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## <u>Relevance of theology for modern man</u> theme for series of lectures at WLU

Sam Keen, the American philosopher-psychologist-theologian and writer will give a series of lectures at Wilfrid Laurier University next week. A free, public lecture is scheduled for Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. Room 1E1, Arts Building.

Topic for that talk is Earthy Thoughts: Principles of a Land Ethic. The theme for all his talks is Loving and Knowing.

Sponsoring the series are the WLU departments of philosophy, psychology, religion and culture, and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Keen attempts to locate God, or the holy, for the 20th century man who may no longer associate faith with a God "out there."

Keen believes that what is authentic about faith cannot be found in stories or histories alien to the individual, but in each person's own life. For many, Keen makes theology relevant.

In addition to contributing articles to scholarly journals, Keen is a consulting editor of Psychology Today. He writes for many popular magazines and has completed five books.