

NOMA - THE BIZARRE NOTION THAT GOD AS MAKER OF ALL AND ULTIMATE CONCERN TREATS SCIENCE AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT FROM HIMSELF!

NOMA stands for Non Overlapping Magisteria. It seeks to refute the allegation that science and religion cannot fit or cohere. It orders science not to claim it can refute the idea that an intelligent power is needed to explain the origin and the seeming design in the universe.

Its deviser, Stephen Jay Gould says that religion is about the why or the purpose of existence and not about the how. But in science, all whys do not demand an answer. You do not ask why a leaf cannot talk to you.

The ultimate purpose of existence denies the validity of the notion, "Maybe the ultimate purpose for me is for this hour or this day. Maybe it will be another one tomorrow."

The most repulsive thing about NOMA is how fundamentalists use it but don't tell their flocks the whole story. Catholics have taken Gould out of context to argue that Catholicism and science fit each other and compliment each other. But Catholicism is not about mere values. It insists for example that it is a fact that Mary had a baby without a man being involved.

The Catholic Church however says NOMA is wrong and that the correct view is that religion and science go hand in hand. In other words, a non-religious scientist is not a scientist at all. A non-scientific or ignorant person of religious faith is not a person of religious faith at all. It is obvious that it is absurd to say the two fields belong together. You cannot expect everybody to be a scientist. Saints do not read science manuals but holy books. It redefines religion as being science from another angle that is married to "normal" science.

NOMA claims to keep science out of religion. It does not. To say that science cannot refute a hiding creator God is not keeping science out of religion. It is involving theology.

Science and religion agree that mathematics is valid.

The doctrine of God as understood by Christianity contradicts sets. God has all power and indeed is all power. Imagine an object that represents all power. There is no creation. Here it is.

O

But if creation takes place and it is not made of this power but by it you get O and a new object representing the universe O

But that contradicts O being all power. The new object is also power but not that power.

Theologians would put O inside O but that would mean the creation is a part of God. It does not work.

NOMA is total nonsense.

Gould an unbeliever should have known better. Or did he lie in order to help religion cease to be so hostile to science?

Ignoring God is more atheistic than denial of God

Science is based on the idea that from nothing nothing comes. Religion says nothing comes from nothing but God can make something come from nothing. Science cannot test how the universe came to be for you cannot test nothing to make sure it is nothing. Science does not deal with the question of creation by God in that sense. Ignoring God is more anti God than denying God's existence. Denying God means you have looked at the question and thus honoured the idea of God enough to do that. Ignoring God is thus in a real sense more atheistic than denying God would be. It is more hostile in a sense too. Religion would state that to ignore a being that by definition should not be ignored if he exists is hostile.

If you ignore God you are effectively denying him or that he matters. A God that cannot matter to you is not God to you. Atheism would be stronger if more people ignored God and the God question. Ignoring often is more contagious than denying.

Could redefined religion as spiritual values such as kindness and so on. This is too shallow. It is too vague. It is ignoring the complexity of religion. Would you really need Hinduism to be Hinduism or Catholicism to be Catholicism if religion was really just about values everybody accepts?

NOMA is applied mostly to God but there is more to religion than just God. And there is more to God than just God. What if God really wrote the Bible to be his word for us for all time? You cannot just talk about religion being values as in kindness or whatever when the Bible God says it is kindness to believe what he has in the Bible and to urge others to believe it?