

the Venues

Go Deep

“Science & Religion”

Why Can't We Be Friends: Part 1

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**When it comes to science do you consider yourself Sheldon Cooper or Penny?
If not on either extreme, where are you on the scale?**

Galileo got in big trouble from the church for his science. He had the audacity to say that the earth moved around the sun!!! He was declared a “heretic” and put under house arrest so he wouldn't spread such dangerous lies.

What does that event in history tell you about the church and science?

What was the basis of the church's position? (Check out Joshua 10:12-13; 1 Chronicles 16:30; Psalm 104:5.)

Do you know anyone today who does not agree with Galileo?

What changed? Why do Christians today accept the science of Galileo?

What other science issues may go down the same path as this one?

Check out these survey results from AP:

51% of U.S. adults overall (including 77% of people who say they are born again or evangelical) have little or no confidence that “the universe began 13.8 billion years ago with a big bang.”

42% overall (76% of evangelicals) doubt that “life on Earth, including human beings, evolved through a process of natural selection.”

36% overall (56% of evangelicals) doubt “the Earth is 4.5 billion years old.”

Why do you think evangelicals survey differently than the general population?

Take the survey yourself. In the group if you feel safe enough:)

Do you think there is a conflict between science and religion?

What is your response to the fact that only 1% of student pastors taught on any aspect of science?

The teaching Sunday mentioned fear as a possible reason that Christians reject, or shy away from science.

What are Christians afraid of?

The teaching Sunday proposed that science and religion are two different ways of understanding our existence. Science offers the “how” of our existence. Religion pursues the “why.”

What do you think of that distinction? Is it accurate? Does it help make the two disciplines friends?

Read Luke 10:27

What does it mean to love God with our mind? How would your views change if you felt free to engage your brain by asking questions, examining positions, weighing the evidence, studying the context and culture of Bible texts?

C.S. Lewis wrote, "God is no fonder of intellectual slackers than of any other slackers. If you are **thinking of being a Christian, I warn you; you are embarking on something that is going to take the whole of you, brains and all.**"