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### **New Science and Religion documentary, ‘Test of FAITH’, to be launched at the Royal Society**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion will host the premiere of its latest contribution to the science and religion debate: the award-winning\* documentary ‘Test of FAITH’. The documentary, produced for the Faraday Institute by Contrapositive New Media, confronts the very real issues that arise in this fascinating and complex area, leaving behind the popularly perceived antagonism between science and religion. Contributors include the eminent **Dr Francis Collins**, former head of the Human Genome Project, Palaeobiologist **Professor Simon Conway Morris**, and renowned climate expert **Sir John Houghton**.

Speaking about the film the project leader Dr Ruth Bancewicz said, *‘This documentary goes way beyond the black and white entrenched views of atheist science versus faith. 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.’*

The film is the centrepiece of a set of resources that has been designed to inform and inspire the Christian community and many others to engage constructively with cutting-edge science. It is unique in its accessibility, academic rigour and quality of production. The materials, consisting of a DVD, book, course and website, engage with the issues concerning society’s relationship with science and faith at both an intellectual and a practical level.

The launch of ‘Test of FAITH’ will take place at the Royal Society with a showing of the first episode, ‘Beyond Belief?’ followed by a discussion led by **Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS**, who was Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge prior to becoming an Anglican priest. A leading expert on the relationship between science and faith, he is also one of the contributors to the ‘Test of FAITH’ documentary.

*‘Science tells us how the world works, but religion tells us there is a meaning and purpose, something being fulfilled in the unfolding of the history of the world. So I need both those perspectives if I am truly to understand the really rich and remarkable world in which we live.’*

Revd Dr John Polkinghorne, KBE FRS, in Test of FAITH, Part 1

[\*Silver in the category **Best Documentary** in the **2009 IVCA (International Visual Communications Association) Awards.**]

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