

# [RE]CONSTRUCTING

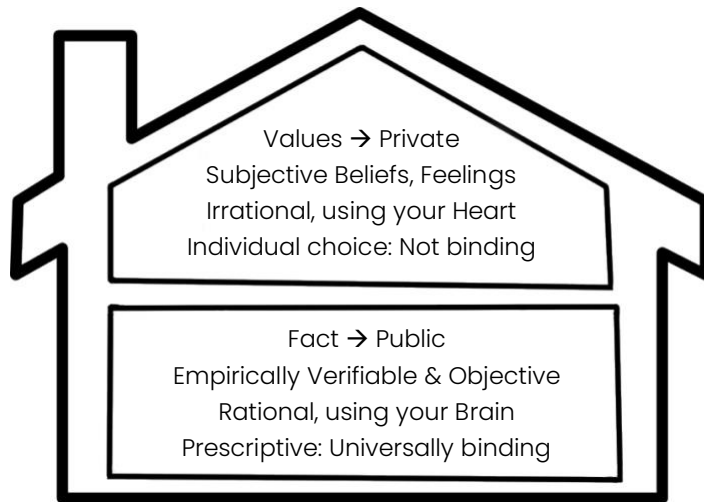
## Bridging the Gap of Faith & Facts

*“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened.”*

Romans 1:20-21

### The Suppression of Truth

Scientism: “the view that the hard sciences alone have the intellectual authority to give us knowledge of reality.”



Faith and facts are not contradictory but complimentary.

### Sociological Ramifications

1. Because they did not honor God, they became futile in their thinking (vs. 21).
2. Their senseless hearts had become dark (vs. 21).
3. Claiming to be wise they became fools (vs. 22).

### A Signpost to a Greater Message

To bridge the gap between faith and facts, we must:

1. Study God’s Word (1 Peter 3:15).
2. Learn and stand on sound doctrine (Titus 1:9).
3. Learn to explain the laws of nature from a biblical paradigm.
4. Research difficult questions that you cannot answer.
5. If you are a rooted Christian, read a variety of perspectives for information and apologetic engagement (Acts 17:28).

#### [re]Construction Toolbox

[srministries.org](http://srministries.org)

*The Benefit of Doubt*, Craig Groeschel

*The Case for a Creator*, Lee Strobel

Podcasts: “Unbelievable?” & “Sean McDowell Show”

## **[Re]constructing: *Bridging the Gap of Faith & Facts***

Romans 1:20-21 & Psalm 19

Questions based on the sermon from March 23, 2025

### **Getting to Know Me**

1. What was your favorite subject in school growing up?
2. If you could ask God one question about creation or the world you live in, what would it be?

### **Digging Deeper**

3. What lesson or idea did you connect with the most in Sunday's sermon? What did you struggle to understand or accept?
4. How would you sum up the contention that some believe exists between faith and science?
5. Perseus defined 'scientism' as the belief that the hard sciences alone can guide us to knowledge of reality. Where have you seen this idea at play in our culture, schooling or interactions?
6. Read Psalm 19 slowly and consider the following:
  - What do verses 1-6 suggest about how we can arrive at knowledge and how creation reveals the Creator to us?
  - What do verses 7-11 reveal about the role God's Word plays in us arriving at knowledge?
  - This psalm invites us to know our God both through the created order and through his scriptures. Why is this significant? How does this relate to our discussion of faith and science?

7. Read Romans 1:19-23, paying special attention to verses 20-21.
  - According to these verses, what can everyone know about God through observable sciences and the created world?
  - What has been the general response of people to this general revelation?

### **Making it Personal**

8. What are some of the main objections that science supposedly raises against the scriptures or Christian faith (for example, 'Darwin explained away our need for God...')? How would you respond to these objections?
9. Can you name some of the many significant advances in science which rose from Christians or the Christian worldview? (Click [HERE](#) for some ideas if you need help.)
10. How do you think we should understand the relationship between faith and science? In what ways did this week's study shift your view on the relationship between faith and science?
11. What questions are on your mind as we wrap up this series? Are there any questions you're hoping to study or explore more deeply?  
*[Guides, please note these and pass them along to Pastor Phil—he'd love to include them in the Q & A on April 6.]*

### **Prayer**

*Read Psalm 19 again; this time as a prayer to God rather than a topic to study. Then pray for a renewed grasp and glimpse of God's power and goodness as revealed in what he's created.*

*We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.*