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In this thesis I am considering the relation of science and theology in wider context which extends to prehistory. I see the prehistorical excursion important for serious consideration of the history of this relation. Further I follow how this relation develops in particular historical periods and how it affects lives of scholars, scientists and theologians of their time. The purpose is to get a honest image of that relation before I proceed to the analysis of the opinion of the „new atheists“ presented by Richard Dawkins and the apologetical reaction of Alister McGrath.

Objectives:

In the first part of my thesis I am compiling the historical framework of the relation of science and religion in order to understand it in consequences.

The second part is dedicated to the present of this relation as it is understood by the new atheists lead by Richard Dawkins and to follow the reaction of Alister McGrath. The objective is to characterize them accordingly and after that to focus on particular points of McGrath apologetics.

Conclusions:

The extension of the context basis allowed me to understand better the relation between science and faith and set it into a logical framework.

I have analysed how McGrath is dealing with Dawkins anti-religious positions and how he is arguing with his arguments.

Because my thesis is not limited on reaction to mentioned authors only I was able to find another arguments in favor of religion and to argue with arguments not mentioned by Dawkins.

Thanks to the extension of the context basis I have managed to extend the apologetical argumentation and the overview of it is made accessible to all interested parties.

A thorough analysis of the relationship between science and faith also has ethical contexts that lead me to formulate a conclusion about the necessary ethical correction of science and fundamentalism in religion.

There are challenges for theology which can be identified in the work of Richard Dawkins and the new atheists. That is why I mention them briefly.