

Christianity & Science in School

On 7 December 2022, Matthew Pickhaver returned to a primary school he first visited last year, to spend the afternoon with another Year 6 class. His visit was part of an RE topic about whether Christianity and science are compatible or in conflict, for which they had already learned about different points of view on origins.

After an introduction on the benefits, limits and Christian foundation of modern science, Matthew addressed questions that the 10- and 11-year-old pupils had prepared in advance. These covered the big bang, galaxies and stars,

life on other planets, evidence for a young earth, the first living things, how Noah took everything on the ark, how fossils are formed, where dinosaurs fit in and human evolution.

Further questions and discussion followed before the class were shown that evidence needs interpreting and how creation points to Christ, besides being encouraged to keep asking questions about science and the Bible. At the end of the session their teacher asked the children to write down things they had learned – some of which are shown here.



What I learned or what I found interesting:

I've learnt that there is no such thing as a simple life form and even cells are a ~~irreducibly~~ complex life form.

What I learned or what I found interesting:

I ~~know~~^{now} know that God has been there all these years and that God made all the stars and the whole universe. The 3 main points of science that Science is good, Science is limited, Science is related to the Christianity world view. Science can't answer ~~why~~ all questions but it can answer why and how things happen.

What I learned or what I found interesting:

I have learned that you can believe in the Big Bang theory and still be friends with god. I have learnt that looking at fossil pictures it looks like it took quicker to turn to fossil than over a long period of time.

What I learned or what I found interesting:

I found out that not everything becomes a fossil and we might have a young earth. That's ~~every~~ theory has holes in it and there are roughly 200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (quillion trillion) stars and 125 billion galaxy. Science is limited and that lots and lots and lots of scientists are Religions (The minority)