Light Bends!

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. – Genesis 1:16

Perhaps you'll remember that it was Arthur Eddington who measured the bending of starlight near the sun during an eclipse in 1919. His work validated details of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity and established Eddington as one of the greatest astronomers of all time.

But you may not have ever heard that this great scientist was also a man of great faith. His whole life was influenced by his reverence for God as Creator. In fact, he wrote that the details of Creation were worthy of being measured, explored and appreciated. In his book *Science and the Unseen World*, Eddington declared that the world's meaning was not discoverable from science but must be sought through understanding spiritual realities. How many scientists today would come out and say something like that?

As author and creationist Don DeYoung points out in his book *Pioneer Explorers of Intelligent Design*, Eddington avoided offering proofs for God's existence but said that the most flawless proof for the existence of God is no substitute for a personal relationship with Him. Such a relationship would take even the most convincing arguments against God's existence and turn them harmlessly aside.

Eddington was absolutely correct. A vital relationship with our Creator, Jesus Christ, will safeguard us from even the most persuasive claims of atheists.

Ref: Don DeYoung, *Pioneer Explorers of Intelligent Design*, pp. 2-3 (BMH Books, 2006). Photo: One of Eddington's photographs of the total solar eclipse of May 29, 1919, presented in his 1920 paper confirming Einstein's theory that light "bends". (PD)

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