

# Faith & Reason Seminar

with *Fr. Mario Arroyo*  
A Tuesday Evening Study Series

## Science & Religion



**Tuesdays**

*Jan. 23 - April 24*

7:15 pm to 9:00 pm

Room 121

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## Science & Religion

**Science and Religion – Two crucial forces that helped shape Western civilization.**  
What is the nature of their relationship?

- When do they conflict, and how do they influence each other in pursuit of knowledge and truth?
- Contrary to prevailing notions that they must perpetually clash, science and theology have actually been partners in an age-old adventure.

This course covers both the historical sweep and philosophical flashpoints of this epic interaction.

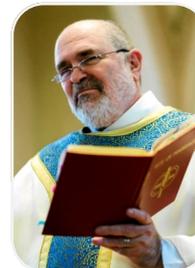


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### SESSIONS:

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1. Science and Religion
2. The Warfare Thesis
3. Faith and Reason - Scripture and Nature
4. God and Nature - Miracles and Demons
5. Church, Copernicus, and Galileo
6. Galileo's Trial
7. God the Watchmaker
8. Natural Theology and Arguments from Design
9. Geology, Cosmology, and Biblical Chronology
10. Darwin and Responses to Evolution
11. Fundamentalism and Creationism
12. Past, Present, and Future

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## The Scope of this seminar

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Professor Lawrence M. Principe unfolds a surprisingly cooperative dynamic in which theologians and natural scientists share methods, ideas, aspirations, and a tradition of disputational dialogue.

St. Augustine warned that it is dangerous for religious people to ignore science: "Many non-Christians are well versed in natural knowledge, so they can detect vast ignorance in such a Christian and laugh it to scorn." He added that interpretation of biblical passages must be informed by the current state of demonstrable knowledge.

On the other hand, Sir Isaac Newton freely discusses the attributes and activities of God in *Principia Mathematica*, which sets forth his theory of gravity and laws of motion.

These examples represent the traditional relationship of science and religion that is too often obscured by the divisive, hot-headed rhetoric and the gross oversimplifications we often see in today's headlines. Long before the shouting and the sloganeering, scientists and theologians pursued a unity of truth, and most theologians have agreed with the advice of Galileo's colleague, Cardinal Baronio, that the Bible "tells us how to go to heaven, not how the heavens go."

## The Scope of this seminar - continued

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### *The Search for Answers*

You will explore questions that are important to all religions, but the focus is on interactions in the "Latin West" where modern science largely took root. This includes formerly Latin-speaking Western European and Mediterranean regions, and the offspring of European culture, North America. The course spotlights the predominant religion of these lands: Christianity.

Moving from the early centuries of the Christian era and the Middle Ages to our own day, he exposes the truth about the Galileo Affair and provides a revealing picture of the circuslike Scopes Trial.

You will share St. Augustine's profound ideas about reason and faith. Follow St. Thomas Aquinas's exploration of miracles—the need to identify them is one example of how scientific and theological inquiry overlap. Meet a 19th-century writer whose anti-Catholic diatribe spread myths that persist today.

Learn about the courage (and stubbornness) of Galileo, the unexpected rationality of his accusers, the inspiration of Darwin's natural selection, and the religious implications of Lemaître's Big Bang.

The course description has been extracted from: <http://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/science-and-religion.html>