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MESSAGE Five:

Why The Conflict Between Science and the Bible?

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For thinking people, the question of whether science and Christianity are compatible is an important one. Many discount the validity of the Christian faith and especially the validity of the Biblical record by appealing to science. So it seems that it is only fair to look at the claims of science and the claims of the Bible to try to make some sense of them.

WHAT EXACTLY IS SCIENCE?

Science is a tool of inquiry.

It responds to the felt need to understand the world.

"Science is systematic knowledge of the physical and material world gained through observation and experimentation."

Science deals with the observable, quantifiable, and repeatable.

The earliest scientists were people of great faith.

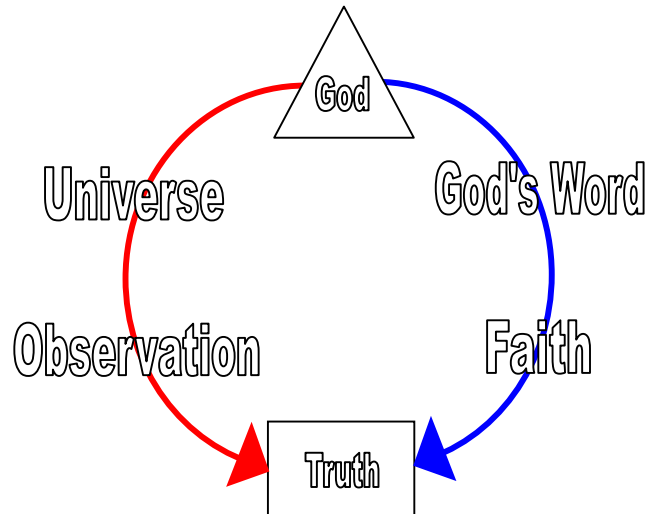
The problem is not science, but scientism.

Science is the measure of all things. Science is the end all, be all and do all of modern knowledge.

Science holds the keys to understanding the truth of not only the material universe but of life itself.

WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF TRUTH?

Truth is that which corresponds to reality.



Psalm 19:1-3, *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. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. (NIV)*

Romans 1:20, *For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. (NLT)*

Psalm 19:7-8, *The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. (NLT)*

QUESTIONS ONLY THE BIBLE CAN ANSWER

Science brings many elements of truth and knowledge into our lives.

However, there are two questions science cannot answer:

Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why does that something possess beauty and order?

A QUESTION FOR EACH OF US

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