





Christianity & Science

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➤ **Dual Revelation**

➤ **Should Christians be**

scientists? ➤ Key Issues of

Science

➤ **Intersection of Science and**

Faith ➤ Examples

➤ **Christian basis for science ➤ Q&A**

Dual Revelation

➤ **Special Revelation through God's Word** ➤

General Revelation through God's Works ➤

Science studies God's works in His creation

Christian basis for Science:

Christian worldview led to the Scientific Revolution:

➤ **Creation is orderly, following discoverable laws** ➤

God reveals Himself in creation and calls us to see

this

- God is reasonable, and made humans in His image
- Many of the key scientists were Christians

Should Christians be scientists?

Science in the hands of Christians:

- Theology is the study of God through Scripture
- Science is the study of God's Creation
- We need more Christians who are excellent scientists

➤ We should not fear science—rather fight its abuse ➤

Science provides a bridge to lead to the Gospel



KEY ISSUES OF SCIENCE

1. Origins: Where did everything come from?

- a) Universe
- b) Life

2. Design: Who/what is the source of design?

- a) Universe
- b) Life

3. Identity

- a) Who are we as humans
- b) What is “imago Dei”



KEY ISSUES OF SCIENCE

4. Morality

- a) Ought from Is
- b) Role of Science

5. Destiny

- a) What is the fate of the universe?
- b) Life after death

KEY ISSUES OF SCIENCE

- c) Gender and transgender
- d) Race
- e) Artificial Intelligence
- f) Transhumanism

6. Cultural Issues:

- a) Abortion
- b) Same Sex Attraction

- g) History
- h) Biblical Archaeology
- i) Textual Criticism

8. Science and the Future

- a) Information as foundational reality b) Technology for the Gospel

7. Other Areas:

Areas Where Science and Faith Intersect:

- Mathematics: Study of numbers and their relationships ➤ Cosmology: Study of the heavens ➤ Physics: Study of physical laws ➤ Chemistry: Study of how matter works
- Geology: Study of the earth ➤ Biology: Study of living things ➤ Physiology: Study of the human body
- Medicine: Study of repairing the human body
- Neuroscience: Study of the brain
- Paleontology: Study of the history of life
- Archaeology: Study of the history of human activity ➤ AI: Study of intelligence

Example: Creation of the Universe

In the beginning,

God created the heavens and the earth

Gen 1:1

Example: Creation of the Universe

- Did the universe have a beginning?
- Why is this important?
- Over the last 150 years, science has discovered the universe had a beginning:

Beginning of the Universe

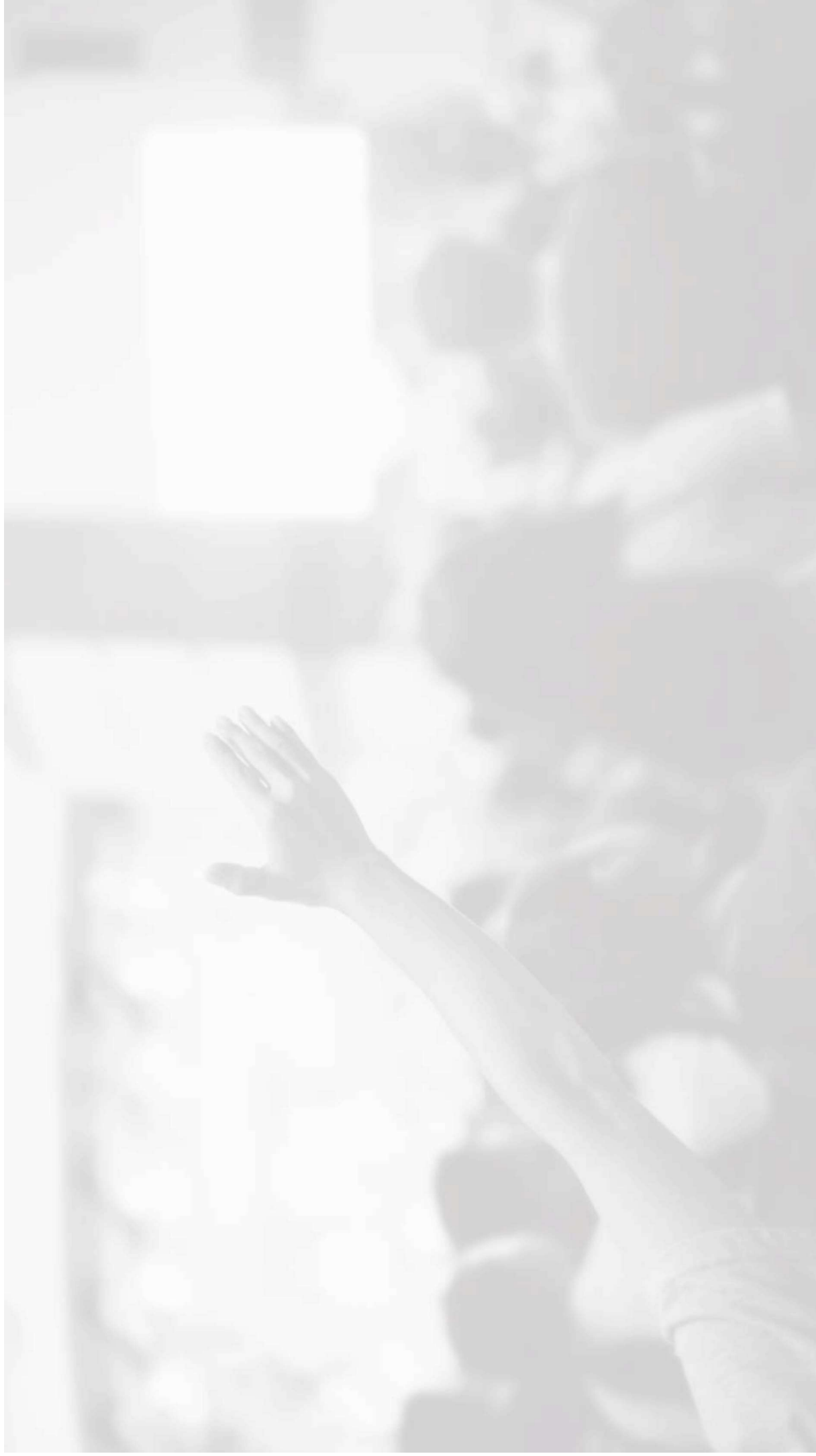
- ✓ Einstein predicted that the universe is expanding (1905) ✓ Edwin Hubble discovered the expansion of the universe (1920's) ✓ Expansion of the universe in the future means contraction in the past ✓ "Big Bang" model of the beginning of the universe proposed (1950's) ✓ Cosmic background radiation discovered (1963)
- ✓ "Cosmic Inflation" big bang model developed (1980's)
- ✓ Accelerating rate of expansion discovered (1992)
- ✓ Further scientific evidence continues to show that the universe had a beginning

Example: Biblical Archaeology

- The Bible makes historical truth claims about:
 - ✓ Places

- ✓ People
- ✓ Events
- The science of biblical archaeology confirms these truth claims





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