

The Struggle Between Faith & Doubt

Faith & Science

I. Introduction

- A. Mark 9:17-18, 20 (NLT) ¹⁷One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, “Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won’t let him talk.” ¹⁸And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn’t do it.” ²⁰So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.
- B. Does the rise in science mean it no longer makes sense to believe in God?

II. Observations About Faith & Science

- A. Much of the supposed “conflict” between faith and science comes from a misreading of the Bible!
 - 1. Psalm 104:5 (NAS) *He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever.*
 - 2. “How do you actually understand the Book of Genesis?”
 - 3. Genesis 1:1 (NAS) *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
 - 4. The Book of Genesis was written to address real questions that were being asked in that day.
 - 5. The Book of Genesis was written against the backdrop of polytheism.
 - 6. Genesis 1:3-5 (NAS) ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
 - 7. Genesis 1:16-19 (NAS) ¹⁶God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. ¹⁷God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- B. Science itself taps into a sense of mystery and wonder, and a sense that there is something about human existence that is beyond science itself!
 - 1. “Anthropic Principle”
- C. The deepest questions of life cannot be answered by scientific method.
 - 1. The real trick isn’t changing one thing into another thing. The real trick is creating something out of absolutely nothing!
 - 2. “Why are we here?”
 - 3. “What are we here for? What’s our purpose? What’s our meaning?”
 - 4. Genesis 1:3 (NLT) *Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.*

III. Conclusion