

For further thought:

Hasn't science disproved Christianity?

- The biblical God is the One who not only made the world, but runs the world. God made the world to be an orderly place, so things usually run in a very normal way.
- God is not the explanation for things we otherwise couldn't explain. Because God is a God of good order, He is the reason that things can be explained by science. If the world was unpredictable, science would not be possible.
- Science cannot disprove God. In fact, inasmuch as science helps with the investigation of the past, it shows us how reliable the Bible is, and gives us good reason for believing in Jesus Christ.

Other approaches:

- By this question, many people mean: "Hasn't the theory of evolution replaced creation and so disproved Christianity? They aren't usually talking about archaeology (which, incidentally, backs up the Bible at every point). Avoid a technical discussion about evolution, carbon dating, and so on. This usually gets nowhere. Ask what conclusion they are drawing from their evolutionary stance: Did the world come into being by chance? Or did God make the world using certain evolutionary processes? The answer to that will reveal the person's presuppositions about God's existence. How God made the universe is not as important a point as the fact that He made it. Steer the conversation towards talking about God's existence (see question 1) and talking about Jesus. If Jesus is God, it puts the creation/evolution debate in a new perspective. Encourage the person to find out if God exists and what He is like before tackling creation/evolution. Tell them to read a Gospel or a good book about Jesus.

Further reading:

- Kirsten Birkett, *Unnatural Enemies*, Matthias Media, Sydney, 1997.
- Kel Richards, *Defending the Gospel*, Matthias Media, Sydney, 2006, chapter 2.