

Special Issue

No God, No Science? Reassessing the Relationship Between Theology and Modern Science

Message from the Guest Editors

For a theist, science is a calling to “think God’s thoughts after Him” (Kepler) as the one who has created and upholds all things, and without whom the universe would not exist. In fact, as Plantinga points out, that merely provides a superficial agreement (but underpinned by deep conflict) between naturalism and science; whereas, by contrast it highlights a deep harmony between religion and science (albeit with some superficial appearance of conflict).

Increased specialisation has been the norm for the past couple of centuries; so much so that merely being classed as a scientist is not a guarantee of a breadth of knowledge across disciplines.

To this end we are pleased to invite you to submit a paper on the state-of-the-art in relating modern science and religion. This may address issues in well-established sciences (e.g., physics and biology) or in more recent specialities (e.g., AI and information, and synthetic biology), as well as work from a properly theological perspective. Submissions should highlight how operating in a world upheld and sustained by God necessitates this research and outlook.

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