



LifeGroup Study
“Does Science Disprove Christianity?”
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The question, “Does Science Disprove Christianity?” is one that keeps many from pursuing faith, but it need not be that way. While some believe that science and Christianity are in conflict, science can actually point us toward faith. In today’s session we will watch part of a talk given by Carey Nieuwhof at Connexus Church, north of Barrie. His talk is entitled, “The Problem of Science”. As you listen to Carey’s arguments, also remember what Ken presented to us on Sunday on this topic. Allow God to speak to your heart about the fact that studying our world and universe actually points to an intelligent Designer behind it all.

ICBREAKER: What memories do you have from science class in elementary school or high school? Do you recall any funny moments, or scenes that have stuck in your mind from your science days?

MEMORY VERSE: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good”* Genesis 1:1, 31

STUDY:

VIDEO LINK: Carey Nieuwhof – The Problem of Science. Watch the following video and then discuss the questions below.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SOURCE: The following discussion questions are from Connexus Church as part of their series, The Problem of God.

Bottom line: Fact-based science fact isn’t perpetually at war with faith based religion.

1. How has a ‘scientific’ world view either challenged your faith, become an obstacle to faith for you or become a catalyst to faith for you?

2. "If I believe in science, I can't believe in God." What are the problems associated with that view?
3. Does it surprise you that 51% of scientists today believe in some God or some form of higher power, and 33% believe in a personal God? Why or why not?
4. Allan Rex Sandage (1926-2010), widely acknowledged as the greatest astronomer of the 20th century (and successor to Edwin Hubble), said "*It is my science that drove me to the conclusion that the world is much more complicated than can be explained by science.*" To what extent do you agree with that quote? Why can't the study of the physical universe alone answer metaphysical questions?
5. Naturalism says religion is an aberration...something we invented to make ourselves feel better or for our survival, but something that is also untrue. Some say that line of thinking exposes a flaw in naturalism (and in evolutionary theory): if you can't trust your rational faculties to tell you the truth about God, then you can't trust your rational faculties to tell you the truth about evolutionary theory either. It's a logical contradiction. Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. Many people (including Christians) get hung up on whether Genesis 1 describes a literal seven day creation. Read Genesis 1: 1-5. What do you think of Carey's point that the biblical account of creation was designed to explain the who and the why of creation more than it was intended to describe the how and the what of creation?
7. Even if we fully and completely understood the scientific how of science, we would always wonder who and why." In what ways are who and why more significant questions than how?

NEXT STEPS

What next step do you sense God calling you to take from this study?

PRAYER

Take some time now to pray for one another. Ask God to use this series in your lives. Ask Him to show you how you might encourage others you know who may be asking God Questions.

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