

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.

