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When people ask 'are science and faith compatible?' many assume that there is a fundamental conflict. Professor Tom McLeish takes a different view. He argues that the Christian faith can be seen as a natural foundation for science and scientific thinking. He will be giving the annual Science-Faith Lecture at Norwich Cathedral on Wednesday 10th May - "*Why God loves Science and Science needs God*". All are welcome – of all faiths and none.

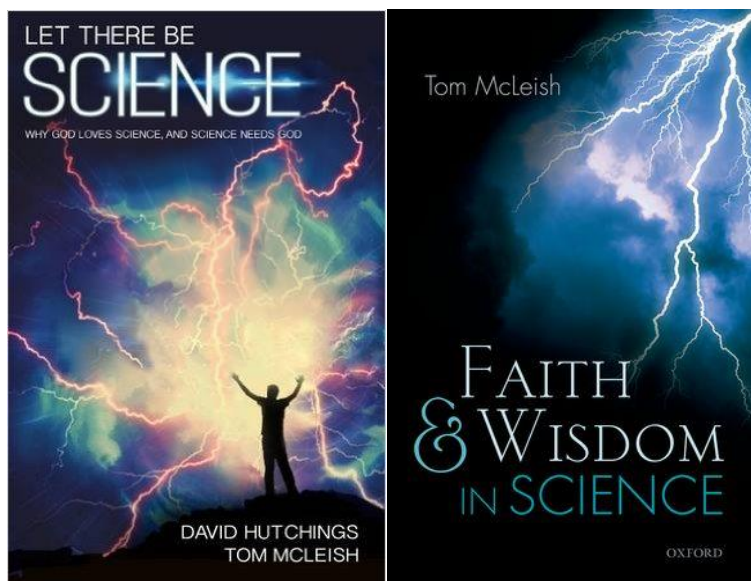
Professor McLeish is Professor of Physics at Durham University and is a Fellow of the Royal Society, where he chairs the Society's Education Committee. He also has a Christian faith and serves as a Lay Reader in the Anglican Diocese of York.

Why is it that science has consistently thrived wherever the Christian faith can be found? Why is it that so many great scientists - past and present - attribute their motivation and their discoveries, at least partially, to their Christian beliefs? Why are the age-old writings of the Bible so full of references to natural phenomena as expressions of awe and wonder? And, perhaps most importantly of all, why is all this virtually unknown to the general public?

In his Cathedral Lecture on Wednesday 10th May, Tom McLeish will explore a range of challenging issues at the interface of science and faith: How should Christians understand science? What is God's gift of science for? As disciples of Christ, how should we use our science? He will explain how the answers to these questions should help us to develop a framework for Christian thinking that is relevant to the needs and interests of science and technology.

In addition to his many research publications, he has recently published two books on science and faith: *Faith and Wisdom in Science* (Oxford University Press <http://tcbmcleish.wordpress.com>) and, co-authored with physics teacher Dave Hutchings, *Let*

there be Science! (Lion Publishing <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Let-There-Science-loves-science/dp/0745968635>).



The lecture will take place in the nave of Norwich Cathedral on Wednesday 10th May (7.00 – 8.30 pm)... The lecture will be suitable for those with any or no science background and to which school pupils are especially welcome. All are welcome – of all faiths and none. No booking is required. There will be a bookstall and a retiring collection.

This is the ninth annual [Cathedral Lecture](#) organised by “[Science Faith Norfolk](#)” (SFN) a local group of scientists and theologians affiliated to [Christians in Science](#). Contact: Prof Nick Brewin, Secretary, Science Faith Norfolk: 07901 884114 sfnorfolk1@gmail.com. There is more information on-line (<https://sites.google.com/site/scienceandfaithinnorfolk>).