



Giuseppe Tanzella-Nitti



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Short Biography

G. Tanzella-Nitti (born 1955) took his university degree in Astronomy at the University of Bologna (1977), discussing a thesis on *Optical Variability of Active Galactic Nuclei* (moderator Prof. G. Setti); he took his doctorate in Dogmatic Theology, at the Atheneum of the Holy Cross, Rome, (1991) with a published dissertation titled *La S.S. Trinità e l'economia della nostra santificazione ne "I Misteri del Cristianesimo" di M.J. Scheeben* (moderator Prof. F. Ocariz). Catholic priest (1987), Prelature of Opus Dei.

Formerly : Italian C.N.R. fellowship (1978-1981). Astronomer at the Astronomical Observatory of Turin (1981-1985).

Presently : Full Professor of Fundamental Theology at the School of Theology, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome. Director of the Scuola Internazionale Superiore per la Ricerca Interdisciplinare (SISRI). Adjunct Scholar of the Vatican Observatory.

Membership : From 1984, Member of International Astronomical Union (I.A.U.) and of Società Italiana di Astronomia. From 1992 Member of Associazione Teologica Italiana. From 1999 Member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute *Veritatis Splendor*, Bologna, and of the Research Area "SEFIR (Scienza e Fede nell'Interpretazione del Reale)". From 2015 Adjunct Scholar of the Vatican Observatory.



Director and Founder of the Research Center for Interdisciplinary Documentation (DISF - Centro di Documentazione Interdisciplinare di Scienza e Fede), Director of the Scuola Internazionale Superiore per

la Ricerca Interdisciplinare (SISRI, Advanced School for Interdisciplinary Research), and Editor in Chief of the Interdisciplinary Encyclopedia of Religion and Science. The Research Center is editing the first web site on Religion and Science for the Italian public, <http://www.disf.org>, and the English web site <http://www.inters.org>. On April 2002 the web site www.disf.org received from the European Society for the Study of Science and Theology the award ESSSAT Communication Prize. Among the activities of the Center, SISRI-ADSIR www.sisri.it is a Continual Education Program addressed to young people involved in scientific research, aimed at framing their activity within a philosophical context which highlights the philosophical foundations of science and the humanistic dimensions of scientific research. In October 2015 he was the recipient of the III° Mariano Artigas Memorial Lecture Award.

Among his published books : *General Catalogue of Radial Velocity of Galaxies* (New York: Gordon and Breach, 1983); *Questions in Science and Religious Belief* (Tucson: Pachart, 1992); *La teologia, annuncio e dialogo* (Roma: Armando, 1996); *Mistero trinitario ed economia della grazia* (Roma: Armando, 1997); *Passione per la verità e responsabilità del sapere. Un'idea di università nel magistero di Giovanni Paolo II* (Casale Monferrato: Piemme 1998); *Dizionario Interdisciplinare di Scienza e Fede* (co-editor in chief with A. Strumia, Rome: Città Nuova - UUP, 2002); *Teologia e scienza. Le ragioni di un dialogo* (Milano: Paoline, 2003); *La verità della religione* (ed. with G. Maspero, Siena: Cantagalli, 2007), *Lezioni di Teologia fondamentale* (Roma: Aracne, 2007), *Filosofia e Rivelazione* (Cinisello Balsamo: San Paolo, 2008), *Faith, Reason and the Natural Sciences* (Aurora (CO): Davies, 2009), *Teologia Fondamentale in contesto scientifico*, 2 voll. (Roma: Città Nuova, 2015).

He has given Lectures and Seminars at:

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