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The Gamble of Faith

The Third Schubert M. Ogden Seminar on Systematic Theology

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Christians in the modern period have often talked about faith as a kind of gamble: in the pursuit of salvation one is likely to incur costs for the sake of an uncertain gain. When trying to lead a Christian life, one risks the loss of the pleasures this world can offer, in hopes of a more ultimate and lasting happiness to come. What might such a conception of faith as a gamble imply about actual gambling? The seminar uses the current financial crisis--the result of gambling on a massive scale--to draw out a number of similarities and contrasts with the gamble of Christian faith and thereby provide a Christian perspective on recent failures in banking and financial markets.

Kathryn E. Tanner, Dorothy Grant Maclear Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, relates past thought from the history of Western theological traditions to areas of contemporary theological concern. She has lectured at educational institutions and churches in many countries and serves on the Theology Committee of the Episcopal House of Bishops. Her most recent book, The Economy of Grace (2005) marshals a theological argument for replacing the current capitalist economic system with a noncompetitive one that better reflects God's own giving.

