



**REASON #6:
THE CHURCH
IS ANTI-SCIENCE**

The Gift of Science

When we're interpreting the Bible responsibly and accurately, there's a beautiful harmony between faith and science. So rather than looking at science as a threat, we should look at it as a gift. We should be so grateful for biology and chemistry and physics and all the other wonderful tools we have for understanding our world. Those don't threaten our belief in Scripture; if anything, they may help us understand Scripture better—and that's a good thing.

The Rejection of Science

When the church in the 1600s punished Galileo for saying the earth revolved around the sun, that was closed-minded theology. They were so certain they were interpreting the Bible correctly, but it turns out they weren't. There are certain theological views we should hold to really tightly: the death and resurrection of Jesus; the miracles of Jesus; salvation by grace through faith; to name a few. But there are other things where good Christians can disagree, and we should keep an open mind on those things, and sometimes allow the discoveries of science to help us understand God's truth even better.

The Limits of Science

Science is an incredibly useful tool to analyze our world, and learn the mechanics of our world, and we can use that knowledge to make the world a better place. We should never be afraid of it or suspicious of it, because it's the pursuit of truth. But there are some things that are simply beyond the realm of science. If we want to know about the purpose of our world and of our lives, we're not going to find it in the ingredients of the world. Only the Designer can reveal that to us. And here is the unique thing about the Christian faith: it teaches that the Creator wanted so much to communicate with his creation, that he entered into it personally.

**I believe Jesus has shown us the
meaning and the purpose of life.**

**And the more I learn about science,
it doesn't threaten my faith at all!**

**It just makes me more amazed
with the God who created everything,
and more thankful that he came for us.**

Pastor Dave Gustavsen

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