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Dr. William West, a Harvard and Johns Hopkins-trained oncologist and researcher, has advanced cancer care and research for over three decades. As a Christian and lifelong member of one of the largest Methodist Churches in the U.S., he has lectured for more than forty years on the myth of science and faith being at odds, believing they support one another and that science reveals God. A Memphis native, Dr. West founded the West Clinic in 1979, growing it from a single practice into a network of five locations with 25 physicians and 273 support staff, treating 300 to 400 patients weekly. Inspired by his mother's breast cancer battle during his Harvard Medical School years, Dr. West trained at Johns Hopkins and the National Cancer Institute before returning to Memphis with his wife, Carole, to provide top-tier oncology care. He served as principal investigator of the pivotal study approving the first immunotherapy drug for cancer and pioneered the use of peripheral blood stem cells to reduce the risks and costs of intensive chemotherapy. His research, including a New England Journal of Medicine publication, led to a groundbreaking kidney cancer drug he helped bring to market. In the late 1980s, Dr. West founded Response Oncology to develop cancer treatment protocols. He retired from the West Clinic in 1989 to establish a national Stem Cell Centers network, improving bone marrow transplant outcomes for 10% of U.S. community cancer specialists. Recently, he has served in Uganda, chaired the campaign for Dorothy's Place Alzheimer's Day Care Facility, and focused on preventing heart disease and cancer. His first book, [*Sacred Science: Understanding Divine Creation*](#), releases April 11, 2025, from Post Hill Press.

CREDENTIALS

- **Extensive scientific expertise as a Harvard and Johns Hopkins-trained oncologist:** Dr. West's elite medical education and decades-long career as a leading oncologist and researcher, including groundbreaking work in immunotherapy and stem cell therapy, establish him as a credible authority in science.
- **Forty years of lecturing on science and faith:** As a lifelong member of one of the largest Methodist Churches in the U.S., Dr. West has delivered lectures for over four decades on the relationship between science and faith.
- **Authorship:** His forthcoming book positions him as a thought leader. The work reflects his intellectual synthesis of science as a revelation of God, providing a formal platform for his views.
- **Lifelong personal commitment to Christianity:** As a dedicated Christian, Dr. West has consistently followed the dialogue between science and faith, expressing intense skepticism about any inherent conflict. This personal conviction, rooted in his Methodist faith, lends authenticity and depth to his perspective.
- **Practical integration in professional life:** His career exemplifies a seamless blend of scientific innovation and faith-driven purpose, such as founding the West Clinic to serve patients holistically
- Co-founder of the [Moore West Center for Applied Theology](#) and the [Journeywise Network](#)

EXPERTISE

- **Oncology and Cancer Treatment:** As a Harvard and Johns Hopkins-trained oncologist, Dr. West has extensive expertise in cancer care, evidenced by his founding of the West Clinic (which has grown into a major treatment network) and his development of innovative therapies like the first immunotherapy drug for cancer and a kidney cancer drug published in the New England Journal of Medicine.
- **Stem Cell Therapy and Transplantation:** His establishment of a national network of Stem Cell Centers, engaging 10% of U.S. community cancer specialists, highlights his expertise in using peripheral blood stem cells to improve outcomes and reduce costs for bone marrow transplant patients undergoing intensive chemotherapy.
- **Integration of Science and Faith:** With over forty years of lecturing/teaching as a lifelong Methodist on the compatibility of science and faith, Dr. West is an expert in articulating how these domains complement each other, viewing science as a revelation of divine creation and culminating in his book, [*Sacred Science: Understanding Divine Creation*](#).
- **Healthcare Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** Dr. West's founding of Response Oncology and his efforts to bring new drugs to market showcase his entrepreneurial expertise in healthcare, creating systems that enhance treatment accessibility and quality, such as consolidating comprehensive cancer care into single locations. His career focus has also focused on preventive care as owner of the [Lifesigns Clinic](#). He was named Master Entrepreneur by the Memphis Society of Entrepreneurs 2018.
- **Philanthropy:** Bill is a supporter of [The Institute of Southern Storytelling at Mississippi College](#)

MEDIA

Click below to watch as Dr. West discusses faith and science on WREG-TV in Memphis. Or, to access his 10-part video series on the book with Dr. Jerry Pattengale of the Museum of the Bible.



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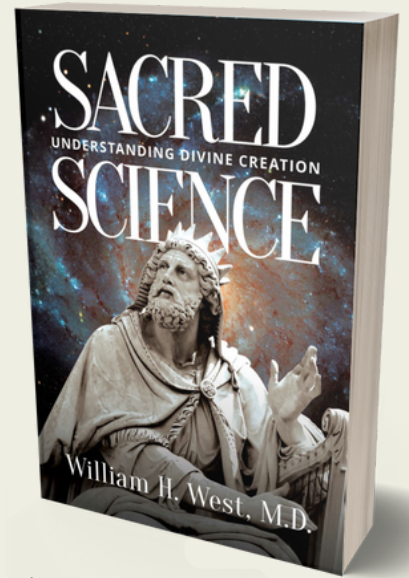
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If you review the impulses that created the universe, directed the unfolding of life and empowered human consciousness, you reach an undeniable conclusion—an omnipotent Creator is responsible for it all. From the moment of creation to the emergence of a planet tailor-made for life ... from the journey of multi-million species to the development of an upright creature hungry for God, science tells a sacred story: a super-intelligent Creator used His mathematical genius to convert lifeless equations into galaxies, planets and people. Could our journey reflect thousands of random accidents with no divine guidance? Creation delivered impulses that filled the universe with galaxies and stars. Eliminate any *one* of those blueprints and the universe would have been stillborn. Stars produced a perfect mix of elements to bring the universe to life. Without a robust ensemble of gene and protein sequences, life might still be living at the bottom of the sea. Hundreds of human genes convert the neurons of a human infant into trillions of networks in an adult brain. Without those God-given genes, a dangerous world may have left us trapped in the treetops with no interest in science at all. But God shared His mind and triggered the emergence of human consciousness.

So, with recent and incredible advances in science, where do we find ourselves after centuries of searching? We're seeing that, undeniably, *science reflects its source*. Science is not the enemy of people of faith, but a gift of God's creative love. And in today's culture, where millions claim no faith and debates over science and faith boil over, Harvard and Johns Hopkins medical researcher and oncologist Dr. William West's book is profoundly relevant. It offers a unifying vision amid rising skepticism and polarization, showing how recent scientific discovery reveals divine purpose, inviting readers to embrace both reason and reverence in an increasingly secular age.

WHY IT'S RELEVANT

- The number of people claiming no faith (the 'nones')—many driven from it by scientists, academics and media hell bent on destroying God—is rising in unprecedented numbers. The latest Barna research indicates that **60% of U.S. adults do not believe in the God of the Bible**.
- **Recent scientific progress** is remarkable, but its relationship with faith remains mired in the outdated debate launched by Darwin's Origin of the Species. Sacred Science presents a new theory of evolution much more compatible with recent genomic research.
- God is constant, but new scientific discoveries can upend how we understand the world. Christians face questions about **the age of the Earth, evolution** and the **organization of the cosmos**.
- People of faith can reclaim science as a supplementary path to an understanding of God and a way to love Him with all their heart, soul – and, yes, with their God-given mind. *Sacred Science* provides a sweeping review of **cosmology, gene sequencing**, and studies of **human consciousness** to arrive at an undeniable conclusion—God is *real*. He dispatched unimaginably complex **mathematics, blueprints, codes** and mental elements to create our universe, lives and minds.
- **Darwin** cast doubt on the concept of a creator; his acolytes have grown bolder over time. A radical form of **materialism** has carried the materialist mantra to the extreme. Science, the claim is made, is the only source of truth

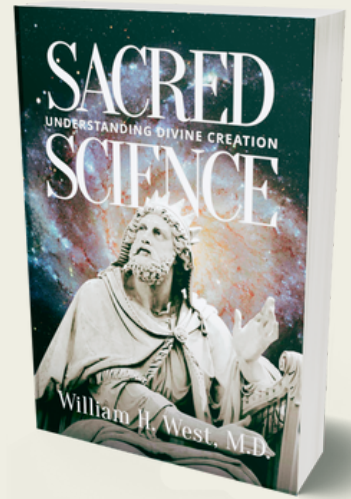
WHO IS IT FOR?

- Anyone who struggles with the relationship between science and faith
- Pastors and seminarians
- College students, entering adulthood, who are questioning and have been assured by educators that science contradicts faith
- Evangelical Christians seeking apologetics, answers to their biggest questions
- Mainline protestants
- Christian scientists and academics
- Pastors and church leaders looking to equip their congregations with a unifying vision of science and faith in a polarized culture
- Christian educators and homeschoolers
- Skeptical seekers exploring faith
- Medical professionals with faith

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- Can you explain the scientific method and how clinical trials add to scientists' knowledge? How is faith compatible with this approach?
- What is **scientism** and how does it work to drive people away from faith?
- What are the most common scientific myths or theories currently being circulated that promote the idea that faith and science can't co-exist?
- What are the **eight independent blueprints** that, as you say, work with symphonic precision to print our vast and fascinating universe?
- It took scientists a long time to discover aspects of the world we now take for granted (the solar system and micro-organisms, for instance). Why should we try to understand how God shows up in today's science, when 100 years from now, there might be a totally different scientific consensus about things?
- Does **cancer** reveal a flaw in God's design for humanity? Why do cells replicate uncontrollably and harm the body if God designed them all?
- Can you explain your interest in the nature of **consciousness**? What have you learned about the human condition from research on **near death experiences** and **psilocybin**?
- How did the **Higgs boson** discovery in 2012 prove the existence of a creator?
- What is DNA? What is the significance of the overlap between **DNA codes** in different species? What can we learn from genome sequencing?
- How are humans different from animals?
- When have science and Christianity been in conflict and collaboration throughout history? What can we learn from these episodes?
- Why should people believe in **the Big Bang**?
- **Was everything in the universe really created in 20 minutes?** How can modern science explain that and how does that align with **the story of creation in Genesis**?
- Why should we doubt **Darwinian theory**?
- What is the relationship between the mind and the brain?
- What is **materialism** and why do you believe it is a distorted worldview?
- Why do you believe in God?
- How can Christian **evolution deniers** reframe their understanding of the process?
- What are the limits of science?
- How have Christian ethics informed your research and medical care?
- What do you think most scientists would say about your book?
- How is **math** reflective of God? You say the entire universe is mathematical?

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The organization of science can frustrate the layperson's effort to absorb the larger picture. The mention of quarks and bosons, black holes and singularities, mutations and neural networks may send many of us running for cover. How is it possible to blend that intimidating body of knowledge with a faith-based understanding of creation?

Our first thought is to proceed with great caution. But the time has arrived for caution to take a back seat.

With a little effort, we can know as much about cosmology as Albert Einstein. We can possess a modern understanding of life that would flummox Charles Darwin. We can encounter the world of neuroscience in ways Sigmund Freud could only imagine. Cosmology, evolutionary biology, and neuroscience tell a fantastic story with an identical conclusion: God planned every step of creation before the first flash of light.

Before we examine the blueprints commissioned to create the universe, this book should be placed in further context. Few topics have engendered more debate than the relationship between science and faith. How do arguments presented in the following chapters relate to the controversies that have stirred this heated field for decades, in particular intelligent design and a multiverse? Intelligent design advocates have attempted to refute random Darwinism with an essential hypothesis: components of life are irreducibly complex, containing multiple interactive parts that wouldn't function if one of the parts was missing. How, the argument goes, would an irreducibly complex system emerge through successive small modifications from less complex systems when an incomplete system brought no advantage to the cell?

Their favorite example is the flagellum, the appendage protruding from a wide range of organisms, including bacteria and sperm cells. The word "flagellum" derives from the Latin word for a whip. Its function requires a rotary motor and a universal joint constructed from over twenty-five proteins.

But, why would natural selection preserve nonfunctional parts or proteins before the flagellum served a useful function? Why would a step-by-step process of unguided evolution preserve the parts of this essential appendage until the entire apparatus was complete?

The flagellum must be the product of an intelligent mind. Neo-Darwinists were quick to dismiss this argument. They posit that components of the flagellum served other needs of the cell before they came together to form a functional rotor. The flagellum might be an evolved extension of an older and simpler device used to expel degraded proteins from the cell.

In the following pages, we will learn about eight blueprints that make the universe a star-printing machine. Delete any essential blueprint, and the universe disappears. Our universe, to use familiar language, is irreducibly complex.

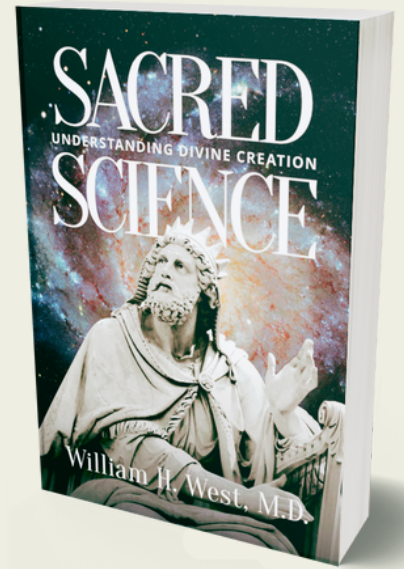
Here's the bad news for those who would dismiss these interactive impulses as accidental products of "nature" randomly commingling over time: these blueprints were present at creation. Interacting to perfection at their cosmic birth, there was no need to refine them postpartum. But wait, you say, there are infinite universes, a cascading multiverse. Our irreducibly complex components must be a dowry from an unknown and unknowable past.

Skeptics use a hypothetical multiverse to escape the implications of fine-tuning in the only universe we know. No scientist denies the fine-tuned features of our universe. The scientific literature and well-respected books have cataloged the wide-ranging extent of fine-tuning in the universe, from the mass of the electron to the fact that ice floats, the universe is life-friendly in multiple ways. But there is no need, atheists declare, to see life-friendly tuning as a reflection of a creator. All things are possible in an infinite succession of randomizing worlds. To the skeptic, an untestable hypothesis of many worlds is preferable to the explanatory power and potential judgment of an all-knowing god.

A divine creator may have chosen to create a multitude of worlds—who are we to restrict His creative options? But He did leave His mark on *this* universe, which makes the multiverse irrelevant. Not only did God commission blueprints for the universe at large, but he also left an additional blueprint on a rare and privileged Earth: He deployed the information molecule called DNA and used its multi-layered codes to create a rising tide of intelligence. He created one special species that can understand and celebrate His science.

"Science tells us today that the universe is approximately fifteen billion years old and that the sun appeared approximately five billion years ago. In other words, the sun appeared after ten fifteenths of creation had taken place. How remarkable that the ancient Jew could speak of the creation of light but realize in the same scripture that God created the sun on the fourth of six days."





FROM THE AUTHOR:



"I'd love to share with you my motivation for authoring this book. A few years ago, the WSJ delivered disturbing news. The most rapidly growing response to the question, 'what is your religious affiliation' is a disturbing answer: 'none.' Over thirty percent of Americans ages eighteen to thirty describe their affiliation as 'none.' Over fifty percent of Europeans are 'nones.' The primary reason

'nones' have rejected religion: they believe that science conflicts with faith. This rising faith in science reaches its fullest expression in a phenomenon called scientism—the idea that science is the only reliable source of truth. A local newspaper quoted an advocate of scientism as follows: 'I respect sacred scripture, but claims made by religious figures should be confirmed in a laboratory.' Once again human beings challenge the creator: show us a sign, something demonstrable through science.

But divine signs surround us in abundance. There is no laboratory greater than the heavens above and our body within. Imagine taking a rocket ride at 67,000 miles per hour, travelling a million miles in a single day. Would you accept such a ride? But you take that ride every day on planet Earth. And yet I think many of us are more impressed with the taste of a Chick-Fil-A sandwich than the space travels of our planet.

And now let me express the ultimate irony: Science if not replacing God. Science is a *revelation* of God. Science provides undeniable proof that a superintelligent mind launched our universe, shaped the Earth, and created human beings in His image."



"This book will reach a large audience fatigued with the message that science somehow conflicts with faith. I may not fully understand the science, but I can surely agree with this book's proposal: Scripture and science provide complimentary revelations of God."

-- Maxie D. Dunnam, United Methodist Church minister, evangelist, Bible commentator and writer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- What's so important and fascinating about the **lungfish**?
- What does it mean that we are '**dual substance**'?
- Where do most scientists stand today regarding science and faith?
- Can I believe in God AND **evolution**?
- Can you describe your modified theory of **evolution**?
- Where does **Darwinian theory** stand today?
- Can you describe the first twenty minutes of creation?
- Describe the creation of the first star
- Is **psilocybin** a 'cure for **atheism**'?
- Why do you say the entire universe and its contents are based on **mathematical equations**?
- What evidence is there for a **library of math** in a higher dimension?
- How do you distinguish between **microevolution** and **macroevolution**?
- Why do experts consider earth to be a rare and privileged planet?
- What role did God have in sculpting the earth?
- Do you believe there is life elsewhere in the universe? Why or why not?
- Could our universe be a **hologram**?
- What do you say of the theory of the '**multiverse**'? Are the comic book folks onto something?
- Could our universe be a **quantum computer**?
- What was God's motivation for creation?
- You say **love** is more than an emotion...that it's a 'creative force'. Can you explain?
- Why do you believe in the **NDE** (near death experience)?
- What evidence is there for the existence of a **soul**?

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- Accessible to individuals with minimal prior exposure to science, providing a description of blueprints before each section
- Sprinkles in "Key Definitions" throughout the chapters

Key Definition: Naturalism

Natural laws and forces created and control the universe, leaving no room for supernatural or spiritual explanations.

- The book is divided into three sections. The first reveals the eight essential **blueprints** that printed out our cosmos and created planet Earth. Section 2 presents a new theory for **macroevolution** that updates the standard theory. Section 3 confronts issues that science is ill-equipped to address. Issues such as, how does our material brain support higher **consciousness**?