

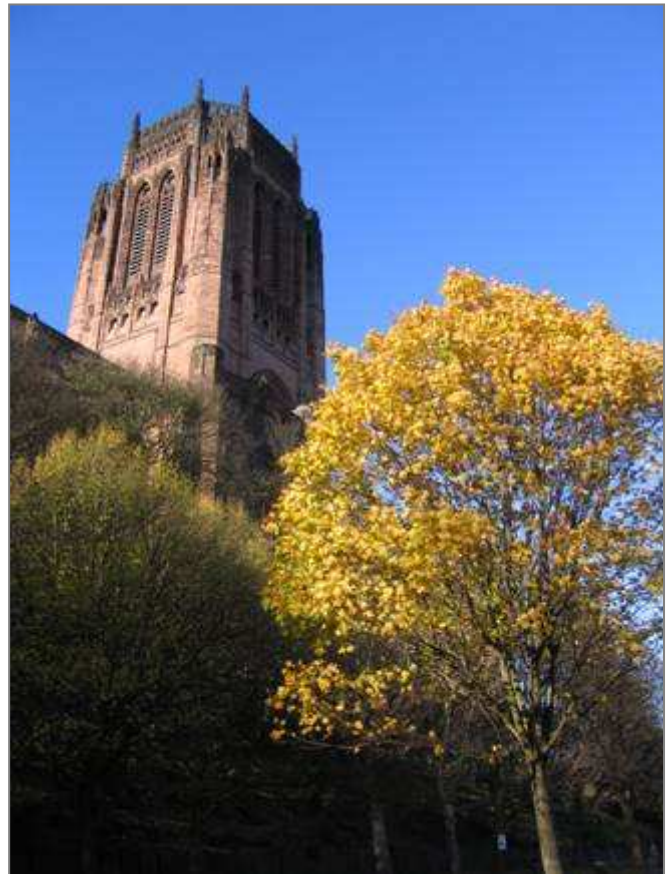
A Scientists Approach to Religion

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Science achieves its great success by limiting what it seeks to explain. If we are to understand fully the world in which we live, we will need to supplement the insights of science with those derived from other sources, including religion. The deep intelligibility of the universe, and the anthropic finetuning of the constants of nature,



are too remarkable to be regarded as mere brute facts. Science cannot explain what it has to treat as given, but religious belief offers an understanding of these facts. Both religion and science seek truth through motivated belief, though the kinds of motivation differ in the two cases.