



The Science of Lent

Olber's Paradox
Albert Einstein
Nicolaus Copernicus
The Drake Equation
The Fermi Paradox
Quantum Physics
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More!

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Dearest Friends in Christ,

I think it is fair to say that for many years now there has been a consistent tension between the study of science and the practice of faith, and because of this, there are a growing number of Christians who treat science and faith as if they are polar opposites in the greater conversation about God and creation. To that end, one does not have to search very far for Christians who are utterly suspicious and critical when it comes to the sciences; and in particular to areas of study such as evolution, cosmology, and geology.

An unfortunate side-effect of such deep-rooted suspicion is seen in the behavior of certain Christian denominations that push for special "Christian Science" courses to be taught in schools and universities with the primary purpose of dismissing anything which might contradict or challenge their own literal interpretation of the Holy Bible.

However, the truth is that Christians have not always been so suspicious of the sciences.

Indeed, for quite some time most Christians recognized that there were various ways to learn about God, and while the most obvious was to study the revelations that God made through the writings of Holy Scripture; there was also the encouragement for Christians to use the sciences, to apply ones senses to the world around them and more deeply consider the creation that God had made and declared to be "very good" (Genesis 1:31)

It is with this in mind, my friends, that I would like to encourage you to join with me this Lent in a return to the earlier appreciation of science in the life of faith; to see science and faith not as polar opposites, but rather as equal partners in the deeper exploration of all things earthly and divine. And I invite you to come out for our Wednesday Lenten services where together, you and I, we will look to recognize the hand of God in the midst of the most intricate structures of nature, in the enormity of the cosmos, and in the mind-bending reality of the quantum world.

Some of what you hear may be familiar, while other things may require a bit of meditation and imagination to understand; however, I am confident that all will lead us into new insights about God and God's relationship with us. Hope to see you there!

May God bless you in this season of Lent!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Michael