



THE FAMILY IN QUESTION  
**THE HUXLEYS**

Thursday 23 July

The Huxley family is a British family of which several members have excelled in science, medicine, arts, and literature. The patriarch of the family, Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-1895), was a zoologist known as 'Darwin's bulldog' for his defence of Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Immensely influential on scientific education in this country, he was also a renowned agnostic, something quite remarkable for the time. He declared even more forcefully than Darwin that humans are related to the great apes. His daughter Jessie married the architect Fred Waller. His daughter Marian Huxley married the hugely talented artist John Collier, author of 'The Religion of an Artist'; by his second wife Ethel Huxley, Collier had a son Laurence, who became British ambassador to Norway; his son Leonard married the daughter of Tom Arnold, brother of the poet Matthew; their four children included the biologist Julian Huxley, first Director of UNESCO and the writer Aldous Huxley, while a son from his second marriage, Andrew Huxley, won the 1963 Nobel Prize for physiology. Aldous Huxley, blind since his teens, is still renowned as the author of 'Brave New World', 'Crome Yellow' and 'The Doors of Perception' recording his experiments in taking the hallucinatory drug mescaline.

All **Culture in Question** lectures take place in the Art Workers Guild, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, unless otherwise indicated. Coffee is served at 10.30, the lectures begin at 11, and a light lunch with wine is served at 1 pm. The day ends at 3.30 pm. £90 members, £100 non-members.