

## WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM SCIENCE?

*“But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.” - Daniel 12.4*

The sheer volume of expanding information and discovery is breathtaking. The last 200 years have seen a ramping up of *technology* never before imagined. *Data* from macro-astronomy as well as the wonders of micro-observation has literally overwhelmed the human race. We simply have added exponentially to our knowledge base - and consequently - to what we *know* to be observably true.

### ASTRONOMY (Psalm 19:1-6)

The sheer observable data about the immensity of space.

Our finely-tuned neighborhood - fit for life (solar system).

Our finely-tuned universe and local galaxy - ideal for observation.

The uniqueness of the earth's fortunes (whether random or designed).

I have found two books to be helpful in my learning process about things learned from immensity. The *Privileged Planet* by Guillermo Gonzales explains the incredible fine-tuning of earth conditions. *Why the Universe is the Way it Is* by Hugh Ross examines the expanding data about our universe.

### MICRO-BIOLOGY (Psalm 139:13-16)

Insight into the nature of the sophisticated building blocks of life.

I will have more on this later (middle of reading/studying).

### INFORMATION PROCESSING (Genesis 11:1-9)

Exposure to amounts of information is sweeping; challenging intellectual, emotional, and values selection.

Educating about subjects is massive albeit lack of attention to corroboration.

Bombarding unsolicited information overwhelms our ability to integrate into tested principles.

### UNIVERSAL AVAILABILITY & ACCESS

The world-wide individualized connection to information.

The opinion-shaping processes brought about by universal access.

The conduit for misinformation and strange belief systems.

In our current divisive and antagonistic culture it is easy to set science, philosophy, and theology in opposition because of our personal belief systems: both God-seeking and atheistic. The truth is that there are chosen convictions in all three disciplines which are closely held, not based upon proven truths, but because of a desire to promote our core beliefs. *I prefer to see science, philosophy, and theology as equally helpful tools when handled with integrity of thought.* I also think that all three avenues are muddied by human bias, and this is why God has given us a clear declaration of what is true in the God Story, when the God Story is *allowed to interpret itself.*

(Psalm 2)

“How can I believe?” is really more often “I just can't believe.”

What do you learn about universal humanity from this Psalm?