

## THE ACCUSATION: CHRISTIANITY IS ANTI-SCIENCE

Nowadays, scientists that we see on TV or take classes from at the university make it seem like the pioneers of modern science gave us all the wonderful things we have in life. They also make it look as if science freed everyone from the oppression of medieval European Christianity.

Christianity is presented as the great rival of science and freethinking. Supposedly, fundamental Christians are only interested in blind faith; investigating reality is a close second to blasphemy. Christians are said to be the great persecutors of progress and knowledge.

### **That is completely untrue!!**

The Christian faith is not blind to reality. That's why it is written:

*"One thing I **know**. Once, I was blind, but now I **see**."  
-John 9:25b*

The heart of Christianity is to look around and know and see what is really happening in the world and what life is really all about. Nothing, let alone science, is a threat to Christianity.

### **Orthodox Christianity created science!!**

## THE REBUTTAL: CHRISTIANS FATHERED TRUE SCIENCE

Stanley L. Jaki is a distinguished professor at Seton Hall University with doctorates in theology and physics and has written thirty-two books. He wrote an astute article called "Science: Western or What?" for the prestigious *Intercollegiate Review*. Dr. Jaki wrote:

"Insofar as that broad creedal or theological consensus is the work of Christianity, *science is not Western, but Christian.*"

This Ph.D. professor, educated in both science and religion, recognizes that Christianity played the essential role in birthing scientific thought.

Prior to the diffusion of Christianity, pagan philosophers predominantly controlled intellectual thought. Common to all paganism is the belief that the world around us is inherently divine or supernatural, something filled with malcontent spirits that did not like mortals meddling with the affairs of the gods. But with the influence of the Biblical Christian Worldview, the old superstitious mythologies failed. Civilization embraced the truth that the world is not inherently supernatural; it is merely the creation of a transcendent Deity. And that one God is not malicious; He is orderly and willing to display His glory and power rather than hide it.

The created order was now viewed as something worthy of study; in fact, the world was intended for that. Men of science began to investigate the wondrous workings of the great God who instilled order and reason into His creation, because He Himself is orderly and reasonable.

### **Scientific thinking is Christian thinking!!**

It shouldn't be of any surprise that the Protestant Reformation was a precursor to the scientific revolution. One of the greatest achievements of the Reformers was to translate the Bible into the common languages of the people, to make God's word available to everybody. The Geneva Bible, Tyndale's Bible, Luther's Bible, and others began circulation at the close of the 1500's. And in 1611, the Authorized Version swept England. The scientific revolution exploded onto the scene in 1625 when the words of the Bible had filled the public.

## THE EXPERT OPINION: WHAT SCIENCE REALLY IS

Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition:

**Science** `sī-ĕn(t)s *n* [fr. **L** *scientia* having knowledge]  
a.) Knowledge or a system of knowledge covering general truth or the operation of general laws especially as obtained and tested through the scientific method.  
b.) Such knowledge or such a system of knowledge concerned with the physical world and its phenomena.

**Scientific Method** *n* (1854): principles and procedures for the systematic pursuit of knowledge involving the recognition and formulation of a problem, the collection of data through observation and experiment, and the formulation and testing of hypotheses.

Sir Francis Bacon (a Christian) invented the scientific method, which we still use today:

1. A scientist asks a question about nature.
2. A scientist forms a hypothesis.
3. A scientist makes an observation.
4. A scientist decrees a natural law.

It is the reality of a God who decrees laws that allows scientists to discover those laws and declare them with confidence. Modern materialistic naturalistic atheistic science leaves researchers unsure about everything. At most atheistic science seems willing to propose a theory every now and again.

The Apostle Paul warned Timothy:

*"O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babble and contradictions of what is falsely called science – by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith."*

-I Timothy 6:20-21a

Science is limited to studying the physical world and its phenomena. So everyone has to make an important choice: a) Either science cannot tell us everything, because there are non-physical things that exist, b) Or science can tell us everything, because only physical things exist.

### **Science itself says nothing about this choice!!**

This choice is purely a matter of philosophy. The scientific method will work either way. Any 'scientist' who says that science proves that there is not a spiritual world is lying to you. He is not a scientist. He is a philosophical wolf wearing a sheep's laboratory coat.

For decades, individuals like Carl Sagan and Isaac Asimov as well as organizations like the National Academy of Sciences have been trying to convince the public that science equals naturalism.

### **Science does not equal naturalism!!**

Speculation that mentions God or the supernatural does not make it scientifically irrelevant. Science is merely limited to studying the natural world. Science doesn't say that the supernatural doesn't exist or that the supernatural is inconsequential.

## THE EYEWITNESSES: MEN OF SCIENCE, MEN OF GOD

The following is a list of the founding fathers of many scientific disciplines along with their discoveries. All of these men were either devout Christians or men strongly influenced by the Biblical Christian Worldview.

### **Louis Pasteur** (1822 – 1895)

*Bacteriology  
Law of Biogenesis  
Fermentation Control  
Pasteurization  
Vaccination & Immunization*

### **Isaac Newton** (1642 – 1727)

*Calculus  
Dynamics  
Law of Gravity  
Reflective Telescopes*

### **Johann Kepler** (1571 – 1630)

*Celestial Mechanics  
Physical Astronomy  
Ephemeris Tables*

### **Charles Babbage** (1792 – 1871)

*Computer Science  
Actuarial Tables  
Calculating Machine*

**Robert Boyle** (1627 – 1691)  
*Chemistry*  
*Gas Dynamics*

**George Cuvier** (1769 – 1832)  
*Comparative Anatomy*  
*Vertebrate Paleontology*

**Michael Faraday** (1791 – 1867)  
*Electromagnetics*  
*Field Theory*  
*Electric Generator*

**Gregor Mendel** (1822 – 1884)  
*Genetics*

**Blaise Pascal** (1623 – 1662)  
*Hydrostatics*  
*Barometer*

**Joseph Lister** (1827 – 1912)  
*Antiseptic Surgery*

**Matthew Maury** (1806 – 1873)  
*Hydrology*  
*Oceanography*

**Louis Agassiz** (1807 – 1873)  
*Ichthyology*  
*Glacial Geology*

**Lord Rayleigh** (1842 – 1919)  
*Dimensional Analysis*  
*Model Analysis*

**Lord Kelvin** (1824 – 1907)  
*Energetics*  
*Thermodynamics*  
*Absolute Temperature Scale*  
*Trans-Atlantic Cable*

**Rudolph Virchow** (1821 – 1902)  
*Pathology*

**Carolus Linnaeus** (1707 – 1778)  
*Systematic Biology*  
*Classification System*

**James Clerk Maxwell** (1831 – 1879)  
*Electrodynamics*  
*Statistical Thermodynamics*

**James Joule** (1818 – 1889)  
*Reversible Thermodynamics*

**Ambrose Fleming** (1849 – 1945)  
*Electronics*  
*Thermionic Valve*

**Henri Fabre** (1823 – 1915)  
*Entomology of Living Insects*

**George Stokes** (1819 – 1903)  
*Fluid Mechanics*

**William Herschel** (1738 – 1822)  
*Galactic Astronomy*  
*Double Stars*

**William Ramsey** (1852 – 1916)  
*Isotopic Chemistry*  
*Inert Gases*

**David Brewster** (1781 – 1868)  
*Optical Mineralogy*  
*Kaleidoscope*

**John Woodward** (1665 – 1728)  
*Paleontology*

**Nicholas Steno** (1631 – 1686)  
*Stratigraphy*

**Humphrey Davy** (1778 – 1829)  
*Thermokinetics*  
*Mine Safety Lamps*

**Samuel F. B. Morse** (1791 – 1872)  
*Telegraph*

**And there's even more!!**

THE JURY'S VERDICT: CASE DISMISSED

Even though philosophical naturalists have hijacked science in the last 150 years, the truth cannot be avoided no matter how much history is being rewritten. Christians provided the mindset that allowed freedom of discovery. Christians invented the scientific method. Christians developed all of the historical disciplines of science. Christians provided civilization with many of the world's great inventions.

**Science owes its origins to Christianity!!**

**Science is Christianity's ally!!**

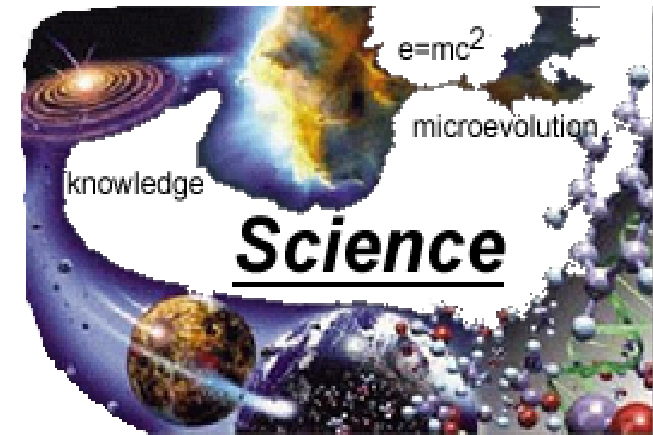
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