

## Doubting God - Part 6: Can I Believe in God & Science?

Some see the relationship between science and the Bible as competitive instead of \_\_\_\_\_.

The conflict between science and faith comes from either misunderstanding science or misinterpreting the Bible.

The Bible and science are two different tools that help us understand truth.

- Science seeks the truth about our natural world.
- Scripture reveals the truth about our \_\_\_\_\_ God.

### Science Revealed in the Bible

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1. Earth free floats in space – Job 26:7
2. Earth is round, not flat - Isaiah 40:22; Job 26:10 (Circle: sphere, globe)
3. 8th day after birth=best time for circumcision – Genesis 17:12; Leviticus 12:3
4. The ocean has currents (paths) in the sea – Psalm 8:8
5. The oceans have mountains and springs - Jonah 2:3:5-6 / Genesis 7:11; Job 38:16; Proverbs 8:28
6. Air has mass – Job 28:25

The challenge is when we start to think that Christianity is more about having all of the \_\_\_\_\_, rather than having \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus. When we do that, we are building our faith on a house of cards.

**Hebrews 11:6 [NIV]**—"And without faith it is impossible to please God,"

Some of us want 100% certainty about God, the Bible, and Christianity—for everything to be proven. It's incredibly rare to be 100% certain about anything at all. We see changes in scientific thought or approaches to health and medicine all the time. At some point, you have to take things by faith.

### **Science & Scripture**

#### **1. Look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of everything.**

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." -Genesis 1:1 NKJV*

- Science used to say the universe was eternal. Only about \_\_\_\_\_ years ago did it confirm what Scripture declared 3000 years ago—it had a beginning.

#### **2. Look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.**

- God made everything with purpose, beauty, intricacy—to work together.

Penrose's Number =  $10^{10^{123}}$

The likelihood of the universe having this precise of a design for life to exist.

- The odds are that you are more likely to win the lottery 10,000 times in a row and get struck by lightning every single time that you cash in your ticket than it is for the design of the universe to just happen.

*"The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. <sup>2</sup>Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known." - Psalm 19:1-2 NLT*

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**3. Look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.**

*"And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless."*

*- 1 Corinthians 15:14 NLT*

**The 6 Minimal Facts about the Resurrection (Gary Habermas)**

- 1) Jesus was a real person, and He died by Roman crucifixion.
- 2) Jesus' followers experienced what they believed to be actual appearances of a resurrected Jesus.
- 3) Because of those experiences, these followers were willing to die for their faith in Jesus' resurrection.
- 4) The Christian church started right after Jesus was killed, right where Jesus was killed, in the city of Jerusalem.
- 5) James, the brother of Jesus, was not a Christian until after he believed he saw the resurrected Christ.
- 6) Paul, who wrote the majority of the New Testament, went from killing Christians to starting churches because he had an experience with who he believed was the risen Christ.

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- 1800's lawyer / principal founder of the Harvard Law School.
- Expert on evidence – US judicial system uses his rules of evidence today.
- Agnostic converted to Christ by studying the evidence for the resurrection.

*"The resurrection is one of the best established facts in history."*

**Doubt don't disqualify your faith.  
Doubts & questions can be part of a growing faith.**