



### **Charles Taylor, 2007 Templeton Prize Laureate, wins inaugural Berggruen Prize**

Charles Taylor, the 2007 Templeton Prize Laureate, has won the inaugural \$1 million [Berggruen Prize](#), according to the [New York Times](#) on October 4. The prize is to be awarded annually to “a thinker whose ideas are of broad significance for shaping human self-understanding and the advancement of humanity.”

Professor Taylor, 84, received the Templeton Prize in 2007 for his many books, papers and lectures which contend that problems such as violence and bigotry can only be solved by considering both their secular and spiritual dimensions.

“The divorce of natural science and religion has been damaging to both, but it is equally true that the culture of the humanities and social sciences has often been surprisingly blind and deaf to the spiritual,” he said at the news conference announcement in New York on March 14, 2007.

Click [here](#) for a video of Professor Taylor filmed in London in 2012 on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Templeton Prize and the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Gifford Lectures.

Click [here](#) for a video of Professor Taylor and the 2014 Templeton Prize Laureate, Msgr. Prof Tomáš Halík, from the 2014 American Academy of Religion annual meeting in San Diego.

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