

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE BIBLE MORE THAN SCIENCE?

CREATION, EVOLUTION, AND CHRISTIANITY

CONTEXT

Over the centuries, the relationship between science and faith has been a controversial one with many philosophers and theologians debating over the concepts of creation, evolution, and faith. Yet, while many opinions have ranged from hostile to harmonious regarding the intersection of faith and science, it is important to see how both disciplines work together to offer valuable insights into life even if their purposes may be profoundly different.

Why does Science and Religion Oppose One Another?

- 1) The debate about science and religion is often viewed as a _____ between worldviews.
 - a) A _____ is defined as how a person looks at and explains life and the world based on their accepted belief system.
 - i) There are several worldviews that people can have:
 - (1) A _____ worldview
 - (2) A _____ worldview
 - (3) A _____ worldview
 - (4) A _____ worldview
 - b) Opinions differ among _____ and _____ on worldviews, therefore science and religion are often pitted against one another in a philosophical war to determine which subject holds _____.
 - i) Some people believe that science and religion represent two fundamentally different _____, thus the question “why should I believe the Bible more than science?”

Which Worldview Should I Have?

- 1) Instead of us trying to convince people to _____, we should focus more on discovering how our _____ with someone else’s.
 - a) The question shouldn’t be queried to pit faith against science; it should be asked to put faith and science together: “Why should I believe the Bible *and* science?”
- 2) Both the Bible and science work together to cover the _____ and _____ of life.

- a) _____ seeks to explain the natural processes in the world by observing, testing, and forming theories based on evidence.
 - i) Science is focused on how things happen in the natural world.
 - (1) _____ is one scientific theory that explains the diversity of life through gradual changes over time due to natural selection or pre-existing conditions.
 - (2) While evolution provides an explanation for how species change and adapt, this theory does not address the _____ of why life exists at the start of creation or what creations' ultimate purpose is.
- b) The _____ is a revelation of God's plan; its primary purpose is to reveal God's relationship with humanity through Scripture.
 - i) The Bible is a story of _____, _____, _____, and _____ through Jesus Christ.
 - ii) Central to this religious worldview is _____ – which means trusting in God's plan, promises, and purposes (Hebrews 11:1-3).
 - (1) While science teaches how creation _____, the Bible teaches why creation _____ (Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 43:7).
 - iii) Faith is trusting in the _____ of life that science cannot explain.

Why Should I Believe the Bible More than Science?

- 1) In the words of Pastor Thomas, "Science hasn't even caught up with the Bible yet."
 - a) Christians are called to trust in God and His word for creation while appreciating science as merely a _____ for understanding everything that God created.
 - i) Why the Bible?
 - (1) It reveals _____ that goes beyond what we can _____ and _____ (2 Corinthians 5:7).
 - (2) It is _____ and _____ (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35).
 - (3) It gives us _____ beyond scientific principles (Colossians 1:16).
 - (4) It is without _____ and gives us a _____ foundation for life (Psalm 19:7).
 - (5) It changes the _____ while science only changes the mind.