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Scientific And Christian Perspectives Of God's Activity: Can They Be Related?

Four different standpoints from which events can be viewed:

- 1) the God story ? God as Creator and Sustainer,
- 2) the scientific story,
- 3) the faith story ? the interpretation of events in terms of our relationship with God,
- 4) the I-story ? my choices, desires, thoughts etc ? related to brain story, part of (2),

These 'stories' or descriptions are complementary; but how do they relate to each other. Are they compatible? The question of the compatibility of the scientific story and the faith story is highlighted by the consideration of answers to prayer. How detailed can we expect God's answers to be? Can we expect God's answers to make use of detailed knowledge of the future?

Particular examples will be presented that are taken from some detailed records of Christian experience of God's activity. They provide evidence of God's detailed knowledge and control.

Models have been proposed that consider the link to God's activity to be in a new dimension additional to the 4 dimensions of space-time. How far can such models be an aid to our understanding of how God acts in the world?