

**“Science & Faith – Allies or Adversaries?”**  
**Tough Questions Series**  
**May 19-20, 2007**  
**Small Group / Personal Reflection Notes**

**Starter & Group Discussion Questions:**

- Did you grow up loving or hating science? How has that affected your perspective of faith? Do you run faith through the filter of science?
- Have you thought of science and faith as allies or adversaries? Why or why not?
- Stephen Jay Gould “Science treats factual reality, while religion struggles with human morality”. Is it really that black and white?
- How would you respond to someone who says that because science answers the “What” questions and religion answers the “Why” questions, they therefore can never come into conflict?
- Does science deal with just facts, and religion just morality?
- Discuss this quote from William Lane Craig in *Who Made God – 100 Tough Questions* “Modern science owes its origins to the underlying Christian belief structure of the west. Modern science did not arise in the Orient or in Africa, but in Western civilization. It is the Christian world which finally gave birth in a clear, articulate fashion to the experimental method of science itself. In contrast to Eastern religions and folk religions, Christianity does not view the world as divine or as indwelt by spirits, but rather as the natural product of a transcendent creator who designed and brought it into being. Thus, the world is a rational place that is open to exploration and discovery.” Why would Christianity have been foundational for establishing scientific methods and principles?
- If someone were to ask you, “What scientific evidence is there for God?”, what would you say?
- Have you ever heard somebody say to you, “Religion is a crutch, for weak minds. It’s superstition. Why not come over to the world of science?” Truth is we’re all cripples, and we all need to acknowledge our weakness, our need to rely on someone / something. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- “God wrote two books, nature and scripture, and the two books can never contradict each other because they come from the same author, who is Truth itself. Truth can never contract truth.” (Peter Kreeft) Truth demands a response. . . what will yours be?
- Richard Dawkins - “As a scientist, I am hostile to fundamentalist religion because it actively debauches the scientific enterprise. It teaches us not to change our minds, and not to want to know exciting things that are available to be known. It subverts science and saps the intellect.” (Dawkins, *The God Delusion*). What are your thoughts on Dawkin’s statement.
- If the evidence in science really points to a creator, why do so many scientists refuse to acknowledge that?

**Scripture:**

*Matthew 22:37, Romans 1:20, Psalm 111:10, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

**Websites:**

- Unlocking The Mystery of Life – Intelligent Design - [www.illustramedia.com](http://www.illustramedia.com)
- [www.jesusfactorfiction.com](http://www.jesusfactorfiction.com) [www.nwcreation.net](http://www.nwcreation.net) [www.creationresearch.net](http://www.creationresearch.net)
- [www.leestobel.com](http://www.leestobel.com) [www.creationontheweb.com](http://www.creationontheweb.com)

**Books:**

- Lee Strobel – “Case for a Creator” / “Case for Faith” / “Case for Christ”
- Michael Behe – “Darwin’s Black Box”
- Francis Collins – “The Language of God”
- C.S. Lewis – “God in the Dock”