

Special Issue

Science, Technology, and Religious Belief: A Dialectical Discussion

Message from the Guest Editors

Recent theology sees human uniqueness in multidimensional personhood—including spiritual, existential, and "heart-centered" aspects beyond mere cognition. Traditionally, doctrines of the soul and humanity's special place reinforced this distinction. Now, AI advances challenge whether reasoning, creativity, and relationality remain exclusively human, pushing theology to ask if machines could possess consciousness or spiritual status.

We invite papers exploring how technology disrupts anthropocentric views and reframes human uniqueness alongside artificial agents. Contributions may examine whether AI reshapes existential themes—like facing mortality or showing compassion—and if artificial systems could become partners in seeking meaning, thereby challenging theological assumptions about human vocation.

Topics include: 1) Rethinking human dimensions (body-mind-soul) in the AI age; 2) Technology and deep structures of human experience; 3) Religion and environment; 4) Theology and science. Submissions are welcomed for this Special Issue: "Science, Technology and Religious Belief: A Dialectical Discussion."

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