# ORDER OF SERVICE

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# Christianity Is At Odds With Science

Psalms 24 & 19

Apology Accepted Series

Life Change: We embrace and examine all God's revelation.

"Don't go into science!"

#### Christians invented science.

Psalm 24 told them the world was orderly and discernable.

Psalm 19 called people to discover.

Jews and Christians developed the scientific method.

Einstein's heroes were men of the Bible.

Modern scientists continue the work.

### Psalm 19 describes the positive interplay of science & scripture.

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- based on work by Sir Francis Bacon in The Advancement of Learning

So, what keeps driving science & scripture apart? Bad history

Anti-intellectualism

Purposeful misrepresentation

What can we do?

Learn!

Think critically.

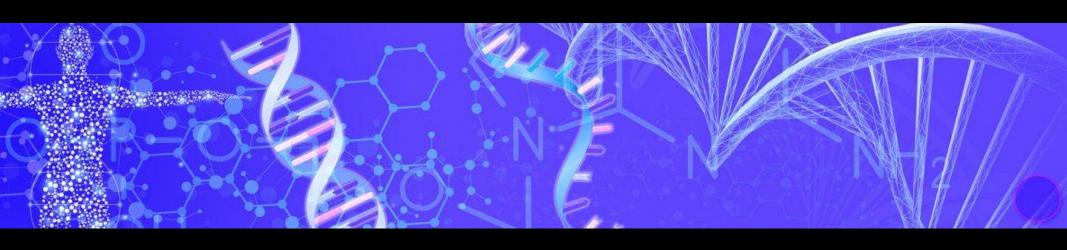
Remember the whole truth.

The two disciplines of religion and science integrate and support one another, each at times supplying knowledge not available in the other... the two disciplines [are] interdependent, as each one relies on knowledge gained from the other, encouraging further progression and discovery.

Ralph Brown, The Model of Everything









# Does Science Lead to Atheism?











# Robert Grosseteste 1168-1253 created optic studies

Jean Burdan's 1352 work on impetus and epistemology





Otto Brunfels 1488-1534 father of botany

<sup>1</sup> The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD; <sup>2</sup> for he laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers. <sup>CSB</sup>









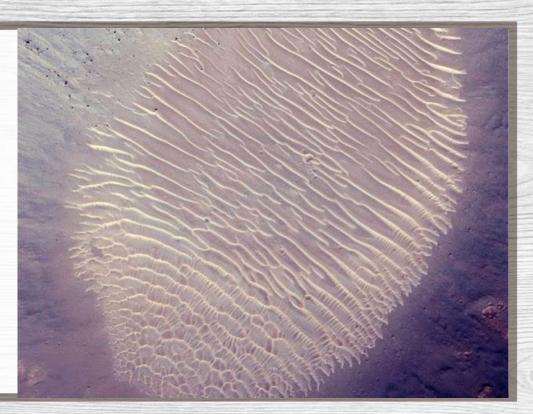


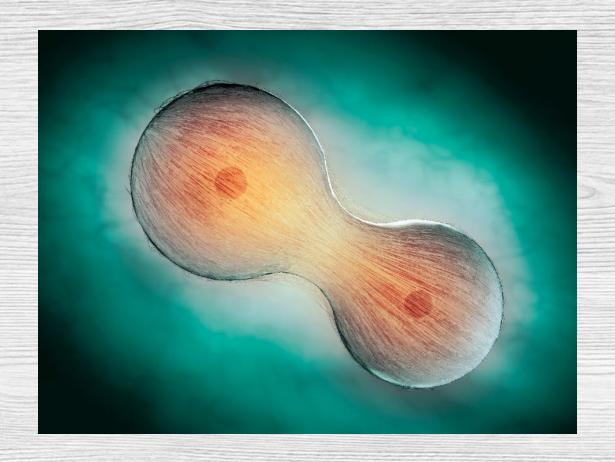




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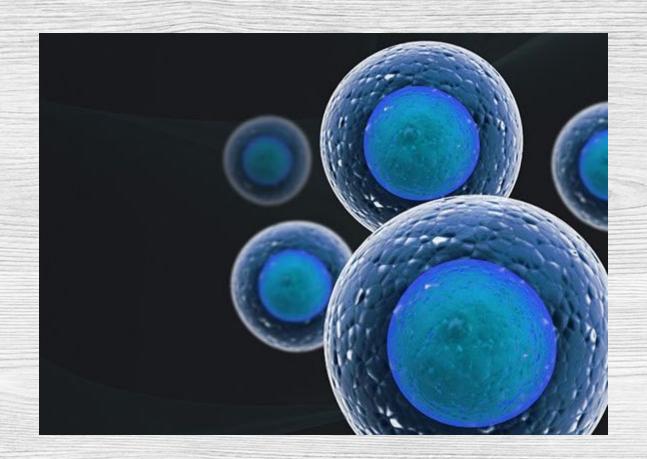
Since scripture declares God's orderliness, the early natural philosophers (what scientists first called themselves) reasoned that the fingerprints of order should be on all of creation.





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has scaled the mountain of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries. - Robert Jastrow, God and the Astronomers

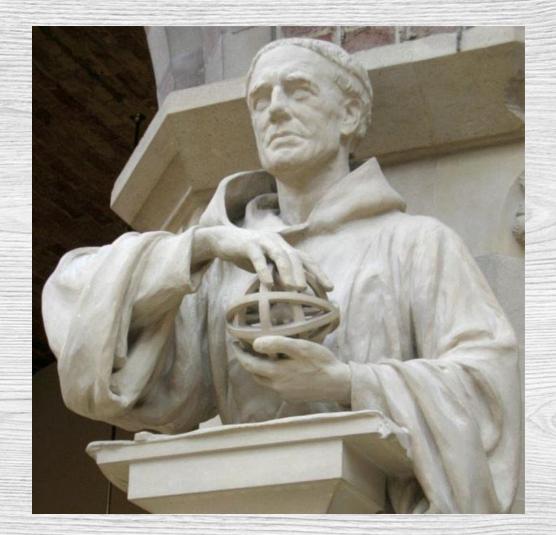
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If a rational God made the universe and endowed humans with an intelligence that echoed his own, perhaps his image-bearing creatures should be able to discern his laws. – Rebecca McLaughlin,

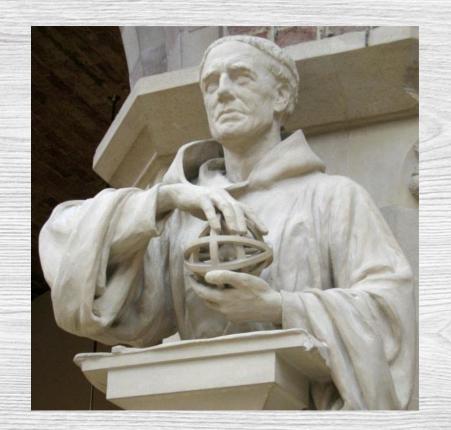
**Confronting Christianity** 

Roger Bacon
1214-1294
Dean, Woodward, & Pinker
statue in Oxford's Museum
of Natural History



courtesy city of Oxford

A more accurate experimental knowledge of nature would be of great value in confirming the Christian faith...and of great importance for the welfare of the church and of the universities. - Roger Bacon, letter to Pope Clement IV



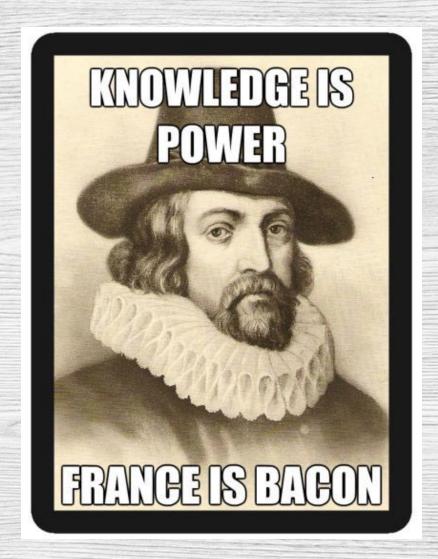
#### Roger Bacon's method (modernized)

- 1) Ask a question.
- 2) Do research on what others have answered.
- 3) Form an educated guess (hypothesis).
- 4) Experiment with measurable tests.
- 5) Record and analyze results.
- 6) Write a conclusion, which may lead to a theory.

Human reason can prove neither the immortality of the soul nor the existence, unity, and infinity of God. These truths are known to us by revelation alone. - William of Ockham, Summula philosophiae naturalis

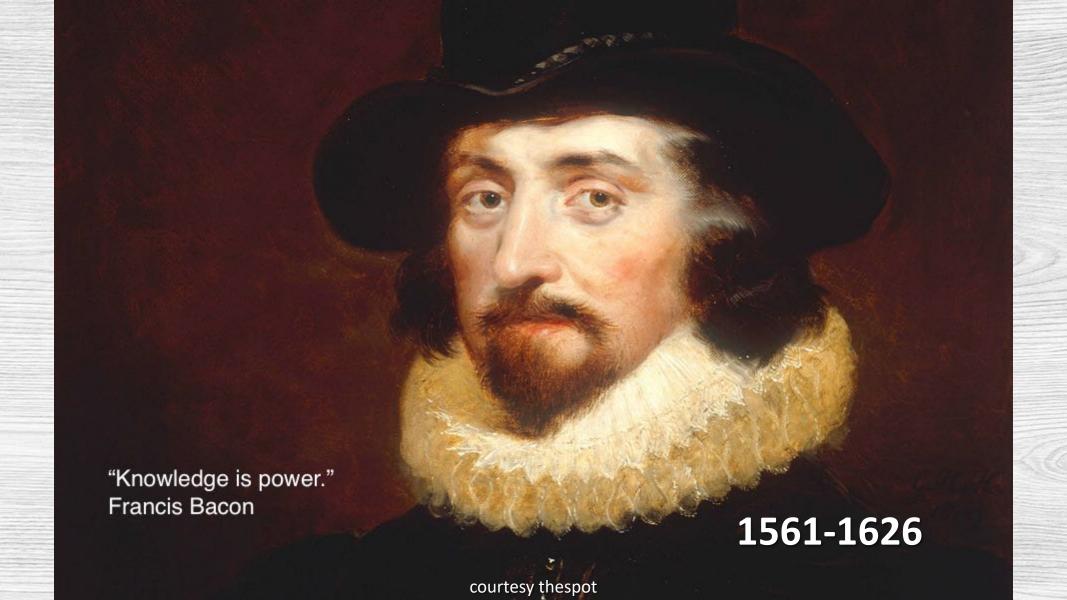


William of Ockham 1285-1347



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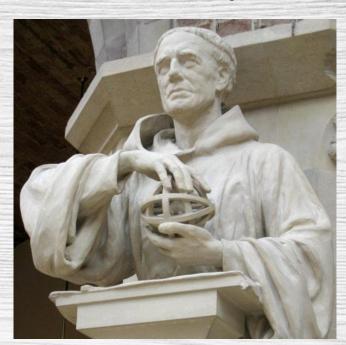


Individual reports are insufficient, especially since men are emotionally predisposed to credit the interestingly strange. Observations worthy to substantiate theories must be repeatable. – Francis Bacon, Novum Organum (Some modern journal editors should reread Bacon. It might stop them publishing unsubstantiated papers merely to fit a narrative.)

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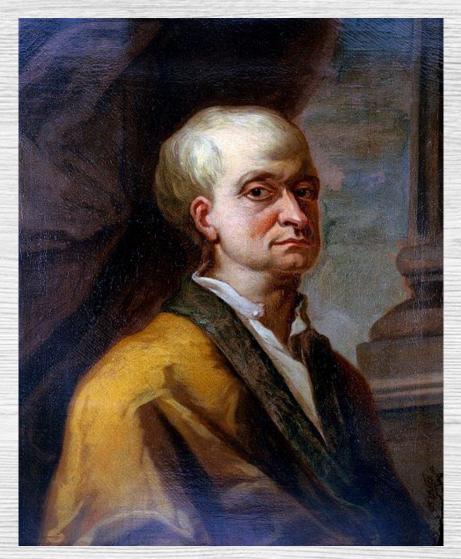
Only in the Christian west could science have arisen.

- Rodney Stark

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courtesy techstory



Isaac Newton
1642-1727
member of Sir James
Thornhill's school
1721?

#### **MICHAEL FARADAY INVENTIONS**

22 SEPTEMBER 1791 - 25 AUGUST 1867

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Faraday's law of induction

**Electrochemistry** 

**Faraday effect** 

**Faraday cage** 

**Faraday constant** 

Faraday cup

**Faraday paradox** 

**Faraday rotator** 

**Faraday wave** 

**Faraday wheel** 

**Lines of force** 

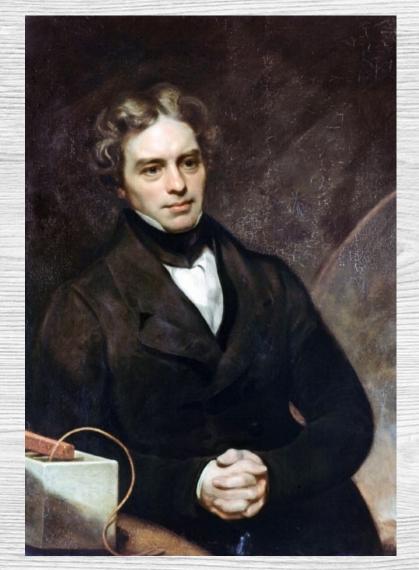
**Rubber Balloon** 

**Faraday-efficiency effect** 

Faraday's laws of electrolysis

I cannot doubt that a glorious discovery in natural knowledge, and the wisdom and power of God in the creation, is awaiting our age. – from Bence Jones, The Life and Letters of Faraday

Michael Faraday
1791-1867
Thomas Phillips
1842





James Clerk Maxwell
1831-18
Alexander Stoddard
2008



courtesy MIT

For the choir director. A psalm of David.

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<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming from his home; it rejoices like an athlete running a course. <sup>6</sup> It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to their other end; nothing is hidden from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The instruction of the LORD is perfect, renewing one's life; the testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise.

<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, making the heart glad; the command of the LORD is radiant, making the eyes light up. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are reliable and altogether righteous.

<sup>10</sup> They are more desirable than gold than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> In addition, your servant is warned by them, and in keeping them there is an abundant reward. <sup>12</sup> Who perceives his unintentional sins? Cleanse me from my hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Moreover, keep your servant from willful sins; do not let them rule me. Then I will be blameless and cleansed from blatant rebellion. <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, LORD, my rock and my Redeemer. CSB

## **General revelation (Psalm 19:1-6)**

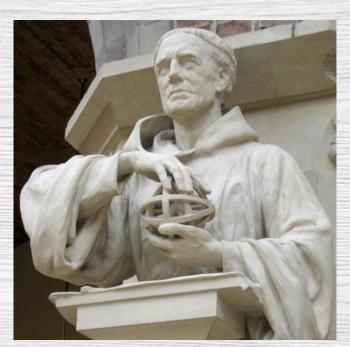
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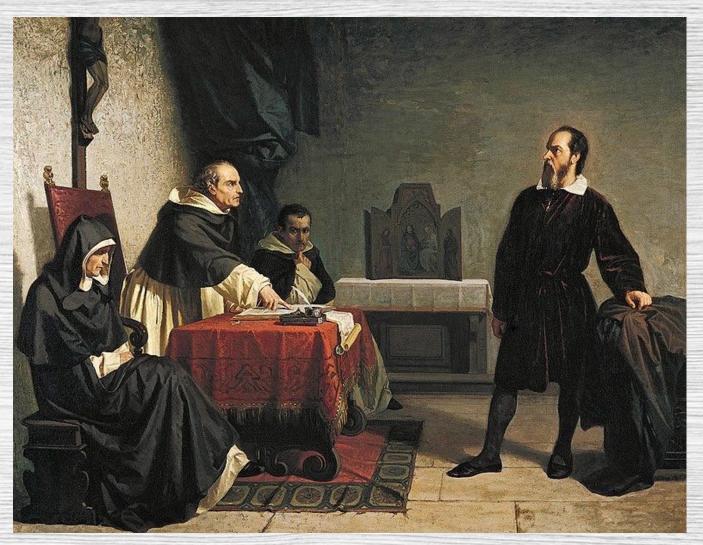


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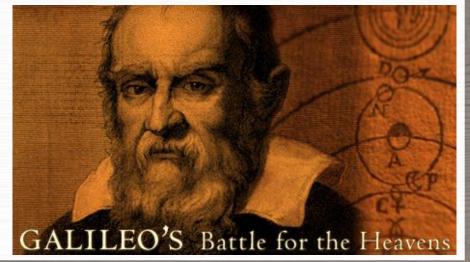






Galileo before Rome Christiano Banti 1857 Galileo actually overturned Aristotle, not the Bible, and the pope who opposed him was not trying to

defend scripture. That pope was concerned with humanism and post-Reformation power.



There is a growing sense in Christian culture that 'we only want practical things' in our churches—or, worse, that anything intellectual is to be avoided because 'that's just head-knowledge!' This is all part of a growing anti-intellectual trend. - Shawn Nelson, "Anti-Intellectualism and Christianity"



courtesy WSJ

In the 1980s, when I was a young professor of physics and astronomy at Yale, deconstructionism was in vogue in the English Department. We in the science departments would scoff at the lack of objective intellectual standards in the humanities, epitomized by a movement that argued against the existence of objective truth itself, arguing that all such claims to knowledge were tainted by ideological biases due to race, sex or economic dominance.

It could never happen in the hard sciences, except perhaps under dictatorships, such as the Nazi condemnation of "Jewish" science, or the Stalinist campaign against genetics led by Trofim Lysenko, in which literally thousands of mainstream geneticists were dismissed in the effort to suppress any opposition to the prevailing political view of the state. [WB note: This led directly to the Soviet famines that killed millions.]

Or so we thought. In recent years...ideological encroachment has increasingly corrupted scientific institutions in [America]. Academic science leaders now censor dissenting views [and] remove faculty from leadership positions if their research is claimed - without any empirical support data - to support supposed systemic oppression. One might wonder why more scientists aren't defending the hard sciences from this intrusion.

The answer is that many academics are afraid, and for good reason. They are hesitant to disagree with scientific leadership groups, and they see what has

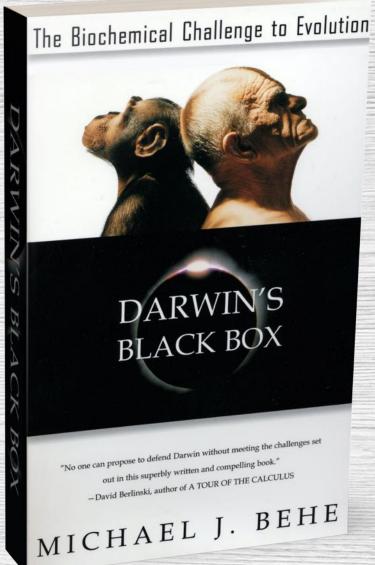


happened to scientists who do.

Lawrence Krauss,"The Ideological Corruption of Science"

As a cosmologist, I can say that if we retracted all the papers in cosmology that we felt were misrepresented by journalists, there would hardly be any papers left. - Lawrence Krauss, "The Ideological Corruption of Science"

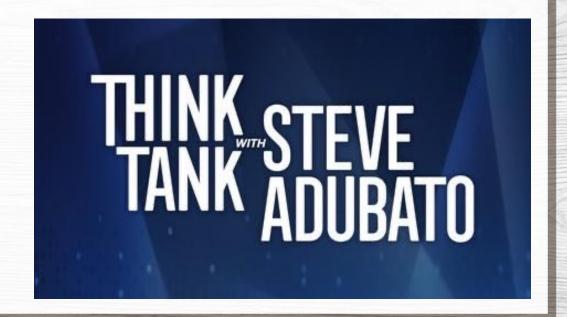




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[I am] insufficiently versed in biochemistry to address the issues raised by Behe. – Richard Dawkins declining debate opportunity



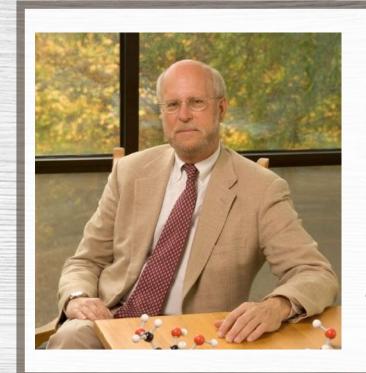


Behe describes irreducible complexity well but it is cowardly and lazy of him to come to a conclusion of intelligent design. If he instead thought for himself, he would realize there must be some Darwinian

explanation out there somewhere and he should get off his duff and go find it.

- Richard Dawkins on "Think Tank"





Any deliberate suppression of evidence contrary to one's favored theory is unethical and should draw sharp condemnation from all scientists. This applies to all issues. - Henry Schaeffer III, "The Truth, Wherever It Leads"







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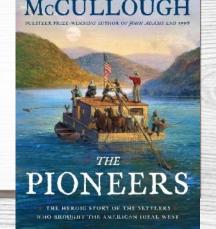
Manasseh Cutler was born in the 1740s...Like many a Puritan, he loved good food, good wine, a good story, and good cheer...He had a great love for his large family, his wife and children, and was ever attentive to their needs as long as

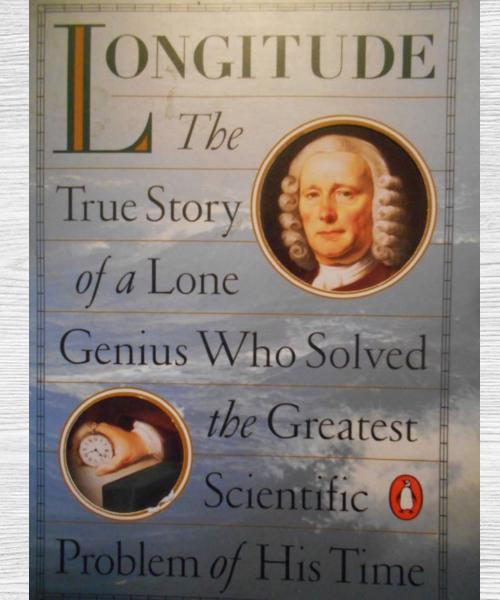
he lived...[He] was endowed with boundless intellectual curiosity...and took an interest in nearly everything. He had succeeded in becoming three doctors in one, having qualified for doctor of law and doctor of medicine, in addition to doctor of divinity.

Most remarkable were his continuing scientific pursuits. He was at once an avid astronomer, meteorologist, and naturalist...and was particularly esteemed among his fellow scientists for his work in botany, and for having written the first-ever treatise on the classification of the

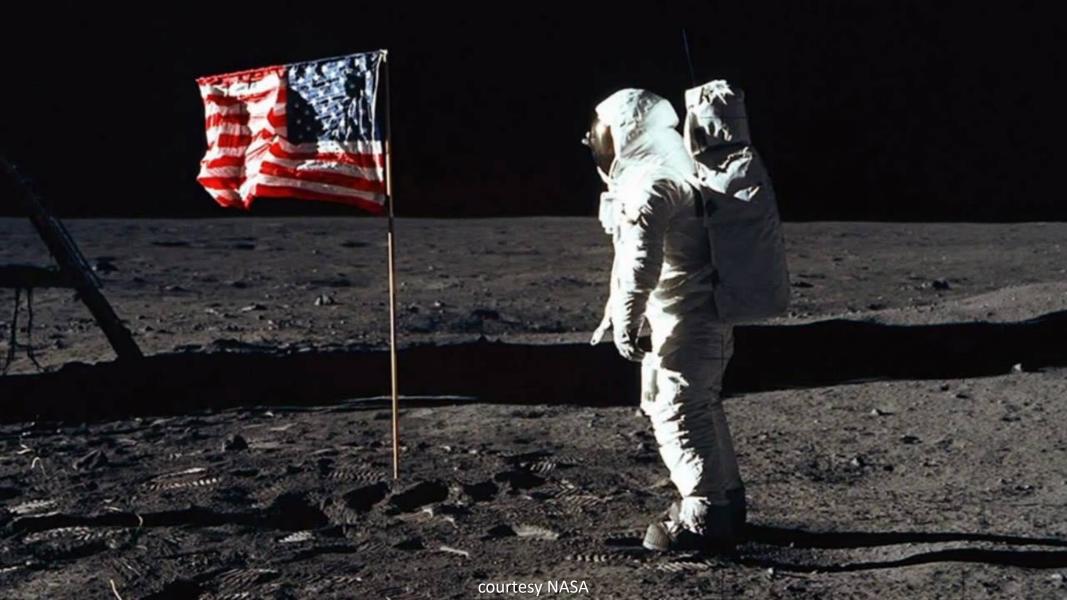
flora of New England – a study of some 350 separate species. His knowledge of botany was probably surpassed by few if any Americans of his generation.

- David McCullough, The Pioneers





courtesy Penguin



**Neil Armstrong visited Israel and was** taken on a tour of the Old City of Jerusalem by Israeli archaeologist Meir Ben-Dov. When they got to the Hulda Gate, which is at the top of the stairs leading to the Temple Mount, Armstrong asked Ben-Dov whether Jesus had stepped anywhere around there.



Mier Ben-Dov 1996



courtesy Janna Braudrick

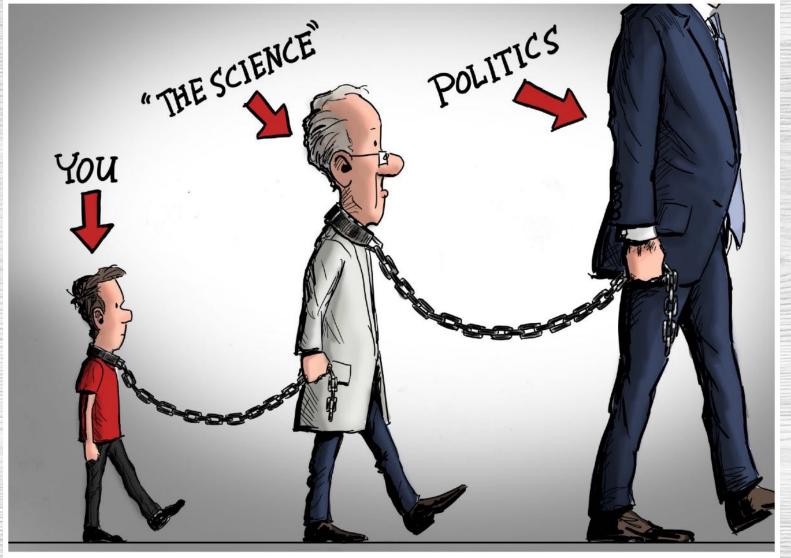


"I have to tell you," Armstrong said to the Israeli archaeologist, "I am more excited stepping on these stones than I was stepping on the moon." – Thomas Friedman, From Beirut to Jerusalem

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#### Acts 17

<sup>10</sup> As soon as it was night, the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. Upon arrival, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 The people here were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, since they received the word with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. CSB



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FOLLOW THE SCIENCE?



Rape is an evil that tears the evolutionary fabric built by homo sapiens' society.







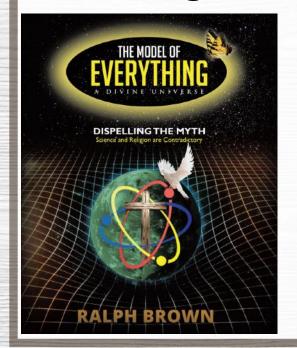
You might need to look at the Bible if you want to find a real reason against rape. Macro evolution actually promotes rape.

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# The consideration of an overseeing church leader

- Examine fitness according to 1 Timothy 3 & Titus 1.
- Prayerfully evaluate past ministry & ownership of the church mission & values.
- "They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve..." (1 Timothy 3:10)
- Examined by Elders
- Input from outside the church
- Input from within the church

## **Questions for the Elder candidates:**

- Are you in complete agreement with the doctrinal statement of Frisco Bible Church?
- Have you been examined by the Elders of Frisco Bible Church regarding scriptural understanding, ministerial grasp, and personal wisdom?
- Are you prepared, by the grace of God, to accept the mantle of "Elder"- to duly minister as an overseer of the church?
- Do you commit to carry that mantle with humility as a fellow priest among an entire priesthood of believers?

## **Questions for the Elders:**

- Have you examined these candidates regarding their fitness to serve?
- Have you examined these candidates regarding their fit within the unity of the Elders of Frisco Bible Church?
- Are you prepared to place your names beside theirs as ones commissioned to shepherd the flock?

