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Lesson: 6 - Does Science Conflict with Faith?
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In many ways, modern science could not function well without a basically Christian view of the world.

Science Has to Believe that the Universe Is Orderly

What would a chaotic universe do to science?

Could science ever explain why the world is orderly?

But Christians have good reason for thinking the universe is orderly

Johannes Kepler.

Christian believers like Kepler had good reason to think that God had made an orderly universe.

Those who reject God have yet to explain why they think that a universe generated by blind, chaotic processes will turn out to be orderly.

Science Has to Believe that Human Reasoning Can Meet the Challenge of Figuring Out the World

Those who think humans are the products of blind chance or evolution have no reason to believe this.

Marvin Minsky, the father of AI, [artificial intelligence] research says that AI is going to show that the brain is really:

“a great jury-rigged combination of many gadgets to do different things, with additional gadgets to correct their deficiencies, and yet more accessories to intercept their various bugs and undesirable interactions—in short, a great mess of assorted mechanisms that barely manage to get the job done.”

On this assumption, we have no particular reason to trust our human reasoning on anything more than the most basic level.

On the other hand, those who believe they are created by God have good reason to think that human reasoning is well suited to make sense of the world.

CONCLUSIONS:

So, instead of Christianity and Science being enemies, they are actually the closest of allies.

Not only is it an historical fact that Christianity helped get science started, but Christianity provides a firm reason to believe in the orderliness that science needs to do its work.

It is interesting to realize that all this means that Christians should make the best scientists. In fact, pursuing science is a way to fulfill God’s command in Genesis 1:28, to gain mastery over the earth.

