



Science and Religion – Their True Relationship

The Narrow View

Religion is a dimly-lit region of understanding, now known as philosophy.

The Midway View

Religion is the total area of illumination, which now includes both science and philosophy.

The Wide View

Religion is the pursuit of all truth, whether in darkness or in light, meaning it must embrace all of science, philosophy, and art.[†]

What's *your* view?

[†] The Wide View requires you to consider that paganism was a religion and that all of early understanding came in the form of art.

The first glimmers of self-awareness arrived during the period 2000 BC to 500 BC. And it's no coincidence that the world's earliest major religions formed during this time—Judaism in the Middle East, Hinduism in Central Asia, Buddhism in India, and Confucianism in China—each one having its own stories of awakening. (In today's world, the arrival of self-awareness is marked by the Terrible Twos.)

Toward the end of the Renaissance, people became more skilled at gathering information. (Such "scientific achievement" generally appears around the age of middle school in modern children.)



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