

## Philosophy of Science

God controls every part of the natural world- His creation the world we study in science. The Bible and the findings of science do not conflict. God's nature is such that He could not be guilty of presenting to us conflicting messages in the Bible and creation.

### Instructional Goal and Biblical Truths

God uses His creation- what we observe in nature to teach people eternal truth.

#### 1. The Bible and the findings of science do not conflict. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup> "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; <sup>8</sup> or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. <sup>9</sup> Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? <sup>10</sup> In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. (Job 12:7-10)

<sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? <sup>28</sup>"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:26-34)

#### 2. God on many occasions has worked suddenly and completely; He is not limited to working over a long period of time. <sup>2</sup>

Genesis 1:3-15 The creation story

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (Hebrews 3:11)

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<sup>1</sup> Haycock, Dr. Ruth C. Encyclopedia of Bible Truth for School Subjects. 1993. Association of Christian Schools International. 216

<sup>2</sup> Haycock, Dr. Ruth C. Encyclopedia of Bible Truth for School Subjects. 1993. Association of Christian Schools International. 219

### **3. God preserves His creation so that it continues to function as He planned.<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>6</sup> You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. (Nehemiah 9:6)

<sup>5</sup> He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved. You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth. <sup>10</sup> He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. <sup>12</sup> The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. <sup>13</sup> He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. <sup>14</sup> He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth: <sup>15</sup> wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart. (Psalm 104:5,9,10,12-15)

### **4. God controls every part of the natural world-His creation-the world we study in science.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>6</sup> You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. <sup>7</sup> But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight; (Psalm 104:6, 7)

<sup>5</sup> The Lord, the LORD Almighty, he who touches the earth and it melts, and all who live in it mourn— the whole land rises like the Nile, then sinks like the river of Egypt- (Amos 9:5)

### **5. God uses His creation-what we observe in nature-to teach people eternal truth.<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:3,4)

<sup>1</sup> Then Job replied to the LORD : <sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup> You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. <sup>4</sup> "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' <sup>5</sup> My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. (Job 42:1-5)

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## 6. All creation is meant to praise God and bring glory to Him. <sup>6</sup>

<sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. (Colossians 1:16)

<sup>15</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, <sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. <sup>31</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. (Psalm 107:15, 21, 31)

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. Psalm 111:2, 4)

## 7. God has provided an orderly world. <sup>7</sup>

<sup>22</sup> "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (Genesis 8:22)

<sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. <sup>7</sup> All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. (Ecclesiastes 1:6, 7)

<sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

## 8. The natural world, God's creation, is constantly changing. <sup>8</sup>

<sup>7</sup> "At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. <sup>8</sup> Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, <sup>9</sup> yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant. (Job 14:7-9)

<sup>19</sup> as water wears away stones and torrents wash away the soil, so you destroy man's hope. (Job 14:19)

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<sup>7</sup> Haycock, Dr. Ruth C. Encyclopedia of Bible Truth for School Subjects. 1993. Association of Christian Schools International. 223

<sup>8</sup> Haycock, Dr. Ruth C. Encyclopedia of Bible Truth for School Subjects. 1993. Association of Christian Schools International. 224

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. (Isaiah 40:7)

**9. Man can never know all there is to know about the universe and about life. <sup>9</sup>**

<sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup> You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. <sup>4</sup> "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' <sup>5</sup> My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. (Job 42:2-6)

<sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9)

<sup>14</sup>The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

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