

I have always been a fan of science. I really enjoy watching all those science shows that explain everything around us. I have a unique gift in that I am not smart enough to challenge anything they say, yet I am a creative enough thinker to challenge everything they say.

I'll give you an example:

Science tells me that based on a 'wobble' they have observed, they have concluded that there is a planet going around a star that is this big and composed of all these ingredients. And based on the time and position in-between wobbles, they can tell me how far away it is from its 'Sun' and whether we can expect any life forms on it.

"How do you know it's the same planet wobbling?"

Because it's composed of the same ingredients and same distance from their Sun.

"Maybe all the planets in that system are the same and follow the same path - kinda follow-the-leader kinda thing?"

Stupid people shouldn't try to understand science!

Though I don't appreciate the stupid people comment, I will simply call it a draw because my suggestion is no more far fetched than science telling me all this information about a planet orbiting a star millions of miles away based, not on physical, actual evidence, but on a wobble.

That's just how science works. They spend a LOT of time researching, testing and comparing notes with other scientists before they come out in public and tell us about another wobble they found, and the rest of us pretty much shrug our shoulders and say 'cool' because we don't want to waste a lot of our time asking them to explain how they got there.

But that's not what I'm going to talk about today. My point is to say I like science and appreciate everything they do to increase our knowledge of how the world - and far away worlds - work.

I want to talk about the idea that science and religion doesn't mix well. A scientist won't be a religious person, and a religious person won't be much of a science person.

I say phewy to that line of thinking.

It's an apples and oranges thing, people.

Science is an exhaustive, methodical, step-by-step process that follows physical evidence back to where they can tell us with absolute confidence that we all - every living thing you see - evolved from a single cell. We all are created from a speck of stardust, I am told.

It gives us regular folk a headache trying to follow their explanation, until someone who is a creative thinker - like me - waters it down to our language and tells you that a cell is like a clump of clay that you can create many different objects but it's all from the same clump of clay. We shrug our shoulders and say 'cool' and avoid any further discussion because it will just give us another headache. These are smart people who do a lot of thinking and research to come to this conclusion, so if they say we come from a single clump of clay, I'm in. Have a nice day, and move on to other issues.

Religion is a different animal.

At the center of the message Jesus gave us was a simple idea that we are doing well with our physical world of life, but we now need to learn and understand the importance of the spirit world of life and how the two can and should work well together.

God gave us wonderful brains with a great capacity to problem solve. Our brain is where our science friends live and study wobbles all day. We all have a great capacity to think and problem solve and that is a good thing.

God also gave us a heart with a wonderful capacity to feel. Our heart is where our emotions come from.

Jesus was clear when he told us he wasn't here to challenge the 'rules' of physical science, he came to enhance them. In other words, Jesus was telling us that by simply following the rules of life, you are becoming mechanical robots. It was time to add the emotional spirit world to the equation of life. It wasn't a one or the other option. It was a good balance of the two worlds that gives us such a unique ability to be the kind of stewards that God wants us to be for our little wobble world in space.

We have brains that give us the ability to solve so many of life questions. We also have the heart to emotionally understand the consequences. It's a perfect blend God wants for us all.

Apples and oranges? Yes. But we can - and should - try to bring them both together as one life in order to maximize our potential for creating the abundant life.

