Bibliography of Faith and Reason Talk

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Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. C. S. Lewis' legendary broadcast talks from the war years in which he set out to simply "explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times".

The Everlasting Man by G.K. Chesterton One of the most original and controversial theological works ever written, *The Everlasting Man* offers a commanding perspective of world history and aims to restore our sense of wonder in the universe, our god, and ourselves.

Science was Born of Christianity by Stacy Trasancos This book is a science history and philosophy book about the conditions necessary in order for science to flourish. The book argues that only in Christian nations were the circumstances right for science to progress to the point it has today.

Particles of Faith by Stacy Trasancos How can you, as a Catholic, explain what the Church teaches about the relationship between science and faith? Scientist, writer, and scholar Stacy Trasancos gives us ways we can talk about how science and our Catholic faith work together to reveal the truth of Christ through the beauty of his creation.

Fides et Ratio (*On Faith and Reason*) by Pope St. John Paul II. This document appeals for faith and philosophy to recover their harmonious unity without comprising their mutual autonomy--without reason, faith leads to superstition; without faith, reason leads to nihilism and relativism.

God's Philosophers: How the Medieval World Laid the Foundations of Modern Science by James Hannam A good overview of medieval thought.

Socrates' Children: The 100 Greatest Philosophers by Peter Kreeft A readable introduction to philosophy.

A Summa of the Summa St. Thomas Aquinas and Peter Kreeft. Aquinas is the master of common sense. His major work, the Summa Theologica, is timeless, but particularly important today because of his synthesis of faith and reason, revelation and philosophy, and the Biblical and the classical Greco-Roman heritages. This unique book combines selected essential philosophical passages from Thomas' Summa with footnotes and explanations by Kreeft

There are a number of good books on the Galileo trial, but for a very accessible introduction, we actually recommend an informative and entertaining series of blogposts entitled: "The Great Ptolemaic Smackdown" by a science fiction writer named Michael Flynn, on his website: <u>tofspot.blogspot.com</u>.