

What Would Jesus Patent? God, technology and entrepreneurship

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Science and religion are often in the limelight regarding origins and human identity, so it is tempting to think that only cosmologists or biologists would find their faith interacting strongly with the subject matter of their professions.

But what if you are an applied scientist, an engineer, or a technology entrepreneur? You are designing, inventing, or building, rather than discovering or truth-searching. Does that mean that your faith has no bearing on what you do, or perhaps only on how you do it?

This seminar looks at the neglected faith-world of the applied scientist, especially those working in a commercial environment, and ask questions such as “why are you doing what you do?”, “for whose benefit?”, “to what end?” and “for whose glory?”

By way of preparation, please think about the following question and which, if any, of the example answers you might give:

How does your faith interact with your job as an applied scientist/engineer?

- I don't see much relevance, as the Bible doesn't have much to say about my subject (unlike those working in, say, evolution or cosmology).
- I share the Gospel with work colleagues whenever I can.
- I try to please God and my employer by working hard and meeting my objectives.
- I get well-paid and tithe my salary to my local church and Christian charities.
- I'm too busy to give it much thought.
- Other:

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