

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Christian Faith and Academic Vocation
Departmental Readings and Prompts

Reading 1:

What Discipline Perspectives Guide Us In Choosing a Research Topic: What is the Perspective from Physical Science? by John Suppe, *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, 2001, 53(4), 258-262 and *What is the Perspective from Bioscience?* by Jeff Hardin, *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, 2001, 53(4), 248-257.

Prompt 1:

How does your faith inform the projects that you work on, given the often-negative perceptions of chemistry by the public and the Christian call towards stewardship?

Reading 2:

One World: The Interaction of Science and Theology by John Polkinghorne; Chapter 2, The Nature of Science, and Chapter 3, The Nature of Theology.

Prompt 2:

Discuss an example or aspect of the empirical nature of chemistry at the molecular or atomic level – how we measure and describe phenomena that we cannot experience directly with our senses – and how this process relates to ontology in Christian faith.