

# Are Christians Anti-Science?

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Christians have long been mocked, ridiculed, and slandered for being “anti-science.” Until recently, the false charge pertained mostly to creation/evolution. Now not only Christians, but anyone who questions how much human activity contributes to “climate change” is written off as “anti-science.”

Unfortunately, these same academicians and talking heads from various media steadfastly refuse to “follow the science” in politically incorrect subjects such as:

1) Science says that humans with two “x” chromosomes are female, while humans with one “x” and one “y” chromosome are male. This cannot be reversed by surgery, ingesting hormones, etc. Males are not females; females are not males.

2) Science says the entity in the womb that is destroyed in an abortion is a human being. It is not part of the mother’s body.

We expect such abuse of true science and devaluing of Scripture from the world. But Christians ought to know better! Earlier this year a professor at David Lipscomb University wrote: “When I read passages in the Bible or heard things taught from the pulpit that weren’t consistent with modern scientific understanding, it was a problem for me, and I knew there had to be a better way of looking at these Scriptures.”

I responded to the *Christian Chronicle* newspaper (where the professor’s statement was published): “Are the Holy Scriptures really to be strained through the sieve of ‘modern scientific understanding’? Modern scientific understanding changes daily, as indeed it should. To subject God’s inspired word to ‘modern scientific understanding’ strikes me as a thoroughly upside down and backward approach. God is above and before any mere human understanding, ‘scientific’ or otherwise.”

We are not “anti-science.” Neither do we worship science!

# Finding Joy

In a world bent on the pursuit of pleasure rather than truth, children of God must learn to distinguish between legitimate pleasure and sinful indulgence. We would not be tempted to sin if there were no pleasure in it (Hebrews 11:25). But the pleasures of sin come at a high cost.

If we would avoid making worldly pleasure our purpose in life, we must learn to find joy in serving the Lord. Do our lives testify to the presence of joy in Christian service? If not, then, this might explain our ineffectiveness in reaching out to others. The gospel is good news! Paul says, “*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I will say rejoice!*” (Philippians 4:4). The fruit of the Spirit includes joy (Galatians 5:22).

Where do we find joy? Joy is a by-product of our relationship with Jesus. All spiritual blessings are “*in Christ*” (Ephesians 1:3). Christian joy is a spiritual blessing. Therefore, one must be “in Christ” to experience true joy. As long as we are on the outside looking in, we will find joy an elusive dream.

Joy is the result of following God’s plan. It is characteristic of a life that reaches out beyond our own personal interests and seeks the well-being of others (Philippians 2:3-4). Jesus reminds us that “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35).

Joy is enhanced by the common love we have for one another in Christ. It is anchored in our hope of heaven – a place of eternal joy in the presence of God.

At the end of his laborious struggle to find meaning in life, Solomon came to understand that the whole duty of man is to “*fear God and keep His commandments*” (Ecclesiastes 12:13). This is the key to joy: realizing that our purpose in life is to please our Maker.

Seek God first. Learn to tell the difference between sinful and legitimate pleasure. Get busy serving God and following after His commands. These are the things that make life a joy.

--Glen Elliot (Greenbrier, AR)

# WE NEED MEN . . .

Who cannot be bought.

Whose word is their bond.

Who put character above wealth.

Who are larger than their vocations.

Who do not hesitate to take chances.

Who will not lose their identity in a crowd.

Who will be as honest in small things as in great things.

Who will make no compromise with wrong.

Whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires.

Who will not say they do a thing “because everybody else does it.”

Who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as prosperity.

Who do not believe that shrewdness and cunning are the best qualities for winning success.

Who are not ashamed to stand for the truth when it is unpopular.

Who can say, “NO” with emphasis, although the rest of the crowd is saying, “YES.”

YES, we need men! We need you NOW! It is time to go to work, so get onboard with the Lord and with His church and go to work.

--Via Mt. Carmel Church of Christ (Athens, AL)

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*If your eyes are on the storm,*

*You’ll wonder if I love you still.*

*But if your eyes are on the cross,*

*You’ll know I always have and always will.*

--Jon Warnes (via Facebook)