

Contemporary Physics, Deconstruction, and Biblical Interpretation  
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- I. Introduction: Our Post-Modern World
  - A. Characteristics of Modernism
  - B. Characteristics of Post-Modernism
- II. The Role of Contemporary Physics in the Movement from Modernism to Post Modernism
  - A. Classical Physics
  - B. Contemporary Physics

The Two Slit Experiment

- C. Resultant Thought World of Late 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Centuries
- III. Deconstruction
  - A. Philosophical Concern
    - 1. Reality and the Self
    - 2. The “Decentering” of the Self
  - B. Two Developments that Result
    - 1. Destruction of Determinate Meaning in Texts
    - 2. Critical Race Theory
  - C. Additional Elements of Deconstruction
    - 1. Power
    - 2. Unmasking

D. Evaluation

IV. The Relevance of Contemporary Physics to Scriptural Interpretation

A. Antinomy on a Small Scale

1. Physics
2. Theology

B. Antinomy on a Massive Scale: Frames of Reference and of Scale

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  - a. Basic Idea: “Newtonian” and “Einsteinian” Theologies/Perspectives
  - b. Details
    - i. “Newtonian” Theology/Perspective
      - (A) God and His Actions
      - (B) Humankind’s State
      - (C) Personal Salvation
      - (D) The Christian Life
    - ii. “Einsteinian” Theology/Perspective
      - (A) God and His Actions
      - (B) Humankind’s State
      - (C) Personal Salvation
      - (D) The Christian Life
  - c. Relationship of the Two “Theologies”/Perspectives
  - d. Value of the Two “Theologies”/Perspectives Analysis
    - i. Self-Understanding as Interpreter
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V. Conclusion