

Doesn't Science Disprove Christianity?

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Science and Religion:

- According to the National Academy of Sciences:
 - ◆ Science relies on empirical evidence and testable explanations that are independent of the individual.
 - ◆ Religion relies on faith that can be deeply personal and beyond the testing with empirical data.
- By definition, science cannot confirm nor deny anything outside of the physical realm.
- Therefore, science cannot prove nor disprove the existence of God, but it does point to His existence.
- Often people misunderstand the nature of science.
- The idea that empirical data precludes the existence of anything outside of the physical universe cannot be empirically tested nor confirmed itself.
- It is a matter of faith to assume that there is no one or nothing outside of the physical realm.

Faith and Reason Are Not Exclusive:

“The Christian church doesn’t believe what it does **IN SPITE OF reason, but BECAUSE OF reason.**” ...always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:15)... Christians must freely admit that **no one can prove the existence of God scientifically.** But scientific proof and logical plausibility are not interchangeable concepts.”

“Science Has Disproved Christianity”, Gary Yeagel,
September 14, 2022, forgingbonds.org

God’s Design is Clearly Evident:

- When we examine the universe, we see tremendous clues, evidence of a Creator God. (Romans 1:20)
- Illustration: 19th century, William Paley’s teleological argument for God. (Design of a watch)
- Cosmological Argument—the universe had a beginning. (Illustrated by energy)

Two options for the beginning of the universe

1. An outside agent
2. The universe spontaneously came into existence with no cause and no purpose.

- Additional evidence: the universe is finely tuned.
 1. The electromagnetic coupling constant
 2. Ratio of electron to proton mass
 3. The gravitational constant
- The beauty and the grandeur of the universe testifies to God's creative work. (Psalm 19:1-2)
- The detail and design of life testifies to God's creative work.
 1. Details of the cell (Kinesin Motor Proteins)
 2. Protein Synthesis
 3. DNA / Protein interdependency
 4. DNA and Histones

Faith and Science are Compatible:

- Science itself is actually based on some faith positions.

“[Many people] assume that Christianity is a blind leap in the dark... Faith is not, however, a leap. Rather, it is a foundation. All science is based upon a faith of some kind... In fact, the most basic assumption of the sciences is the uniformity of nature—the expectation that the present and future will be like the past. But none of these things are proved by natural science—they are believed on faith. It is because we believe these things that science itself is made a meaningful and intelligible discipline.”

“Has Science Disproved Religion?”, Joe Boot,
2005. bethinking.org

- Histone “language”

Further evidence of obvious design (Romans 1:20)

Some Deny the Design That is Clearly Seen (Romans 1:22-23, 25)

Testimony is a Valid Way of Knowing Truth

- All scientists trust in the testimony of others.
- Believers trust the eyewitness testimony of God Himself.
- God is the only one who has perfect perception of reality.

The God of Creation Has Revealed Himself

1. Through His creation.
2. Through His Word.
3. Through the person of Jesus.
 - He did not just remain distant, but He stepped into His creation and became a man.