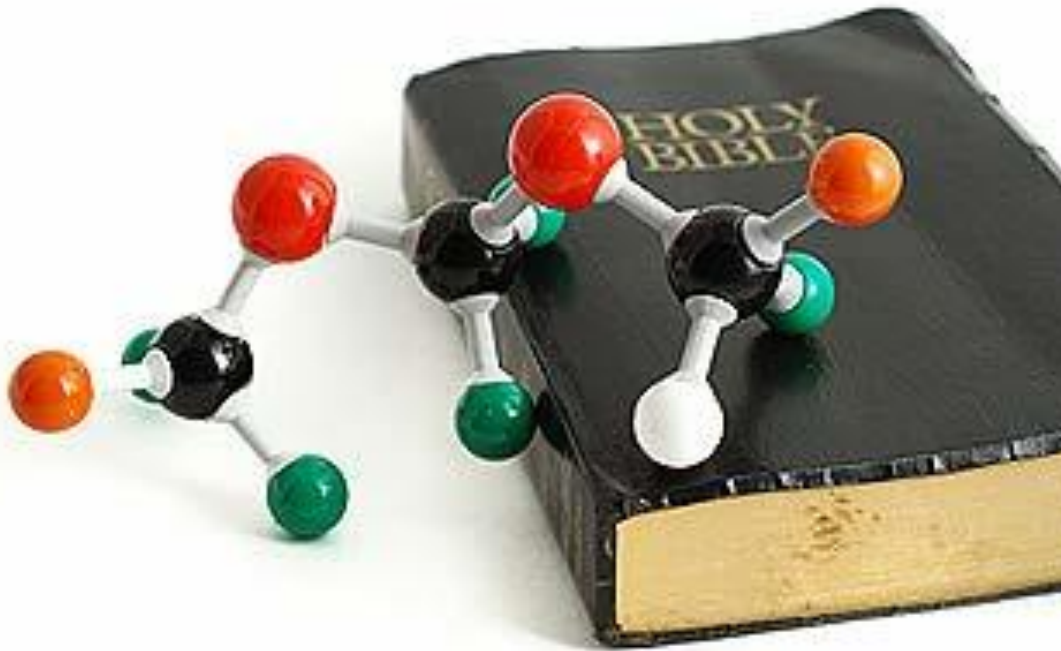


Engaging Science and Faith with Confidence



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Course Outline

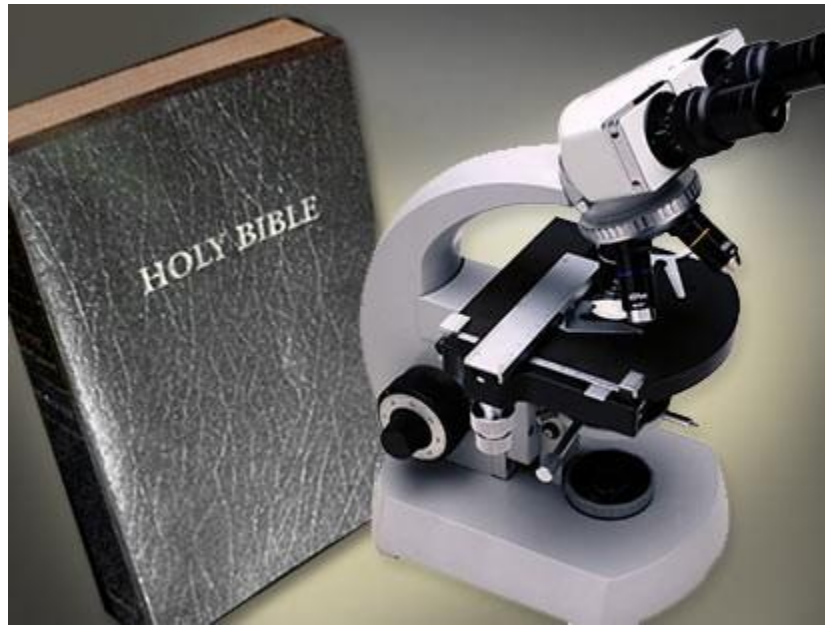
- 1) Do we have to choose between science and faith?
- 2) What does Genesis tell us about Creation?
- 3) How Old is the Earth?
- 4) Evolution and Christian Faith
- 5) Who do you trust in science?



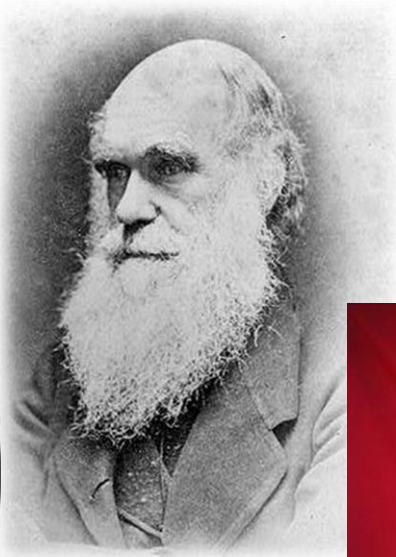
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Do we have to choose between science and Christian faith?



A Little Science Leads to Atheism



A Lot of Science Leads to Theism

Discussion

Why do people think science and Christianity are not compatible?



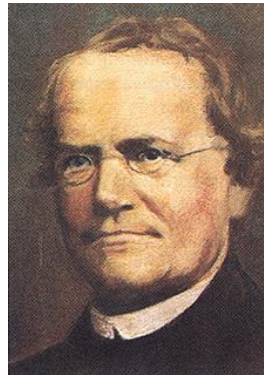
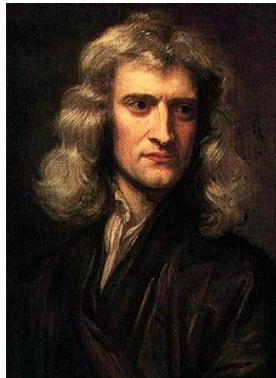
Has Science disproven God's Existence?

- There are no published experiments disproving the existence of God.
- Scientific Method: Disproves based on conflict with evidence.
- Is God possible according to science?



Can a Scientist be a Christian?

- Science developed as a branch of Christian theology.
- Many scientists believe in God or a higher power.



Can a scientist believe in something without proof?

- Many scientists believe in things without proof.
- Most theories started out as ideas that had no evidence to support them.
- Belief in alien life?



What about the Burden of Proof?

- All claims require evidence to support them
- Default position is “We don’t know”
- Any claim without proof is based on faith
- Can it be falsified?



Is the Existence of God Plausible?

- Quantum theory predicts the existence of parallel universes and alternate dimensions.
- Big Bang theory
- Fine tuning and hardwiring for religious belief



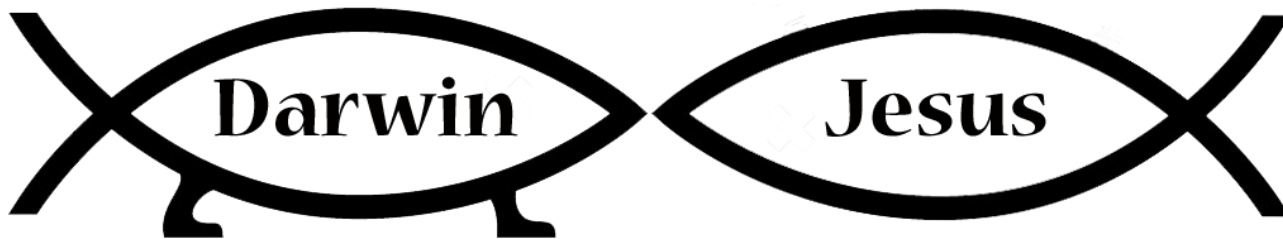
Doesn't the Bible Conflict with Science?

- Where does the Bible state that evolution is wrong?
- What is a literal interpretation of the Bible?
- Are there alternative ways to read Genesis?
- Do all Christian leaders see a conflict between science and faith?



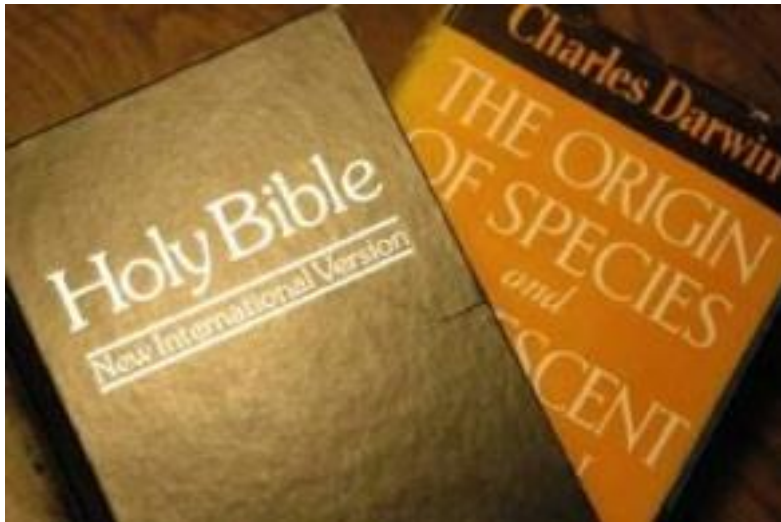
The conflict between science and faith

- Atheists and creationists teach science and faith are incompatible.
- Both sides condemn the other.
- Do we really need to choose?



Do we have to choose between science and Christian faith?

“Anyone who says science and Christianity are in conflict does not understand science or does not understand Christianity or, more likely, does not understand either.”



-Brother Guy Consolmagno
Vatican Observatory

We can choose both science and faith!!

A Little Love Leads to Christ

Scientific arguments & lives of Christians.

Faith in Jesus is what saves you

-(Romans 3: 21-26)



Respond with Love

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Are you afraid of examining your faith in the light of science? Why?
- 2) In what ways do you feel you have to choose between science and faith?
- 3) How would you respond to someone who says you need to choose between science and your faith?

