

#5: Can You believe in God and Science?

Is the relationship between science and the Bible competitive, or is it perhaps cooperative? The conflict between science and faith might be from either misunderstanding science or misinterpreting the Bible.

“Worship God ... With all your mind...” Jesus Mark 12:30

Colossians 8:8 → See suggested reading list on back of notes

- Science seeks the truth about our natural world.
- Scripture reveals the truth about our supernatural God.

Observe SCIENCE and SCRIPTURE Cooperating

- 1. Look at the Beginning of Everything.** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* Genesis 1:1 NIV
- 2. Look at the Design of the Universe.** *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.* Genesis 1:2 NIV / Psalm 19:1-2 NLT
- 3. Look at the Resurrection of Jesus.** *And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.* 1 Cor. 15:14 NLT

(see 6 Minimal Facts for the Resurrection of Jesus back of notes)

Waypoints of Action Personally: Pick a book of interest from the research list. Read it this month. Even better, read and discuss with a friend!

**TALK IT OVER**

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

1. What's something you learned in school that you still use today?
 2. How do you typically consider the relationship between science and the Bible?
 3. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
 4. Read Revelation 22:13. When you consider science and the Bible as being “both/and” instead of “either/or,” what thoughts and feelings come up?
 5. Share about an experience that required you to fully trust God, even if you still had questions. How was your faith impacted during that time?
 6. What truth about Jesus can you remember when you have doubts and questions? How might that truth help you sustain a growing, maturing faith?
 7. Consider the suggested reading list for more research on the how Faith and Science complement each other.
- Start the YouVersion: **Doubting God** Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/DoubtingGod

Pray: Read, and take some time to pray for one another.
Memory Verse for August: Ephesians 4:32



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Revelation 22:13 NIV

*"...who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
John 1:14 NIV*

*"...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of faith..."
Hebrews 12:2 NKJV*

"I have never had clarity; what I have always had is trust. Sol will pray you trust God." – Mother Teresa

You don't have to know every answer to every question to trust in Jesus. It will always take faith.

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The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. 2Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. Psalm 19:1-2 NLT

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The 6 Minimal Facts for the Resurrection of Jesus (compiled from Author Gary Habermas)

1. Jesus was a real person, and He died by Roman crucifixion.
2. Jesus' followers experienced what they believed to be actual appearances of a resurrected Jesus.
3. Because of those experiences, these followers were willing to die for their faith in Jesus' resurrection.
4. The Christian church started right after Jesus was killed, right where Jesus was killed, in the city of Jerusalem.
5. James, the brother of Jesus, was not a Christian until after he believed he saw the resurrected Christ.
6. Paul, who wrote the majority of the New Testament, went from killing Christians to starting churches because he had an experience with who he believed was the risen Christ.

A sample research list

1. A Case for the Resurrected Christ. Gary Habermas
2. The Fingerprint of God - Hugh Ross Ph.D.
3. The Case for Christ, The Case for Faith, the Case for Creation - Lee Stroble
4. Men of Science, Men of God - Henry Morris
5. Philosophers who believe - Kelly Clark
6. Reason in the Balance - Phillip E. Johnson
7. Intelligent Design / Mere Creation - William Dembski
8. Darwin's Black Box - Michael J. Behe
9. Letters from a Skeptic - Dr. Gregeory Boyd
10. The Reason for God - Timothy Keller
11. Darwin's Doubt - Stephen C. Meyer
12. Christianity for Skeptics - Stephen Kumar (Pics)