

Examining Evolution

Faith and Science

Science is a Human Activity

- Not mandated by God
- Done by sinful people
- When any human contrivance contradicts God's Word, the Word remains the authority
- Subject to change

God Blesses Us Through Science

- God placed us into His creation
- God gave us the gifts and abilities
 - Study and Observe
 - Understand and explain
 - Change and manipulate
 - Limited
- Though flawed, even defiant, God still blesses us

Opportunities Offered

- Science involves other disciplines
 - Math
 - History
 - Language
 - Creativity
 - Problem solving
- Application of our faith

Paradigms*

- The system of beliefs through we filter experiences, input or information
- Biases, preconceptions, points of view
- Analogous to a lens
- The paradigm always comes first
- Data doesn't speak, it must be interpreted
- The paradigm we hold greatly influences the interpretation of the data
- Therefore all of science can be taken as evidence of evolution

Christianity and Science

- Do conflicts exist? Absolutely
- Maintain the correct hierarchy- any human activity is subservient to Scripture
- Natural knowledge of God
- Not surprising that secular activities suppress the natural knowledge of God

Do and Don't

- Do
 - Show students the conflicts when they arise
 - Keep science in its proper place
 - Watch for opportunities to apply our faith
- Don't
 - Look for evidence of Creation
 - Attempt to make Scripture more reasonable
 - Look to science to validate Scripture

