhibit: Gandhi-King-Ikeda-Hassan: A Legacy of Building Peace, King Chapel Lobby

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Symposium
Ecumenism at the Margins: Reaching Beyond Black Christianity
National Council of Churches of Christ, USA

4:30 p.m.
Lecture
Walter E. Massey Lecture on Science & Spirituality
African American Hall of Fame in the King Chapel
Speaker: Philip Emeagwali
One of the Fathers of the Internet

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
11 a.m.
Induction Crown Forum
22nd Board of Preachers, Sponsors and Scholars Ceremony
Speaker: The Rev. Samuel “Billy” Kyle
Monumental Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 Remembering King: 40 Years Later
10 a.m.
Global Webcast
World House: Connecting the Global Community
Bank of America Auditorium, Executive Conference Center
Simultaneous webcasts: Africa, China, India, USA

11 a.m.
Convocation
40th Anniversary Convocation on the Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. ’48
Induction of MLK Jr. International Board of Renaissance Leaders
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Charles G. Adams
Keynote Topic: “Where Are The Men?”
Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

7:15 p.m.
Premiere Screening and Panel Discussion
History™ Presents “King”
Panel: Journalist Tom Brokaw; Martin Luther King III ’79 of Realizing the Dream; President Robert M. Franklin Jr. ’75, Abbe Raven, president and CEO, AETN; Nancy Dubuc, executive vice president and general manager History and Joan Ridall, president, Southern Division, Comcast
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SUNDAY, MARCH 30
7 p.m.
African Methodist Episcopal Night
The Rev. Gregory V. Eason Sr.
Big Bethel AME Church, Atlanta, Ga.

MONDAY, MARCH 31
7 p.m.
Methodist Night-50th Anniversary of Atlanta Minister’s Manifesto
Bishop Bevel L. Jones
With Ben Hill UMC Senior Pastor
Richard D. Winn, Congregation and Choir

TUESDAY, APRIL 1
7 p.m.
Baptist Night
The Rev. E. Dewey Smith Jr. ’96
The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
7 p.m.
Non-Denominational Night
Bishop Jonathan E. Alvarado ’90
Total Grace Christian Center, Decatur, Ga.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
7 p.m.
Seventh Day Adventist Night
The Rev. Dr. Carlton P. Byrd
Atlanta-Berean Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Atlanta, Ga.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
7 p.m.
Spiritual Empowerment Night
The Rev. Collette L. Gunby
Green Pastures Christian Ministries
Decatur, Ga.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6
11 a.m.
United Church of Christ Day
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Samuel
Victory for the World Church
Stone Mountain, Ga.
Lonnie King ’69 fumbled with his notes, leaned back and remembered back to a 1960 meeting he attended at Harkness Hall.

He was one of several Atlanta University Center students who were about to lead others in the fight against the racism and discrimination of the period. They had all been summoned to Harkness Hall to hear from each of the AUC presidents, who urged the students to leave the protests and battles to the NAACP.

“Now a veteran of the civil rights movement, King and five others who defied those presidential requests nearly 50 years ago told nearly 100 people gathered at the Learning Resource Center on February 29 they felt they had no choice.

“In 1960, when those of us up here stepped forward, the time had come….The new Negro showed up in 1960,” King said. “We showed up and basically said to Dr. (Benjamin) Mays and the other administrators, ‘If not now, when? And if not us, who?’”

King was joined by Spelman graduates Brenda Cole and Gwendolyn Middlebrooks and Morehouse alumni Johnny E. Parham Jr. ’58 and Charles Black ’62.

All five reflected on a turbulent time when blacks couldn’t go downtown to eat at lunch counters, use decent bathrooms in public places, had to watch movies from balcony areas instead of at the front of theaters and, of course, sit at the back of buses.

“Atlanta was a terrible place for me to live,” Middlebrooks said. “We had decided we were so angry about it. We were doing things because we were uncomfortable with the way we were forced to live. It was like being trapped in a box.”

Cole, who was Miss Maroon and White during her Spelman days, said as a teenager from a small Texas town, she had no idea what she was getting into when word spread across the AUC that students were going to stand up against racial oppression.

“There was something inside that was just churning and waiting for a chance to scream out, ‘No this is enough. No more,’” she said.

The five said it wasn’t easy to convince students to be part of history. Many were afraid of what administrators would say. Others had parents who were also worried about their jobs.

They not only protested at various places. The students also wrote “Appeal For Human Rights,” a document explaining their reasons for protesting the way blacks were being treated. The document ran in the local newspapers and was read into the Congressional Record in Washington.

“Clearly the students in Atlanta did something that students throughout the country didn’t do,” said Parham. “It meant we looked more organized than we actually were.”

Black said nearly 200 students participated in the sit-ins and helped draft the “Appeal For Human Rights.”

“It was upon all of this that we were easily motivated for change,” he said.

King told the students that they shouldn’t become complacent about the future. Battles remain, he said.

“If you think, young men and young women, that everything is alright today, then you’re wrong,” King said. “I’m not saying you should hate somebody. I’m saying you should get smart.”

Lonnie C. King ’69 and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. ’48 participate in a protest march in downtown Atlanta in 1960.

Five alumni of Morehouse and Spelman colleges who were student civil rights activists in 1960 participate in a panel discussion on their work. From left is Johnny Parham Jr. ’58; Brenda Cole; Lonnie C. King ’69; Gwendolyn Middlebrooks; and Charles A. Black ’62.
ow important is the upcoming Business of the Music Business Seminar? Organizer Ernie Singleton points to Grammy Award-winning artist and producer Timbaland as an answer.

Timbaland recently signed a huge new deal — not just for the average new album. He and Verizon Wireless are going to do the industry’s first mobile album. For the rest of 2008, Timbaland will produce and release a song for each month while he’s touring the United States on the Verizon Mobile Recording Studio Bus. Singleton calls it an idea that could be the future of the music industry.

“For all the students at Morehouse College, we want them to think a little broader. The entire industry is being redefined as a result of technology,” Singleton said today’s technologically savvy student see how they can turn their everyday electronic habits into potentially lucrative entertainment industry careers is the focus of the seminar which will be held at the Executive Conference Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 29.

Discussions will be held about producing, publishing and artist and repertoire, commonly known as A&R. Students also will hear from a panel of music producers, including Bryan Michael Cox, Polow da Don and Madd Scientist, artists such as Nicci Gilbert, who was part of the R&B trio Brownstone; and industry insiders such as So So Def A&R vice president Eddie

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KEITH WEBB HAD NO IDEA he would be taking a break from his duties at investment banking giant Merrill Lynch to work with college students.

But that’s exactly what happened. This past year, he has served as the executive-in-residence at Morehouse and Spelman colleges. The program emerged from a 2007 conversation between Merrill Lynch’s Tom Wilson and Spelman President Beverly Daniel Tatum. They then pitched the idea to Webb.

“Once Tom Wilson proposed the program to me, I automatically accepted the idea,” said Webb.

Webb, who has been on loan from his job as a talent sourcing and recruiting director at Merrill Lynch since September 2007, is the first executive-in-residence from Merrill Lynch. He returns to New York City on April 1.

He has been assisting students with finding jobs and internships, working on their resumes writing and interview techniques. He also is implementing a new strategy, “Perception of Our Partners,” which identifies what corporations say are the good and bad qualities of job candidates and interns and using those to aid future students.

He sees his job as motivating students and helping them recognize their potential.

“It’s all about finding their passion and using that passion for advancement,” Webb said.

Merrill Lynch executive-in-residence Keith Webb has been advising students about their futures in his one-year post at Morehouse and Spelman colleges.

Webb’s own passion landed him a temporary job with Merrill Lynch in 1982, at a time when he had no college degree, no contacts and no legacy. His potential and strengths as a tradesman shined and he was hired full time after 18 months.

Webb wanted more theoretical experience and decided to go back to Manhattanville College where he received a degree in organizational management in 2004. He will receive his master’s degree in organizational management and human resource development from Manhattanville this May.

This executive-in-residence Program wasn’t intended to be long term, but it has “turned out wonderfully,” Webb said.

John Williams, Morehouse dean of the Division of Business Administration and Economics, agreed.

“It has been an excellent residence,” Williams said. “It is always good for students to interact with someone in the corporate world.”
Books

Men of Morehouse love to read outside of their required studies. So much so that Cedric Hughes, manager of the Morehouse College Bookstore, says the following non-textbooks are the top 10 sellers at the bookstore from the beginning of the fall semester through March 7:

10. Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny, by Hill Harper (Penguin Group USA)
8. Walking Integrity, by Lawrence E. Carter Sr. (Mercer University Press)
6. The Divine Nine: The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities in America, by Lawrence C. Ross Jr. (Kensington Publishing)
5. Sellout: The Politics of Racial Betrayal, by Randall Kennedy (Pantheon Books)
4. Come On People: On the Path to Victors from Victims, by Bill Cosby and Alvin F. Poussaint (Thomas Nelson)
2. Jesus and the Disinherited, by Howard Thurman ’23 (Beacon Press)