

Conversation Starters

- What stands out to you most in this series?
- How is it changing how you approach faith and/or science?

Discuss

Modern science started off with the idea that everything we discover in science would simply be discovering things God did, or that He is behind and working through. The heart behind it is that if there is a God, then all truth is God's truth. Today, there's often a hostility towards God that essentially kicks Him out of science.

- Why is ruling out the possibility of God bad science?
- What have you learned about the compatibility of science and God?
- How does what we learned support the idea that all truth is God's truth?

You don't have to be anti-intellectual to be a Christian. There is a place for a Christian mind and a scientific mind to coexist. God created our minds for us to use; Jesus even added, "And with all of your mind" to His summary of the great commandment:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." ([Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NIV](#))

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.""" ([Mark 12:29-30, NIV](#))

- How does knowing God created our minds impact how you view science?
- If God gave us our minds, how can we use them to honor Him?
- How are you, or could you be, using your mind to love God?

Life without faith, science without faith, is lifeless. It's just dead. We intuitively know that there is more to reality than what our five senses can determine.

- Can you picture what life is like without God?
- What would your purpose be without God?
- Does it make sense for the created to put limits on the Creator?

Next Steps

The more we look at science the more it seems to point toward the existence and activity of God. He’s a God who made us to be in an authentic and loving relationship with Him. While He gave us the Bible and the cosmos to know Him, He also made Himself known by coming to us in human form, in the Person of Jesus. Spend some time meditating on the following verses this week.

“The law of the Lord is perfect....The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy....The precepts of the Lord are right....The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.” ([Psalm 19:7-8, NIV](#))

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.” ([Psalm 19:1-2, NIV](#))

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Feb. 15: [The Writings: Big Picture Bible Study \(Mondays\)](#)

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Continued Reading

Read [Deuteronomy 6:4-5](#); [Mark 12:28-30](#); Psalm 19:[1-2](#), [7-8](#); [Isaiah 1:18](#).

Prayer

God, you are so much greater than we can even begin to fathom. Thank you for what we learned and continue to learn in not just our everyday lives, but through science as well. Help us to use our minds how you designed us to use them. Give us wisdom in all that we are learning and let what we learn help us grow in our love for you and others around us.