

Miracles - Part 1

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 8-24-16

The Problem of Miracles

Modern atheistic scholars assume that science (in general) and evolutionary science (in particular) have made belief in God _____ and _____.

- Dawkins: "Although atheism might have been logically tenable before Darwin, Darwin made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist."
- Even further: You cannot be an intelligent scientific thinker and still hold religious beliefs.

Scientific mistrust in the Bible is a _____ innovation

- Many early, notable scientists were devoutly religious
- Problems arose due to the **philosophical** transition of the _____
 - Emphasized _____ and _____ rather than _____.

Today: Miracles cannot be reconciled to a modern, rational view of the world. The Biblical accounts cannot be reliable because they contain descriptions of miracles.

- Faulty argument: Science has _____ that there is no such thing as miracles.
- Response: Science cannot _____ miracles
 - Science's methodology is only equipped to address natural causes to events.
- False narrative: Religion vs. science
 - Either perpetual _____ or utterly _____
 - Strategy to undermine the church

A balanced/holistic view of reality

- God has _____ and _____ (nature, Scripture, Christ)
- Science helps observe and understand nature, but has _____
 - Origins
 - Purpose
 - Morality
 - Love
- _____ is the missing clue to all of science's unanswerable questions.
 - The two are **not** incompatible.

The real dichotomy: Religion vs. _____

- Definition: Everything has a natural cause and that life is solely the product of random, unguided forces.
- Evolution = the All-encompassing Theory
- Our disagreements are not over evidence, but _____
- The naturalist rules out the possibility of God BEFORE coming to the data, not as a result of it
- No longer in the realm of science, but of _____!
 - To be sure miracles do not occur you would have to be sure beyond a doubt that God doesn't exist, which is an article of faith.

The Abuse of Miracles

Everything is a miracle!

Problems:

- Too _____ / _____
 - We read into things what we want
 - Our "proof" in place of the Bible
- Not _____
 - Believers are to seek God's Word for _____ (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - Believers are led by the _____ (Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16)
 - Believers are to obey the one source in which we know God has indeed spoken, His _____ (Hebrews 4:12)
- How God's will is known: Romans 12:1-2