



**Templeton Prize Winner 2016 to be announced on March 2
46th winner of £1.1 million annual prize for spiritual progress**

Event: Announcement of the Templeton Prize
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 10:30 AM GMT (London) / 5:30 AM EST (New York)
Venue: British Academy, 11 Carlton House Terrace, London
Online at www.templetonprize.org; Twitter via @TempletonPrize; #TempletonPrize2016

The winner of the 2016 Templeton Prize will be announced on Wednesday, March 2 at a news conference in London at 10:30 AM GMT (5:30 AM EST) to be held at the British Academy, 11 Carlton House Terrace, London, in the presence of the Prize Laureate.

Valued at £1.1 million (about \$1.6 million or €1.4 million), the Templeton Prize is one of the world's largest annual monetary awards given to an individual. The 2016 Prize Laureate will join a distinguished group of 45 former recipients. Last year's Templeton Prize Laureate was Canadian philosopher and theologian Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, the international network of communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers. Czech priest and philosopher Tomáš Halík was the 2014 Laureate, preceded by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa in 2013 and the Dalai Lama in 2012.

The Prize, which will be formally awarded on May 26 at a ceremony in London, annually honors a living person who has made an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works.

Established in 1972 by the late global investor and philanthropist Sir John Templeton, the Templeton Prize is a cornerstone of the John Templeton Foundation's international efforts to serve as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries relating to the *Big Questions* of human purpose and ultimate reality.

The London news conference will be webcast live on www.templetonprize.org. Questions for the Laureate can be submitted via the webcast and email. Still pictures and video highlights will be available from this site shortly afterwards.

Press materials on the 2016 Templeton Prize Laureate will be available in advance under strict embargo (Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 AM GMT). A limited number of one-on-one interviews with the winner (via telephone) will be available on Monday, February 29 and Tuesday, March 1. Please contact:

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