Science and Metaphysics in the Three Religions of the Book

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ABSTRACT

The three religions of the Book trace their origins back to the same Abrahamic experience, but only one, Christianity, developed a metaphysical framework consistent with that of modern science. Both Judaism and Islam during their formative years, and continuously up to modern times, considered Greek philosophy and science alien wisdom, jeopardizing their sacred scriptures. The different path followed by Christianity is due to the influence of Hellenistic thought during Christianity's early formative period. Both Judaism and Islam were spared the direct mediation of Greek culture and ideas because both Judaism and Islam developed geographically and linguistically isolated from the Greek influences during the reception of their scriptures.
Metaphysics and physics of space-time and love. Throughout the history of metaphysics, philosophy, science, and religion have been playing ring-around-the-rosy. In the realm of metaphysics and philosophy, the duality of the subjective and objective reality can have substantial implications given that at the heart of it all we are talking about is the underlying mechanisms of life. The personal experiences where we feel the changes in the temporal speed or the acceleration of time relate intimately to the concepts of life, effort, and love, therefore, belonging to the realm of metaphysics. We are still far from discovering the latest principle of life regarding physics or science. All these questions are on the border between science, philosophy and religion. Based on the materials of the conferences, nine volumes of “Christianity and Science” conference transactions have been published (the last three volumes have been published by Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia Press). They include two editions of Yuri Vladimirov’s monograph Metafizika (Metaphysics), three books Mezhdou fizikoi i metafizikoi (Between Physics and Metaphysics) by Yuri Vladimirov, the comprehensive textbook Universitetskiye lektsi po metafizike (University Lectures on Metaphysics) by Andrei Ivanov and Vladimir Mironov, a number of books by Piama Gaidenko–Istoriya grecheskoi filosofii v eyo svyazi c naukoi (A History of Greek Philosophy in. Religion, Science and Metaphysics. When man approaches the study and examination of his universe from the outside, he brings into being the various physical sciences; when he approaches the research of himself and the universe from the inside, he gives origin to theology and metaphysics. The local universe consists of three degrees, or stages, of reality manifestation: matter, moronta, and spirit. The moronta angle of approach erases all divergence between the findings of the physical sciences and the functioning of the spirit of religion. The religion of the spiritual experience is the source of the fraternity impulse which enables men to live together in the complexities of the civilization of a scientific age.