

DOESN'T SCIENCE REFUTE TOO MUCH OF THE BIBLE?

PSALM 19:1-6 | ROMANS 1:18-20

Atheist Steven Pinker has stated "The findings of science imply that the belief systems of all the world's traditional religions and cultures... are factually mistaken", and he is only one in a plethora of voices that discount faith in light of science.

The challenge is to understand the underlying assumptions inherent in declaring science as being opposed to theology. The question we ought to wrestle with is, how does the bible inform our scientific discoveries and hypotheses? In tandem, we might also ask how current scientific discovery challenges naturalistic assumptions and point more clearly to God.

As we press into both scripture and the world of science, we may just find ourselves agreeing with the professor of experimental physics, Russel Cowburn, when he declares, "Understanding more of science does not make God smaller. It allows us to see His creative activity in more detail."

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 19:1

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

SUPPLEMENTAL READING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | MONDAY | Genesis 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TUESDAY | Job 38:1-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | WEDNESDAY | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | THURSDAY | John 1:1-5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FRIDAY | Colossians 1:15-23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SATURDAY | Psalm 19:1-6 |

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POST SUNDAY STUDY CONTENT

Understanding the Text

1. How does the psalmist understand the role of creation?
2. How do verses 3 and 4 describe the scope of creation's witness?
3. In Romans, how does Paul see the unrighteous disposition towards the truth?
4. According to Paul, how has God revealed his invisible attributes?
5. What is the result of this revelation of truth? (vs. 20)

Applying the Text

1. Has science helped or hindered your faith? Why?
2. Does the psalmist's declaration or Paul's exposition discourage or encourage scientific discovery? Why or why not?
3. How might the human condition (i.e. sin) impact our empirical study of the world around us? How might this reality shape our interactions with scientific discovery?
4. What limitations does science have? What strengths does science exhibit?
5. The empirical and methodological nature of science was developed by Christians who looked at creation and wanted to discover more about it. How does this inform our approach to science?
6. Where do you feel science has undermined the Bible? Have you pursued answers to your questions?