Cameras of the Watchman:
The Real Relationship between Science & Christianity
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Overview

- An Illustration
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- Definitions & Models
- A One Example Knock-Out Shot
- Application of Set Theory
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An Illustration
An Explanation of Models
i. Science

Science is a systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe.
Observation & Repeatable Experiments

Past Events: Forensic Science

Some of >> steps in science were abductive: H-D, indirect-science, historical-science, theoretical-science, etc.
ii. Theology
Builds and organizes knowledge from study of areas relating to God, and knowledge provided by a divine authority, or "enlightened" person(s).
iv. Science & Theology

NOMA Model

- No area of life (or reality) addressed by both fields
- Theology cannot add accurately to "factual state of the natural world" - Quotes
- Neither field can add to circle encompassed by the other
- Theology cannot provide a predictive/testable scientific model - Watchman shuts off a camera
v. Science & Christianity

SOMA Model

- Area(s) of life where both cooperatively add knowledge
- Correct/corroborate@intersect
- Christianity provides predictive/testable model(s)
- Many exs, start at Beginning
Knock-Out Shot

Example 1.

Science

The Beginning

Theology
1st Step: Problem

We Exist

There WAS a Beginning to Space and Time

There WAS NO Beginning
2nd Step: Predictive Models

The Bible

1. All that is in the universe, had a beginning (Genesis 1:1; “bara”).
2. Time itself had a beginning (Gen. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2; Heb. 1:10; Jude 24).
3. Space and time began together (Genesis 1:1; use of compound word).
4. There was nothing, then the universe began from what was not visible (Gen. 1:1; Hebrews 11:3).

General view of scientists, Primary tenet of atheism, Other religions, Common experience

Universe is eternal, uncaused.

This is already not looking good for NOMA; if testable/falsifiable, NOMA is "no mas."
Alexander Vilenkin -
“It is said that an argument is what convinces reasonable men and a proof is what it takes to convince even an unreasonable man. With the proof now in place, cosmologists can no longer hide behind the possibility of a past-eternal universe. There is no escape, they have to face the problem of a cosmic beginning.”
4th Step: Analysis

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Quotes
1) An area(s) of reality (natural world) was addressed by both theology & science
   --> NOMA is Falsified.

2) Theology added Accurate Knowledge about the natural world --> NOMA doubly-Falsified
   And valuable real world info regarding accuracy of worldview beliefs.
3) In Testable Form of Scientific Model
   • PREDICTED: multiple, clear, specific
   • 2500+ years prior to modern science
   • Moses 1st Nobel Prize
   • Compare; UC Berkeley response

   --> NOMA fully-Falsified

4) Symbiotic --> SOMA fully illustrated
# One Example Knock-Out

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The Real Relationship between Science & Theology

**NOMA:** $S \cap T = \emptyset$

The two sets must be *disjoint.*

Formally, if $e$ = the fact that the universe had a beginning, then $S \cap T = \{e : e \in S \land e \in T\}$. Therefore, NOMA is false.

There are multiple elements, $e$’s, which are found in the intersection: $S \cap T$

$e_2 = \text{Sermon on the Mount} (\text{Matthew 5: 1-12})$. $P_s \cap T = \{e : e \in P \land e \in T\}$.

$e_{3,4,5} = \text{Hittites, Writing in Moses’s time, Davidic tunnel}$. $H \cap T = \{e : e \in H \land e \in T\}$. 
SOMA Model - Conclusion

- Facts of life where both fields cooperatively add knowledge
- Correct/corroborate@intersection
- Christianity provides testable model(s) & Trends
- Dynamic, proper approach requires integration of all applicable views
- As the watchman, you are responsible

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