

# Religion and Science Fiction Book Discussion Group

January 25, 2009

A Canticle for Leibowitz

By Walter M. Miller, Jr.

February 22, 2009

A Case of Conscience

By James Blish

March 22, 2009

The Sparrow

By Mary Doria Russell

April 26, 2009

Eifelheim

By Michael Flynn

We will discuss four works of Science Fiction which deal explicitly with religious themes. These conversations will be somewhat freewheeling with a diversity of points of view encouraged. Each session will last about an hour to an hour-and-a-half. All participants should have read each book prior to the discussion.

The discussion leader will be Rev. Randy Smith, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Hayward, California. Rev. Smith is deeply familiar with the Science Fiction field and has been a panelist at many Science Fiction conventions on topics such as "Religion and Science Fiction," and "The Future of Religion."

Please call the church at (510) 581-2266 or e-mail Rev. Smith at [redacted] for more information or to indicate your attendance.

Location:  
First United Methodist Church  
1183 "B" Street  
Hayward, California

Time for Each Session:  
7:00 p.m.