This conference will explore the relationship between the pursuit of scientific and religious knowledge in the middle-ages, with a particular focus on the British scholar, theologian, scientist, astronomer and philosopher, Robert Grosseteste (c. 1175-1253). It will discuss Grosseteste’s theological and scientific understanding, particularly of the new Greek and Arab learning, and how this influenced his theological/philosophical investigations. Whilst it is anticipated that the main focus will be on Grosseteste, it will also be an important part of the conference’s rationale to discuss contemporaries as well as later writers who drew on his learning in order to advance the study of science and religion. In addition to this rationale it will be an over-riding aim of the conference to discuss in general the relationship between science and religion and to discuss whether our present era has anything to learn from the middle-ages in this respect.

Key note speakers will include:

Prof. Tom McLeish and Dr Giles Gasper from Durham University’s Order Universe Project.

Dr Amanda Power from Sheffield University.

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