

GOD QUESTIONS

Does Science Disprove Christianity?

Has science essentially disproved Christian beliefs?

WHAT IS SCIENCE?

A search for causes. - Sir Francis Bacon

There are two types of science

1. Operation Science or Empirical Science
2. Origins Science or Forensic Science

OPERATION SCIENCE is the science that involves repeatable events that you can observe in real time.

ORIGIN SCIENCE or forensic science involves historical events that cannot be repeated.

Atheists and theists are in general agreement when it comes to Operation Science however they can be in different places when it comes to Origins Science.

There are two types of Causes

1. Natural.
2. Non-natural or intelligent

Is it intellectually honest to study origins science from a starting point that automatically rules out any possibility of an intelligent, non-natural cause to the origin of the universe?

ISN'T CHRISTIANITY AN ENEMY OF SCIENCE?

The idea that science and religion are in perpetual conflict is no longer taken seriously by any major historian or science . . . One of the last remaining bastions of atheism which survives only at the popular level – namely, the myth that an atheistic, fact-based is permanently at war with a faith-based religion.

Alister McGrath, The Twilight of Atheism, p 87

Christianity challenges us to experiment with what we see, believing there is order and uniformity to the universe. No other worldview, philosophy or religion of the ancient world offered the unique perspective Christianity did.

Mark Clark, The Problem of God, p 28

Atheists use observation as their source for study. Theists use both observation and revelation.

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

Since Christians believe God speaks in both contexts (Special Revelation and Natural Revelation) then they also believe that creation and the Bible cannot contradict one another.

BUT AREN'T MOST SCIENTISTS ATHEISTS?

1) Owen Gingerich, a noted Harvard astronomer produced God's Universe, declaring that "the universe has been created with intention and purpose, and that this belief does not interfere with the scientific enterprise."

2) Francis Collins published his Language of God, which argues that the wonder and ordering of nature points to a Creator God, very much along the lines of the traditional Christian conception. In this book Collins describes his conversion from atheism to the Christian faith.

3) Paul Davies, published Goldilocks Enigma, arguing for the existence of "fine tuning" in the universe. While not subscribing to a Christian notion of God he does say there is something out there that is divine.

SO HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN MIRACLES?

(A) miracle is irreconcilable with our modern understanding of both science and history.

- John Macquarrie

1. Science Is Incapable Of Determining If Miracles Are Possible.

It is one thing to say that science is only equipped to test for natural causes and cannot speak to others. It is quite another to insist that science proves that no other causes could possibly exist. – Timothy Keller

2) If There Is A God Then Miracles Make All Kinds Of Sense

"When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted"

Matthew 28:17