

# Culture Clash

## Understanding the Influence of Culture for More Effective Evangelism

### Modern Media - Science

### Handout 7

#### - Science -

Science [sahy-uh ns] -

1. a branch of knowledge or study dealing with a body of facts or truths systematically arranged and showing the operation of general laws: *the mathematical sciences*.
  2. systematic knowledge of the physical or material world gained through observation and experimentation.
- How do we view science?  
**Genesis 1:1, Psalm 111:2, Colossians 1:17, Romans 1:20, Ecclesiastes 1:13-17**
  - How has a Christian worldview shaped and aided scientific development?
    - The idea that God is rational and sovereign led to the belief that nature was governed by laws.
    - Understanding that we are made in the image of God and are created to know and worship Him gave scientists the confidence that they could understand the natural world.
    - In contrast to the Greek Neo-platonist view, Christianity taught that the physical world was created by God and was worthy of study.
    - Understanding the imperfection of the fallen man gave rise to methodologies of observation, measurement, experimentation, and testing because unaided reasoning was ineffective.
    - *Notable Christian scientists:* Nicolaus Copernicus, Francis Bacon, Johannes Kepler, Galileo Galilei, René Descartes, Blaise Pascal, Isaac Newton, Charles Babbage, Guglielmo Marconi, George Washington Carver, Max Planck, Werner Heisenberg
  - How do we, as Christians, deal with scientific principles?
    - Astronomy
    - Math and Physics
    - Evolution [ev-uh-loo-shuh n]
      1. any process of formation or growth; development:
      2. a product of such development; something evolved :
      3. Biology. change in the gene pool of a population from generation to generation by such processes as mutation, natural selection, and genetic drift.
      4. a process of gradual, peaceful, progressive change or development, as in social or economic structure or institutions.

