

The Gift of Science

Transcript:

Hello, this is Pastor Don Willeman of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to the Kingdom Perspective.

What exactly is the intersection between science and the Bible?

The word science comes from an old Latin term for knowledge. When we speak of “science” we speak of a particular method of obtaining knowledge and the collective/generational wisdom that comes from following that method. Biblically speaking, such knowledge is categorically a good thing. Science is essentially good and true because we live in an orderly universe, created by an unchanging God who governs his world in an orderly way. Thus, we can know things through observation and testing. We can gain understanding by applying ourselves to the task of data collection and interpretation.

For those of us who are Christians, this means we should always be looking for the best science available. We must think critically about the claims we hear. We must look to and listen to expert scientists who follow good methodology. We must make a habit of seeking out proven, reputable sources that avoid sensational claims—that drive us either to false hope or unnecessary fear.

On the flip side, we should avoid immersing ourselves in the 24/7 news cycle. Such sources, though entertaining, thrive on the sensational “breaking news” instead of what is tested and proven. They live on the sensational anxious edge of fear—a great tactic for attracting viewers, but not for promoting wisdom and knowledge.

Something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.