

# Conference: Newton – Science, Faith and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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Thousands of hand-written pages by Isaac Newton, mostly discovered after his death, by relatives, open a window into surprising less-known parts of his lifetime work and thought. In addition to his fundamental contributions in mechanics, optics and calculus, Newton has deeply explored the history of ancient kingdoms, the symbolic language of biblical prophets, the properties and processes of chemical reactions, the ratios among ancient length units, the possible date of the Day of Judgement and the role of the Jewish people in world's history.

Being a very devout Christian, Newton considered nature and history as one inseparable entity, governed by a divine Program mostly undisclosed to humans. Believing that some secrets of the divine Program were encoded in the dimensions of Solomon's temple, Newton has filled hundreds of pages investigating these dimensions, as well as those of the earlier desert tabernacle and the future temple of the Ezekiel prophecy. In this research Newton was relying on his deep knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, the Mishna, the Talmud, the writings of Maimonides and Nachmanides – as well as many other Rabbinical scholars, in addition to numerous historians and theologians of diverse countries and times. Newton was quite fluent in reading and writing Hebrew: see Hebrew words and verses as written by Isaac Newton is very exciting.

The Newton2018 Conference aims to shed light on these less-known aspects of Newton's legacy and also learn how his physics is viewed by current physicists and philosophers.