

A Guest Editor's Note

In the 2010 afterward to Sir Fred Hoyle's 1957 science fiction classic—*The Black Cloud* (Penguin Classics), Richard Dawkins identifies the question of relations between “super-intelligence” and divinity as “the founding question of a new discipline of ‘Scientific Theology’” (p. 214).

Scientific theology is well-developed among process philosophers and process theologians instructed by Alfred North Whitehead's *Science and the Modern World* (1925), and by Whitehead's *Process and Reality: An Essay in Cosmology* (1927-28). Hence, when in January 2012 the editors of the *Journal of Cosmology* became interested in relating scientific cosmology and astronomy to scientific theology, they recruited two members of the International Advisory Board for the Whiteheadian-Hartshornean journal—*Process Studies*—to serve as guest editors. In turn, the two guest editors solicited contributions from regular contributors to *Process Studies*, and from many others, including regular contributors to the *Journal of Cosmology*. The result is volumes 19 and 20 (the Astro-Theology volumes), perhaps the first collection of essays connecting scientific astronomy and cosmology to scientific natural theology ever published in a modern scientific journal.

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