

SCIENCE REINFORCES FAITH IN RELIGION

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As the 21st century approaches, science - with its monumental achievements in chemistry, physics, astronomy and biology - reinforces one's faith in religion.

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.

With all our achievements in modern medicine, we have yet to figure out how the mind truly functions.

Will we ever unlock the mysteries of the brain? If we do, will we then know the mind of God? After all, God created man in his own image!

Even if we are the most intelligent life in the universe, we have to live with the profound limitations of our mind.

We also have to accept the truth that all human beings - whether it is Plato, Darwin, Newton, Galileo or Einstein - are bound by their perceptual limitations.

Truth is the ultimate reality; it is eternal, absolute and unchanging. But our finite minds cannot fully comprehend such infinite and eternal truth.

Rather, we can only grasp a small part of it, because we are limited by our concept of linear time and space.

Our society boasts of its scientific achievements. But to say that we, as individuals or groups, are more advanced than those who lived in the previous centuries would be wrong.

It would be correct to say the space shuttle is a more advanced method of transportation than was Plato's chariot. However, it would be absurd to think that astronauts are more intellectually advanced than Plato or Socrates.

Are there any "new, improved" human beings born on this planet? Or will there ever be? No.

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.

The wise man realizes how little he knows. He who thinks who knows everything doesn't know anything.

The same is true regarding science. The more it advances, the less dogmatic it gets, and the more hesitating its answers.

For example, we can identify the difference between three- and two- dimensional objects. But we are unable to comprehend the concept of a four-dimensional object.

Humans who speak different languages have difficulty communicating with each other. Consequently, we probably cannot understand God, because we don't yet understand the language of the cosmos!

So for now, we can only sense God by inspecting his creation: the universe.

But even with our fancy telescopes and high-tech satellites we are only able to observe a few faint ripples without knowing much about the one who made the splash. From this perspective, our landing on the moon isn't much to brag about, is it?

Ultimately, science has failed to answer the most important question: What is our purpose in life?

As a result, the more we understand life and nature, the more we look for God.