

The Humility of Science

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

Classical Christianity provides the foundational building blocks for scientific investigation. On the one hand it acknowledges that there is such a thing as truth. We live in an orderly universe created by an orderly God, and so can know certain things about our world. But on the other hand, it tells us that we are limited observers, always discovering new data. Therefore, it calls us to be humble in our interpretations and open to the wisdom of God and others.

But this is where we go wrong. St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans ([Romans 1:18-25](#)) describes the problem as two-fold. First of all, we do not acknowledge that this is God's world; we fail to honor the Creator. And secondly, we then set ourselves up as the objective judge of all truth, thus failing to see ourselves and the world accurately. Our understanding becomes darkened. Professing to be wise, we become fools ([Romans 1:22](#)). To say it another way, we fail to acknowledge the two most obvious truths: 1) there is a God, and 2) we are not Him.

This insidious side of our humanity is the essence of sin. We are not objective truth seekers, but instead use "truth" for self-serving ends.

The gospel, however, checks us in our sin by reminding us that one day all our supposed "truth claims" will be examined by the One who is the Truth. Therefore, all that we do, even our scientific pursuits, are ultimately done before the face of the One who alone is objective. He sees it all. Thus, His perspective will have the final say.

This both elevates our scientific endeavors, while humbling us. However, cut off from this truth, science itself can become a tool for more nefarious purposes.

Something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable."

~ **Hebrews 4:12-13 (NLT)**