TH369/569/669 Special Topics in Theology

Science and Theology

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This unit begins with an historical overview of the developing relationship between theology and science from the 17th century until contemporary times. The unit then explores key themes in the relationship between theology and science. A key concern of the unit will be the question of evolution and theological responses to evolutionary theories. The unit will work towards a positive integration of science and theology in the intellectual lives and future ministries of students.

The unit will help students engage in critical debates regarding the relationship of theology and science, especially with regard to creationism, intelligent design and rationalist atheism. It will also help students with the intellectual resources needed to answer the question “How should science and theology be related?”

The unit will also help students be better able to articulate a way being both faithful to their religious tradition and intellectually authentic with regard to science.

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