

Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity - Genesis 1 **Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

Notes from the Sermon

In Rebecca McLaughlin's book *Confronting Christianity*, she tackles many of the current and difficult questions and topics of our faith and how our culture views them. Today we address the question "Hasn't science disproved Christianity?" And it is a valid question, isn't it? After all, isn't that what we and our children have been taught in the public schools and universities? Every university science professor espouses the belief that science is completely incongruent with Christianity and the existence of God... or do they?

McLaughlin points out that while that may SEEM to be the case, she helps us remember that Christians have often been at the forefront of scientific discoveries. There are numerous examples of famous scientists who believe in God and Jesus throughout history and teaching in some of our country's most prestigious universities even today! The principles of the universally accepted scientific method were first brought forth by Christians... two Franciscan friars who lived in the late 1200's and early 1300's.

The scientific method is basically the process by which knowledge is gained through experiments, testing a hypothesis in an environment that can be reproduced and observed. But can those who believe science is incongruent with a God-created universe stand behind their own scientific process? Their hypothesis that the universe has existed for billions of years and has evolved without God, without intelligent design cannot be tested in an environment that can be reproduced and observed. It is impossible. Even considering the doctrine of uniformity, the idea that things in the natural state change over time at the exact same rate from eternity past into eternity future... this cannot be proven. Such a belief requires... wait for it... FAITH! Whoa... Wait a minute! Are we talking about science or religion? When is science no longer science... but a religion? It becomes "scientism" when conclusions put forth as irrefutable require faith. Sadly, some in the scientific community have pursued scientific discovery because they reject God and are left with no other answers to some of life's biggest questions but to "believe" in science. John MacArthur quotes one scientist who said "I reject the idea of a transcendent God, so what other option do I have? That's why I believe in it (science)."

What IS observable in nature, through casual observation and scientific methods demands the acknowledgment of intelligent design, a creator and that creator is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. To believe the incredible precision and order that exists in our world just randomly happened requires much more faith than to acknowledge an omnipotent God who created it all.

I would be remiss if I didn't also point out that on some scientific topics sincere, bible-believing Christians disagree. Nearly all debates about the supposed conflicts between science and Christianity eventually come around to the origins of the universe and require discussion about the age of the earth. I have a personal bias for a literal reading of Genesis Chapter One which demands a "young earth" perspective. Many pastors and theologians hold to this view. However, there are many theologians, including Wayne Grudem who lean toward the possibility that the earth is much, much older than a literal reading of Genesis One would indicate. While I have my own bias, I won't try to settle that debate today. As believers, we should not part company over this debate as long as we can agree to a totally literal reading of Genesis 1:1... In the

beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth.

Science and the scientific method are wonderful, God-given tools He uses to reveal His creative glory and majesty to us. And the more He reveals through scientific discovery, the greater His glory becomes evident to us. The more evident His glory, majesty and power, the more we can see our own insignificance and need of Him which ultimately points us to Jesus. And we need to be prepared to lovingly, but boldly point out that there is no conflict between science and our faith so non-believers will be pointed to God's glory and majesty and to our need of Jesus.

Bible Reading for the Week

Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Deuteronomy 5	Deuteronomy 6	Deuteronomy 7	Deuteronomy 8	Deuteronomy 9	Deuteronomy 10	Deuteronomy 11

Reading from this past week: Genesis 1

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Psalm 19:1-11

Family Worship

Song - *Glorious Day*

<https://youtu.be/huW3vkEdZCo>

Gospel Project

Unit: The Teachings of Jesus

Story: Jesus taught about God's Kingdom

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Answer: Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

Scripture: Matthew 13

New City Catechism

Question #32: What do justification and sanctification mean?

Answer: Justification means our declared righteousness before God.

Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.

Verse: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Scripture

Genesis 1

- How do your own observations of nature and science impact your thoughts about God?
- How does science reflect what we read scripture?
- What can you do to prepare yourself for conversations about science and Christianity?

Prayer

Pray that we would be convinced by the evidence in creation that God is the Creator, and that we would thank and worship Him for what He has made.

*Pray for those who are seeking to reach people and shape our culture through the ministry of Christians universities, colleges, and schools.