

Have you ever felt the need to keep your faith separate from your knowledge of science? Do you still feel that way? How does compartmentalizing what we know about God through Scripture and what we know about Him through nature affect the Christian life?

I most certainly have felt that way, and the more I reflect upon it, the more I feel ashamed for ever doubting the record of nature. For a short time I was very open to the ideas ascribed by Young Earth creationists, because I had a particular disdain for professor-types who seemed to put down religious views on science. I guess I felt a need to defend my beliefs, but I never took the time to understand what my beliefs were. I wanted to believe in exactly what the Bible said, but I was afraid of how what I thought the Bible said would conflict with my limited understanding of science. Compartmentalizing the two revelations leads to fear, and fear leads to misjudgment. The fear I felt was based on my lack of knowledge in advanced scientific fields such as carbon dating and astronomy, and it was easier to just refuse the entire package rather than admit (or at least, be open to the idea) that my religious views were based on incorrect interpretations. Ironically, when I started apply heavy skepticism toward science, I was shrouding myself from the overlapping parts of Scripture and science. Psalm 19 would not have been fully revealed to me – the idea that God’s creation is everywhere and speaks to everyone means that we are without excuse in matters of God’s existence, which leads to further questions about faith and redemption. A skeptical heart against scientific explanations for the Creation would therefore remove the opportunity to fully understand God’s purpose for us, and his complete desire to redeem us. When I started reading [Why The Universe Is The Way It Is](#), I immediately felt the impact of God’s general revelation on my heart. All of the sudden, I was no longer afraid to learn about advanced scientific evidence in support of an Old Earth, because I

felt very comfortable with the Biblical explanation Dr. Ross presented. More importantly, I felt free to test this model in ways that continue to make me more confident as to the accuracy of my beliefs. I had finally reached the point where I was willing to consider the possibility that my understanding was flawed.

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