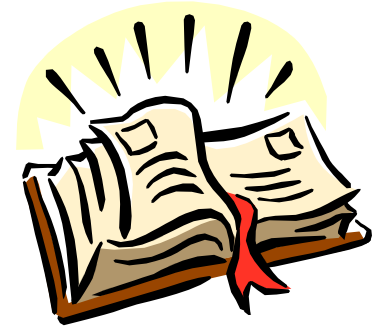


in the attempts to develop military strategy, a term was coined "La Nova Scientia" the New Knowledge. The new knowledge combined the approach of Philosophy, the effort to understand nature through observation and reason, with calculated mathematic deduction,<sup>5</sup> hence the building blocks of modern day science. This new knowledge truly was solidified when the astronomer Galileo used mathematics to affirm the observation that the Earth rotates around the Sun (heliocentric) rather than the Sun rotates around the Earth (geocentric). Galileo was a Christian and who was even admired by the reigning Pope. Also Copernicus, who first proposed the heliocentric theory, and Kelper who continued with Galileo's research were also Christians with no intent to discredit the church rather to pursue every means possible to understand universe which God had created. This mentality was continued by such well known scientist as Issac Newton, Blaise Pascal, and Louis Pasteur, who were all Christian. Even the astronomer Georges Lamaitre, who first proposed the theory of "The Big Bang", was not only a Christian but he was a priest. Knowing this history we as Christians should not see God and science at odds but rather we should utilize science to attain a deeper understanding of God.

## We all need to be Scientists!

There is no way to prove or disprove the existence of God. Ultimately it is based on faith. But we can utilize our scientific observations to understand some important questions. Was the universe created or did it always exist? If it was created then who or what was responsible for it's creation? Is humanity really that special or are we one of trillions of created creatures in this vast universe? Was man truly made by God or are we just an accident of evolution and survival of the fittest? These questions are being posed by our youth, scholars and our society as a whole. As disciples of Christ we should be able to respond responsibly to reveal the depth of God's mysteries in the observed scientific findings. To do this you need to know the bible, therefore read it daily. Also educate yourself on the facts of science. A great book to read about this is "What's so great about Christianity" by Dinesh D'Souza. And pray to the Lord for two things. Pray for divine understanding concerning the vastness of His creation and for the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that you might lovingly communicate that knowledge with the entire world. By doing this we will affirm the fact the Christ, the Word of God, who came into the world, has revealed to us the logic of God's mystery and the gift of science.



<sup>1</sup> Pope's Benedict XVI speech at University of Regensburg, Germany, September 12, 2006

<sup>2</sup> Dinesh D'Souza, *What's so great about Christianity*, 2007, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Chp. 8 Christianity & Reason: The Theological roots of Science.

<sup>3</sup> *Idib.*; 96-97

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.friesian.com/hist-2.htm>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/geometry/cat1.htm>