

Special Topics

9 Independent Topics

9.10 Islam and Science

Word: Scientific Method

Meaning: "a method or procedure that has characterized natural science since the 17th century, consisting in systematic observation, measurement, and experiment, and the formulation, testing, and modification of hypotheses"

Word: Epistemology

Meaning: Epistemology has to do with "knowledge" and "how you know things"

Word: Materialism

Meaning: Materialism, also sometimes called naturalism or physicalism, is a worldview that assumes that all that exists is ultimately material. Only matter is real, anything beyond that is untrue and not real.

Word: Scientism

Meaning: Scientism holds that the scientific method is the only way to understand existence, or at the very least, that the empirical sciences are the most "authoritative" worldview and have the most legitimate claim on truth and knowledge.

Word: Is faith incompatible with science?

Meaning: It is incompatible if one assumes that faith means to "believe in something without evidence," but that is not the Islamic definition of faith.