

# Why Can't Science and the Bible Get Along?

Week 5

CONFESSION: I'm a smart Christian... nerd, geek, scientist... SAT... Wheaton

**"All Truth is God's Truth"**

Many Christians believe that the Bible is the **only** source for truth.

Many scientists believe that **science** is the only source for truth.

FOG AND SMOKE with a 3-4-5 right triangle  
(the math has been simplified to protect the innocent)

## The war has been raging for centuries.

- ⊙ **Copernicus** & Galileo vs. the **Church**
- ⊙ Darwinian **Evolution** vs. **Creationism**  
The fish wars

## The Real Issue: Is God **Involved?**



The majority of scientists believes that there is always  
an **explanation** that doesn't require **God**.

UNEXPLAINED: verbal placeholders, dark matter, strong force, strange quarks, big bang // WE CAN'T EXPLAIN IT YET!

The majority of Christians believes that there are many times  
when **"God did it"** is all that can be said.

UNEXPLAINED: God did it so shut up! // INTELLIGENT DESIGN // WE'LL NEVER EXPLAIN IT.

Pastor Jeff: I would like to know **how God did it.**

## Specific Biblical Examples

The Walls of **Jericho** (Joshua 5:13-6:20 p.151)

GOD GAVE A METHOD  
ISRAEL FOLLOWED IT  
THE WALLS FELL DOWN  
THE MIRACLE WAS IN THE COMMUNICATION!

The **Stationary Sun** (Joshua 10:12-14 p. 155)

JOSHUA PRAYED  
THE SUN STOOD STILL!

The **Creation Story** (Genesis 1-2)

CONSIDER CREATION MYTHS OF OTHER CULTURES

- ⊙ Perspective #1: 7 days of **creation**.
- ⊙ Perspective #2: 7 days of **revelation**.

## Science vs. the Bible

The Bible is **Intentionally Limited**.

*And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."*

Revelation 10:4

Science is **Naturally Limited**.

Never answer WHY / Never predict GOD / Never disprove GOD / ID theory?

Together, they give us reasons to **worship**.

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools*

Romans 1:20-22

DON'T CHECK YOUR BRAIN AT THE DOOR, OR YOUR HEART EITHER!