



ST ALBERT THE GREAT was a scientist, philosopher and theologian, of the thirteenth century. An authority on the natural sciences, he gathered into his writings much of what was known about the natural world in his day and reflected on that in the light of faith. Through his own writings and especially as the teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas he greatly influenced not only the development of the natural sciences, but also the study of philosophy and theology.

Our Mission

The St. Albert the Great Science, Faith & Spirituality Sessions offer a nexus for students, faculty, and other interested persons in the University of Arizona faith community to engage current issues where faith, science and spirituality share a common ground.

In this setting, persons of faith seek to deepen their understanding of the world and foster intellectual coherence between knowledge given by science and the understanding and wisdom given by faith.

The St. Albert Science, Faith & Spirituality Sessions Planning Board

We are actively seeking student members of the Board!
INTERESTED?

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If you would like more information on the St. Albert Sessions, contact any of the University of Arizona Planning Board members listed below. We welcome your suggestions on topics and speakers for the program.

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FALL 2012 SCHEDULE

About the St. Albert Sessions

The St. Albert the Great program was originally inspired by a University of Arizona student who was dismayed with the way a few of his science professors were belittling religion and faith in their science classes. He wondered if this was true of all scientists? Of all professors? He brought this issue to one of the priests at the Catholic Newman Center and the St. Albert the Great Forum was born!



This semester we are launching a new format for the St. Albert's Forum with more emphasis on questions and discussions of compelling interest to students. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings during the school year, typically twice a month.

We will continue our tradition of formal talks, with at least two presentations each semester featuring local or visiting faculty and scientists. The other sessions will be devoted to informal and stimulating chat and discussion about questions and topics raised by U of A students or suggested by current issues of the day related to the intersection of science, faith and spirituality.

We also plan to have opportunities for prayer, socializing and snacks on occasion!

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS:

PLEASE JOIN US !! BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, IDEAS FOR TOPICS and CONCERNS ABOUT ISSUES OF SCIENCE and FAITH and MEET OTHERS with SIMILAR INTERESTS!

SCIENCE, FAITH & SPIRITUALITY SESSIONS FALL 2012 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY September 6

Discussion Session

"The Church on Science & Faith –
a Brief Summary and Discussion
with UA Scientists of Faith"

THURSDAY September 20

Presentation by Fr. Bart Hutchinson, O. P.

"A Catholic Reading
of the Creation Literature
of the Old and New Testaments"

THURSDAY, October 4

Discussion Session

Topic: To be determined

THURSDAY, October 25

Discussion Session

Topic: To be determined

THURSDAY, November 8

Presentation by Fr. Bill Stoeger, S.J.

"A Creating God and Big Bang
Cosmology: Are They in Conflict?"

THURSDAY, November 29

Discussion Session

Topic: To be determined

Session announcements and reminders
are sent out by E-mail. To get on the
St. Albert's E-mail distribution list:

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Sessions during the Fall
semester will be held in the
Catholic Newman Center
Church
from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

A selection of St. Albert's topics presented in previous years:

"Science and Faith: An Astronomer's
Thoughts on a Cloudy Night" by Dr. Chris
Corbally, S.J. U of A.

"Second Thoughts on the Information
Highway: Silicon Snake Oil" by Dr. Cliff Stoll,
Author and Consultant

"The Role of the Outrageous Hypothesis in
Science" Dr Victor Baker, U of A.

"What is Living? The virus: A Test Case" by Dr.
Martin Hewlitt, U of A and Dr. Christopher
Renz, O.P. Dominican School of Philosophy
and Theology.

"Dating the Shroud of Turin, and the Arizona
Connection" Dr. Harry D. Carrozza, U of A

"How Does One Justify God in Light of
Evil and Suffering" Dr. Tom Lindell, U of A

"Faith-Based Reasoning and the Global
Warming Debate" by Dr. Katie Hirschboeck,
U of A

"Evolution and Faith: What is at Stake?" by
Professor John Haught, Georgetown
University

"Miracles and the Laws of Nature" by Dr.
Andrzej Pacholczyk, U of A

"Good Fences, Good Neighbors: Recent
Skirmishes in Science and Religion" by
Fr. Richard Poss, U of A

"Creation from Nothing and Big Bang
Cosmology" by Dr. Bill Stoeger, S.J., U of A

"Unraveling the Mysteries of Consciousness:
Highlights of the Tucson Conference on
Consciousness" by Dr Larry Cronin, Tucson

"Why are We So Lonely?" by Dr. Christopher
Impey, U of A

"New Ethical Dilemmas in Biotechnology" by
Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, S.J., Georgetown
University