

Hard Questions

Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity?

We must listen to the voice of God in creation and in scripture (Ps 19:1-11).

There is an assumption that if you embrace modern science, you must reject your Christian faith. But when we dive into scripture, we see that both science and faith intersect and support each other. God makes Himself known both through creation (general revelation) and His word (specific revelation). When we listen to the voice of God in creation *and* in scripture, we experience the grandeur of God as the creator of the universe with all its brilliance and complexities as well as His nearness as a God who is deeply personal and loving.

GETTING STARTED

Where in nature have you experienced the grandeur and splendor of God? What was stirred in your heart and mind in those moments? When it comes to science and the Christian faith, what were you taught growing up, and how does that affect your perspective today?

GO DEEPER

1. In Psalm 19:1-11, what is the connection the psalmist is making between the physical world and God's law? Why is that important to us today?
2. What is the difference between general revelation (Romans 1:19-20) and specific revelation (Romans 10:9-15)? How has God and His existence been made plain to humanity? Why is specific revelation of Jesus needed for salvation?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How much do you wrestle when it comes to modern science and your Christian faith? To what degree do you struggle with the assumption that if you fully accept science, you must reject your faith? What might it look like for you to fully embrace science *and* faith?
2. A.W. Tozer writes that *the mightiest thought the mind can entertain is the thought of God*, and that *the essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him*. How grand, or small, is your perspective of God, and how might science and the natural world enhance that perspective?
3. It is a significant truth that the God of the universe knows you – even the number of hairs on your head – and loves you deeply. What does (and should) that reality stir in your heart and spirit?

PRACTICE IT NOW

As a group, take to read Ephesians 1:17-19 aloud together. Then turn these verses into a prayer together to God, specifically asking Him for a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Him better. If anyone in your group is conflicted and wrestling with the question of science and their Christian faith, ask God for clarity and peace. Take time also as a group to declare to God His majesty, grandeur, magnificence (use Psalm 8 as a helpful guide, if needed).