If I believe in ___science___ , then I cannot believe in ___God___ .

One word: ___Secularism___

> *"Faith is like mental illness, a great cop out, the excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate the evidence."* — Richard Dawkins

___Science___ and ___faith___ work together.

> *"The thing we presently call Modern Science was actually conceived and born and flourished in the matrix of Christian theism."* — Alvin Plantinga

How do we actually know that science hasn't made faith **irrelevant**?

1. Science does not answer the questions of ___who___ , ___why___ , and ___how___ .

> *"You cannot find out which view is the right one by science in the ordinary sense. Science works with experiments. It watches how things behave...but why anything comes to be there at all, and whether there is anything behind the things science observes— something of a different kind—this is not a scientific question...the statement that there is any such thing, and the statement that there is no such thing, are neither of them statements that science can make."* — C.S. Lewis

> *"To say it for my colleagues and for the umpteenth millionth time, science simply cannot, by its legitimate methods, adjudicate the issue of God's possible superintendence of nature. We neither affirm or deny it. We simply cannot comment on it as scientists."* — Stephen Jay Gould

2. Evolutionary theory is itself a ___logical___ ___contradiction___ .

> *"Within me the horrid doubt always arises whether the convictions of a man's mind, which has been developed from the mind of lower animals, are of any value or at all trustworthy."* — Charles Darwin

> *"Atheists have a reason to doubt whether evolution would result in cognitive faculties that produce mostly true beliefs...believing in unguided evolution comes built in with its very own reason not to believe it."* — Mitch Stokes

But does science point to God?

> For ever since the world was created, people have **seen** the earth and sky. Through everything God **made**, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So, they have no excuse for not knowing God. *Romans 1:20*

One Year New Testament Devotionals

Group Prep
In preparation for small group, answer the following discussion questions.

Introduction
Many leading scientists oppose the existence of God with secularism – the belief that only physical matter can exist and there is no such thing as spiritual reality. Science and faith are generally thought to be opposed to each other. We might feel we must reject one to believe the other. But do we? If there is a God, science belongs to Him, and He uses it to reveal Himself to us. Science and faith can actually work together.

Discussion Questions
1. Two opposing views exist: "If I believe in science, then I cannot believe in God" and "Science and faith actually work together." Which view do you lean toward and what led you to your conclusion?

2. Read Proverbs 25:2. Why is it important to be aware of scientific principles and theories as it relates to our faith? What part of the talk helped you understand that science doesn't disprove God's existence? Why?

Share with the group other theories not mentioned in the talk that help solidify why science does not disprove the existence of God.

3. Read Romans 1:20 and Psalm 19:1-4. If science and faith work together, how should that affect your faith? If your faith is becoming more and more stable, in what way do you feel you should be partnering with God but haven't?

Who in your life would fall into the category, "I believe in science, therefore, I cannot believe in God?" How can you engage them with the theory that science and faith actually work together? As a group, make a list of the people you will be praying for and distribute it.

4. What steps will you take this week to further explore how science and faith work together? Who can you engage this coming week with the information you've learned and how will you engage them?

My action step is _____
_____ .

I will encourage and pray for _____ to follow through, and their action step is _____
_____ .

My memory verse is _____ .

This coming week, I'm praying for _____
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Outreach: Groups in Action
Donate diapers or gently used children's items to Love One ministry. These items will help support families who foster children in need. Drop them off at the Information Desk during weekend services.

Your small group can serve our weekend service guests by restocking the connection cards and offering envelopes in the auditorium. Register for a Wednesday evening by emailing Kerry Carmichael at kcarmichael@eclife.org.