

GOD VS SCIENCE-

A Human Perspective

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Science and religion are not mutually exclusive. Science only reinforces faith in religion. If we look very close at the big picture of science and the cosmos, we realize that science has not become scientific enough to explain the creator and its creations of infinite magnitude, the cosmos.

Our finite human mind is unable to comprehend the infinite cosmos and its creator (whether we call him God or supernatural power) with no concept of time and space. Human beings, the ultimate creation on earth and the most intelligent form of life, are not equipped with the know-how to understand the language of God or his living creations, whether they be plants, animals or any other organism.

Modern medicine with its vast achievements and progress in recent centuries has scratched only the surface of the working of our human body. Being a physician who started to learn medical science four decades ago, this author like many others believed that we knew a lot about human body systems. Even after forty years, when we learned more and more, we came to realize how less and less we know about the physiology and the pathology of human body as regards to health and disease. We learned a lot about our brain and its control on the body. No anatomist has ever dissected out our mind and we have yet to figure out how the mind truly functions and controls our body functions even with all the progress that we made in the field of psycho-neuro-immuno-endocrinology. To say that this is all by chance and random coincidence is beyond any common sense.

Even if we agree that we are not absolutist, we should not forget that everything is relative but that too is relative. We need to accept the premise that we don't know what we don't know, rather than argue on it and declare victory. The more science advances, the less dogmatic it gets, and the more hesitating its answers should be. Truth is the ultimate reality; it is eternal,

absolute and unchanging. Our finite minds cannot fully comprehend such infinite and eternal truth.

Scientists should be proud of their achievements, but they should be humble before the vast and ever-widening ocean of knowledge that still lies unexplored. Our space shuttle is a far more advanced method of transportation than Plato's chariot. But it would be absurd to think that our astronauts are more intellectually advanced than Plato or Socrates.

Scientific theories explaining creation make some sense out of an otherwise chaotic universe, but don't argue against God being the creator of the universe. Can we ever think what will be the next "upgrade" of human race in the line of evolution and when will that be ready for release? Will those "creations" keep us, the human beings, in their archives, at least? If any scientist knows the answers to these, please let others know!

The elite scientists probably think similar to the ants on our kitchen floor in single line formation, negotiating through the difficult obstacles on the way very successfully, bragging about their achievements, to reach the grain of sugar on the floor, until somebody steps on them. The kitchen was their world and the ants were the supreme creatures there.

Man's scientific achievements do not discredit his creator but only reinforces His presence and glorifies Him. Human brain and mind does not have the infinite capacity to be super-humans, and humans are limited by their finite power, just as our "super-computers" cannot become human beings. Can we imagine that we will have a computer with a software program that can re-write itself automatically as needed just like a human brain? How does a master feel if his well-trained dog claims that he can perform the task or trick much better than his master, whom the dog doesn't need any more?

All our recent scientific advances that are quoted to discredit the existence of the supernatural power are so insignificant when we consider the well organized, fine-tuned, meticulous and orderly working of the cosmos. We only can improve upon the things God created but never can "create" anything de novo or even understand fully the creations around us. Our meteorologists can not even predict our weather accurately; let alone changing or modifying it. There are numerous examples like this in our

everyday life, in any field of science whether it be chemistry, physics, astronomy, biology or medicine.

It sounds so silly if not absurd, that a federal judge in Pennsylvania ordered that creation is not scientifically proven to be taught in schools and therefore that opinion is considered to be a fact for the human race to follow. To think that any man or woman even if that person is a U.S. supreme-court chief justice, has the super human brain, knowledge or wisdom to interpret and issue a verdict on the existence of God is absurd, to say the least; just as the ant on the kitchen floor would have thought.

Human inventions and God's creations are not even comparable. Building a spacecraft or landing on the moon are so insignificant compared to the creations and working of the cosmos. But then too, who created the humans who try to challenge and invalidate the existence of their creator.

We are the blind men identifying the elephant. As long as we are blind we will never see God from earth. We can only sense God by inspecting his creation: the cosmos. In other words, there will be no absolute scientific proof for God. We can only extrapolate our circumstantial evidences that we have on earth with our built-in limited capacity as human beings to believe His existence. Even if we don't, does it matter or does His existence change?

Ultimately, science has failed to answer some basic but difficult questions: Where did we come from? What is our purpose in life? Where are we going after we die? Science cannot have exclusion criteria in proving or disproving the existence of God and the workings of His creations. The more we understand life and nature, the more we should look for God! The burden of proof is on science and not on God for His existence. And it is not a cop-out.

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