



OUR GOALS:

- To develop and encourage community among followers of Christ in the scientific community.
- To partner with individuals, churches, and other organizations to explore creative ways of integrating faith and science, in order to expand our wonder, worship, and glorification of Christ as Creator.
- To equip Christians to intelligently and respectfully engage in the faith/science conversation both with one another, and with the scientific culture.
- To invite members of the scientific community to consider how faith in a personal God can be rational and meaningful.
- To affirm that *all* truth is *God's* truth:
 1. God's written word, when rightly read and understood, is entirely true and wholly reliable;
 2. The scientific method, when properly applied, is a valuable tool for discovering the nature of the material reality that God created;
 3. In light of the remarkable congruence between the Scriptures and science, the paradoxes and uncertainties that remain need not be feared or avoided in pursuit of truth.



Flourish Mid-Columbia is a nonprofit ministry serving Columbia Basin residents— in partnership with individuals, churches, and organizations— providing Christian education and discipleship opportunities to help people live integrated and flourishing lives of faith and service as followers of Jesus.

OUR MISSION

To integrate faith, work, and everyday living.

To encourage, equip, and accompany followers of Jesus into thoughtful and wholehearted participation in His Life— in all of life— in our homes, workplaces, and community.

To grow and mature people in the life and way of Christ who think theologically, live relationally, work fruitfully, rest confidently, and serve others lovingly for the flourishing of God's kingdom in our world.



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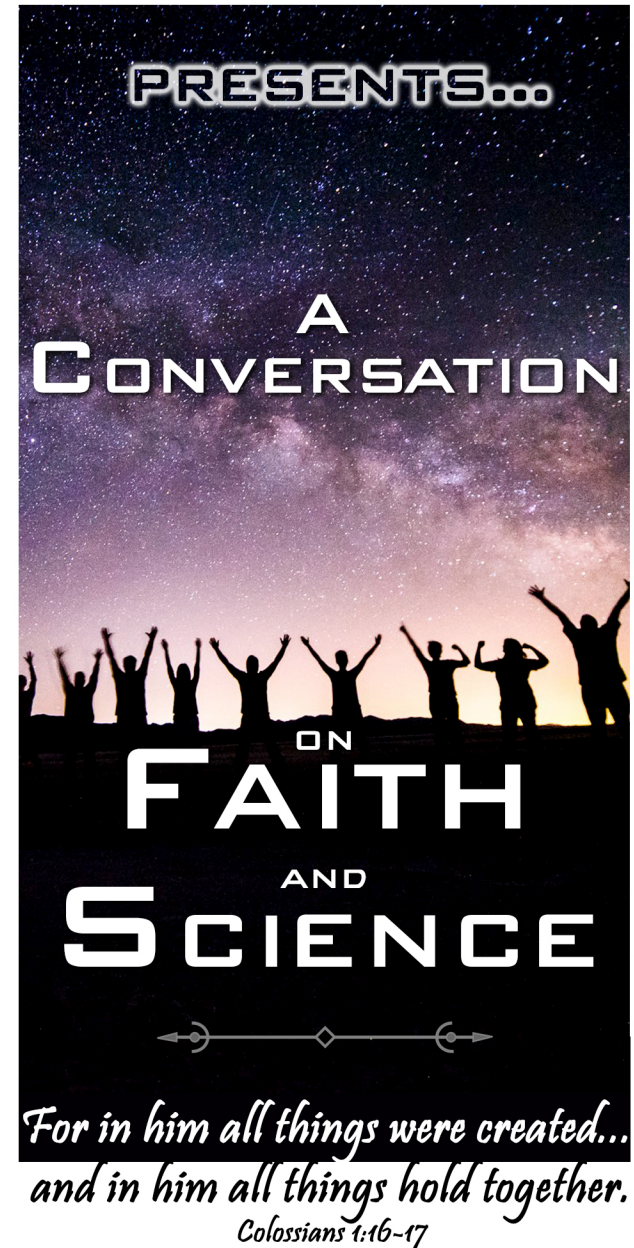
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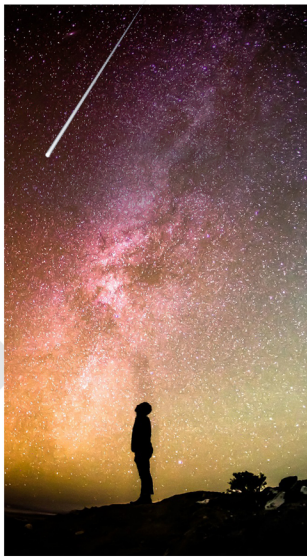
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Today's popular culture would have you believe that faith and science are mortal enemies.



Yet many prominent and respected scientists throughout history, and into modern times, were—and are—persons of deep Christian faith.

Is it possible to uphold the authority of Scripture *and* also pursue authentic, robust science with integrity?

Flourish Mid-Columbia facilitates an ongoing conversation on faith and science, in which we explore questions related to the integration of the two...and its implications for the way we live and work together in the world today.

We are convinced that this is a crucial and needful conversation in our Mid-Columbia community, given its deep roots in science and technology, as we strive to encourage, equip, and accompany followers of Jesus into thoughtful and whole-hearted participation in *His* life, in *all* of life.

You are invited to join the conversation!



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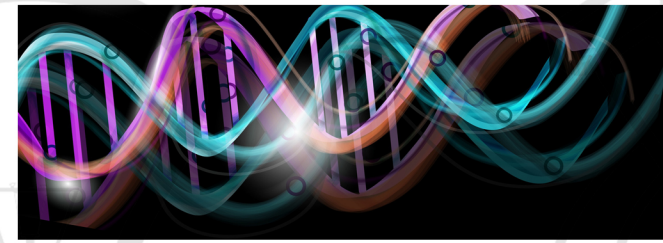
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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

Flourish Mid-Columbia has hosted numerous presentations on issues of faith and science. Topics have included space exploration, scientists' faith journeys, earth sciences, and dating methods of the universe, to name a few. We have also been exploring the historical and philosophical divide between faith and science, and how it can and should be bridged.

In the Fall of 2019, Flourish hosted a nine-part teaching series entitled *Christ the Lord of Science and Creation*. We are developing this into a repeatable teaching series. The scope of this series stretches from cosmic origins to the beginning of life; from Earth's miraculous uniqueness to humankind's nature as God's image-bearers; and the exploration of how ancient peoples, modern readers, and Bible-believing scientists have embraced Genesis Chapter 1.

Throughout our "conversations" on faith and science, our desire is to give participants an expanded view of the Lordship of Christ, and to help them see and defend the truth that the world is God's creation (and not merely self-existent nature). In addition, we want to affirm that science is not only a valid *tool*, but a beautiful *gift* for the study and appreciation of what the Lord has made, which should move us to even deeper wonder and worship of Him as Creator and Sustainer.



WHAT'S COMING UP...

Flourish will continue to bring faith and science issues to light in our community through an ongoing series of events featuring local and visiting experts in relevant fields. These will *typically* be held on the evenings of the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, from February through June of 2020 (Please visit flourishmidcolumbia.org for updated information, or feel free to contact us.)

SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHT:

May 11-12, 2020



REASONS TO BELIEVE

Dr. Hugh Ross of

Reasons to Believe (www.reasons.org)

Flourish has invited renowned astrophysicist and respected faith-science apologist Dr. Hugh Ross, founder of **Reasons to Believe**, to share his insights here in our community on May 11-12, 2020. Contact us or visit flourishmidcolumbia.org for more information!

The mission of Reasons to Believe is "to spread the Christian Gospel by demonstrating that sound reason and scientific research—including the very latest discoveries—consistently support, rather than erode, confidence in the truth of the Bible and faith in the personal, transcendent God revealed in both Scripture and nature."