



## LECTURE

# Cosmic Agnosticism: Current Problems and Alternative Perspectives in Cosmology

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“More dark matter discovered!” “New proof of dark energy!” “New evidence of multiple universes!” How often have you seen such headlines? Is this strictly science or is it, in part, a kind of secular, scientific theology? This concern, along with reviews of alternative perspectives, has led many scientists toward “cosmic agnosticism” (*Journal of Cosmology*, Vol. 4, 2010, pp. 655-663). Treating these issues fully requires a proper understanding of the scientific method, political and sociological issues, data and data analysis, basic science questions, philosophical presuppositions, and the consideration and testing of viable alternatives. The tidy realms of “precision cosmology” are increasingly challenged by new research results, providing substantial openings for alternative perspectives.

**This lecture is intended for a general audience  
and is open to the public.**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** Petris Room, University Library, Rm. 3023

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