

# Resources for Thinking About Science and the Christian Faith<sup>1</sup>

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## Print Resources

- Cabal, Theodore J., and Peter J. Razor. *Controversy of the Ages: Why Christians Should Not Divide Over the Age of the Earth*. Wooster, OH: Weaver Book Company, 2017. Prompts readers to put the debate over the age of the earth/universe in its historical and theological context. The book contends that the age of the universe is the wrong place to draw a line in the sand.
- Copan, Paul et al., eds. *Dictionary of Christianity and Science: The Definitive Reference for the Intersection of Christian Faith and Contemporary Science*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017.
- Dembski, William, and Michael Licona, eds. *50 Evidences for God: Arguments for Faith from the Bible, History, Philosophy, and Science*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2010. Offers short essays on questions of philosophy, science, Jesus, and the Bible.
- Geisler, Norman, and Frank Turek. *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2004. The authors contend that Christianity is not only more reasonable than all other belief systems, but is indeed more rational than unbelief itself. The book includes material on the existence of God, the existence and nature of the universe, the source of morality, miracles, the New Testament accounts, the claims of Christ, and the resurrection of Jesus.
- Knopp, Richard A. *Truth About God: What Can We Know and How Can We Know It?* RENEW.org, 2021. The first part of chapter 4 in this short book discusses what we can know about God through nature.
- Knopp, Richard A. "On the Conceptual Relationship Between Religion and Science: Considerations from a Christian Perspective." Chapter in *Theology in the Present Age: Essays in Honor of John D. Castelein, 73-99*. Edited by Christopher Simpson and Steven Cone. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2013. This essay proposes that biblical Christianity is unique among religions, and it offers a solid basis for a very positive relationship with science.
- Knopp, Richard A. "Where Will We Go Without God?" *Christian Standard* 149 (June 2014): 38-40. Online at <http://christianstandard.com/2014/06/where-will-we-go-without-god/>.
- Lennox, John D. *Can Science Explain Everything?* Charlotte, NC: The Good Book Company, 2019. Lennox offers a fresh way of thinking about science and Christianity that dispels the common misconceptions about both. He reveals that not only are they not opposed, but they can and must mix to give us a fuller understanding of the universe and the meaning of our existence.
- Lennox, John D. *God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?* 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Oxford: Lion Books, 2009. Lennox, a professor of mathematics at Oxford, provides chapters on the scope and limits of science, matters of design, evolution, the origin of life, and the genetic code and role of information. This book is more advanced than his *Can Science Explain Everything?*
- Lennox, John D. *Seven Days that Divide the World: The Beginning According to Genesis and Science*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011. Lennox is a professor of mathematics at Oxford. The book includes chapters on the scope and limits of science, matters of design, evolution, the origin of life, and the genetic code and role of information.

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<sup>1</sup> These resources are for those who want to consider (or re-consider) the claims of Christianity, especially as it relates to science. Many of the books are available in cheaper digital versions. For more resources on defending and presenting the Christian faith, see [www.roomfordoubt.com/recommended-resources](http://www.roomfordoubt.com/recommended-resources).

- Pearcey, Nancy R. and Charles B. Thaxton. *The Soul of Science: Christian Faith and Natural Philosophy*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1994. Among the 10 chapters are treatments of Christianity and the history of science, Newton's physics, historical developments in biology (including Darwin), mathematics, relativity, quantum physics, and controversies over chemical evolution (the origin of life).
- Strobel, Lee. *The Case for a Creator: A Journalist Investigates Scientific Evidence That Points Toward God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2004. Strobel is a former atheist and reporter for the Chicago Tribune. This book consists of interviews with notable specialists on evolution, Darwinism, science, cosmology, astronomy, biochemistry, origin of life research, and human consciousness.
- Wallace, J. Warner. *God's Crime Scene: A Cold-Case Detective Examines the Evidence for a Divinely Created Universe*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2015. Wallace is a cold-case homicide expert who has appeared on cases on truTV (Court TV) and NBC's "Dateline." He applies his cold-case methods to the origins of the universe.
- Wallace, J. Warner and Susie Wallace. *God's Crime Scene for Kids: Investigate Creation with a Real Detective*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2017. The authors show kids ages 8 to 12 what skills are needed to solve a mystery and at the same time look at evidence in the universe that demonstrates that God is the creator.
- Whorton, Mark and Hill Roberts. *Holman QuickSource Guide to Understanding Creation*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2008. With great graphic layout and pictures, this book discusses ancient creation stories, creation in scripture, the creation week in Genesis 1, the Fall and the Flood, the age of the earth, and creationist considerations from philosophy, physics, astronomy, chemistry, biochemistry, and anthropology.

### Some Websites

- <http://www.arn.org>. Provides resources from the Intelligent Design community. Includes links to many videos, though some tend to be a little more academic. Even so, many are valuable for the non-specialist.
- <http://coldcasechristianity.com>. J. Warner Wallace, a cold-case homicide detective, uses his investigative methods to defend the historical reliability of the Bible and the evidence for a divinely created universe.
- <http://www.crossexamined.org>. Headed by Frank Turek, co-author with Norman Geisler of the book, *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*.
- <http://www.discovery.org/id/>. Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture offers a defense of intelligent design through research, educational programs, publications, and multimedia. It also offers different kinds of subscription blogs and newsletters.
- <http://www.faithandevolution.org>. Provided by the Center for Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute, this site examines the claims of Richard Dawkins—that evolution is incompatible with Christianity—and of Francis Collins—that evolution is fully compatible with Christianity. It primarily features representatives of the Intelligent Design movement.
- <http://intelligentdesign.podomatic.com>. Podcasts from "Intelligent Design: The Future" from the Discovery Institute. It offers brief interviews with scientists and other scholars on the theory of Intelligent Design.
- <http://www.johnlennox.org>. Website of John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford and popular presenter on issues of science and the Christian faith. Includes access to many videos.
- <http://www.leestrobel.com>. Website of former atheist and former Chicago Tribune reporter, Lee Strobel.
- <http://www.reasonablefaith.org>. The website of William Lane Craig, a leading Christian philosopher and debater.
- <http://www.reasons.org>. Reasons to Believe was founded by Hugh Ross, a Christian astrophysicist. The organization focuses on the positive relationship between Christianity and science.
- <https://www.roomfordoubt.com>. A website that offers an environment to encourage questions, address doubts, and strengthen faith. Its written and video resources respond to criticisms and questions about Christianity and provide considerations for its basic truth claims. Visitors can post questions.

<http://www.stephencmeyer.org>. Website of Stephen C. Meyer, Director of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture. Author of *Return of The God Hypothesis*, *Signature in the Cell*, and *Darwin's Doubt*.

### Featured Videos

- "Can Science Explain Everything?" (2:48 by John Lennox). A video trailer for Lennox's book, *Can Science Explain Everything* (2019). <https://youtu.be/-qyjmkRphk0>.
- "Why Do You Still Believe?" (6:31 by Room For Doubt). <https://vimeo.com/327406232>. Presents six considerations for why anyone should consider and commit to Christianity: meaning, mortality, morality, matter, living matter, and the Messiah.
- "The Kalam Cosmological Argument." (4:12 by Reasonable Faith). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CulBuMCLg0&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9Efl-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=3>.
- "The Fine-Tuning of the Universe." (6:22 by Reasonable Faith). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EE76nwimuT0&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9Efl-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=4>.
- "Science Uprising." A series of short videos that address significant claims often made in the name of science pertaining to Reality, Mind, DNA, Fine Tuning, Origin of Life, Mutations, and Human Evolution. Produced by Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture. <https://scienceuprising.com>.
- "Information Enigma: Where Does Information Come From?" (20:59 by Discovery Science). <https://youtu.be/aA-FcnLsFlg>.
- "From DNA to Protein." (2:41 by YourGenome). The 3D animation shows how proteins are made in the cell from the information in the DNA code. 2:41. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gG7uCskUOrA>.
- "What is DNA and How Does It Work?" (5:23 by StatedClearly.com). A simple but informative animation about DNA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwibgNGe4aY>.