

# **What Physics Offers Christianity**

## **2. Humility in Understanding**

Most people think physics is awfully complicated. Well, yes, we live in a complicated Universe with a lot of phenomena to describe. And pretty much everything we calculate is an approximation.

I expect the Creator to be more complicated than the thing created, whether that thing is a work of art created by a human artist or an entire Universe created by God. So as long as our physics theory is approximate, I expect theology to be even more approximate.

We have an estimated 4,000 to 10,000 distinct religions in the world, all trying to understand the world we live in from a spiritual perspective. And within Christianity, the number of different denominations is estimated at over 47,000.

In the Bible, the apostle Paul wrote, “Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part” 1 Corinthians 13:12. This would be a pretty good description of physics as well as religion.

Physics is amazingly useful for engineering applications, even though we use approximations. I think we should feel OK about using humble spiritual approximations as well.