

## Special Issue

# Exploring the Relationship Between Religion and Science from a Historical Perspective

### Message from the Guest Editor

While historians have long recognized that the Conflict Thesis depicting the relationship between religion and science to be one of perpetual antagonism is overly reductionist, the idea certainly persists in the popular imagination. It is useful to analyze this topic and explore the historical, philosophical, and theological relationship between religion and science, from antiquity to the present. Therefore, we are pleased to invite you to submit an article exploring this relationship. The timeperiod for submissions is open, and articles approaching this topic that combine a historical with a theological or scientific perspective are certainly welcome. Furthermore, submissions dealing with both Western and non-Western religious perspectives are welcome. We hope that this Special Issue will stimulate new research into the ways science and/or natural philosophy is and has been practiced within different religious environments. The common idea that religious leaders and religious ways of thinking are always oppositional to the development of science is clearly too reductionist, so articles should explore the more nuanced ways in which religion and science interact.

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