



Resources

Here are just some of the resources available to help your church think about science within the context of Christian faith. This list is very much a work in progress. If you think we missed anything good out, please [let us know!](#)

Note: Resources produced by other organisations or individuals represent their own views and not necessarily those of The Faraday Institute. Some of these resources are produced from within a particular Christian tradition, so inclusion in this list does not mean a resource is suitable for all audiences.

Small group material

[Test of FAITH: Science and Christianity Unpacked](#) (2009) – a 3-6 session course including a 3 x 30 minute broadcast-quality video for church-based small groups, produced by The Faraday Institute. Engages with the relationship between mainstream science and Christian faith. Topics include an introduction to science and faith, the Big Bang, fine tuning of the universe, miracles, Genesis and evolution, bioethics and the brain. Rather than providing answers to every question, it provides plenty of thought-provoking and challenging ideas a starter for group discussion. Participants don't need to have any experience of Christian faith. Available in several languages.

[Why are We Here?](#) (2015) – beautifully made 4 x 48 min documentary exploring the meaning and nature of the universe. Explores the topic through dialogue between Christian Professor of Physics Ard Louis and agnostic filmmaker David Malone, and the people they meet. No formal study material, but website includes transcripts, bonus interview footage and links to extra resources. Especially suitable for groups that include a variety of worldview perspectives.

[From the Dust: Conversations in Creation](#) (2012) – high quality 4 x 15 minute documentary covering the compatibility of Genesis and modern science, with pdf discussion guide. Produced in the US by Highway Media in collaboration with BioLogos, using both US and UK-based theologians. Read a [review](#).

[Jesus, Beginnings & Science](#) (2017) - book by David & Kate Vosburg (Pier Press) outlining a number of discussion-based Bible studies. Designed for US-based student groups, but may well be very helpful for churches where discussions about Genesis are a little sensitive.

[The Penultimate Curiosity](#) (2017) – 83 minute documentary featuring artist Roger Wagner and Oxford Physics Professor Andrew Briggs. A tour of great centers of learning and thought to answer one of the most important and profound questions about the development of knowledge. The documentary can be viewed on Curiosity Stream. Accompanies a [book](#) (Oxford University Press, 2016).

[Is Science A Christian Activity?](#) – Bible study from The Science Missioner Project, Oxford.

[Exploring the God Question](#) (2013) – 3 part documentary exploring a range of views on science and faith, with comprehensive study material. Read a [review](#).

[Engaging Theology](#) (2019) – free small group material produced by the Logos Institute for Analytic and Exegetical Theology for the Christian student movement Fusion. Includes a fascinating unit on Creation that engages some of the most important points from the doctrine of creation, that have implications for our faith and action in the world.

[Science & Faith: Student Questions Explored](#) (2019) – a book produced by the US-based [InterVarsity Emerging Scholars Network](#). Covers many of the questions that students will ask during their studies, with discussion questions for each chapter. Much of it may be useful for UK-based student groups for whom science-faith questions are very sensitive.

[A Catechism of Creation: A Episcopal Understanding](#) (2005), Prepared for Study in Congregations by The Committee on Science, Technology and Faith of The Executive Council The Episcopal Church in the United States of America, including extensive bibliography.

Church service material

[Celebrating God's Creation: An all-age service resource](#) – produced by The Faraday Institute in partnership with Bible Society, using parts of the Test of Faith material. Includes liturgy, ideas for sung worship, sermon notes, children's activities and more.

[Celebrating the wonders of Creation revealed by Science](#) – order of service for a science-themed Sunday morning worship, including liturgy and an original hymn by Trevor Thorn. This page also includes instructions for a number of hands-on activities for children.

[Creative Ideas for Wild Church: Taking all-age worship and learning outdoors](#) (Canterbury Press, 2016) – full service plans for every season of the year with practical advice for running outdoor services, by Mary Jackson & Juno Hollyhock. This book is representative of the growing movement towards running Sunday services and other church activities outdoors. Visit your local Christian bookshop or search online to browse the many activity books on this topic.

[Eco Church](#) – resources for creation care-focussed Sunday services from the Christian Conservation Charity A Rocha. Again, this is representative of a large body of resources from a variety of organisations on this theme. A more through overview of resources on this topic is currently underway.

[The Science Missioner Project](#) – prayers and other activities for churches.

List of some of the [songs and hymns](#) available for use in science-themed services.

[Scientists in Congregations, Scotland](#) – material produced by a range of churches around Scotland, including material for church services, articles, art, music, and more.

[A Catechism of Creation: A Episcopal Understanding](#) (2005) includes a lectionary guide for preaching on creation.

For Children – more resources to be released during 2020!

faradaykids.com – full of resources for children, with more to be added in the coming months. Includes a more comprehensive list of resources for children. Websites for teens and educators will follow.

[Wonder Zone Holiday Club material](#) – produced by Scripture Union in partnership with The Faraday Institute

[The Curious Crime](#) – novel by Julia Golding (Lion) telling the story of a brave girl and her discovery that science, wonderful though it is, cannot answer all the questions in life.

[The Curious Science Quest](#) – series of six short books by Julia Golding, with Andrew Briggs and Roger Wagner (Lion). “Join Harriet, Darwin's pet tortoise, and Milton, Schrodinger's indecisive cat on a time-travelling quest of discovery, unravelling scientific exploration and religious beliefs and how they fit together.”

[Messy Church Does Science](#) – same popular format, contributions from scientists across the UK.

[The Science Missioner project](#) – materials for use in Primary Schools.

For Young People

The Faraday Youth and School Programme delivers events for Primary and Secondary schools, church-based youth groups, and other settings where young people are interested in exploring science and faith. Contact schools@faraday.cam.ac.uk for details.

[Test of FAITH: Science and Christianity Unpacked, Youth Version](#) – produced by a Youth for Christ staff member in partnership with The Faraday Institute (2009). Not necessarily in line with the UK curriculum any more but still useful. There are also versions of Test of FAITH for [UK secondary schools](#) and US-based [homeschoolers](#).

[Never Off Topic](#) – resources on science and faith for school pupils and their teachers.

[God and The Big Bang](#) – conferences for secondary school pupils, and training for teachers, on science and faith.

Podcasts & other audio

[Language of God](#) – regular conversations on science and Christianity from the US-based organisation BioLogos.

[Faraday talk recordings](#) – talks from scientists, theologians, philosophers, historians, and many others on a wide range of subjects within science and religion. A less beautiful but more searchable database is available [on our \(soon to be replaced\) website](#).

[POGOS](#) – the podcast of the Logos Institute for Analytic and Exegetical Theology. Includes some scientific topics.

Online videos (see also Small Group Material, above)

Test of FAITH [documentary excerpts](#) and [interview clips](#) – downloadable, and also available on [YouTube](#).

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[Science and Eternity](#) – thought-provoking videos, aimed to be discussion starters, produced by owlinspace in partnership with The Faraday Institute

[BioLogos videos](#) – including basic introductions, interview clips and conference talks.

[Oxford Conversations](#) – interview clips from Christian academics, including scientists.

[Short Answers to Big Questions](#) and [Personal Reflections](#) – from the Durham-based project, Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science.

[Ian Ramsey Centre videos](#) – short interview clips as well as full conference presentations. These and others are also available on [YouTube](#).

[Special Divine Action](#) – series of interview clips, conference talks, and animated videos for children from a project of the Ian Ramsey Centre.

[Closer to Truth](#) – clips from a US-based TV series that often features key figures in the science and Christianity discussion.

[Plantinga Videos](#) – philosopher of science Alvin Plantinga's views in cartoon form.

[Coming to Peace with Science](#) – short animated videos featuring Dr Darrel Falk, biologist, author, and former Director of BioLogos.

[Origins](#) – a series of six videos featuring Astronomer and BioLogos Director Deb Harsma, and biologist Loren Haarsma.

Articles

[Science and Belief](#) – weekly articles by the Faraday Church Engagement Director and guest authors.

[Thinking About](#) – series of 16 very short, nicely designed introductory articles (pdf) on science and Christianity, by Christians in Science. Including the Big Bang, creation care, and how we interpret Genesis (multiple paper copies are available for free on request).

[Being a Christian In](#) – series of 6 short articles (pdf) on being a Christian in different areas of science. Each one is written by a senior scientist together with a student.

[BioLogos](#) – an excellent range of short accessible articles on the creation-evolution discussion.

[Logos Questions](#) – short booklets (pdf) from the Logos Institute for Analytic and Exegetical Theology, including suffering and 'Is Faith Reasonable?'

[The Parish Pump](#) – provides regular new content for church newsletters, including monthly science articles (subscription £44.99).

[Faraday papers](#) – short papers on science and religion by regular contributors to The Faraday Institute (pdf, paper copies also available).

[Cambridge Papers](#) – short papers on a range of topics, including scientific issues, by the Jubilee Centre (pdf, paper copies also available).

[BLOGOS](#) – the regular blog of the Logos Institute for Analytic and Exegetical Theology. Includes scientific topics.

[Christianity Today science articles](#) – short pieces on a range of scientific topics, largely from a US viewpoint (some content requires a subscription).

[Theos Think Tank](#) – excellent source of analysis of cultural trends in the UK from a Christian viewpoint. Look out for sociologist Nick Spencer's articles on science, especially his comprehensive 2019 report, [Science and Religion: the Perils of Misconception](#) (link to download report to the left of the article).

[Church of Scotland](#) – articles responding to current issues in science and technology.

Plays

These productions may be helpful for outreach events, perhaps in collaboration with a local secondary school or science festival. See individual websites for details about hosting either a live or pre-recorded performance.

[The God Particle](#) – romantic comedy about a quantum physicist and a vicar (available on DVD), written by James Cary. "It's little bit *Rev* meets *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* or, maybe, *The Vicar of Dibley* meets *Dr Who*".

[Mr Darwin's Tree](#) – moving one-man show written by Murray Watts and performed by Andrew Harrison. Tells the story of Darwin's life, his work and family, and "explores not only science, but religion, the divine intricacies of the soul, and what it is to be human".

[Let Newton Be!](#) – unique insight into Newton's life, eccentricities and obsessions, in the words of Isaac Newton and his contemporaries. By Craig Baxter and the Menagerie Theatre Company.

Also from Menagerie Theatre Company: [Re:Design](#) – a dramatisation of Darwin's relationship, by correspondence, with the devout American biologist Asa Gray.

Other Organisations

[Christians in Science](#) – UK-based network for professional scientists and those interested in the interaction between science and Christianity.

[BioLogos](#) – US-based group that invites the church and the world to see the harmony between science and biblical faith as we present an evolutionary understanding of God's creation.

[Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science](#), Durham – multi-stranded project that seeks to resource church leaders in their own engagement with science – for example, science-related debates and policy.

[The Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion](#), Oxford – conducts research into religious beliefs and theological concepts in relation to the sciences.

[Grasping the Nettle](#), Scotland – an initiative based around the ‘Exploring the God Question’ series.

[The Church of Scotland Society, Religion and Technology Project](#) – taking wider ethical and social values into account in technology.

[The Logos Institute for Analytical and Exegetical Theology](#), University of St Andrews – a centre of excellence for academic study.

[The Society of Ordained Scientists](#) – bringing faith to the scientific community, science to the church, and both to the general public.