



The Story + 8|19|18 + Pt 6 + *Are Science and Faith Compatible?*

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We have THE most thoughtful, creative kids at The Story, and all month long in July, we tackled some of their toughest questions about God and Bible. Well, we've also got some pretty thoughtful adults, and grown-ups have God-sized questions, too. So each Sunday in August, we're taking a closer look at some of the most important questions adults are asking about God and the Bible. Today's question: *Did Science Kill God?*

THE CRUX (A SUMMARY OF THE BIG IDEA):

While there may be some areas of obvious disagreement between modern science and Christian theology, most of these are the result of misguided practitioners (on both sides of the argument). The core principles of Christian theology and the scientific method are not only compatible - they are complementary.

ON THE CONTRARY (A SUMMARY OF OPPOSING PERSPECTIVES):

Christian faith and science are wholly incompatible because, while science deals with evidence and reason, faith is belief *in the absence of evidence* and *in spite of reason*. While science is inclusive, forward-thinking, and solutions-based, belief in an imaginary friend in the sky who sends unbelievers to hell is holding humanity back from true progress.

Read: John 18:37-38 - Pontius Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the Truth. Everyone who belongs to the Truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

How have you and/or people you know been disappointed by the cultural institutions and leaders that used to be the "truth-bearers" of our society? (ex. Church, Politicians, Business Leaders, Professors, Media, etc.)

Do you agree that most people under 40 trust science, more than anything or anyone else, as a reliable source of truth? Why or why not?

Science and Faith: Three Things to Consider

1. You can't do _____ without _____.

What may be known about God is plain to human beings, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made. Romans 1:19-20



Great are the works of the Lord, **studied by all** who delight in them. Psalm 111:2

Why is science *contingent* on other Truth claims, and why does it matter?

2. You can't have _____ without the _____.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

What is the scientific method? What does it have to do with walking by faith?

3. The real _____ isn't science versus faith. It's _____ versus _____.

"Love the Lord your God...with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

"An intelligent man will listen and continue learning." Proverbs 1:5

How does a worldview that is strictly naturalistic (e.g. "The material world is all that exists; all that matters is matter.") differ from the Christian worldview? Why does it matter?

How should Christians engage with science? When should followers of Jesus push back against scientific advancements?