

Week 7 – Science & Faith: Are They at War?

What science actually is (and isn't)

Science is a method that explains how the natural world works.

- **Science can explain:**
 - How gravity works
 - How cells function
 - How stars form
- **But science cannot explain:**
 - Why anything exists at all
 - Why the laws of nature exist
 - Why the universe is intelligible
 - What is morally right or wrong

Science can explain *mechanisms*, but not *meaning*.

The Myth of Conflict

The idea that science and Christianity are at war is historically inaccurate.

- Many founders of modern science were Christian
 - Johannes Kepler
 - Isaac Newton
 - Robert Boyle
 - Gregor Mendel
 - Georges Lemaitre

Modern Science and the Christian worldview are built upon the exact same foundation:

The universe is rational, orderly, and consistent.

What Science Cannot Prove

There are many things that science cannot prove that we are all rational to believe.

- Mathematics & Logic
- Metaphysical Truths
- Ethical & Moral Truths
- Aesthetic Judgements
- Science itself

Science and Faith Work Together

Albert Einstein: *“The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible.”*

G.K. Chesterton: *“[Christianity] has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.”*

A rational God created a rational world, and humans can use rationality to understand it. Christianity does not ask you to choose between loving God and using your mind.

Memory Verse for the Week

Colossians 1:16-17 — *“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth...all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”*

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