



THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR SCIENCE & RELIGION

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR) is pleased to announce that the 2026 ISSR Book Prize on Science and Religion is now accepting nominations for its sixth year.

This year, nominated books published in 2024 or 2025 are eligible. Edited books and books written by more than two authors are not eligible. Books may be written in any language. Self-nominations are welcome.

The intention of the Prize is to understand 'religion' and 'science' broadly and to seek excellence in both content and communication. We aim to reward books that make a significant contribution to the field, especially those that have the potential to take the field in new directions. We expect that one of the three books will be suitable for a general audience ('the public'), one for an academic audience, and one for a professional audience (e.g. ministers/pastors, or school teachers).

Each year, there will be three financial prizes of £500 for the winning authors of each prize group (each prize may be shared in the event of co-authors). The prizes will be announced publicly and awarded at a jointly hosted science-and-religion reception at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR). There will also be an opportunity to discuss the book with members of the Prize Committee, to be shared on the ISSR YouTube channel.

ISSR invites nominations for the 2026 prizes. The title(s), author(s), and link(s) to the publisher page for the nominated book(s) should be sent to the ISSR Executive Assistant, Anthony K Nairn. Please also send with the nomination(s) a digital PDF copy of the book for reference. Please send the nomination(s) to admin@issr.org.uk. Lastly, if you are self-nominating or a publisher, please prepare to have six hard copies sent to the ISSR Prize Committee should the book be long-listed.

Nominations are due no later than 01 March 2026. By the end of March, we will inform authors and publishers if hard copies are needed.

Do let me know if you have any questions regarding this. Thank you for your time and nominations.

All best for now,

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