

# Believers In Science

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Imagine you are a college student, struggling to understand whether you can really believe in Christianity while also pursuing a study of science. Who do you turn to for answers?

On many campuses, there are Christian professors in the physical sciences who patiently listen to those doubts. They explain that God's work is revealed through studying His world, just as studying His word reveals His Son. Here are a few of many professors making a difference:

## **Dr. Micah Green** - Chemical Engineering, Texas A&M



*Micah leads the Texas A&M Christian Faculty Network. He speaks at a number of on-campus groups, including Ratio Christi, where he answers the questions of skeptical students and Christians with lots of doubts:*

“As a Christian I believe the universe is orderly and understandable because God made the universe. He also made my mind. He made it in such a way that as a scientist I can use my mind to look at the universe, to understand how molecules interact with each other.

“When I study the natural world, I am glorifying God by understanding the beauty and the wonder by which God made the universe. And that is something to which all of us are drawn as scientists.”

## **Dr. Andy Mitchell** – Chemistry, Illinois State

*Andy helps lead the Christian faculty group at Illinois State. He spoke here at North Texas this spring, and took his family on a “best taco tour” while working with a mentor at Baylor University.*



“These prophetic words of Jesus are just as relevant to us today: ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out’ (Luke 19:40) Beginning with the resurrection stone crying out to the world through the empty tomb, creation continues to testify of the power and majesty of our King and Savior.

“Studying His creative work in light of His story not only gives immense satisfaction, but also results in more worship. To gaze into the mind of God is itself an act of worship, but when we see such beauty it leads to even more adoration. The study of science can be a foretaste of pondering and enjoying our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend for all eternity.”

## Dr. Kaisa Young – Physics, Nicholls State



*Kaisa and her husband, both physics professors, answer questions of skeptical students in Louisiana on a regular basis.*

“Recently, students in my astronomy class expressed surprise when they learned of Georges Lemaitre, the Catholic priest that developed the Big Bang Theory. They often see faith and science as enemies. My desire is to help them explore places of connection instead.

“As a Christian, a scientist, and as a woman, I sometimes feel pressured to be a perfect role model in order to show students what’s possible. However, I’ve learned to daily trust God for the grace to connect with students and acknowledge that only His power makes all things possible.”

## Dr. Oliver Chyan – Chemistry, North Texas



*Oliver and his wife Jin-Jan (also a PhD) regularly interact with international students seeking an understanding of Christianity.*

“Often I ask student seekers from materialistic, evolutionary backgrounds to imagine using a powerful machine that can reduce a human body into various piles of chemical elements (like oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, carbon, potassium, calcium, gold, ...etc).

“They are surprised to hear from me that it only costs \$160/person, if based on the actual cost of these disassembled chemical elements alone. But, we always think we humans are worth much more than this.

“The truth is, only God can create something from nothing. He creates us in His image; He breathes life into us. And there is the possibility of having a personal relationship with a loving relationship with God; as a result, we can see our fellow human beings as very valuable.”

Thanks for making it possible to come alongside these and many other professors.

-- Steve & Sarah

