

**Title:** The title suggests the religion benefits religion, but doesn't provide context.

**Thesis:** Partly because of the length of your introductory paragraph and the inconsistent fluidity between sentences, it is difficult to pinpoint your thesis.

**Thesis Support/Argument:** It appears that your thesis is that science and religion can coexist because they positively affect one another. Although a potentially valid point, your examples, which are times repetitive, fail to persuade. It is unapparent whether or not your thesis effectively answers the prompt at hand. Consequently, it is difficult to follow the logic of your argument. Consider omitting sentences that are not essential to or concise in establishing your argument.

**Mechanics/Specific Quotations to Consider Addressing:**

General Notes:

- There are many instances in which you quote an external source, however there are no citations.
- Stylistically, the sentence structure of this paper is inconsistent in so far as providing clear transition as well as directly stating your point(s). Consider incorporating more sentence variation to increase the fluidity and persuasive elements of your arguments.
  - o Also, there are many sentences that are run-on or forcibly conjoined. Consider recasting them to provide clarity.
- Some grammatical corrections are, for the sake of simplicity, done in **RED** font in brackets.
- You raise many potentially valid points, yet theirs is little explanation or analysis that connect them to your thesis or the prompt.

Page One:

- “;it lays the groundwork for the mutualistic relationship of two of the greatest ideals of all time.”
  - o On what basis are you able to make the claim that science and religion are the two greatest ideals of all time?
- “This essay will prove that science and religion can and in fact should work together.”
  - o Consider setting “and in fact should” off with commas to avoid confusion
- “It needs some guidance when it comes to the natural world and must accept the ideas that science has to offer.”
  - o Why?
- “Neither science nor religion should exist ignorant of one another, because as Einstein pointed out without one another both are flawed.”

- This sentence would probably work more effectively if you recast it as two separate sentences. The use of the comma and conjunction-adverb combination forces the synthesis of sentence that doesn't flow well.
- "A scientist can be religious and in fact should be because when science does not take into account religion it forgoes its conscience, which leaves out an awareness of right and wrong."
  - Consider recasting this sentence. Contains similar awkwardness of previous quotation.

Page Two:

- "Forty percent of all working scientist claim to be believers, therefore it is possible for a scientist to be religious."
  - Is this a legitimate claim? What do you mean by believers? To what extent do they believe?
  - "Scientist" should be plural.
- "Specifically look at two of science['s] great[est:] Francis Collins, the man who mapped the human genome, and Albert Einstein."
  - Instead of "look at", try using "consider the" as the reader cannot *actually* "look at" Collins and Einstein.
  - Were your intentions to use a nonessential phrase to modify Collins and not Einstein? If so, you are implying that the reader should be aware of the significance of Einstein and why he should be considered one of "science's greatest".
- "One of his greatest accomplishments, creating a computer that could map genes has led him not discount the existence of God but instead to revere him."
  - Consider recasting.
- "To Collins science is restricted to a standard of truth, for example a collection of atoms; it takes a leap of faith to show that there is some meaning or purpose to everything."
  - It is unclear how this statement relates to issue raised in your introductory paragraph.
- "Albert Einstein who was regarded by many to be one of the greatest physicists of all time was born into a Jewish background and had a "lifelong respect for his Jewish heritage.""
  - There is a nonessential element in this sentence that should be set off in commas.
- "The universe we live in according to Einstein is God['s] universe..."

Page Three:

- "Einstein believed that God showed himself in the "harmony of what exists."
  - Can you cite an example?

- “Yes it is very clear from these two examples that a scientist can be religious.”
  - o Is it clear? Although your examples state that both Francis and Collins are scientist with a set of beliefs, you’ve only discussed the religious aspect; you haven’t explicitly commented on their coexistence in terms of both science *and* religion.
- ““Cosmic religious feeling is the strongest and noblest motive for scientific research,” some of the most motivated scientists in history have been the most religious.”
  - o This is another example of a run-on sentence. Consider recasting as two separate sentences.
- “It is important for a scientist to be religious because religion is a strong motivator.”
  - o In what ways?

Page Four:

- “Einstein wrote a series of essays on science and religion and [t]he interaction between the two...”
- “Knowledge is a remarkable thing to have but it is insufficient in acting as a guide.”
  - o Can this statement stand alone without context? Is it possible to have guidance without knowledge of the matter at hand?