

Part One: Faith and Science

When it comes to faith and science, many people have not only found there to be a tension but an outright conflict. Has science disproved Christianity? Are Christianity and science irreconcilable?

Scripture: Romans 14:1-4, Galatians 5:22-24

Bottom Line: You can always move through tension even when you can't remove tension.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What stood out to you in the interview with Dr. Martin Taylor? Did anything he said challenge the way you think about your faith, your academic life or how you live out your beliefs?
- 2. If you have a Christian background, what are some of the things you were taught about how faith, science and the Bible relate to one another? Do you have any questions about the perceived tensions or conflicts that are often found and debated when it comes to topics like faith, science, creation, evolution, etc.? Share your perspectives with the group and listen to the opinions of others as well.
- 3. Why do you think this topic is such a volatile one for many people of Christian faith and many people who are involved in science or other academic areas?
- 4. Read Romans 14:1-4 together. What does this passage tell us about how we should deal with the tension we have when we disagree with others about disputable matters or our opinions? Compare this with Galatians 5:22-24. When we disagree on issues what are some of the character traits that we should employ?

Moving Forward

As you discuss these topics with people who have differing perspectives, what are some of the things that you can learn from those with whom you disagree with? In what ways can you take a step forward in understanding people who have a different perspective?