

Lesson Five – “Science: What is True?”

Introduction

Everywhere we look—whether up at the grandeur of the stars or deep into the workings of a living cell—we come face to face with the God who has revealed Himself not only through His written Word but also through the works of His hands.

But mankind does not react to this evidence the way we’d hoped. In this tour, we’ll examine that response and discover why it’s becoming even harder today to deny the existence of God.

Quote Unquote

What did they say? Fill in the blanks as you watch this presentation.

1. Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his _____ and _____—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made. —Romans 1:19-20
2. Given so much _____, the impossible becomes possible.” —George Wald
3. The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the _____ and _____ which has been imposed on it by God. —Johannes Kepler
4. Darwinianism has come of age so to speak. We are no longer having to bother about establishing the _____ of evolution. —Julian Huxley
5. Biology is the study of complicated things that give the _____ of having been designed for a purpose. —Richard Dawkins
6. The sight of a feather in a _____, whenever I gaze at it, makes me sick! —Charles Darwin
7. Evolution is a fact amply demonstrated by the _____ and by contemporary molecular biology. —Carl Sagan
8. What we’re now discovering is that the cell is chock-full of exquisite miniature _____. —Stephen Meyer
9. Evolution destroys utterly and finally the very reason _____ was supposedly made necessary. —G. Richard Bozarth

Notes or Questions

While watching the video, use this space to record your thoughts, any facts you want to remember, questions that arise, etc.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Psalm 19:1

TRUTH 1 – Plain as Day (and Night Too)

According to the Bible, God has revealed His glorious nature in the universe He created.

1. What are some specific things in the physical world that fill you with awe? What do they tell you about the Creator?
2. How difficult is it for us to view nature (a rainbow, for example) as we once did? Does that matter? How might we restore our childlike sense of wonder at God's creation?

TRUTH 2 – Science Started with God

The scientific revolution began with the assumption that the world had been divinely created in an orderly way and could therefore be studied.

1. How do you feel about the fact that early science was primarily a Christian response to the world around us? How might that encourage you when you see science being used today as an argument against the faith?
2. In what way can scientific research be an act of worship?
3. Which early scientist(s) might you want to learn more about? You can often read their very own works, not just biographies about them

"Praise Him you heavens, glorify Him , sun and moon and you planets."

Johannes Kepler

TRUTH 3 – A Stronger Case Than Ever

Today we have new evidence pointing to God's design of the universe.

1. What are some key things we understand about the night sky that we didn't know even a hundred years ago? Which objects might you want to locate there with binoculars or the naked eye?
2. What do you think of the scientific evidence that suggests the universe has not always existed?
3. Explain in your own words what has been discovered about the inner working of the cell and the information contained in DNA. How is this like finding a wristwatch in the field while out on a walk? What other evidences of design in nature impress you or make you want to investigate further?

TRUTH 4 – The Blind Eye and Deaf Ear

Modern science refuses to follow the evidence where it leads and instead treats alternative theories about the universe as fact.

1. Why did Einstein and other scientists want to believe that the world had always been here? What discovery spoiled their hopes? How do you feel about scientists who are driven more by their religious or philosophical worldview than by scientific data?
2. Suppose you were talking to someone who thought Darwin's theory of evolution explained life on earth. What evidence (or *lack* of evidence) in modern science would you mention to call evolution into doubt?

"Biologists must constantly keep in mind that what they see was not designed, but rather evolved."

Francis Crick

3. What are some ways that scientists have responded to evidence for intelligent design in the cell? How might you review or study the evidence further so that you can share it with others?

"I believe that one day the Darwinian myth will be ranked the greatest deceit in the history of science."

Soren Lovtrup (Darwinism: The Refutation of a Myth)

Wrap-Up

We've seen how fallen man ignores the plain evidence of objective scientific inquiry and promotes the atheistic philosophy of evolution primarily because he is determined to act as he pleases without answering to a higher authority.

Does this hit close to home? Are we, as Christians, sometimes inclined to live our own lives without asking the Lord for His power and direction?

What is What?

Here's an exercise to try on your own. Draw a line from each term in the first column to its definition in the second column. Terms are found in the lecture or at mytruthproject.org.

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| 1. Irreducible complexity | a. Microorganisms came to earth from outer space |
| 2. Fossil record | b. Co-discoverer of DNA who rejected evidence of design |
| 3. Directed panspermia | c. author of <i>Icons of Evolution</i> |
| 4. Punctuated equilibrium | d. Like a mousetrap, needs every part in order to work |
| 5. Francis Crick | e. Early assumption made using limited evidence |
| 6. Hypothesis | f. Remains of plants and animals |
| 7. Theory | g. Characteristics or information that came from a mind |
| 8. Jonathan Wells | h. Idea formed by speculation, conjecture, or deduction |
| 9. Michael Behe | i. Author of <i>Darwin's Black Box</i> |
| 10. Intelligent design | j. Appearance of new species occurs suddenly and rarely |

Check It Out

For your reference and further review, here are some of the key Scripture passages that were mentioned in the video you just watched.

Genesis 1-2
Psalm 8; 19; 111; 139:13-16
Amos 5:8
Acts 14:16-17
Romans 1:20