

INTRODUCING ISCAST

The rapid development of science and technology has left many people bewildered, and led some to accept a naturalistic mindset, while others retreat to a fundamentalism that rejects much of mainstream science.

With Christians throughout history, ISCAST stands for another way: a dynamic dialogue that critically engages with both science and Christian faith, allowing each to contribute to an understanding of the other.

ISCAST is a network of people, from students to distinguished academics, exploring the interface of science, technology, and the Christian faith.

OUR MISSION

To develop and advocate for a Christian perspective in the science-religion dialogue within the science community, the Christian community, and in society.

OUR VISION

To see a healthy interactive relationship between science and the Christian faith within the Australasian community.



OUR CORE VALUES

- **Christian commitment**

We affirm the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the Bible and outlined in the Nicene Creed as central to our faith.

- **Scientific commitment**

We are committed to scientific and technological research; particularly the insight this gives to our understanding of our creator and the benefits it brings to our planet and humanity.

- **Biblical interpretation**

We seek to interpret the Bible within the mainstream evangelical tradition while respecting the stance of others.

- **Moral accountability**

We are committed to understanding and working within the limits of human knowledge and seek to maximise the benefits and minimise the adverse impacts of the application of our science and technology.

- **Theological and academic safe space**

We encourage people to explore new areas of understanding without fear of unfair or inappropriate criticism or theological ostracism.

- **Mode of debate**

We seek to speak the truth in love and firm humility while being open to new ways of thinking and without rejecting the insights of the past.

SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO

1. Appoint suitably qualified Fellows, committed to the ISCAST mission, as a source of expertise and thought leadership in the interface between science and Christianity.
2. Offer associate, family, and corporate memberships, and encourage members to engage with issues relating to science, technology, and Christianity.
3. Promote the production and publication of papers for the ISCAST online journal, *Christian Perspectives on Science and Technology*.
4. Assist in the circulation of the international journal *Science and Christian Belief*.
5. Encourage local initiatives throughout Australia for discussion, mutual support, and public engagement.
6. Provide speakers on science and faith issues for schools, churches, and other public events.
7. Offer resources and generate discussion through the ISCAST website, Facebook page, and Twitter account.
8. Seek to work with appropriate partner organisations in pursuit of our aims.
9. Provide support for Christians who are in or entering, scientific and theological vocations.
10. Promote and conduct public lectures, seminars and courses in science and the Christian faith.
11. Cultivate relations with the media to promote and engage in public conversations.
12. Organise a biennial Conference on Science and Christianity (COSAC).
13. Draw on our collective expertise to wrestle with intractable problems in society.

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ISCAST AROUND AUSTRALIA

There are ISCAST members and friends across Australia, including in the following places:

- Adelaide
- Bathurst / Orange
- Brisbane
- Canberra
- Gippsland
- Hobart
- Melbourne
- Perth
- Sydney

We are happy to facilitate connections between them. We are also part of a global network of like-minded colleagues and organisations.

Would you like to organise an activity?

Chris Mulherin, the ISCAST Executive Director, would be happy to hear from you and offer thoughts on how you might organise an activity in your area.



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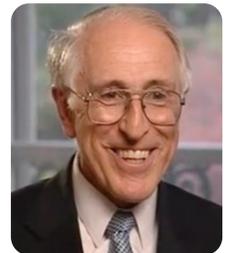
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FROM STUDENTS TO DISTINGUISHED
ACADEMICS, EXPLORING THE INTERFACE OF
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND CHRISTIAN FAITH*

"I am impressed by ISCAST's approach to questions of faith and science. This is an issue of great importance for people of all ages, and it is being extremely well addressed by ISCAST."



**Professor Graeme Clark AC FAA FRS,
ISCAST Distinguished Fellow and inventor of the bionic ear**

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