

Title and Code of Course: The Dialogue between Science and Religion, ERPB-BKO 3152

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Course Description:
The Dialogue between Science and Religion is an interdisciplinary exploration of the dynamic relationship between two seemingly divergent realms of human inquiry. This course aims to foster a deeper understanding of how scientific and religious perspectives intersect, complement, and sometimes conflict with one another. Through a blend of historical analysis, philosophical inquiry, and contemporary case studies, students will examine key moments of interaction between science and religion, such as the Galileo affair, the theory of evolution, and the contemporary debates surrounding topics like the origins of the universe and ethical dilemmas in biotechnology. By engaging with diverse viewpoints and critically evaluating the methods and assumptions of both science and religion, students will develop the skills necessary to navigate complex intersections of knowledge, foster respectful dialogue, and appreciate the richness of human intellectual inquiry. This course invites students to reflect on their own beliefs and assumptions, challenging them to integrate scientific and religious perspectives into a coherent worldview that acknowledges the complexity and nuance of the human experience.

Bibliography:

1. "The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief" by Francis S. Collins – Collins.
2. "Galileo Goes to Jail and Other Myths about Science and Religion" edited by Ronald L. Numbers.
3. "Science and Religion: A Very Short Introduction" by Thomas Dixon
4. "The Varieties of Scientific Experience: A Personal View of the Search for God" by Carl Sagan
5. "Theology for a Scientific Age: Being and Becoming -- Natural, Divine, and Human" by Arthur Peacocke
6. "Faith versus Fact: Why Science and Religion Are Incompatible" by Jerry A. Coyne - Coyne
7. "Belief in God in an Age of Science" by John Polkinghorne
8. "Modern Physics and Ancient Faith" by Stephen M. Barr.