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'Science and faith are not locked in a battle', says Test of Faith project leader

'The relationship between science and faith is often represented as a battleground' claims Dr Ruth Bancewicz, the leader of the Test of Faith project, which has come from the Faraday Institute in Cambridge. 'But in fact this is an wrong view, supported by the popular media and commentators who want to suggest that it is impossible to be a committed Christian (or indeed committed to any religious faith) while also being an accomplished scientist. We are told that the intellectual rigour needed to be a scientist cannot be applied to faith, and that those who hold a faith cannot deal with the big questions of science. In fact, none of these claims is true. The Test of Faith project set out to talk to leading scientists who also have a genuine Christian faith.'

The Test of Faith project has produced a cutting edge documentary, which has already won the Silver Award in the Best Documentary category at the International Visual Communications Association Awards, and this film was premiered at the Royal Society on July 13th. There is also a course to accompany the documentary, and a book containing interviews with ten of the leading scientists featured in the documentary. The book, course and DVD are published by Paternoster. Contributors to the DVD are: Dr Denis Alexander, Professor Katherine Blundell, Professor John Bryant, Dr Alasdair Coles, Dr Francis Collins, Professor Simon Conway Morris, Dr William A. Dembski, Professor Peter Harrison, Sir John Houghton, Dr Ard Louis, Professor Alister McGrath, Professor Bill Newsome, Dr Cherith Fee Nordling, Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, Paul Taylor, Dr David Wilkinson, Dr Jennifer Wiseman

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