

Faith and Science

Any over-arching explanation for the universe must involve a force that *transcends* the universe itself. The universe is the *effect*. To explain the universe, to explain its cause, one must clearly reference a force *beyond* the universe. And anything beyond the universe clearly falls outside of the jurisdiction of science. C.S. Lewis put it like this:

“But why anything comes to be there at all, and whether there is anything behind the things science observes--something of a different kind--this is not a scientific question. If there is 'something behind,' then either it will have to remain altogether unknown to men or else make itself known in some different way.”

Logic *demand*s that we look beyond the purview of science when we're considering the big “whys” and “whethers” of our universe as a whole. There are only two basic options: that personal forces are ultimately responsible for the universe or that impersonal forces are.

Faith is exercised whether a person believes in impersonal forces or personal ones. Everyone exercises faith because the facts alone do not spell out the full story about the universe. Faith is simply belief in something that cannot be verified with the senses. Merriam Webster defines faith as “firm believe in something for which there is no proof.”¹ The facts alone don't reveal whether the ultimate cause for our universe is personal or impersonal. Each person makes this call on his own, coming down on one side or another. Every person makes this call, and their answer is revealed in their everyday life and choices. Before a person can form any values at all, he will first have to decide *why* he exists and, in light of that answer, *how* he should behave.

The scope of science is quite limited in the entire process of investigation. Science simply gives us a closer look at the things we *can* see, while we must exercise logic (and ultimately faith) regarding the things we *cannot* see.

¹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/faith>