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.

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Metaphysics and science try to explain what there is in the world. How are they related? Traditionally metaphysics is “a priori” whereas science is “a posteriori” i.e. metaphysics is non-empiric while science is empiric. In contemporary philosophy, metaphysics remains an important and respectable part of the subject, and not considered meaningless as the Logical Positivists would have it, nor should it be consigned to the flames as David Hume would have it. But ‘metaphysics’ in this sense refers to ‘rational metaphysics’ rather than ‘transcendental metaphysics’ which refers to the spiritual realm etc. As rational metaphysics, science could be made relevant to the enterprise since it is an important source of our knowledge of what the world is like and what it consists in. Almost four years after the creation of the “Spirit Science and Metaphysics” Facebook page, and almost three years after the creation of the corresponding website, I have been shown and decided that it is time to fully move on from this brand and all projects associated with it. And by that, I mean tonight the website will be completely taken offline, the community groups will no longer be active, and the Facebook page will have all its admins removed and will be renamed and totally revamped after this article has went out. I started the Facebook page in November of 2012 in my pursuit of the t... I realized God is a personal being and had a light come on that showed me everything in the New Age from the perspective of the Holy Spirit, and my mind was blown. 4 The structure and metaphysics of scientific theories. 5 The epistemology of scientific theorizing. Philosophy of Science: A Contemporary Introduction introduces all the main themes in the philosophy of science, including the nature of causation, explanation, laws, theory, models, evidence, reductionism, probability, teleology, realism and instrumentalism. This substantially revised and updated second edition of a highly successful, accessible and user-friendly text will be of value to any student getting to grips with the nature, methods and justification of science. His eleven books in the philosophy of science include The Structure of Biological Science (1985) and Philosophy of Social Science (1995). In 1993 he won the Lakatos Prize in the Philosophy of Science.