



The Problem of God #3 “The Problem of Science”

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Ps. 111:2, “God’s works are so great, worth a lifetime of study – endless enjoyment!” (MSG)

The Invitation: to follow where _____ leads, not just where you _____ it leads (this takes a posture of humility and an open mind)

Widely Held Perceptions

Perception #1 Christianity is _____

Mtt. 22:37-38, “Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment”. (NLT)

Perception #2 Science is _____, Christianity is _____

Perception #3 If I believe in science, I _____ (here’s the good news: science and religion don’t have to be at war, offering rival explanations of the way things are)

Rom. 1:20, “For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God”. (NLT)

Heb. 11:3, “By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen”. (NIV)

Key Idea: Science shouldn’t _____ curiosity, it should spark it!

Ps. 40:5, “Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us”. (NIV)

3 Significant Questions:

#1 How did _____ chemicals and elements become living cells?

#2 How did living cells _____ into intelligent life forms?

#3 How did blind and random chemistry _____
_____, meaning, altruism, and _____?

Eccl. 3:11, “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart”. (NIV)

Perception #4 That science _____

How NOT To Read Genesis:

1. Ignore the _____ of the text

2. Ignore the _____ of our own context and questions.

3. Proof-texting for _____

Col. 1:16-17, "Through his power all things were made - things in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, all powers, authorities, lords, and rulers. All things were made through Christ and for Christ. He was there before anything was made, and all things continue because of him". (NCV)

Suggested Resources for Further investigation

John Walton, *The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient Cosmology and the Origins Debate*"

John Walton, "Genesis: The NIV Application Commentary"

CS Lewis, "Mere Christianity" (one of the most thoughtful books on Christianity written in the past 70 years; this book has influenced the faith journey of many former atheists and agnostics including Francis Collins among others)

Greg Cootsona, "Mere Science and Christian Faith: Bridging the Divide with Emerging Adults" (he is the Director of Science and Technology at Fuller Seminary and has worked extensively in bridging the gap of science and faith with emerging adults)

Lee Strobel, "The Case for a Creator: A Journalist Investigates Scientific Evidence that Points toward God"" (former skeptic turned apologist and best-selling author)

Tim Keller, "Reason for God" (brilliant book written for skeptics and believers alike by an influential NYC pastor)

John Polkinghorne, "The Faith of a Physicist" (thoughtful insights by a distinguished physicist and Anglican priest)

"When God & Science Meet: Surprising Discoveries of Agreement"

http://nae.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/When-God-and-Science-Meet_bw.pdf (this thoughtful booklet, put out by the National Association of Evangelicals in the USA, includes several essays on the healthy interplay between science and faith)

<http://www.veritas.org> (The Veritas Forum invites students and faculty to ask life's hardest questions. With a commitment to courageous discourse we put the historic Christian faith in dialogue with other beliefs and invite participants from all backgrounds to pursue Truth together – tons of articles and video resources on this site)

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