

Are Faith & Science Irreconcilable?

GOD IN THE AGE OF MODERN SCIENCE

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Can a scientist believe in God?

The typical argument...

- Belief in God belongs to the days when people didn't really understand the universe, and just took the lazy way out and said that _____
- God was a "_____."
- With every amazing discovery, science _____. Every day we understand our universe better and we _____ to appeal to God as an explanation.
- Faith and religion _____ the advancement of science, thus we should free ourselves of them as soon as possible.

Evaluating the argument...

- If science and God are irreconcilable, we wouldn't have Christians _____
- How many Christians have won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in the last 100 years? _____
- How many Christians have won the Nobel Prize in Physics in the last 100 years? _____
- How many Christians have won the Nobel Prize in Medicine in the last 100 years? _____
- There is no essential conflict between being a scientist and having faith in God. However, there is a very real conflict between the _____ held by atheism and theism.

How did we get here from Newton to Hawking?

STEPHEN HAWKING	SIR ISAAC NEWTON

Two reasons behind the radical change...

1. Confusion about the nature of God
 - "_____"
2. Confusion about the nature of scientific explanation.
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CONFUSION OVER THE NATURE OF GOD.

- At the heart of the “God of the gaps” argument we find a simple confusion of _____.
- On one side we have _____ and on the other we have _____.
- Both categories fall under the rubric of being by means of explanation. They are both explanation but of _____.
- When Newton discovered his Law of Gravitations, he did not say: “Now we’ve got a law of gravity, _____.”
- What he did was write a book called Principia Mathematica, perhaps the most famous book in the history of science. In it he expressed the hope that his calculations and observations would persuade a thinking person _____.
- Science _____ compete with God as an explanation. Science give a _____ of explanation.

CONFUSION OVER THE NATURE OF SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION.

- A scientific explanation of something is not necessarily the only rational explanation that is possible. There can be multiple explanations that are equally true at the same time.
- Aristotle taught this centuries ago when he distinguished between _____ (the pan, water, heat, etc.) and the _____ (my desire to drink tea).
- God explains _____ the _____, not the LAW & MECHANISM explanation provided by science.
- Unfortunately, the idea that science is the only way to truth often leads people to think that “_____” means the same as “_____.” THIS IS FALSE
- _____ has a far larger scope than science.
- The disciplines of History, Literature, Linguistics, Art, Music, etc. All require the use of reason.
- The natural sciences can cope with questions about _____ of the pie, but they cannot answer the “_____” question of purpose. Science has its limitations.

What does science really say about creation and the creator behind it?

- Stephen Larson, PhD. Biologist and engineer PhD in neuroscience from University of California, San Diego
- TEDx Talk: *Life’s Complex Interacting Molecular Machines Appear Built by an Engineer*
- “...when I look through a microscope at a humble bacterium... I still wonder how it really works. Because the mechanical watch that is life is _____ any watch we’ve ever built. It is biological gears and springs, but they fill rooms and buildings and cities of a vast microscope landscape that’s bustling with activity... On the one hand it’s extremely _____, but on the other hand the sheer scale of all of this unfamiliar well-organized stuff that happens in there _____ that I’ve stumbled onto an alternate landscape of technology that’s _____ a million times smarter than me.”