

7. Why does Christianity produce good science?

Christianity produces good science because Christianity is true. For science to be good it must pursue truth. If the religion of a people is false, it will produce a form of false “science” better known as magic. Biblical Christianity removes false myths and fairytale dreams from magical incantations and replaces them with the pursuit of truth based on factual information. Today, evolution is giving us a science that promises a better life, but cannot account for truth.

Christianity produces good science because it is commanded by God. God commanded mankind to take dominion of his creation (Genesis 1:28). This foundational command sets the proper relationship to man and the physical universe. Man is not to worship or abuse the creation. God has given the earth to men so he could use it for his good and God’s glory. That necessitates the use of science. The fact that God owns the earth prohibits greedy man from abusing and exploiting it. It also prohibits lost men from worshipping it. The Bible teaches that men are stewards of God’s creation (Psalm 8). Stewardship recognizes that God owns the earth and that men are responsible to him for how they use it (Psalm 24:1). Stewards always have to give an account to their lord regarding how they used their master’s goods, as we will all give an account to God (Luke 12:42-48, 16:1-13). Christianity produces good science because God has commanded men to take dominion of the earth. The work of dominion necessitates the practice of science. The need for our day is to return to God so both those who worship and abuse the earth would repent and worship God by being good stewards of his creation.

The historical reason Christianity produces good science is because it offers the only consistent worldview to practice science. Science deals with the pursuit of truth as it relates to physical realities. This truth is discovered by empirical evidence. It starts with a hypothesis that leads to further observations and testing. If the data support the initial hypothesis, then you know you are on the right tract. If, however, the data from the tests do not support the hypothesis, it is in error. This all presupposes that truth can and should be discovered and used within the physical universe. This is completely consistent with Christianity, but is contrary to evolution. It is based on several Christian assumptions: (1) truth exists, (2) order exists, (3) consistence in the physical world exists, (4) advancement and productivity are good ways to love others, and (5) humility comes before honor. All five of these principles are revealed by God in the Holy Scriptures. Why seek for truth in the physical world if truth does not exist? Why try and find order in the physical world if order does not exist? Why seek to establish physical theories and laws if nothing is consistent? Try accepting the error that you are wrong in your hypothesis without humility. The pride of today’s scientists keeps many from seeking truth. There is a reason why many of the most important scientific discoveries came either from Christians or from those who were influenced by a Christian worldview. Science always comes from a set of religious assumptions. Christianity is the only consistent worldview that provides the necessary beliefs to investigate the world.

Bible passages to read: Genesis 1; Luke 12:42-48

Questions to ponder:

1. Explain why Christianity produces good science?
2. What is science?
3. How does the dominion mandate relate to scientific pursuits?
4. How does Christianity prohibit both the abuse and worship of the earth? Can you think of some current examples?
5. How does science encourage you to worship God?