



**FAITH AND SCIENCE CONFERENCE
ENHANCED BY ART, MUSIC AND
INTERFAITH MYSTICISM**



The Dome of St. Peter's Basilica

**JUBILEE YEAR
TUESDAY, JUNE 17 TO
FRIDAY, 20, 2025
ROME, ITALY**

The first regularly scheduled interfaith, international Faith and Science conference, transitioning between:

- Physics to Creation,
- Chemistry to Life,
- Biology to Consciousness,
- Psychology to Mysticism.

Culminating in research on Consciousness and Mysticism.

Our goal is to show those leaving their faith and the clergy, scientists, and medical professionals serving them, that current faith and science reinforce each other.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Though intra-conference transportation will be provided, many may elect to walk to the reserved, 400-seat, Pontifical University Lateranense, Augustinianum, conference center, which is conveniently located next to St. Peter's Square.

INTERFAITH PRAYER

Each day will open with a brief instructed practicum of contemplative prayer, a silent prayer, which lends itself to interfaith teaching and practice, since in the silence, there is no dogma. This will gently draw registrants into the experience of consciousness and potential mysticism, in preparation for the last presentations on those subjects.

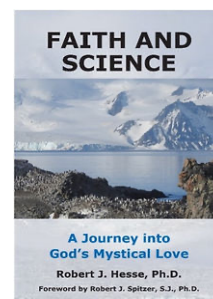
ENHANCING OFFSITES

Relevant offsites will conclude each day.

- Physics to Creation: Virtual video presentation on the **Vatican Observatory**.
- Chemistry to Life: Sacred music in the **Sistine Chapel** with the focus on Michelangelo's *Creation of Adam*.
- Biology to Consciousness: Tour the **Borghese Gallery** with focus on Bernini's sculpture, *Apollo and Daphne*, symbolic of the birth of the consciousness and free will.
- Psychology to Mysticism: Tour the **Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria** with focus on Bernini's sculpture, *Ecstasy of St. Teresa of Avila*, a mystical experience.

The agenda follows the textbook:
**FAITH AND SCIENCE: A JOURNEY INTO
GOD'S MYSTICAL LOVE**

By Deacon Robert J. Hesse, Ph.D.



A COPY OF THE BOOK IS PROVIDED
WITH PAID REGISTRATION

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, 17 June

St. Peter's Interfaith Service

His Em. Cardinal Peter Turkson

Welcome:

Dr. Joachim von Braun

Mystical Contemplative Prayer:

Dr. Robert Hesse

Welcome Dinner:

Dr. Hans-Albert Courtial

Wednesday, 18 June

Kabbalistic Contemplative Prayer

Physics to Creation*

Questions and Answers

Chemistry to Life*

Questions and Answers

Vatican Observatory Virtual

Sacred Music in Sistine Chapel

Thursday, June 19

Sufi Contemplative Prayer

Biology to Consciousness*

Questions and Answers

Psychology to Mysticism*

Questions and Answers

Borghese Gallery,

Bernini sculptures

Friday, June 20

Vatican Museum; tour not provided

Chapel St. Maria della Vittoria,

Bernini sculpture

Papal Audience for Registrants

and families

Farewell Dinner

*Two Keynote Speakers

SUPPORTING AFFILIATES

- Pontifical University Lateranense
- Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum
- Contemplative Life
- Magis Center
- Scientific and Medical Network
- Institute for Spirituality & Health
- University of St. Thomas
- International Research Area for Foundations of the Sciences

FOUNDING PARTNERS

- Fondazione Pro Musica e Arte Sacra: Founder and General President, Dr. Hans-Albert Courtial
- Contemplative Network: Chairman, Co-founder, Deacon Dr. Robert Hesse

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

- Pontifical Academy of Sciences: President, Professor Dr. Joachim von Braun
- Pontifical University Salesian: Rector, Professor Dr. Andrea Bozzolo



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