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I believe it was the atheist Richard Dawkins who said: “Religion is scarcely distinguishable from childhood delusions like the “imaginary friend” and the bogeyman under the bed.” The God Delusion He then goes on to speak of science and religion being diametrically opposed. When I worked in electronics, I worked on both production facilities and in the Research & Development Laboratories, I was immediately struck by the number of practicing Christians in the Labs – obviously seeing science and faith sitting in close harmony. Software Engineers, Chemists, Physicists, Mathematicians all saw the relationship of science and religion as inclusive, rather than mutually exclusive. Many attended the regular Christian Fellowship meetings, the Head of Mathematical Modelling trained Anglican Lay Readers, the Director of R&D would read a lesson at the on-site Chapel (Which had stood since the English Civil War).



All would pray, in accordance with their own tradition – as Philip Yancey says “Prayer is a declaration of dependence upon God.” P. Yancey 1. Each of these people, women and men of science & industry, expressed their witness with such good grace, taking on board the example that “God loves people because of who God is, not because of who we are.” P. Yancey 2.

In an environment where everything is scientific, evidential, measured, proven, repeatable, empirical – these scientists and engineers made the brave move to witness to their limitations and an understanding that not everything can be measured. Each Christmas the small Cromwellian Chapel, which seated 65 people, would have standing room only, with all, bar the Priest, from a scientific background, all with a sincere faith in their Lord.

Showing simply that: “Some things just have to be believed to be seen.” P. Yancey 3.

Grace and peace to you all. Graham ✠

Quotes: Philip Yancey Books: 1: Prayer - does it make any difference? 2: What's So Amazing About Grace? 3: Grace Notes: Daily Readings with a Fellow Pilgrim