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‘Test of FAITH’ Highly Commended at Clarion awards

A cutting edge science and religion documentary, ‘Test of FAITH’, commissioned by the Faraday Institute, based at St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge, was Highly Commended at the prestigious Clarion awards held on Friday, 25th September at the British Film Institute. The Clarions are major media awards, rewarding excellence and outstanding creativity in business and public service communications, particularly in the areas of social responsibility, sustainable development and ethical debate.

Commissioned by the Faraday Institute and produced by Contrapositive New Media, ‘Test of FAITH’ sets out to dispel the myth that science and faith are incompatible and serves as a powerful retort to the argument that science has removed the need for a God. It combines interviews with leading scientists and stunning visual effects, probing the dilemmas at the heart of the science-faith debate. Contributors include the new US NIH director Dr Francis Collins, climatologist Sir John Houghton, and Cambridge palaeobiologist Professor Simon Conway Morris. The film is accompanied by a book and a study guide for group discussion.

Having already won silver in the Best Documentary category at the 2009 International Visual Communications Awards in March, the Faraday Institute are delighted that a film such as ‘Test of FAITH’ has again been highlighted in this major media event.

Project leader Dr Ruth Bancewicz said, *‘The question of how science relates to faith is a really key issue for people of all religions. Our aim is to help people to engage with some of the most important issues that confront us today in an interesting and intelligent way.’*

‘Test of FAITH’ competed with two other finalists in feature film category: ‘Under the Mud’ was screened to huge acclaim at 2008 Cannes Film festival, and ‘Shifty’ was nominated for 5 awards at the British Independent Film Awards in 2008.

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