

Thinking About Science and the Christian Faith: Some Resources Especially for Youth & Young Adults¹

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Some Print Resources

- 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. "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 strong 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. *God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?* 2nd 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.
- 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. This 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.
- McDowell, Sean, ed. *CSB Apologetics Study Bible for Students*. 2nd ed. Holman Bible Publishers, 2017. A study Bible designed to encourage students to ask tough questions, get some answers, and strengthen faith. It includes book introductions and many articles from popular youth leaders and apologists on a wide variety of topics.
- 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.

¹ These resources are for those who want to consider (or re-consider) the claims of Christianity, especially as it relates to modern science.

Whorton, Mark and Hill Roberts. *Holman QuickSource Guide to Understanding Creation*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2008. A treatment, with great graphic layout and pictures, of key questions about creation that cover ancient creation stories, creation in scripture, the creation week in Genesis I, the Fall and the Flood, the age of the earth, and creationist considerations from philosophy, physics, astronomy, chemistry, biochemistry, and anthropology.

Some Websites²

- <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. Also offers different kinds of subscription blogs and newsletters.
- <http://www.faithandevolution.org>. Presented by the Center for Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute, this site examines the claims of 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.leestrobels.com>. Website of former atheist and former *Chicago Tribune* reporter, Lee Strobel.
- <http://www.ratiochristi.org>. Attempts to strengthen the faith of Christian students at universities.
- <http://www.reasonablefaith.org>. The website of William Lane Craig, a leading Christian philosopher and debater.
- <http://www.reasons.org>. Reasons to Believe website of Hugh Ross, a Christian astronomer.
- <http://www.roomfordoubt.com>. A website that offers an environment to encourage questions, address doubts, and strengthen faith. A number of written and video resources are provided that respond to criticisms and questions about Christianity and provide considerations for its basic truth claims. Visitors can post questions.
- <http://www.rzim.org>. Ravi Zacharias is a powerful and popular Christian thinker.
- <http://www.stephencmeyer.org>. Website of Stephen C. Meyer, Director of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture. Author of *Signature in the Cell* and *Darwin's Doubt*.
- <http://www.thepoachedegg.net>. Offers a wide array of apologetic resources, including many videos.
- <http://www.worldvieweyes.org>. Provides outlines and audio/video resources for presentations by Dr. Rich Knopp, Professor of Philosophy and Christian Apologetics at Lincoln Christian University and Program Coordinator for Room For Doubt.

² A number of these websites offer links to valuable videos.

A Few Highlighted Videos

“Does God Exist? 4 New Arguments” presented by Frank Pastore.

<https://www.prageru.com/courses/religionphilosophy/does-god-exist-4-new-arguments>

“The Kalam Cosmological Argument” (4:12)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CulBuMCLg0&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EFL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=1>

“The Fine-Tuning of the Universe” (6:22).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EE76nwimuT0&index=4&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9EFL-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX>.