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Truth 7 | Science and the God Question

Key Scripture:

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 reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. ~Psalm 19:1-4

Quote:

“For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.” ~Robert Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*

Reflection Questions:

- What stood out to you from this sermon?
- Why do some (many?) think that science disproves God?
- How might God be speaking to you through his creation?
- How does the Big Bang Theory, and other scientific discoveries of the last 100+ years, enhance your faith and understanding of God’s creativity?
- How might the miracle of existence provide an impetus toward daily awareness of wonder and mystery?
- What reason and evidence guides your faith?
- Do you think that your faith is defensible?
Do you have doubts? If so, what are they?
- What are some books you have read that help you with this?
I’ve listed some good resources on the next page.

- Francis S. Collins, *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief* (Free Press, 2007)
- Alister McGrath, *Science and Religion: A New Introduction* (2nd ed.; Wiley-Blackwell, 2009)
- John Polkinghorne, *Questions of Truth: Fifty-one Responses to Questions about God, Science, and Belief* (Westminster John Knox, 2009)
- Ian Hutchinson, *Can a Scientist Believe in Miracles? An MIT Professor Answers Questions on God and Science* (InterVarsity, 2018)
- Anthony Flew, *There is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind* (HarperOne, 2008)
- Alister McGrath, *A Fine-Tuned Universe: The Quest for God in Science and Theology* (Westminster John Knox, 2009)
- John Polkinghorne, *Belief in God in an Age of Science* (Yale University Press, 2003)