

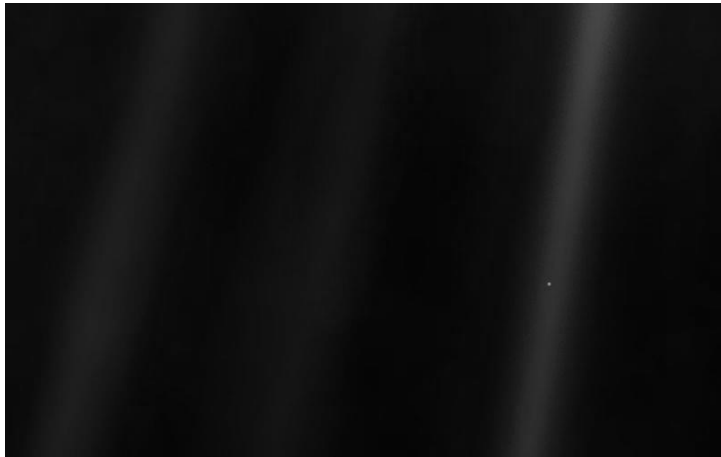
Conversations for Common Questions and Doubts: **Hasn't Science Disproven Christianity?**

Dr. Carl Sagan's PBS Show Cosmos, Ended with This Photo and Speech

From this distant vantage point, the Earth might not seem of any particular interest. But for us, it's different. Consider again that dot.

That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward,

every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there - on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.



The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena.... Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity - in all this vastness - there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

...There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.

Do I Have to Choose Between Science or Faith?

- The true purpose of science is not to determine the existence or non-existence of a creator.
 - Conversely, the Bible was not written or intended to be used as a science textbook.
- What can science claim expertise in?
 - What can Christianity claim expertise in?
- Any true and honest science will not contradict the Bible
 - However, there are things science may do that the Bible does not
 - And there is a reality about the Bible, that science can never claim

*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

- Science may measure and attempt to explain all the what's of existence...
 - But it cannot tell us the whys - this is where the Bible comes in.



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A Sad Moment in History - Galileo, Galileo, Let me go (Will not let you go)

- Science is helpful in the realm of the naturalistic and rational
 - But it's beyond its reach in the realm of the supernatural and superrational
- Historically, there has been hostility from science against the church
 - And vice-versa – but this is not fair to use as a premise that “*all scientists have been and are atheists*”
- So don't believe the revisionist history, only up until rather recently,
 - most of the greatest scientific minds were all devout Christians.

“The first gulp from the glass of natural sciences will make you an atheist, but at the bottom of the glass, God is waiting for you.”

– Werner Heisenberg

Some Helpful Tools for Apologetics:

- The Fine-Tuning Argument
- The Fermi Paradox and the Sheer Vastness of Space
- The Big Bang and Contingent Causes
- Evolution and Dinosaurs
- Human Morality and Consciousness

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

