

Special Issue

Consciousness between Science and Religion

Message from the Guest Editor

The dialogue between the humanities and the natural sciences, and especially between theology/religion and the natural sciences, has been characterized by several recurring themes since the inception of natural sciences. One of the most important themes, along with world/nature/creation, is the question of consciousness. Although it is obvious that the phenomenon of consciousness cannot be comprehensively explained by any single discipline, questions arise even within a single discipline. Philosophy, psychology, and neuroscience, for instance, have different definitions of consciousness, and determining where consciousness overlaps with the mind is a challenge. When theology enters the interdisciplinary discussion, the question of consciousness becomes even more complex because it involves the phenomenon of the soul.

Although this Special Issue will focus primarily on the perspective of (Christian) theology, articles may refer to any religious tradition and may have a comparative character. Research lenses from theology, philosophy, religious studies, art studies, natural sciences, and natural history are equally welcome.

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