

## Lesson 8: Science & Technology

### A. Example Issues:

1. What is our response to current events that are billed as "proving life could have started in frozen water," or that "genetic codes provide evidence of evolution," -- conclusions that appear to contradict the Bible.
2. Many of the uses of the newly-developed technology seemed to be aimed at finding new ways to practice and promote evil.
3. It appears that most scientist (or educators in science) are non-Christian. What should be the Christian's view of a scientific education?

### B. The Christian's World View

1. What is the origin of the observable universe? (Heb 11:3) How is it sustained? (Heb 1:2,3; Col 1:17) Which world, the natural or supernatural, is more "real"?
2. Is there indication that God used a consistent set of principles to make the world (see Prov 8:27-31)? Is man intended to find them (v32-35, and remember 20:12)?
3. What is man's role in this creation (Ps 8:3,4,6)? Is there an implied ability / necessity to understand the natural world in God's commands to Adam & Eve (Gen 1:28)? What forms will this understanding take (see, for example, Prov 6:6; Luke 12:54-57)? What kind of understanding should not be neglected?
4. Is there evidence of God's approval of this investigation (and sharing of it)?
  - a. Dan 1:4
  - b. I Kings 4:32-34
5. Are there examples of the use of this knowledge to accomplish good things?
  - a. Ex 35:10; 36:1-5
  - b. I Chron 22:15
6. [Note in whose family the development of technology appears to have begun. (Gen 4:16,20,22)] Are there examples of use of science/and technology to accomplish things which God disapproves of? (For each example, explain why God disapproved)
  - a. Gen 11:4-6
  - b. I Sam 13:19,20
  - c. Amos 6:1,4-6
7. Why are there limits to our investigation and description of the natural world?
  - a. Prov 27:1
  - b. Jas 4:14a
  - c. Prov 16:33
  - d. Prov 30:3,4
8. What are problems that we are unlikely to be able to solve with science?
  - a. John 12:8
  - b. Prov 27:20; 30:15,16; Heb 2:15
  - c. Prov 30:11-14
  - d. Guilt (or spiritual issues in general)
9. What are the dangers of scientific investigation and technological advance?
  - a. Dan 4:28-30
  - b. Luke 12:54-57

### **C. Applications**

1. Should it surprise us that science is employed to oppose a faith in God? (see I Tim 6:20)
2. Should it surprise us that technology is employed to promote evil? (see Tit 1:15)
3. Should the rapid changes (advances) in science and technology convince us that man has discovered almost everything?                      What is the real lesson the rapid changes should teach?
4. Which of these great problems of man has science come close to solving? Have some been made worse by the evolution of technology? Does that mean that it is wrong to try to mitigate these problems with research and technology development?
  - a. Human suffering
  - b. Death and disease, accidents
  - c. Natural calamity
  - d. Man's inhumanity to man
  - e. Man's guilt and spiritual needs.
5. Should a Christian oppose education, research, and development in the scientific fields?
6. How should we react to discoveries that seem to contradict the Bible accounts of creation or history?
7. Are there limits that should be placed on what ought to be attempted by scientific research? What are some of the principles that might be used to bound scientific investigation and application?
8. How should we react to discoveries and developments that could lead to a proliferation of evil? (abortion pills, biological weapons, new forms of inappropriate entertainment...)
9. What advantages to the Christian might there be in an awareness of technology?