

# 1 ☐ Has Science Disproved Christianity?

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- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
  - Genesis 1:1

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- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
  - Psalm 19:1-4

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- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.
  - Romans 1:18-20

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- Has science disproved this?

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- Where's it published?

7 ☐ Why All the Fuss?

- I. "Science is rational, faith is irrational"
- II. "Science shows that miracles can't happen"
- III. "Science has shown us we don't need God"
- IV. "Evolution disproves the Bible"

8  I. "Science is rational, faith is irrational"

The charge:

Faith is irrational

Science has been much more successful than faith

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The Answer

Some faith really is irrational

"The Reason for God"

Explanations don't have to be physical explanations

What science can't successfully explain

Science actually depends on a Christian view of reality!

10  II. "Science shows that miracles can't happen"

The charge:

The laws of nature guarantee that natural effects always have natural causes

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The Answer:

That's theology, not science

Science is about what happens ordinarily

Circular logic

The historical record of miracles

12 ☐ III. "Science has shown us we don't need God"

The Charge:

It used to be we did not understand what caused disease or health, good weather or bad, good crops or famine, earthquakes, the motion of the planets, and so on. We thought it was God or the gods that made these things happen. Now we know better. We don't need God to explain them.

13 ☐ III. "Science has shown us we don't need God"

The Answer:

Science explains some things but not all things

Consciousness

Right and wrong

Free will

For Christianity, God was never just some hypothesis we cooked up to explain nature.

14 ☐ IV. "Evolution has disproved the Bible"

The charge:

Evolution is a scientific fact that shows that all living creatures came about by natural processes, thus proving Genesis wrong

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The answer:

Problems with evolution as a scientific fact

Even at its best, evolution does not prove God had no part in it

The test for God has never been published

Evolution doesn't begin to address the origin of the universe or of the first life

## 16 ☐ IV. "Evolution has disproved the Bible"

What about Genesis?

Views differ

It's a debate among friends in the church

It's important, but for the seeker/questioner/skeptic, we can set it aside in favor of much more central issues like the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

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V. None of these charges are any more than vapor, that vanishes upon a closer look

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- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from

faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

- Romans 1:16-17