

DOUBTING GOD—6

CAN I BELIEVE IN GOD AND SCIENCE?

Some see the relationship between science and the Bible as competitive instead of cooperative.

The conflict between science and faith comes from either misunderstanding science or misinterpreting the Bible.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Revelation 22:13 NIV

... who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 NIV

... looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
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Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

- **Science seeks the truth about our natural world.**
- **Scripture reveals the truth about our supernatural God.**

“I have never had clarity; what I have always had is trust.

So I will pray you trust God.” —Mother Teresa

You don't have to know every answer to every question to trust in Jesus. It will always take faith.

SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE

1. Look at the beginning of everything.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 NIV

2. Look at the design of the universe.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2 NIV

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ²Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. Psalm 19:1-2 NLT

3. Look at the resurrection of Jesus.

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. 1 Corinthians 15:14 NLT

The 6 Minimal Facts (Gary Habermas)

1. Jesus was a real person, and He died by Roman crucifixion.

2. Jesus' followers experienced what they believed to be actual appearances of a resurrected Jesus.
3. Because of those experiences, these followers were willing to die for their faith in Jesus' resurrection.
4. The Christian church started right after Jesus was killed, right where Jesus was killed, in the city of Jerusalem.
5. James, the brother of Jesus, was not a Christian until after he believed he saw the resurrected Christ.
6. Paul, who wrote the majority of the New Testament, went from killing Christians to starting churches because he had an experience with who he believed was the risen Christ.

TALK IT OVER

How do you typically think about the relationship between science and the Bible?

Read **Revelation 22:13**. When you consider science and the Bible as being "both/and" instead of "either/or," what thoughts and feelings come up?

Share about an experience that required you to fully trust God, even if you still had questions. How was your faith impacted during that time?