

Title:

“Adam and Eve Meet Charles Darwin and James Webb”

Description

Faith is not the substitute for science, nor does science replace faith. They both exist side by side and answer two different sets of questions, with science responding to how, and faith, to why.

By insisting on the necessity of each arena maintaining the rules of engagement proper to its discipline, this two-part series will discuss the intersection of Catholic theology and scientific research as it explores the interrelationship of these subject areas in their common search for truth.

Monday, 29 January, Part I

This summary of the biblical narrative and its interpretation within the scientific understanding of creation demonstrates that the human quest for meaning in the 13.7 billion-year-old universe lies in creation's future and not its past.

Tuesday, 30 January, Part II

Drawing on Sacred Scripture and Tradition, this presentation discusses the interface between the salvific nature of the Cosmic Christ and the universe science presents to us.

Wednesday, 31 January

Title

“Biblical Interpretation: The Search for Truth beyond the Fact”

Description

As with all great literature, meaning does not always lie in the literal word, especially so for the Bible, whose meaning rests on reading texts thousands of years old. How do we know what to look for so we can interpret the biblical text correctly? Much depends on the genre from which the book, chapter, and verse originate. This discussion will introduce the component genres of the Bible: myth, legend, prophecy, history, song, poetry, law, gospel, epistle, apocalyptic, and others with an eye to tracing the story of salvation within them.



Biography

A monk of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, Fr. Michael Patella is a professor of New Testament at Saint John's University, where he also serves as the seminary rector. His book, *Word and Image* (Liturgical Press, 2013) addresses the theology, art, and interpretation of *The Saint John's Bible*. In addition, he has published works on Paul, Mark, and angels and demons, and wrote on Luke's Gospel for the *Jerome Biblical Commentary, Fully Revised Edition* (T & T Clark, 2022).