

# WHAT DOES CALCULUS HAVE TO DO WITH CHRISTIANITY?

*a lecture by*

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### Abstract:

Isaac Newton - the father of classical physics and co-creator of calculus; Michael Faraday - the founder of electrical engineering; Blaise Pascal - mathematician extraordinaire and inventor of the first computer; George Washington Carver - the "father of the peanut"; Louis Pasteur - the father of microbiology, Thomas Bayes - the founder of statistical inference, James Clerk Maxwell, the formulator of electromagnetics, and on and on. We know these and other great scientists and mathematicians have made monumental contributions to knowledge. We know what they did but, typically, not who they were nor what motivated their work. These extraordinary researchers, and others, desired to uncover the beauty and order in a universe they believe was created by God. Many not only study the creation, but have pursued the identity of the Creator and have found Him in the foundational tenets of Christianity. How is this juxtaposed with the more modern naturalistic idea of an anthropic principle? Stephen Hawking claims "The anthropic principle seems essential. . ." If all these wonders weren't true, we wouldn't be here to know about it. One must either appeal to the anthropic principle or find some viable explanation for why the universe is the way it is.

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