

Got Questions: Has Science Buried God?

Romans 1:18-25

Pastor David Diehl

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<sup>24</sup> *Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.*

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*“Humanity should accept that science has eliminated the justification for believing in cosmic purpose and that any survival of purpose is inspired only by sentiment.”  
Peter Atkins*

Science does not deal with cosmic purpose

*“Science by its very nature is not fit to investigate whether there is more to reality than the natural world.” Stephen Evans*

*“It is fashionable to wax apocalyptic about the threat to humanity posed by the Aid's virus, mad cow disease and many others, but I think that a case can be made that faith is one of the world's great evils, comparable to the smallpox virus but harder to eradicate.” Richard Dawkins*

*“When one person suffers from a delusion it is called insanity. When many people suffer from a delusion it is called Religion.” Richard Dawkins*

Richard Dawkins - The God Delusion

Francis Collins - Director of the Human Genome Project - The Language of God

Belief in a God who actively communicates with humanity among scientists

40% Believe

40% do not

20% unsure

Same percentage in 1916 and 1997

*“Either half my colleagues are enormously stupid, or else the science of Darwinism is fully compatible with conventional religious beliefs—and equally compatible with atheism.” Stephen Gould, Harvard Ethicist*

*“As I try to discern the origin of that conviction, I seem to find it in a basic notion discovered 3,000 years ago and enunciated first in the Western world by the ancient Hebrews: namely that the universe is governed by a single God, and is not the product of the whims of many gods, each governing his own province according to his own laws. This monotheistic view seems to be the historical foundation for modern science.”  
Melvin Calvin, Nobel Prize-winner in biochemistry*

*“Men became scientific because they expected law in nature and they expected law in nature because they believed in a lawgiver.” C. S. Lewis*

*“The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the rational order which has been imposed on it by God, and which he revealed to us in the language of mathematics.” Johannes Kepler, Mathematician*

*“Thinking God’s thoughts after him” Johannes Kepler, Mathematician*

Naturalism Vs. Theism

Naturalism - “The cosmos is all there is or was or ever shall be.” Carl Sagan

Theism - “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis

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So why if people knew God did they turn away from him?

*“Like so many of my contemporaries, I took it for granted that there was no meaning to the world... I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning: consequently I assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption...For myself and my contemporaries the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was liberation...from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.” Aldous Huxley*

Do we need a Savior or can we be our own saviors?

Suggested Readings

“Making Sense of God” Timothy Keller

“Reasons for God” Timothy Keller

“I Don’t Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist” Norman Geisler and Turek

“God’s Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?” John Lennox