

STPT 4600: Christian Theology and Natural Science

Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences/Graduate Theological Union

Professor Robert John Russell

Thursdays, 2:10- 5:00 p.m., 2465 Le Conte, Hedco Conference Room

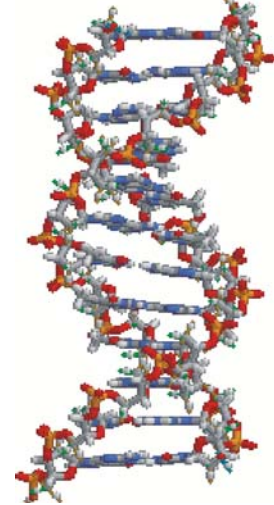
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Course Description

In this advanced M.Div./M.A. course, also recommended for incoming doctoral students, we will examine principal Christian doctrines in light of the natural sciences and the philosophy of science. The main theological topics include method, God, revelation, creation and providence, theological



anthropology (*imago dei*), sin and natural evil, Christ and salvation, and eschatology. Feminist perspectives on science and religion, some inter-religious dialogue and some issues in ethics and technology are included. Scientific areas include Big Bang, inflationary and quantum cosmologies, quantum physics, relativity, thermodynamics, chaos theory, evolutionary and molecular biology / genetics, and the cognitive and



neurosciences.

The course will help students preparing for Christian ministry or for doctoral theological studies introduce the natural sciences into their professional formation. A background in Christian theology is required; a background in science is recommended but not required.

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