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New resources to help young people to explore science-faith issues

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion is launching new resources to help teachers and youth workers introduce young people to the issues of science and faith.

The award-winning* 'Test of FAITH' documentary, commissioned by The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, looks at the science-faith debate through the eyes of leading scientist-believers and asks the question: 'Is the relationship between science and faith really a battle ground?'

Supporting resources have been produced by The Stapleford Centre, which has developed materials tailored to the GCSE and A-Level Religious Education syllabuses. National parachurch organisation Youth for Christ (YFC) has developed a series of sessions for church and parachurch youth groups. These resources discuss the different views that people hold on such issues as the compatibility of science and faith, origins, and cloning.

Test of FAITH project leader Ruth Bancewicz said 'If, as Richard Dawkins and the British Humanist Association demand, young people are to "grow up and choose for themselves" what religion or philosophy they wish to adopt, then they need good resources to enable them to make proper informed decisions. These materials, from The Stapleford Centre and YFC, will enable teachers and youth workers to help young people make those decisions. The viewpoint most often presented by the media is that of conflict between science and religion, but these materials will enable young people to explore the interface between the two.

'Exposing young people to a range of ideas in the context of Religious Education lessons or church youth groups is an excellent way to encourage young people to keep learning and growing. The Test of FAITH youth and schools resources have been developed to support teachers and church or parachurch based youth workers in that process.'

Further details can be found on www.testoffaith.com/schools and www.testoffaith.com/youth. Materials for adults can also be found on the Test of FAITH website.

*Winner of silver in the category Best Documentary in the 2009 [International Visual Communications Association \(IVCA\) Awards](#), and Highly Commended in the 2009 IVCA [Clarion Awards](#), Feature Film Category.

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