NEUROTHEOLOGY

September through November 2006

Art installation by Audrius V. Plioplys
Thoughts of Pagan Temples, 6 x 5 feet, painting on canvas
The underlying image is of a temple in the volcanic ruins of Pompeii, Italy
Thoughts of Demons, University of Chicago, 6 x 5 feet, painting on canvas
The underlying image is gargoyles on the Eckhart building on the campus quadrangle
Thoughts of Freedom, 6 x 5 feet, painting on canvas

The underlying image is Drexel Home for the Aged where I lived during medical school
Mathematical Thoughts, 6 x 5 feet, painting on canvas
The underlying image is the entrance door, covered in ivy, of the mathematics building.
Thoughts of Ancestral Religious Rites, 5 x 6 feet, painting on canvas
The underlying image is the altar, during Sunday mass, at the church in Pilviskiai, Lithuania, which my father and forefathers attended.
Jesus said,
"If the flesh came into being because of spirit, that is a marvel, but if spirit came into being because of the body, that is a marvel of marvels."

Gospel of Thomas 29:1-2
Ritual / Solstice, 5 x 12 feet, painting on canvas

The underlying image is of seven stones I placed in line, each stone at the end of the shadow cast by the previous one, in Grise Fiord, Ellesmere Island, Northwest Territories, Canada, exactly at noon on the summer solstice. This is the most northerly inhabited city in North America.
Waves / Slave, 5 x 12 feet, painting on canvas

The underlying image is ripples on Great Slave Lake, Northwest Territories, Canada. This is the deepest lake in North America. The ripples were caused by my throwing a rock into it which I brought from Ellesmere Island, the most northerly island in North America.
Thoughts of Freedom Lost, 5 x 6 feet, painting on canvas
The underlying image is of the Japanese-American, World War II internment camp in the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona.
Empathy / Threat, 5 x 6 feet, painting on canvas

The underlying image is of a polar bear on Beechey Island, Northwest Territories (now Nunavut), Canada. Beechey Island is where the Franklin expedition met their demise in 1855 while searching for the northwest passage.
Currently on permanent display at the University of Chicago

Lower level, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel