

# *The Convergence of Science and Christianity*

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## *Introduction*

Christians within the scientific community may very well be part of the largest purveyor of universally accepted knowledge in today's culture. Science is often seen as the paradigm example of the triumph of human reason in our search for understanding. At the same time, however, these Christians have the privilege of belonging to the family of Jesus Christ, who is himself "The way, the truth, and the life."<sup>1</sup> Their joint membership in these two communities places these Christians in a unique position, enabling them to share the truth of Christianity with those they interact with in the scientific community. In light of this, it is essential that Christian scientists understand how to relate their faith and their science. Because we accept that the God of the Bible created all of nature, inspired the words of Scripture, and reveals himself through nature, there can be no inherent conflict between Christianity and science. In fact, we should expect them to support one another in a positive way, converging to the same truth. However, there are several alternatives to this "Convergence" model of relating science and Christianity: the Conflict model, the Compartmentalization model, the Conversation model, and the Conversion model. I will defend the "Convergence" model as the best way of relating these two great institutions of modern society, but first let us examine the broad features of the five models of interaction.

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<sup>1</sup> John 14:6, The Holy Bible, NASB.

