

Further Investigation...

Books

Great Places to Start...

The Problem of God by Mark Clark

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

Mere Apologetics by Alister McGrath

Digging Deeper...

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

Off the Continental Shelf...

Reasonable Faith by William Lane Craig

Websites

reasonablefaith.org

veritas.org

rzim.org

iamsecond.com

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Is religious faith incompatible with science?

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1. The conflict is _____.

Christian Smith, *The Secular Revolution*.

2009 Pew Research Study, The American Association for the Advancement of Science

The idea that science and religion are in perpetual conflict is no longer taken seriously by any major historian of science...One of the last remaining bastions of atheism which survives only at the popular level—namely, the myth that an atheistic, fact-based science is permanently at war with a faith-based religion.

- Alister McGrath

2. The naturalist worldview begins with a _____

ONLY what can be deduced through the scientific method is true.

Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs... It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door...

- Richard Lewontin

3. Miracles do not _____ science.

A miracle is a violation of the laws of nature; and because firm and unalterable experience has established these laws, the case against a miracle is—just because it is a miracle—as complete as any argument from experience can possibly be imagined to be.

- David Hume

This argument...is like the drunk who insisted on looking for his lost car keys only under the streetlight on the grounds that the light was better there. In fact, it would go the drunk one better: it would insist that because the keys would be hard to find in the dark, they must be under the light.

- Alvin Plantinga

4. Christian faith invites us to _____.

John 20:25-27; Luke 1:3-4

Follow-up Questions...

We encourage you to dialogue about today's topic with others:

1. Do you think the tension between faith and science is real or exaggerated?
2. Is it reasonable to say there is a faith assumption behind naturalistic science?
3. What point is David Hume trying to make? Does he have a point?
4. Do you have the courage to thoroughly examine your faith assumptions?

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