

Science at Peace with Religion?

Creating a Dialogue between the *Dialogues*

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ABSTRACT: The “More In-depth Reading” (MOIRE) platform for the General Education Foundation Programme (GEFP) has various interactive features, including micro-modules and online discussion questions. It aims to establish a connection between the two compulsory courses of GEFP, *In Dialogue with Nature* and *In Dialogue with Humanity*, so that students’ learning of the two courses becomes a truly integrative, inter-disciplinary experience. Specifically, the project offers the opportunity for in-depth reflection on the compatibility between science and religion from the perspectives of four different groups of people, namely, “giants” in Western science, contemporary religious leaders, Judeo-Christian theologians, and Chinese and German philosophers. Four themes will be addressed: “God’s Existence in a Clockwork Universe”, “Evolutionism or Creationism?”, “Creation in the Judeo-Christian Tradition”, and “The Need of Morality-from Kant to Confucius”.

Science and Religion

Researches report an automatic opposition between evaluation of Science and God.

Source: Jesse Preston, Nicholas Epley, ‘Science and God: An automatic opposition between ultimate explanations,’ *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, Volume 45, Issue 1, 2009, Pages 238-241

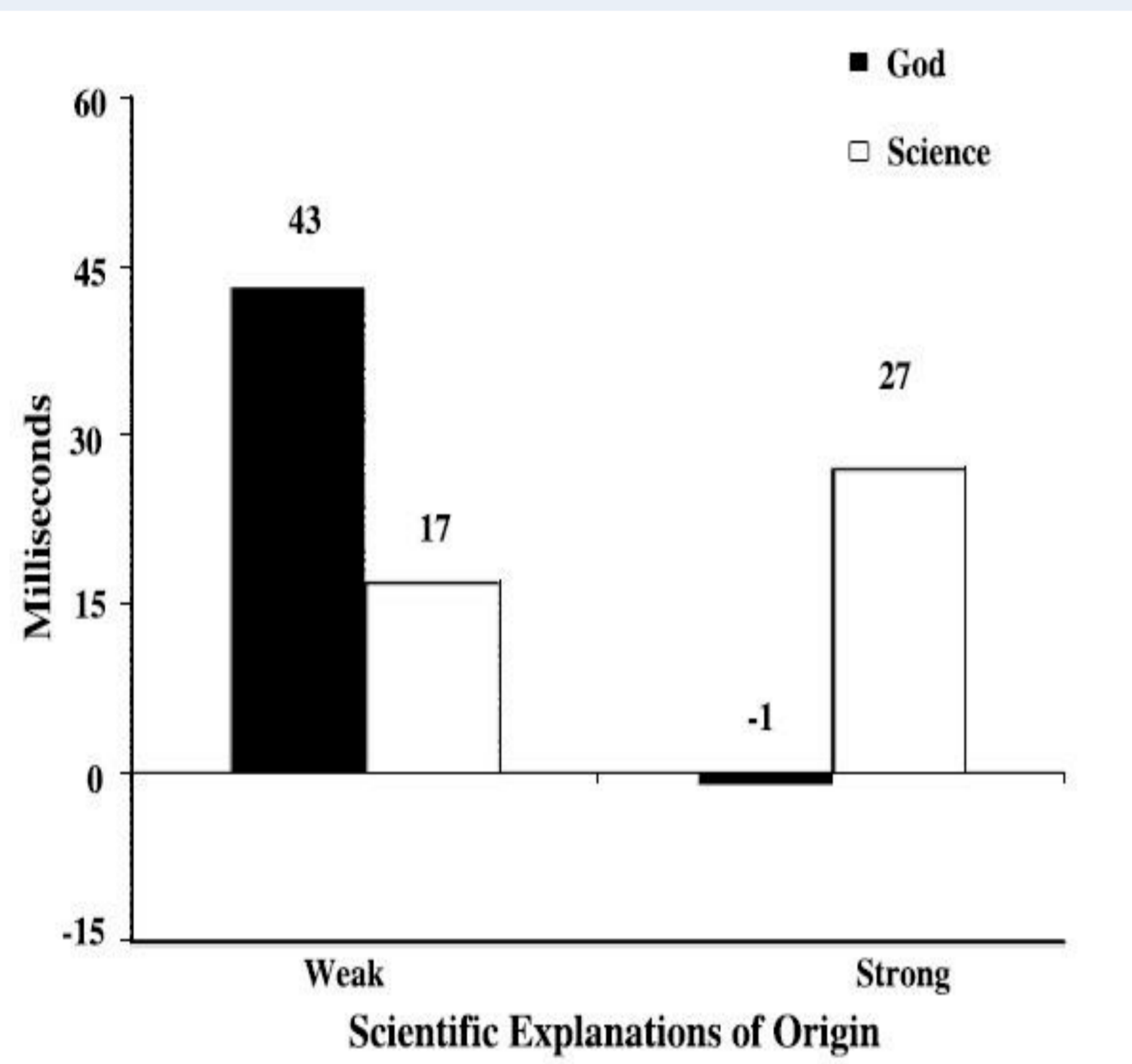
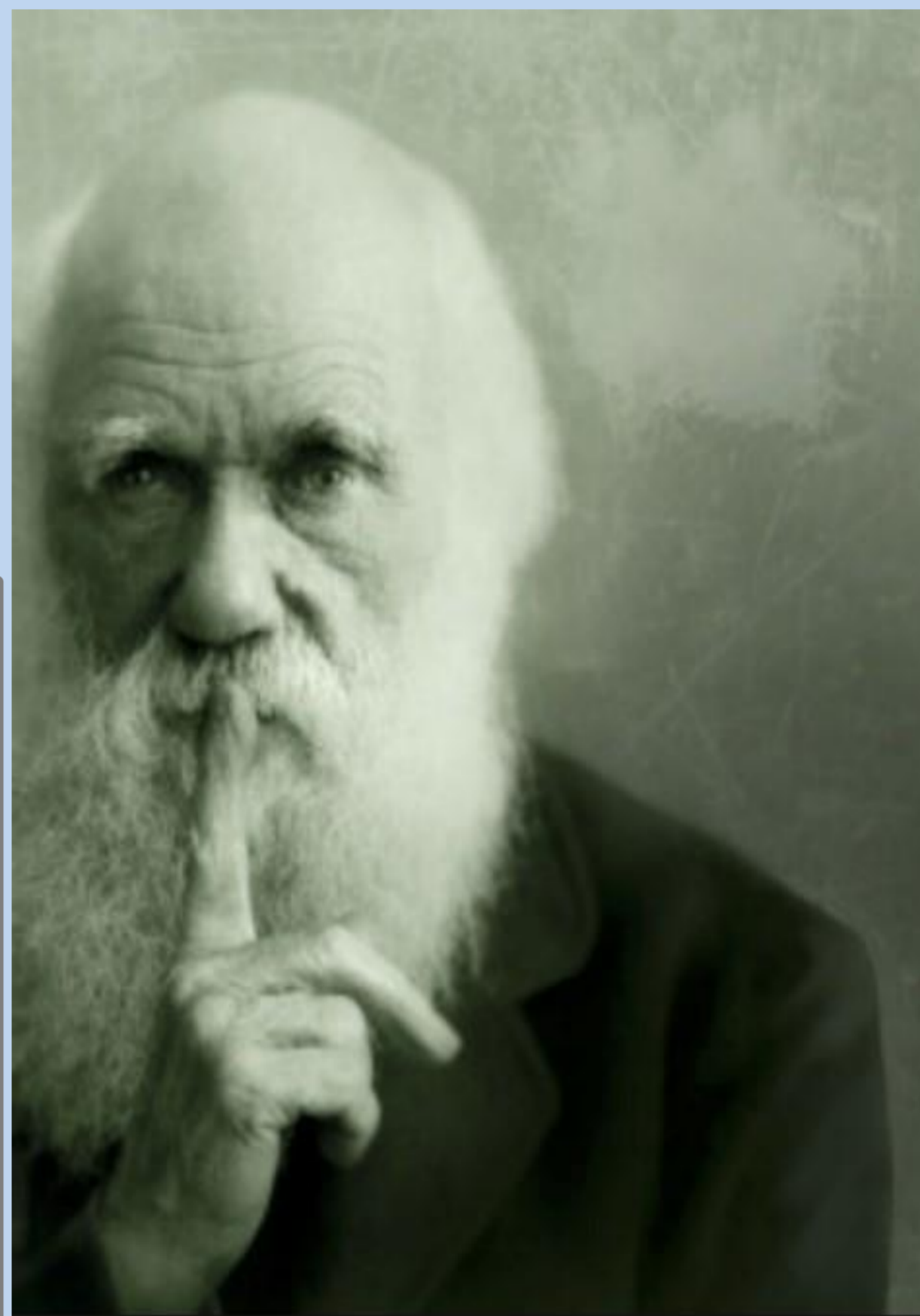
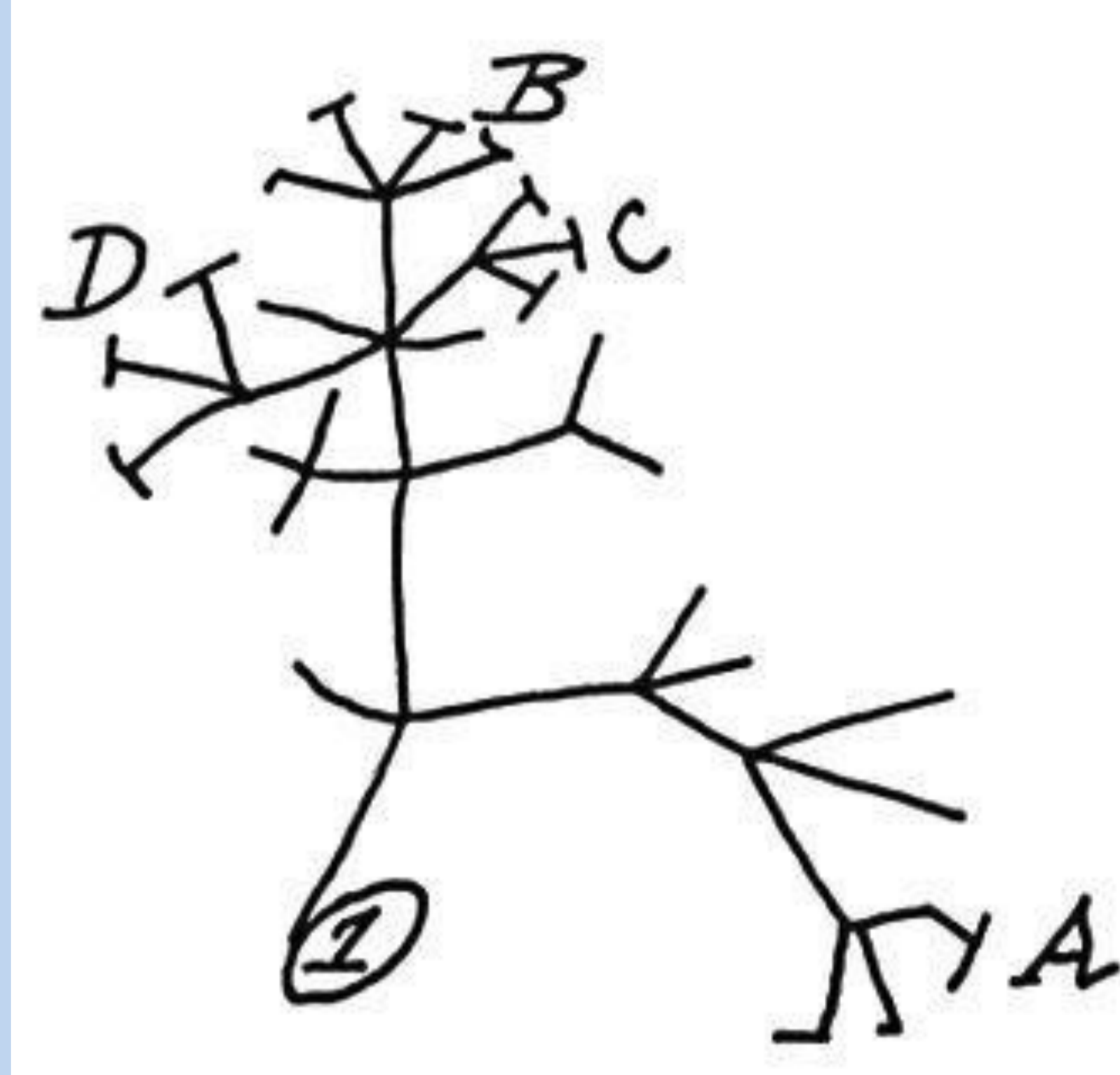


Fig. 1. Automatic evaluations of Science and God by explanatory power of Science, Experiment 1.

Are scientific and religious explanations antagonistic?

Evolutionism and Creationism

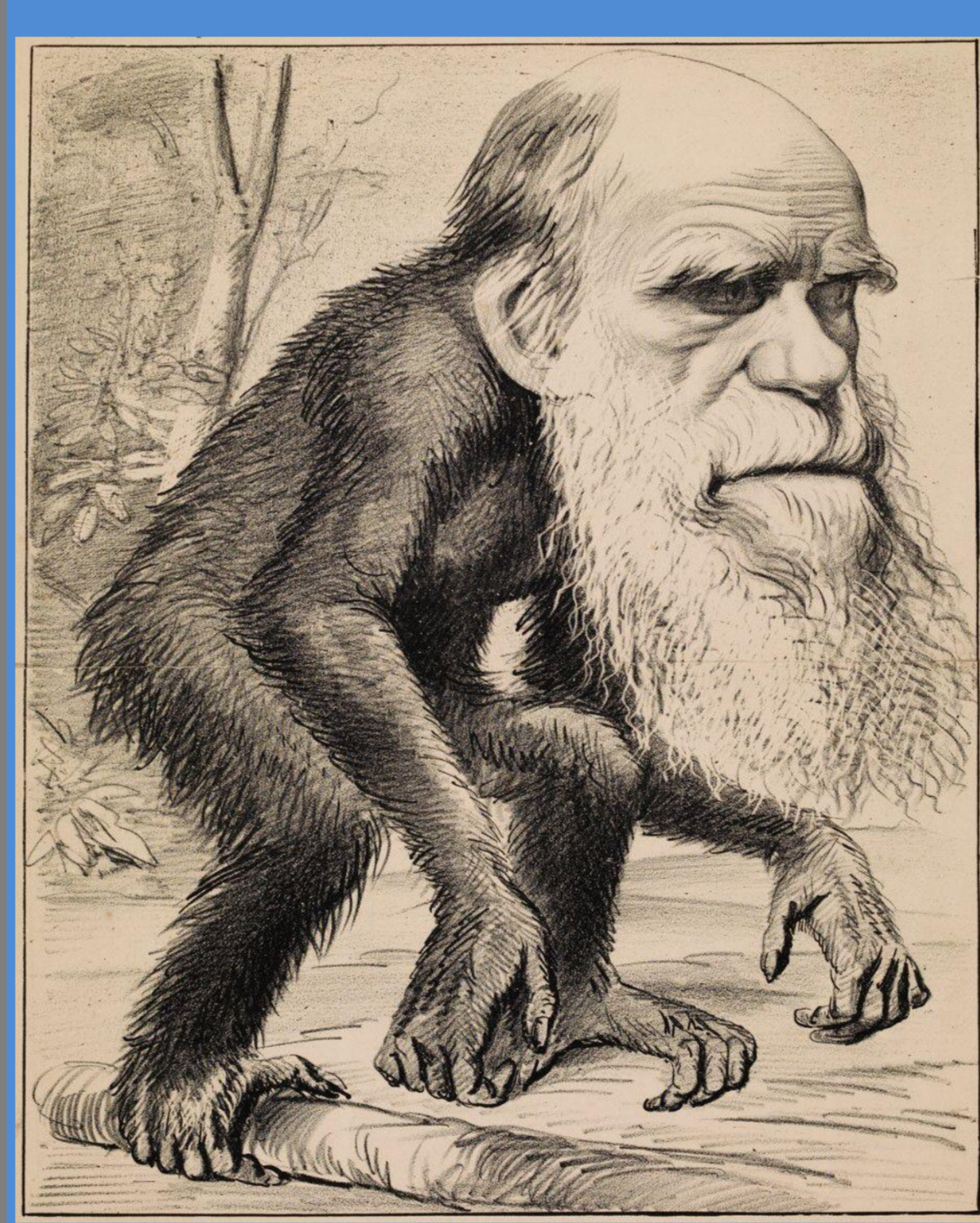
How did the first form of life originate?



Did science help Darwin apprehend the God?

Philosophy

Religion



We cannot know God, for we have no experience, no sense data of him. But we have faith in God, and this faith is originated from our morality and our justified hope for happiness. For Kant, it is a rational faith.

Immanuel Kant on Faith and Morality



<https://www.ucg.org.au/blogs/just-what-do-you-mean-faith-in-god>

Are creationism and evolutionism reconcilable?

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For Confucius, morality does not require the existence of God. His distinction between righteousness and fate marks off the realm of what we should strive to achieve from what is beyond our control.

