

**TERM ESSAY ASSIGNMENT**  
**RELI 30723: Religion and Science**  
**Spring 2011, Dr. Grant**

For your term essay, I want you to choose an event or a document of significance in the relations between science and religion and research it thoroughly. Then imagine that you are writing an essay to contribute to an encyclopedia of essays entitled *Major Episodes in the History of the Relation Between Science and Religion*. In addition to presenting the episode, you are to make a critical evaluation of the way religion and science interacted in the episode.

Your manuscript should be between 2500-3750 words in length and should be prepared using MLA style. Please use parenthetical references with a list of works cited. As is the case with all manuscripts submitted for publication, please double space and use a readable twelve point font.

Please draw on *at least* six good sources; no more than half of your sources can be *secondary* internet sources. Reference each of your sources *at least* once in your essay.

Your term essay is due on Monday, April 25, 2011. Please use a separate cover page and do not put your name in the page number header. (Do number the pages, though.) Also, please include a topic sentence outline of your essay with your submission. Please submit a hard copy to me and an electronic copy to TurnItIn.com. You will receive an e-mail directing you to set up an account at TurnItIn.com that explains the submission process.

NOTE: Late papers will be penalized a letter grade (10 points on a 100-point scale) for each day, or fraction thereof, it is late.

PLEASE SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF YOUR TOPIC, ALONG WITH A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SIX SOURCES BY MONDAY, APRIL 11, AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS. Your term essay will be penalized five points per day or fraction thereof that this statement and bibliography are late.

Below are some suggested “episodes” for topics. I’m open to other suggestions, too.

Scopes Monkey Trial	“Truth Cannot Contradict Truth,” Address of Pope
Epperson v. Arkansas	John Paul II to the Pontifical Academy of
Edwards v. Aguillard	Science, October 22, 1996.
McLean v. Arkansas Board of Education	Isaac Newton’s Religious Thought
Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District	"Professor Agassiz on the Origin of Species,"
APA Statement on Intelligent Design	<i>American Journal of Science</i> 30 (June
The Kansas Science Standards Debate	1860):143-47, 149-50.
The Roman Catholic Condemnation of Galileo	Darwin’s Religious Views
The Huxley/Wilberforce Debate (1860)	The Discovery of Deep Time and Interpreting the
Asa Gray’s Christian Darwinism	Bible
Creationism and Textbook Adoptions in Texas	David Hume’s Critique of the Argument from
The Institute for Creation Research	Design
The Discovery Institute	Isaac Newton’s Religious View
The American Scientific Affiliation	Louis Agassiz’s Opposition to Darwin’s <i>Origin</i>
Religious Implications of Stem Cell Research	The Anthropic Cosmological Principle
A Denominational Position on Global Warming	Francis Collins’s Religious Views
The Papal Encyclical <i>Humani Generis</i> (1950)	Charles Lyell’s Criticism of Darwin’s <i>Origin</i>
Letter of His Holiness John Paul II To Reverend	
George V. Coyne, S.J., Director Of The	
Vatican Observatory, June 1, 1988	