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Written Response

I found that *The Basis for True Science* is an interesting and thorough piece on the inner philosophies of science, the origin scientific studies and how they relate to Christian faith. I learned several things that I was unaware of prior to reading the article. One is that science was originally started by a Christian to prove how consistent, orderly, and predictable our universe is through nature, which is strongly grounded in biblical teachings of our Creator. This holds great value for me as a Christian because I know that God is the author of order not chaos and that we are created in his image. So it would make sense that science should be able to prove certain things about the universe. For instance, the fact that natural laws ensure that proven hypothesis are validated only if an experiment duplicated successfully with the exact same findings of previous studies. I learned that this fact has confirmed and/or supported a great deal of Christian beliefs about the universal.

I also learned that scientific naturalism basically states that only things that can be known through experience and observation are considered real. I found it odd that everything else is considered unreal or a product of subjective fantasy, including God and the human conscience. The reason I took issue with this belief is that according to naturalist scientist, humans are an evolution of natural, which means that they themselves are subjected to this same principle of what classifies as “real knowledge”. Of course, that being only things that can be known and measured by experience and observation. If that is the case, then anything that the scientists

deducted is flawed, because they are a part of the experiment and relying on their conscientiousness and unmeasured philosophies to conclude what is real and what is not.

However, this is where the contradiction comes into place, because to further their cause they overlook the fact that they themselves are “unreal” by their own definition and thus incapable of formulating theories or recognizing objective truth. I find it very misleading and a detriment to their beliefs and I agree that as Christian we should point this discrepancy out at every turn. Furthermore, I agreed with the idea that whether than arguing over philosophies we need to address the real issue at hand, which has more to do about a difference of world-views. One view being that of a claim evolution versus that of a claim to life by personal and omnipotent design.

Finally, I agree that all Christians need to take schools head-on when they present philosophical statements as truths. Furthermore, we need to educate our children to recognize these untruths and empower them to speak up politely when it occurs. Otherwise, we allow the books that deny creationism while fostering evolution as a factual truth to erroneously educate our youth on Christianity and the true origin of this universe. If this false truth is giving time to fester then it becomes counterproductive to the goals of Christians in our efforts to spread the Good News. In conclusion, I agree with the author that Christians should become missionaries in science and in every other discipline or vocation. Especially, if we are to be successful in this world, because by increasing our coverage in all arenas in the world we can counter react some of the damage the world seeks to do to our faith and our God.