



#### Lesson 1: The Search for Truth and the Nature of Science

1. Science in the news (and in our lives)
2. Life's ultimate questions
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3. Three pathways to truth
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4. God's Word: The Christian's source of ultimate truth
  - a. **Read I Corinthians 1:17.** What does Paul say about his approach to gospel ministry in this verse that probably disappointed the Corinthian Christians?
  - b. **Read I Corinthians 1:18.** What does Paul say about the message of the cross?
  - c. **Read I Corinthians 1:19** and compare with **Isaiah 29:14.** What kind of wisdom does Paul challenge?
  - d. **Read I Corinthians 1:20-25.** How were the Jews and Greeks (both groups found in Corinth) different in their resistance to the truth taught by Paul?
  - e. **Read I Corinthians 1:26-31.** How does Paul emphasize the concept of grace?
5. What is science?

- The vocabulary of science - define the following terms:

facts -

laws -

theories -

- For another way of understanding science, watch “The Nature of Science” from the Answers in Genesis DVD *Check This Out!* List the two categories of science described and explain the difference.

6. Agree or disagree?

\_\_\_\_\_ The study of science is evil because it produces powerful and destructive technologies.

\_\_\_\_\_ The study of science is good because it leads to the discovery of truth and material prosperity.

\_\_\_\_\_ The goal of a scientifically literate society is threatened by biblical literacy.

7. The following Bible verses suggest that science requires a Biblical worldview. How does each selection support that idea?

a. John 1:3.

b. Hebrews 1:3 and Jeremiah 33:25.

c. 1 Samuel 15:29 and Numbers 23:19.

d. Psalm 139:7-8.

e. 2 Peter 3:8.

f. Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 8:22.

## **Bible Passages - Lesson 1: The Search for Truth and the Nature of Science**

**1 Corinthians 1:17** <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**1 Corinthians 1:18** <sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**1 Corinthians 1:19** <sup>19</sup> For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

**Isaiah 29:14** Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.”

**1 Corinthians 1:20–25** <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**1 Corinthians 1:26–31** <sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

**John 1:3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**Hebrews 1:3** The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**Jeremiah 33:25** This is what the LORD says: ‘If I have not made my covenant with day and night and established the laws of heaven and earth,

**1 Samuel 15:29** He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind.”

**Numbers 23:19** God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

**Psalms 139:7-8** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**2 Peter 3:8** But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

**Genesis 1:28** God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

**Genesis 8:22** “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”