

Reflections of God in Scripture and Science

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In addressing the Pontifical Academy of the Sciences in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI appealed to the ancient idea that nature and revelation are like two books by which humans can strive to understand creation and the Creator. This idea invites reflection not only on how the Bible and science relate to one another, but also on how their differing ways of knowing reflect human nature as created in the divine image. The thesis of this lecture is that humans are created to know God and that such knowing can be found in the chapters both of the Bible and of science.

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