

Book Reviews

Is there another term that is suitable, respectful, and avoids any pejorative feeling? That rules out “naïve,” “wooden,” and “unscholarly,” and such terms are no more accurate than literal, so these cannot be considered as progress. We already commonly refer to YEC, and the advocates themselves use that label; will that do? However, YEC carries extensive baggage of the entire young-earth scenario, including Flood geology and claims of scientific verification of all this. We need a term that refers specifically to the interpretation of the biblical creation texts. Is there a better suggestion? Perhaps there really is nothing more compact and intelligible than “seven solar-day interpretation.”

I hope this simple suggestion can clarify our discussion of this topic.

David Newquist
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What Was Missing

I wish to suggest what was missing in Keith Miller’s excellent article, “Doubt and Faith in Science and Religion,” (*PSCF* 70, no. 2 [2018]: 90–100). Only in the last paragraph is the Holy Spirit briefly mentioned. Essentially every church service mentions the Holy Spirit, but it is too rare that much is said about what the Holy Spirit actually does. There is the belief that a discussion of this is subjective and mysterious. Yes, it is mysterious but definitely not subjective. I think that because of the Holy Spirit the rise of modern science was dominated by Christian scientists.

The primary function of our having the Holy Spirit is to better see what is God’s will and purpose for us, and to strengthen our faith. In addition the Holy Spirit gives us better insight and understanding of both the Bible and God’s work in creation. This is critical in the study of science and religion, and I am certain this helped me in my scientific research. We can see things around us much more clearly. I can see the Holy Spirit at work when I am on the same wavelength with my fellow Christian, as we understand and identify with every word spoken. When there is disagreement and conflict I wonder if I am out of tune with the Holy Spirit, or is it my fellow Christian, or both of us. We should never force our ideas upon our fellow Christian, but be humble and receptive, letting the Holy Spirit work in each of us.

William Wharton
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Author Response

I want to thank William Wharton for his comments. My article was intended to address the comparison of science and religion with regard to faith and doubt more broadly than a consideration of Christianity alone. I agree fully that the Holy Spirit is essential in guiding us into spiritual truth and providing correction from error. I also believe that one of the primary ways in which the Holy Spirit does that is through the Body of Christ—that is, through the spiritual gifts and witness of the Christian community.

Keith B. Miller
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An Appreciation

I am just sending you a short note to thank you for this journal. I look forward to receiving it each quarter. It is so well done and full of compelling articles that really provide comprehensive insight into the faith-science conversation. Information from each issue enriches my research and lectures. And thank you as well for the valuable book reviews.

Scott Flaig
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