

Is science the worship of nature?

It seems that everyday we are being inundated with anti-Christian messages that are supposedly based upon science that is causing great challenges to people's faith.

1. What are some of the principles of atheistic scientific inquiry?

2 Peter **3:3-6**

1 Corinthians **2:12-14**

John **3:19**

Psalm **14:1**

Romans **1:25**

For the atheistic scientific mind, everything has basically been the same since time began. There have been only slow and gradual changes over time but they have all been the result of natural forces and they are completely unguided by any external force or power.

2. What are some of the principles of Christian scientific inquiry?

Genesis **1:1**

Psalm **100:3**

Psalm **19:1**

Job **40:14-18**

Genesis **1:24-25**

Titus **1:2**

Hebrews **1:3**

The primary principle of Christian scientific inquiry is that in the beginning it was God who created all things and that He created everything that lives to reproduce according to its kind (which is exactly what observational science tells us). We know that it is God who created everything in the beginning with great possibilities for genetic variation that leads to a plurality of species but still all of one kind. We further know that the world that is around us show us the reality and the necessity of the God of all creation. Without Him, nothing would exist at all.

3. How can we evaluate theories presented by the scientific community?

John **3:12**

1 John **4:1**

Proverbs **3:5-6**

Romans **3:3-4**

As scientific theories are presented, we can ask ourselves, is the theory based upon actual observations that can be tested? Is the theory in agreement with God's word? If the answer to either question is "No", then we know that the theory is unreliable and ought to be set aside. We also need to be ready to reject theories presented by "experts" since they are being presented by fallible men who could very well be wrong.

4. What can we learn from the study of nature itself?

Acts **14:17**

Acts **17:22-27**

Romans **1:16-22**

From the study of nature, we are left with no other response but there must be a God. We know that neither the world nor the living creatures in the world created themselves. We also know that since there really is a God, He should be worshiped and treated as God. Proper scientific inquiry does not

bring us to worship nature but it brings us to the point of worshiping God, the creator of heaven and earth.