

Science and Christianity

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Introduction

- A. The elephant in the room.
- B. Many think Christianity and science are in a _____.

Christianity and the Bible	Science
God created the universe (Gen. 1:1, 27-28)	
God created life (Gen. 1:11-12, 20-25)	
God created humans in his image (Gen. 1:26-27)	
God performed miracles	

- C. BUT, Christianity and science are actually great _____.
- D. Things Christians should know and remember.

I. Most pioneers of modern science strongly believed in _____.

- A. Galileo
- B. Isaac Newton
- C. Robert Boyle
- D. Michael Faraday
- E. Gregor Mendel
- F. Louis Pasteur
- G. From 1900-2000, most Nobel Prize winners (over 60%) identified Christianity as their religious preference.

II. Today, science and Christianity agree that the universe _____.

- A. The “Big Bang.”
- B. Some scientists initially opposed the Big Bang because it seemed too close to creation.
- C. Most scientists now accept the Big Bang.
- D. The Big Bang may be the way science describes what the Bible states.

III. Today, science and Christianity agree that the universe began _____ for human life.

- A. The wonders of our universe.
- B. Our “Goldilocks” universe.
- C. The “fine-tuning” for life (illustration of dimes).

IV. Today, science and Christianity agree that _____ is necessary for life.

- A. The wonders of DNA.
- B. Information requires *intelligence*. Where did this information come from?

Bill Gates: “DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software ever created. (*The Road Ahead*, 228)

Francis Crick (co-discoverer of DNA in 1953) said in 1981: “An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense . . . [the origin of life] is “almost a miracle.” (*Life Itself*, 88).

V. Don't get hung up on the _____ of things.

- A. Most scientists say: The universe is about 13,800,000,000 years old.
- B. Many Christians say: The universe must be LESS THAN 10,000 years old, because that's what the Bible says.
- C. Many other Christians say: The universe CAN BE 13.8 billion years old, because good Bible interpretation allows it.
- D. Genesis emphasizes the _____ and the _____, not the _____.

VI. Thoughts on evolution

- A. Evolution is irrelevant until life already exists.
- B. The bigger challenge to Christianity is ATHEISTIC evolution.
- C. Evidence for micro-evolution is not evidence for macro-evolution (e.g., Peppered moths; Darwin's finches).
- D. Living organisms—even the “simplest” ones—require many parts that need each other to work. These parts cannot evolve just one at a time (e.g. a mousetrap).

VII. Big Take-Aways

- A. Science and Christianity agree on the BIG things.
- B. Science supports Christianity.
- C. You do not have to choose between science and the Bible!

Questions for Discussion

Note: Use whichever questions fit the time and the interests of your group.

1. What have you heard about science (in school, online, etc.) that seems to challenge or disagree with Christianity and the Bible?
2. What did you learn from this session that was new or different?
3. What did you learn from this session that was encouraging to your faith?
4. What specific questions do you have about science and faith? List some and briefly discuss. (Later, visit www.RoomForDoubt.com and submit questions or search for answers.)
5. Read Genesis 1:26-27. What do you think it means to be created “in the image of God”? How does this make you different from just physical matter?
6. Read Psalm 19:1-4. What are some examples of how the heavens (or nature in general) declare “the glory of God”? Have you ever been led to worship God by something you've seen, heard, or experienced in nature? Explain.
7. Read Romans 1:20. How does creation reveal God's invisible qualities (like his power, wisdom, goodness)?

Recommended Resources

- Use the QR code on the front page to access the session's webpage. The webpage includes this outline, with blanks and with answers, along with suggested videos and books.
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