

# ARE CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER

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## **Are Christianity and Science at odds with Each other?**

“Well, I can tell you this. Isaac Newton did not think science and Christianity were at odds with him. Louis Pasteur didn't. George Washington Carver didn't. Joseph Lister, James Clerk Maxwell, and all of the people who established the major areas of science that you're taking right now, and you'll be taking in college, did not think there was any conflict with science, between science and Christianity.”

Three very important questions students should be prepared to answer will be addressed today.

Are you open to the natural world pointing to design?

What is your take on the compatibility of Darwinian Evolution with the Christian faith?

How do you understand and interpret Genesis 1 and 2?

## **Are you open to the natural world pointing to design?**

Yes. The workmanship seen in living things is best explained by intelligent design. The ability of nature to adapt points to intelligent design.

“For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

Creatures were designed by the Lord Jesus Christ to be active problem-solving entities that detect their challenges, solve their challenges, and fill the earth.

## **What is your take on the compatibility of Darwinian Evolution with the Christian faith?**

Darwinian evolution is a weak scientific theory and a poor explanation for the design of living things. The basic premises of the theory cannot be reconciled with biblical Christian Faith. The basic premises of the theory of evolution cannot be reconciled to biblical Christian faith. There is not a scientific paper published anywhere on the planet that documents a natural origin of life. There is not a scientific paper published anywhere on this planet that documents one creature changing into a fundamentally different kind of creature.

A biblical explanation shows purpose, planning, and forethought put into creation. Scientific theories like Darwinian Evolution rely heavily on imagination to work. Darwinian evolution is not compatible with biblical Christian faith.

### **How do you understand and interpret Genesis 1 and 2?**

“Genesis 1 and 2 are historical narratives, real history ... not mythohistory, not an allegory.”

When reading the Bible give words their normal meaning in their normal context, just like in every other area of life. Anybody with a good translation can understand it for themselves.

“You don't need a science guy to tell you what the Bible says either. Particularly when they're atheistic science guys. When you insert their interpretations between the Bible and you, they become your authority and not the Bible.”

Young people have questions about the Bible. A poll was done in 2008 of 20,000 Bible-believing Christians. At the age range of 20- to 30-year-olds, 95% of those had faithfully attended church when they were in elementary and middle school. By the time they got to high school only half were faithfully attending church.

The major reason for giving words in the Bible their normal meaning in their normal context is that the Lord Jesus did it, and the apostles did it.

In this world, there are only two groups of people. Those people who are in Adam, lost, dead in their sins without hope, without any hope over eternity. Those people who are in Christ, who have been born again, forgiven, regenerated, with the hope of eternal life. Where are you today? Come to Christ and he will give you life.

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### **Questions to Consider**

1. How do you interpret and understand Genesis 1 and 2?
2. What is your take on Darwinian evolution and its compatibility with the Christian faith?
3. Are you open to the natural world pointing to design? Why or why not?