

“God and Evolution: Interfaith Perspectives”

Nidhal Guessoum, University of Sharja in UAE

Alan Love, University of Minnesota

Is evolution an obstacle to Muslim or Christian belief?

“The Anthropic Principle”

Nathan Aviezer, in Israel

The Anthropic Principle--that the universe appears to have been designed to permit the existence of life in general and the existence of human beings in particular.

“Islam and Providence”

Sajjad Rizvi, Exeter University in England

Isra Yazicioglu, St. Joseph's University

Islam affirms that a merciful, ever-giving and just Creator sustains the cosmos at all times.

“The Science of History in Islamic Modernism”

Sara Aronowitz, University of Michigan

Are secular historical theories rivals to religious thinking? Should history serve a religious purpose? How history should be studied?

“Ventures of Adam in the Quran”

Yamina Bouguenaya, Director of Receiving Nur Center

The meaning of human life on earth as it is portrayed through the Quranic story of Adam.

“The Reformations and the Rise of Modern Science”

Chad Gunnoe, Aquinas College

This presentation will review some of the fundamental ways the Reformation impacted early modern scientific discourse before taking a closer look at some sixteenth century case studies of scientific innovation.

“Is God a Bowler or a Curler? On God, Chance and Purpose”

Kelly James Clark, Grand Valley State University

If mutations are random, how could God possibly have foreknown, let alone intended, the creation of beings *like* you and me (let alone you and me)?

“Islam and Violence”

Enis Doko, Yildiz University in Turkey

Is Islam inherently violent? Or is the violence in the Islamic world the result of non-theological factors?

“Mythbusting: What they didn't teach you about science and religion”

Jeff Koperski, Saginaw Valley State University

Myths about science and religion will be considered from a historical point of view.