

SCIENCE

In the course of history, man's increasing knowledge of the universe and how it works, based in science, has seemingly run into contradiction with the Bible and matters of faith. There have been constant clashes between streams of thought regarding the natural world of science and the spiritual view of the world revealed in the Bible. We believe that there is more compatibility than conflict between the two. As we understand more and more about the universe and how it works through science, the assertions and truth recorded in the Bible are confirmed by those with discerning and open minds.

Science

The dictionary definition of science is “*knowledge about or study of the natural world based on facts learned through experiments and observation*” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Note the *italicized* words. Scientists *study* the *natural world* which, with increasing exploration of space, includes the vast universe in which earth exists. In scientific study and research, *experiments and observation* are done to develop theories and hypotheses about the *natural world* that, when proven beyond doubt, are accepted *facts*.

There are now countless facts known about the natural world and space. But there is so much more that is not yet factual. At the heart of much scientific unknown is how the universe came to be and whether other forms of life exist. Those issues are still only theorized. The Big Bang Theory is the most well-known example.

Many theories and hypotheses about our universe will in time be proven and become concrete facts. Long ago, the earth was thought to be flat until exploration proved otherwise. Many centuries ago, it was believed that the sun orbited the earth. Copernicus theorized just the opposite – that the earth actually orbited the sun. In due time, this and much of what we know about celestial bodies and their movements became accepted facts. Today's theories about black holes and other space phenomena will be proven and join previously established facts.

Science is a welcome discipline that works to understand what we do not know about what exists. Expanding understanding is a good thing and should not be feared. Science just requires *absolute proof* before acceptance as truth.

Faith

Faith, on the other hand, is quite different. Faith first acknowledges that there is an eternal God, a Superior Being who created the universe and everything in it, including the human family. These facts became known as God interacted with humans, revealed His will to them, and scribes recorded these spiritual truths for our understanding. Everything based in faith begins with an acknowledgement that there is a Creator God.

With faith, facts are not only what science has determined but goes on to include what God has revealed and declared to be true, even if science has not yet proven it. The Bible says it this way, “*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*” (Hebrews 11:1). Faith accepts as fact whatever God has said to be true, even if we do not see it with our physical eyes. Faith accepts as fact authorized Scripture, the written Word of God that records God’s previous interaction with humanity, as well as what is declared about the future, e.g., Second Coming of Jesus, resurrection, judgement, eternal life in heaven, etc..

In faith, how things came to be, what exists now, and what is to come has been *divinely* revealed. Faith accepts as fact what is unseen with physical eyes or scientifically proven, because God declared it to be true.

Compatibility of Faith and Science

Faith and science are often perceived as polar opposites, i.e., you hold to one but must reject the other. That is unfortunate because, we believe, God’s truth is knowledge that has just not yet been confirmed by science. Dr. Daniel Passini wrote, “instead of looking at these two giants as immortal enemies, we see the immeasurable value of both in our lives, and ultimately in our theology. Hans Schwartz envisions the relationship like this: “The natural sciences deal with the concrete shaping of the world and theology accompanies this venture in a reflective manner and connects it with the origin, meaning, and goal of this world.”*

The Bible speaks of ancient civilizations, people, and cities, many lost to the known world until they are uncovered and identified by archeologists. Sodom and Gomorrah are but two examples. Many scientific principles acknowledged as facts today were revealed and recorded in Scripture thousands of years ago. We invite you to explore the many website articles, referenced in the resources section below, that cite excellent examples.

Christians do not need to be in conflict with the scientific world. Eventually, the scientific community will prove with facts what the faith community already knows and believes by faith.

Closing Thoughts

With science, theories only become facts after being proven beyond doubt. With faith, God and our revelations of His will are accepted as truth. People of faith do not need to squabble with the scientific community because they will eventually acknowledge God and all that the faith community already knows as truth.

This is an introduction on the subject of **Science**. Here are other resources you may wish to explore:

Written Works

Believing is Seeing, Michael Guillen (Scientist and former atheist)

Mere Science and Christian Faith: bridging the divide with emerging adults,
Greg Cootsona

The Language of God, Francis S. Collins

Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis

The Faith of a Physicist, John C. Polkinghorne

In the Beauty of the Lilies, John Updike

God and Galileo: what a 400-year-old letter teaches us about and faith and science,
David L. Block and Kenneth C. Freeman

Love and Quasars: an astrophysicist reconciles faith and science, Paul Wallace

How I Changed My Mind About Evolution, Kathryn Applegate and J. B. Stump

Websites

[Do faith in God and science contradict? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[How does science prove the Bible? \(biblestudy.org\)](#)

[Heroes-of-Faith.pdf \(sourceoftruelife.com\)](#)

[What Does the Bible Say About Science? \(openbible.info\)](#)

[Science and the Bible \(clarifyingchristianity.com\)](#)

[Top 10 Scientific Facts In The Bible That Prove Faith And Science Coexist | God TV](#)

[Scientific Evidence - Evidences of the Bible \(bibleevidences.com\)](#)

[Truth For The World - Science Proves the Bible](#)

[10 Crucial Archaeological Discoveries Related to the Bible | Crossway Articles](#)

[The Bible and/or Biology | The Institute for Creation Research \(icr.org\)](#)

[4 Ways Science Proves the Bible to Be True - Bible Study \(crosswalk.com\)](#)

[6 Incredible Finds That Proved the Bible Was True - Beliefnet](#)

[26 Bible Verses About Technology | Tithely](#)

[Truth For The World - Science Proves the Bible](#)

[Modern Scientific Discoveries Verify the Scriptures | The Institute for Creation Research \(icr.org\)](#)

[5 biblical facts that science later proved to be true \(youthandchildrens.work\)](#)

[4 Ways Science Proves the Bible to Be True - Bible Study \(crosswalk.com\)](#)

* [The Compatibility Of Science And Faith | Dr. Daniel Passini](#)