

Many have been taught that science and faith are at odd with one another.

1. Christianity is the only religion based on evidence.
2. Anyone who says “The science is settled,” doesn’t know much science.
3. Everything we think is true is accepted based on a personal level of evidence.
4. Faith is trusting a promise from someone who has an acceptable history of performance.

Created or Always Been?

1. Whether Evolution and the Big Bang are true is not an important question, but rather just clouds the issue.
2. The real question is whether the universe was created or has always been. Those are the only two choices.
3. One mathematical model has been proposed recently that does not require creation, although it is not well accepted.
4. Mathematical models give as many unreal answers as real answers. Proof is needed.

Created or Always Been?

5. If the universe has always been, then life has no inherent purpose. We just think it does.
6. The vast majority of top scientists are creationists.
7. Extrapolating beyond the measurements usually leads to strange conclusions.
8. We cannot prove either side because we cannot go back in time to measure it.
9. So, we must investigate both paths to see if one or the other can establish its case by secondary proof.

Consistent or Conflicted?

1. Because Always Been cannot be proved (inability to go back in time for measurements of critical points), we must investigate the Created pathway to determine if an indirect proof for Creation can be found.
2. What must be the nature of the Creator? Consistent or Conflicted?
3. Conflict is self-destructive. A mixture of “good and evil” will not last.
4. Pure “evil” is impossible.
5. Therefore, the Creator must be pure “good.”

Care or Indifferent?

1. Does the creator have any care or concern for what was created?
2. Consistency suggests that creation was purposeful. Do various religions portray God as having a purpose for what was created?
3. What was the purpose? Can we figure it out?
4. What are your suggestions? Can we eliminate some based on the Creator’s absolutely “good” nature?

Communication or Silence?

1. Nature is full of conflicting illustrations.
2. Without direction, we do not know the parts of nature with which to be in harmony.
3. People have tried to establish a purpose. The proposals are in conflict. We need direction.
4. Theories all look silly after a century.
5. How will we find the communication?
6. Are all proposed communications acceptable?
7. How might we decide which communication is true and which are just theories?

**Universal:
Is the Bible for Everyone?**

1. The gospel makes all equal. Most religions elevate one race or oppress women.
2. The history of Christianity does not represent the Bible well.
3. A communication from God is necessary because people would have to guess without proof.
4. If it is not for everyone, it is not from God.

**Understandable:
Can any accountable person understand?**

1. Requiring special people to explain it to the masses means God was unable to be clear.
2. People misunderstand parts of everything. That does not make, for example, math untrue. The question is whether the message is intended for all to understand.
3. Some effort will be required.

**Useful:
Does it make life harder or easier?**

1. A list of trite truisms doesn't cut it.
2. Since people have different priorities, we need to let God tell us what is most important.
3. Certainly it must include the purpose for creation and why things go wrong.

**Unmistakable:
Is it beyond what people can do?**

1. Does it contain mistakes in geography, history, science, or math?
2. Does it contradict itself?
3. Is it simple enough to be able to detect fraud?
4. Does it contain things that people cannot do, like predict the future with details and be 100% correct?

Let's Investigate

1. Read the Bible with those questions in mind.
2. Discuss potential problems.
3. Don't be afraid that you will disprove the Bible. If you do, you will be relieving millions of a gigantic deception.
4. It is unlikely that you will find something new, so someone has answered your question before.
5. There is nothing to lose beyond a little time. The printed page cannot force you to do anything.

A few facts:

1. The Bible is the best attested book on the planet. That it came to us unaltered is beyond doubt.
2. No inaccuracies in geography or history have been sustained, although many have tried.
3. The Bible and science are in no way in conflict.
4. Faith and science are both based on evidence.
5. Faith without evidence ends in deception.
6. Don't take my word for it. Let's read together.
7. My view cannot force you to do anything. You are free to make your own choices. The gospel is founded in liberty, not authority.