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Science excludes the supernatural in its explanations and theories - a principle called 'methodological naturalism'. This strategy of eschewing supernatural causation has been criticised, in particular by some religious communities. One reason given is that this principle leads one to a total rejection of anything supernatural (ontological naturalism). In this paper I argue that methodological naturalism is a stable but also necessary position, which does not cause one to accept an atheistic worldview.

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