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Roger Penrose

FASHION

Faith  
and

FANTASY

in the New Physics of the Universe

What can fashionable ideas, blind faith, or pure fantasy have to do with the quest to understand the universe? Surely scientists are immune to trends, dogma, or flights of fancy? In fact, Roger Penrose argues, scientists are just as susceptible as anyone else. In this lecture, based on his new book, Roger will argue that fashion, faith, and fantasy, while sometimes productive and even essential, may be leading today's researchers astray. Yet Roger will also describe how fashion, faith, and fantasy have, ironically, also shaped his own work.

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