

the universe does not belong to cosmology, the explanation of free will does not belong to quantum mechanics, and the full explanation of human existence does not belong to evolution, the understanding of personhood does not belong to developmental biology. The fullest answer, for all of these big questions, *requires faith as well as reason*. (160, original emphasis)

In a brief conclusion, Trasancos pulls together the major points from each chapter. The importance of religious faith clearly stands out. After listing the essential elements of Catholicism, she writes, “None of these is a subject of physical science. Christianity is not a theory” (166). That captures the direction of this entire book very nicely. Reaching up from an original position firmly rooted in science, Trasancos has explained why faith stands as an equal partner with science on our quest for better knowledge of God. *Particles of Faith* is an excellent book that can be appreciated by both scientists and laymen,

and it is ideal for a weekly church book club. I recommend it particularly highly to young women who are contemplating their future and weighing a career in science. Trasancos’s living example of how honest curiosity and thinking lead to a grasp of the compatibility of science and faith is extremely attractive. You will close this book with the realization that you have now made a very good friend who has fully integrated both science and faith in her life. That is something we all strive to achieve.

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