



Whether you're a deeply committed follower of Christ or someone just beginning a spiritual journey, this series will help you explore the answers to the questions you're asking or being asked by others.

Today we are going to focus on the question "Why the conflict between Science and Bible?"

### DO SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANITY REALLY OPPOSE ONE ANOTHER?

We must begin to realize that faith and science are not enemies

Many of the leading scientists were people of great faith. Copernicus (1473-1543) laid the foundations for modern astronomy.

Galileo (1564-1642) was a mathematician, physicist and astronomer.

Sir Isaac Newton (1642 – 1727) is considered one of the greatest scientists of the modern era.

### SO, WHY IS THERE A PERCEIVED CONFLICT BETWEEN SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANITY?

One of the reasons is because people have not understood the nature and purpose of the Bible.

The Bible is concerned with the revelation of God, whereas science is concerned with information about the world.

"Science may solve the problem of how the universe began, but it cannot answer the question: why does the universe bother to exist?" Professor Stephen Hawking Cambridge University

Scientific research and Christian theology do not need to be at odds; they simply bring their own unique angles to the same questions.

Science asks the question "How?" whereas Christianity is asking the question "Why?"

Science is simply the exploration of God's creation.

### AS WE LOOK TO THE UNIVERSE WHAT DO WE SENSE?

Isaiah 40 (selected verses) Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale? Who is able to advise the Spirit of the Lord? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? Has the Lord ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach him what is right or show him the path of justice? To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare him to? Haven't you heard? Don't you understand? Are you deaf to the words of God—the words he gave before the world began? Are you so ignorant? God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them. "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One. Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

Humility

Rest

Worship

Friendship

### FINAL THOUGHTS

Let's treat people with love even if we disagree with them in their perspective.

Psalms 19:1-4, 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. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.

Leon Eisenley said, "At the core of the Universe the face of God wears a smile."