

Faith and Science: Friends or Foes?

A lecture by Ming Wang, MD, PhD

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Music with Chinese er-hu violin (Ming Wang) and classical guitar (Carlos Enrique)

Dr. Ming Wang, a Harvard and MIT graduate (MD, *magna cum laude*) and one of the few cataract and LASIK surgeons in the world today who holds a doctorate degree in laser physics, will present a lecture entitled "Faith and Science: Friends or Foes?"

Dr. Wang is currently the only surgeon in the state who performs 3D LASIK (ages 18-60), 3D Forever Young Lens surgery (ages 40-65) and 3D laser cataract surgery (ages 60+). He has performed over 55,000 procedures, including on over 4,000 doctors. Dr. Wang has published 6 textbooks and a paper in the world-renowned journal "*Nature*", holds several U.S. patents, and founded the Wang Foundation for Christian Outreach to China and the Wang Foundation for Sight Restoration, which to date has helped patients from over 40 states in the U.S. and 55 countries, with all sight restoration surgeries performed free-of-charge.

Growing up in China during the Cultural Revolution, Ming-- a teenager at that time--faced the devastating fate of being deported by the Communist government to the poorest parts of China where he, along with millions of other Chinese youth, would be condemned to a life of poverty and hard labor. Ming learned to play the Chinese er-hu violin and to dance as a way to avoid deportation. A chance meeting with a visiting American professor helped Ming come to America, so in 1982, with \$50 and a Chinese-English dictionary in his pocket, Ming arrived in the U.S. and began a whole new life. While in medical school, Ming became a Christian and since then, his faith has inspired all of his work. Today, Dr. Wang is a world-renowned cataract and LASIK surgeon, and the er-hu and dance skills he learned during the Cultural Revolution have now become his hobby, and are utilized to help his medical charity work (EyeBall). Dr. Wang is also the founding president of the Tennessee Chinese Chamber of Commerce. He will describe his Chinese Bible project, which may possibly help in recruiting a quarter of the human population for God's kingdom.

Describing his 16-year journey with faith and science, Dr. Wang will tell the powerful story of the amniotic membrane contact lens. He will describe how he began fetal wound-healing research to help injured adult eyes, and how he was frustrated at not being able to find a way to conduct this corneal wound-healing research without harming an unborn child. The questions in his heart were "Are science and faith really this contradictory? Should we do fetal wound-healing research without our moral, ethical and faith principles? Or, should we not do this research at all, and therefore not being able to advance medicine and improve the quality of our lives?"

What would *you* do?

This is a unique and powerful talk about growing up in poverty and deprivation, about working hard and appreciating every opportunity that God has given, and about persistence and patience, believing that God has created this world and He will show us His way!