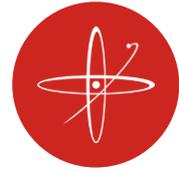


CiS UPDATE



Please give thanks that we were able to have a stand at COP26.

Christians in Science in collaboration with the Faraday Institute and the John Ray Initiative were present on November 9th.

There was a presence of so many other Christian groups as well, together bringing God's perspective on Creation care.

Please continue to pray that our government will keep their promises and assist other nations to keep their promises too.

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CiS office has "moved"

While CiS has a registered address for official correspondence, we also need a place to post general letters. Most correspondence is handled via email, but if you need to send a letter to CiS, please address it to:

**Christians in Science
Tuckers Cottage
Tedburn St Mary EX6 6AZ**

Upcoming CiS Events

Genes, Free Will and Human Identity – do scientists have a right to change our genes

**Thursday 25th
Nov
19:00**

Professor Keith Fox (Professor of Biochemistry, University of Southampton and Former Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge)

Location: Woodlands Church, Woodland Rd, Bristol BS8 2AA which is within walking distance of bus services on Whiteladies Road.

Tea and coffee at 7pm, talks start at 7.30pm

For more information [click here](#).

Is Faith compatible with Science? When Hardy met Garstang

**Friday 26th
Nov
19:30**

6th Annual Dallinger Lecture

Professor John Spicer, Professor of Marine Biology, Plymouth University.

Location: Rolle Building, Lecture Room 018, Plymouth University

For more information [click here](#)

All welcome : Free entry : Bookstall : Free parking on campus

Being human – Am I just my brain?

**Friday 21st
Jan**

Dr Sharon Dirckx (Speaker & Author at OCCA – The Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics)

Location: Christ Church Clifton, Bristol BS8 3BN which is served by both the No 8 and 505 bus services.

Tea and coffee at 7pm, talks start at 7.30pm

For more information [click here](#)

Other News

Engaging your church with science?

With so many of our talks available on our [YouTube channel](#) it has never been easier for you to encourage your church to have discussions on Science and Faith topics.

You could organise a group to listen to a recorded talk and then discuss. Also encouraging them to join CiS as an [Affiliated church](#). We provide resources to enhance faith and worship within the church and be your church's partner in mission.

Why not have a discussion on Creation care and have our *"Thinking about..."* leaflets available to hand out as well? Or any one of the 16 topics covered by these [leaflets](#). Each leaflet outlines the basic science behind the topic, how it relates to the Christian (biblical) understanding of the world and suggests some other resources for those who want to take it further.

If you would like to discuss hosting a video in your church, please contact [Steph](#), our Development Officer.

Christians in Science have produced a first class series of resources, helping the church think more deeply about the interaction between faith and scientific discovery. These contributions are short and punchy, yet at the same time thoughtful and excellent introductions to various themes in this important area.

— Rt Rev Dr Graham Tomlin, Dean, St Melitus' College

John Templeton Fund application

Our application for funding to the John Templeton Foundation survived the savage cull of initial submissions and, next month, we will submit the detailed proposal. The project aims to stimulate positive public engagement with science and religion issues by harnessing the CiS network, in the UK and Ireland, of scientifically well-informed Christians who are respected voices in their local communities.

The programme, in collaboration with The Faraday Institute, will provide training and support for local group leaders and early career scientists in communicating science-faith issues and use of modern digital media for hybrid events to increase engagement with the public. The aim is to increase effectiveness of local groups using online links with centrally-organised events, generate online resources for on-going dissemination and build effective support for CiS from local churches.

Please pray for the team preparing the application, and that the grant will be awarded.

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If you are a CiS member and had a new book published this year but it's not included in the list, please email me brief details to include in the Dec CiS Update. (See details at the end of this Update for the books I have already.)

Details to send: Book name, Author, where people can purchase, the cost and just **one line** about the book. **Plus** a jpeg image of the front cover. (Other details will not be included.)

Other Events

Life on the Edge: Exploring the Ocean through Science and Faith.

Life on the Edge is an ECLAS project, funded by the Templeton Religion Trust.

The Ocean Makes the Earth Habitable

Thursday 18th

Nov

19:00

In person and
online

Prof Meric Srokosz: Professor of physical oceanography and author of '*Blue Planet, Blue God*'

The ocean dominates the surface of the earth and is in the pages of the Bible too. The Bible offers a view of the sea and the life it supports which affirms its intrinsic value to God as a good, and indeed essential, part of creation.

More information on this event can be found on their website - lifeontheedge.info

Location: Wadebridge Town Hall, from 19:00

Live streamed [from 19:30](#)

Faraday events

Seminars will be held as Zoom Webinars and are free to attend. Events may have a charge. More information and the zoom links can be found at [Faraday website](#)

Tuesday
23rd November
2021 1:00 pm -
2:00 pm

Thinking Machines? A Christian Perspective

Speaker: Prof. Stephen Williams

Join us online for the talk followed by Q&A. A link to this webinar will be made available on the morning of the talk.

Practical details to follow if we are able to hold this event in person.

Faith and Science in the Local Church 2022

7th & 8th Jan
2022

Speakers: Dr Ruth Bancewicz, Steph Bryant, Mr Graham Budd, Prof. Paul Ewart, Prof. Keith Fox, Cara Parrett, Prof. John Swinton

Join us for this interactive two-day workshop designed for Christian leaders — whether ordained, lay, or active and experienced members of a local church. Participants will be equipped to engage with scientific issues in the day-to-day life of their ministry context.

This workshop will cover contemporary topics in the dialogue between Science and the Christian Faith, including Artificial Intelligence, Bioethics, Creation Care, and Mental Health.

Location: Online and in Cambridge. To register interest in attending this event please contact: events@faraday.cam.ac.uk

God and the Big Bang

The Cosmic Cabaret

7th Dec
20:00

The aim is to create a fun and informal evening where together we can explore science-faith ideas by listening to a host of fascinating talks. Think of it as a mash up of a TED conference and an open mic night where everyone is welcome. Speakers range from experienced communicators who want to try out some new material through to those just dipping their toes into doing talks and are looking for a safe and encouraging space. Expect to see novel science demonstrations, hear amazing stories & research, and ponder some new ideas.

You're welcome to watch, any questions can be sent to gatbb.churches@gmail.com

7th December: [sign up](#)

ChaplaincyPlus - Birmingham

Science and Faith in the Second City

16th
Feb
12:30

The project *Science and Faith in the Second City* will be running in Birmingham and the west Midlands in the spring and autumn of 2022. There will be a series of public lunchtime and evening lectures aimed at helping people think through some of the more difficult questions that arise from the interaction between science and the Christian faith. The project is being organised and run by the charity ChaplaincyPlus who are based in central Birmingham.

Church leaders – save the date. The launch event for church leaders will be in central Birmingham at 12.30, on Wednesday 16th February 2022. Lunch will be provided and the Rev Prof David Wilkinson, St John's College Durham will speak on '*Why Science and Faith work together*'.

For further details consult <https://chaplaincyplus.org.uk>, or email Prof Hugh Rollinson at hugh.rollinson@chaplaincyplus.org.uk

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for guidance and wisdom for those now preparing the detailed application to further develop our work during the next 3 years and that the grant will be awarded.
- Please give thanks that we were able to have a stand at COP26 and bring God's perspective on Creation care. Pray that nations carry out their promises quickly (before the deadlines) and also to assist and encourage other nations to do the same.



- Please give thanks for our new General Secretary - Dr Gavin Merrifield and for a smooth handover in the coming months.
- Please continue to pray for one another, as the cold weather is here, we still need to take care and be vigilant with our safety and the safety of others.

Thank you for your prayers

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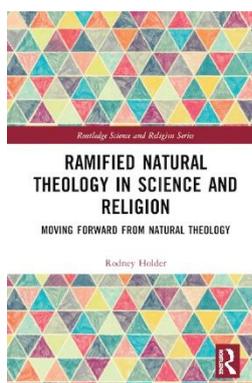
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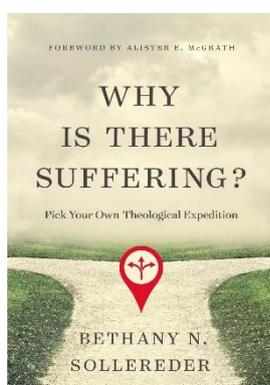
Ramified Natural Theology in Science and Religion: Moving on from Natural Theology

Author: Rodney Holder

Purchase from: [The Faraday Institute on-line shop](#)

Cost: £84

Content: In like manner to arguments of natural theology for the existence of God, reason and evidence are used in ramified natural theology to argue for the truth of specifically Christian claims.



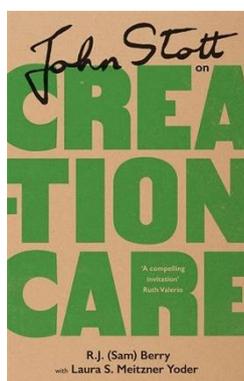
Why is there Suffering? Pick Your Own Theological Expedition

Author: Dr Bethany Sollereder

Purchase from: [Blackwells](#) or order through your local Christian book shop

Cost: about £11.00

Content: Explores the tangled theology of suffering through a light-hearted, self-guided exploration through multiple choices. The reader is asked to make a theological decision every few pages and is directed to the next appropriate step of their theological journey.



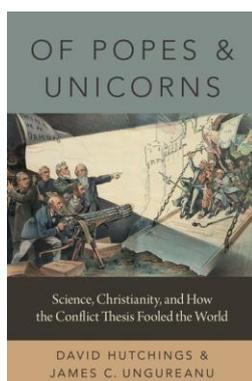
John Stott on Creation Care

Author: By R. J. (Sam) Berry, Laura Yoder

Purchase from: [IVP books](#)

Cost: £14.99

Content: Discover John Stott's writings on creation care, brought together for the first time in this definitive collection for the global church. This brilliant anthology demonstrates both Stott's passion for the environment and its place in Christian discipleship.



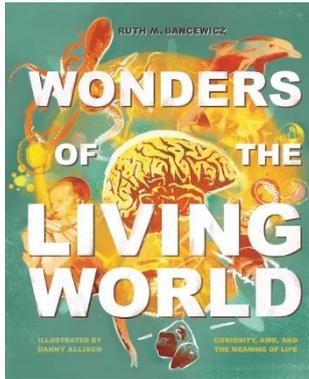
Of Popes and Unicorns

Author: David Hutchings and James C. Ungureanu

Purchase from: [Oxford University Press](#)

Cost: £25.99

Content: Science, Christianity, and How the Conflict Thesis Fooled the World. This is the story of John Draper, Andrew White, and the conflict thesis: a centuries-old misconception that religion and science are at odds with one another.



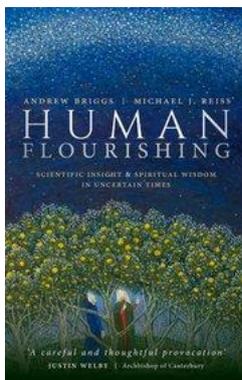
Wonders of the Living World: Curiosity, awe, and the meaning of life

Author: Ruth M Bancewicz, illustrated by Danny Allison

Purchase from: <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/shop/>

Cost: £11

Content: Accompanied by videos, articles, sessions for adult small groups and school lesson plans, at <https://wondersofthelivingworld.org>



Human Flourishing

Author: Andrew Briggs and Michael J. Reiss

Purchase from: [Oxford University Press](https://www.oxfordup.com/)

Cost: £25

Content: An examination of what is meant by human flourishing and what it has to offer for those seeking truth, meaning and purpose in their lives. Balances spiritual and scientific wisdom to provide insights into areas such as relationships, financial stability, religion, technology and work-life balance. Takes a novel approach which draws on evidence from psychology, sociology, philosophy and theology, among others.



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