

# Science & Religion



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## Reading

Science and religion are two windows that people look through, trying to understand the big universe outside, trying to understand why we are here. The two windows give different views, but they look out at the same universe. Both views are one-sided, neither is complete. But both are worthy of respect.

Trouble arises when either science or religion claims universal jurisdiction, when either religious dogma or scientific formula claims infallibility. Religious creationists and scientific materialists are equally dogmatic and insensitive. Through their arrogance, they bring both science and religion into disgrace. And the media exaggerate their numbers and importance. Media people should tell the public that the great majority of religious people belong to moderate denominations that treat science with respect, and the great majority of scientists treat religion the same way – so long as religion does not claim jurisdiction over scientific questions or science over religious issues.

The great question for our time is this: How do we make sure that the continuing scientific revolution brings benefits to everybody rather than widening the gap between rich and poor? To lift poor countries – and poor people in rich countries – up from poverty, to give them a chance for a decent life, technology alone is not enough.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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