

# William J. Abraham Memorial Lecture

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11:45 a.m. October 3, 2023 in Prothro Great Hall (5901 Bishop Blvd.)  
(Complimentary luncheon provided)

## “The Doctrines that Do and Do Not Develop”

Do all Christian doctrines develop in a similar manner? The lecture considers this question in conversation with John Henry Newman and William J. Abraham. Narratives of positive doctrinal change are compared with those of decline. The doctrines of the incarnation and deification are singled out for comparison.



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