

Science is nature: Making a case for the mystery, wonder of the world

"Science already tells us that we are cosmic creations, animated stardust capable of wondering about its origins, the way the universe thinks about itself. Isn't that magical enough?" – Marcelo Gleiser

We are stardust. Think about it. The mystery and wonder of it leads you to science, nature and perhaps beyond.

As Dartmouth physicist Marcelo Gleiser, the most recent winner of the prestigious Templeton Prize, puts that idea into perspective, he makes room for the known and the unknown, embracing the mysterious as both scientific and, for some, sacred.

Gleiser: "When scientists say that we are star stuff, they actually mean



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it. We are moving, living bundles of stardust...As we look up in the heavens, we see our past; perhaps in some way, we long to establish a connection to our ancient cosmic roots. Whoever thinks that science and poetry are incompatible should ponder this."

Just two weeks ago, Gleiser, 60, the Apple-

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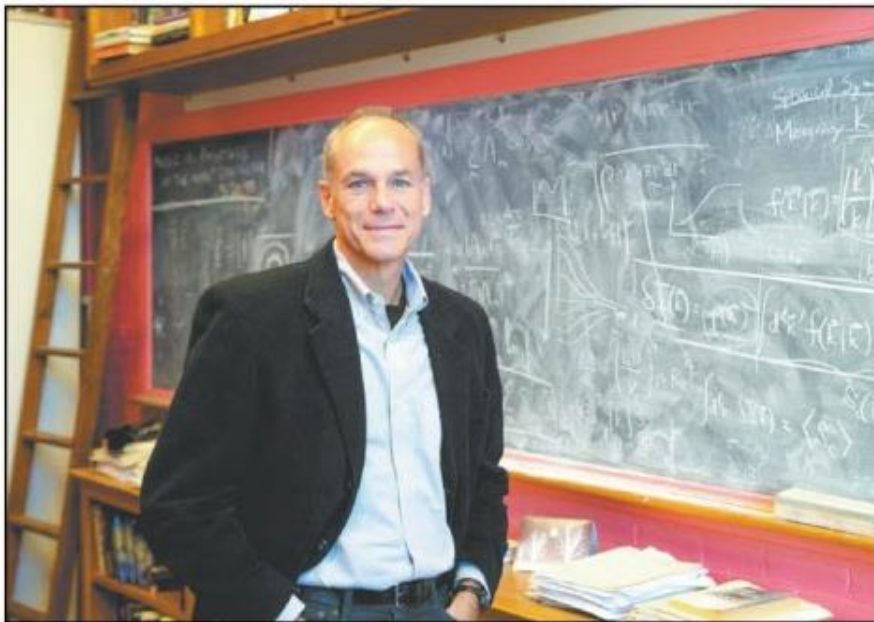


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Marcelo Gleiser, the Appleton Professor of Natural Philosophy and a professor of physics and astronomy at Dartmouth College, Hanover, won the 2019 Templeton Prize for his work seeking the common ground between science and spirituality.