

# A Christian View of Science

## Introduction

- Wrong views of science

## Historical Overview

- Greek

- Medieval

- Modern Science (Bacon, Kepler, Galileo)

- English “Virtuosi”

## What Is Science?

- Scientific Method

- Limits of Science

## How Do Science and Faith Relate?

- Conflict?

- Coherence?

  - Two Books

  - Divine Providence

  - Complementary Perspectives

    - Mechanism vs Purpose/Agency

    - Description vs Prescription

    - How vs Why (different meanings of “cause”)

## Summary

- Science: God’s normal way of operating His creation*

(slides available at <http://www.bertsche.us/bass2016/>)

# Recommended Resources

## Basic

Lennox, John C. *God and Stephen Hawking: Whose Design is it Anyway?* Oxford, England: Lion, 2011.

Lewis, C.S. "The Laws of Nature", *God in the Dock*.

Lewis, C.S. *Miracles*.

MacKay, Donald M. *The Clockwork Image: A Christian Perspective on Science*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1974.

*When God & Science Meet*. National Association of Evangelicals, 2015;

[www.nae.net/godandscience/](http://www.nae.net/godandscience/)

## DVDs

*The God Delusion Debate*. (DVD) Fixed Point Foundation, 2007. [www.fixed-point.org](http://www.fixed-point.org).

*Science and the God Question: Conversations with Dr. John Lennox & Professor Alister McGrath*. (DVD) Fixed Point Foundation, 2007. [www.fixed-point.org](http://www.fixed-point.org).

## Intermediate/Advanced

Barbour, Ian. *Issues in Science and Religion*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1966.

Collins, C. John. *Science & Faith: Friends or Foes?* Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2003.

Hummel, Charles E. *The Galileo Connection*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1986.

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Orr, James. *The Christian View of God and the World*. New York: Scribner, 1887.

Polkinghorne, John. *Belief in God in an Age of Science*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1998.

Poythress, Vern S. *Redeeming Science: A God-Centered Approach*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2006.

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