Relationships between science and religion

- 1. conflict
- 2. separate
- 3. irrelevant

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What the Baha'i faith teaches.....

2. Harmony between religion, science and reason

"Religion and science are the two wings upon which man's intelligence can soar into the heights, with which the human soul can progress. It is not possible to fly with one wing alone! Should a man try to fly with the wing of religion alone he would quickly fall into the quagmire of superstition, whilst on the other hand, with the wing of science alone he would also make no progress, but fall into the despairing slough of materialism."

`Abdu'l-Baha, Paris Talks, p.143.

The scientific method....

- Rational - what is known
  -what is not yet known
  -the research question
- Method/ how to collect evidence
- Implement study/data collection
- Analyse findings (statistically/mathematically)
- Discuss findings, cause/effect, implications, further research

Science and religion in harmony: what the Baha'i's are doing.....

1. Baha'i International Community at the United Nations

2. Baha'i communities : Plan/do/reflect cycle



3. Individuals: "*we need to be much better informed and able to discuss intelligently, intellectually, the present condition of the world and its problems. We need to be deeply aware of our spiritual teachings (oneness, unity, collective action, mutual support) and capable of correlating our teachings to the current thoughts of the leaders of society*".