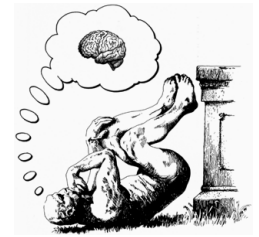


It seems almost like magic that we can start with dirt and end up with such amazing tools and toys that we have today. But it's not magic, it's science and technology. It's people using the Scientific Method to discover how nature works, and then applying that knowledge to the real world. Science is a simple, but very powerful tool. And yet, for science to be meaningful, it has to be built upon the right foundation. Christianity is the best foundation to build meaningful science upon. It is for this reason that modern science was born out of Europe when it was saturated with the Christian worldview, and not any other. **You need motivation to do science, and direction for applying technology to the real world. You also need to assume several basic things about reality and about yourself before using the scientific method. Christianity provides all of these things better than any other religious worldview, especially Atheism.**

For example, "science" comes from the Latin *scientia*, meaning "to know." Why believe that we can perceive and understand the order in nature, that we can "know" anything about nature at all? Why do we believe we can transcend nature enough to manipulate it in experiments? For the Atheistic Humanist, man is nothing more than a mere mechanical part of the great cosmic machine. Every thought and every act is every much as determined by the laws of physics and the great chain of cause and effect as the digestive system. But you must ask, if the human brain is nothing but three pounds of chemicals that arranged themselves by chance over billions of years, if absolutely everything in the universe can be ultimately explained in terms of inanimate matter in mindless motion, then... How can we trust the very thoughts we are thinking and any conclusions we come to? Why believe that what we observe and what we believe have anything to do with Reality? Not only this, but the concept of true freedom of the will, of true free thinking has no foundation in Atheism, and therefore must be accepted on blind faith.

As the famous biologist, J.B.S. Haldane, put it,

"If my mental processes are determined wholly by the motions of atoms in my brain, I have no reason to suppose that my beliefs are true ...and hence I have no reason for supposing my brain to be composed of atoms."
(*Possible Worlds*, p.209)



On the other hand, if you approach science from the Christian perspective, then it's no accident there is such beautiful order in Nature, that you can discover it, and use it to make such wonderful tools and toys as we have today. In this view, there is a reason why you have the ability to think, to question, and discover Truth about Nature and your place in it. **According to the Bible, you have been created in the image of God. Not only that, but God gave you the ability to do science so that you might discover who He is and how you might serve Him.** You have been given the great privilege and responsibility to learn as much as you can about this world and your place in it, and to use that knowledge for the benefit of mankind and the greater glory of God.

"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:26-28)

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:20)

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