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Upcoming Western Reserve PBS Programs Explore Faith and History

KENT, Ohio — Tuesday, April 5, 2011 — Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 45.2) will air the following programs about faith and history throughout the month of April. New programs are marked with an asterisk.

Asian and Abrahamic Religions: A Divine Encounter in America*

Sundays, April 10 and 17, at 3 p.m.

The presence of the Asian religions has been growing on American soil almost from our nation's beginning. Over time, Asian religious practices began to influence and transform everyday life for ordinary Americans who discovered Yoga, meditation and the martial arts and healing practices.

Secrets of the Divine: The Altarpiece at Ciudad Rodrigo*

Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m.

Equal parts historical art, mystery and scientific exploration, this special delves into Spanish fine art pieces and their sub-drawings to reveal surprising insights into the lives of the painters, their era and the power of their altarpieces.

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Secrets of the Dead: Battle for the Bible

Wednesday, April 13, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m.

This program explores the lives and lasting influence of three major figures in the translation and propagation of the English Bible: the 14th-century theologian, politician and reformer John Wycliffe; King James Bible translator William Tyndale; and Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury under Henry VIII.

Nova: The Bible's Buried Secrets

Wednesday, April 13, at 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, at 2 a.m.

This two-hour special breaks exciting new ground in investigating the origins of the ancient Israelites, the evolution of their belief in one God and the creation of the Bible.

Frontline, From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians

Sunday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Drawing upon recent and sometimes controversial historical evidence, Frontline transports viewers back 2,000 years to the time and place where Jesus of Nazareth once lived and preached and challenges familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity.

The Jewish People: A Story of Survival

Sunday, April 24, at 10 p.m.

This documentary explores the vast 3,000-plus year history of the Jewish people, outlining key moments in history, as well as the obstacles that were overcome to survive to this day.

Forgiveness: A Time to Love and a Time to Hate*

Tuesday, April 26, and Wednesday, April 27, at 10 p.m.

Also airs Mondays, April 18 and 25, at 1 a.m.

This two-part film explores the concept of forgiveness, personal and political, through a series of individual stories. The chapters in the program address all aspects of forgiveness and confession from the personal level to the criminal, the public and the most heinous instances of genocide.

The Buddha

Wednesday, April 27, at 8 p.m.

Over 2,500 years ago, a new religion was born in northern India, generated from the ideas of a single man, the Buddha, a mysterious Indian sage who famously gained enlightenment while he sat under a fig tree.

About Western Reserve Public Media

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Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO.2/WEAO.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO.3/WEAO.3) and V-me (WNEO.4/WEAO.4).

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