



*A Little Book for New Scientists:  
Why and How to Study Science*  
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## Connecting a Career in Science to Faith

In this concise introduction to the why and how of studying science, authors Josh A. Reeves and Steve Donaldson share with their peers the essential role Christian scientists have in bridging the gap between science and Christian belief.

Although many believe that faith and science are incompatible, Reeves and Donaldson work through why this is not so. “We want our readers to perceive that God is bigger than any human ideas about him, no matter their source,” they write. “From there one can move to the exciting possibility that the scientist will be able to perceive aspects of God’s handiwork in ways that may be inordinately challenging or even inaccessible to the non-scientist.”

Relieved of the burden of choosing between faith and career, the authors point to the unique contributions scientists can make in both science and the church.

*A Little Book for New Scientists* is an encouraging and insightful first look at a career in the sciences and answers questions such as:

- What are the key concerns of Christians in science professions?
- Why should Christians study science?
- Is it possible to reconcile science and Christian faith? Does science contradict what God teaches in Scripture?
- What are principles for interpreting Scripture passages that seem in conflict with scientific findings?
- What is the historical relationship between science and Christianity?
- Why do we view science as secular and in ongoing conflict with Christianity?
- Why is it important for Christians to be involved in addressing the ethical questions raised by science?
- What are some common sources of hardship for scientists and what’s the best way to face them?
- What is it like to be a Christian in the scientific community?
- How do I maintain intellectual humility in my work?
- Are all scientists atheists?
- What are the characteristics of faithful science and scientists?
- What unique role does the Christian scientist have in the church and scientific community?

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