## Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship - and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. 24'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup>God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup>"For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring." <sup>29</sup> Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone an image made by human design and skill. 30In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

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"Men became scientific because they expected Law in Nature, and they expected Law in Nature because they believed in a Law-giver." (Alfred North Whitehead)

"the enormous usefulness of mathematics in the natural sciences is something bordering on the mysterious, and there is no rational explanation for it... it is an article of faith." (Eugene Wigner)

"I consider the comprehensibility of the world as a miracle...one should expect a chaotic world, which cannot be grasped by the mind in any way. The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible." (Albert Einstein)

"The human species is no different from any other, in being a lucky-throw in the cosmic lottery. This is a hard truth for us to accept...[we] still pay lip-service to, and present as a basis for morality, a disgusting [leftover] of Judaeo-Christian religiosity... Man must set these errors aside and accept that his existence is entirely accidental...He must realise that [the world] is deaf to his music and as indifferent to his hopes as it is to his suffering and his crimes." (Jacques Monod)

"In its favour [the resurrection of Jesus] ... there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to bring in a verdict that the resurrection story is true." (Lord Darling)

## "Hasn't science disproved Christianity?"

A conflict between Science and Christianity?

No, a conflict between

Naturalism and Christianity

The Christian faith accounts for:

- 1. ...the predictability and intelligibility of the universe
- 2. ...the design of the universe
- 3. ...human moral awareness
- 4. ...the historical evidence for miracles