

# **Navigating Science & Faith**

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### **The Scientific Method**

- **Make an observation**
- **Ask questions and gather information**
- **Form a Theory**
  - — A tentative description of observations
  - — A Prediction based on that hypothesis.
- **Test the Theory – Replication proves or disproves**

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#### **The Scientific Method**

- If the Data does not prove the Theory
  - Reject the Theory OR
  - Modify the Theory
- Why?
  - Because the data proves the Theory is at least in part.... wrong

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### **Limited View of Reality**

#### **The Scientific American:**

**Actually, science avoids design explanations for natural phenomena out of logical necessity. The scientific method involves rigorously observing and experimenting on the material world. It accepts as evidence only what can be measured or otherwise empirically validated.**

**REDUCTIONIST THINKING**

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### **Definitions**

#### **Atheism:**

- A philosophical or religious position characterized by disbelief in the existence of a god or any gods

#### **Faith:**

- firm belief in something for which there is no MATERIAL proof

**BOTH TAKE FAITH**

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**How does “Stuff” become “Non-Stuff”?**

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## Everyone Puts Faith in Something



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## Evolution & Bible Comparison

| <u>Evolution</u>   | <u>The Bible</u>  |
|--|---|
| The Big Bang --> All Matter from Nothing   | In the beginning, God made the Heavens and the Earth  |
| <i>NOTE: Einstein's FUDGE-factor</i>   |   |
| <b>From Nothing:</b><br>Organized into All Elements/Molecules<br>Elements became Amino Acids<br>21 of them became proteins<br>All life proceeded from simple to more complex organisms | "Day" 2 through "Day" 5   |
| <b>Huge Spans of Time</b>  | <i>Possible</i> Huge Spans of Time  |
| <b>Agreement: Plants, Animals, Planets, Stars - From nothing now exist</b>   |   |
| Evolution leaves consciousness WITHOUT EXPLANATION<br>Science cannot explain any of this.  | God Breathed into Adam - He became A Living Being<br>Living = Alive, just like the animals... Flesh<br>Being = Means Breath/Wind/Spirit<br>Mankind has a Will, Emotions, Hopes, Dreams, Fears |

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- **Science is fantastic in explaining the Material World – Both Christians and Atheist Should Celebrate**
- **Science has NOTHING TO SAY about the non-material World**
- **Atheistic Scientists are Reductionists – Reducing all of Reality to the material World**

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- **The non-material World is where we all live and breath and exist – THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF LIFE**
- **Atheists are entitled to their unbelief – FAITH**
  - **Christians are entitled to their belief – FAITH**
- **Christians should call their faith “FAITH”**
  - **Scientists should NOT call their FAITH “Science”**

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Atheist/Agnostic  
Comparison  
To Christianity**

| Questions:                | Atheist/ Agnostic Beliefs                             | Christian Beliefs   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Meaning of life           | NO Meaning - Make it up                               | God made you. God Loves You. God is copartnering with you in life for purpose meaning and mission |
| What Happens After Death? | You cease to exist.                                   | Go Home to Heaven. Life with God. Filled with love, acceptance, no tears or sorrow                |
| Freedoms                  | Freedom from ALL Constraints. No Commitments          | God's Beneficial Guidelines   |
| Morality                  | Humanism - Borrowing from Christianity.               | Manufacturer's Warrantee  |
| Hope for Earth            | Evolving Humanity - Education will make Humans Better | God/Savior is In Control.   |
| Explain Suffering         | Evolution in Process. Science will fix all suffering. | Fallen Humans Counteracted by A Saving God Who WILL Correct it all                                |