

Welcome
to Lesson 7

Training for Baptized (Immersed) Disciples of Jesus

Science and The Bible Questions

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**Objective: Help disciples accomplish the tasks
assigned by Jesus
in a religiously confused and secular world**

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The Great Commission of Jesus is the foundation for Training Baptized Disciple of Jesus to Go into the World.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Disciples Task Summary

- 1. Make Disciples by immersing (baptizing) them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **for the forgiveness of sins***
- 2. Teach Disciples to **do their best to** obey everything Jesus commanded the Apostles*

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The commission of Jesus to his apostles is the key to representing Disciples, the church, answering spiritual questions and presenting directions to Heaven.

“I am a baptized disciple of Jesus” is a better way to represent our religious allegiance – the Christian label is ambiguous

“The “church tbt Christ” is a better way to represent our worship and fellowship instead of “church of Christ” to educate and separate from society with multiple religious organizations --- denominations are irrelevant in Heaven

The Great Commission of Jesus provides simple directions and actions in response to questions.

Directions to Heaven:

1. Become an Immersed (Baptized) Disciple of Jesus
2. Do your best to obey everything Jesus commanded the Apostles

Greatest & Most Important commands of Jesus

1. Love Almighty God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength
2. Love your neighbor (those you encounter) as yourself
3. Remember Jesus body and blood sacrifice on the first day of every week

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The effort to make Disciples is complicated by those that use Bible contradictions of Science to divert conversations about spiritual and eternal topics.

It is important to understand where the Bible is perceived to be in conflict with science – Therefore ask a question.

The main difference in understanding the Bible and Science in general is a difference of objective and purpose.

The Bible teaches Disciples Who is responsible for creation while Science seeks to learn how Creation works.

Disciples search for the source and reason for creation - why
Science searches for the mechanisms of creation - how

The Holy Spirit via Peter presents the nature of Almighty God related to time in 2 Peter 3:8.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

Thus, Almighty God is eternal and independent of time.

Almighty God and Jesus existed before time and will exist after time

The issues of **evolution time** and **creation time** are non-issues because Almighty God is not restricted by time.

The Bible records many instances when Almighty God violates the human understanding of science in miracles.

- The creation and evolution miracles
- Moses and the Exodus miracles:
- Many Old Testament miracles:
- The virgin birth of Jesus:
- Jesus performed miracles - ~ 40 to support Jesus' words:
- The resurrection of Jesus
- The only way miracles can be accomplished is by violating the human understanding of science.

Some Definitions will help science – Bible discussions :

Science is the investigation of our universe

- Humans are animals with extra ordinary consciousness of existence
- Science seeks to discover how our universe functions

Religion is the search for meaning of existence

- Humans are living beings that are conscious of our finite existence
- Religion seeks to find assistance outside our existence
- Religion seeks to determine how to preserve our existence

Humans perceive the Bible recorded miracles in two ways

BDOJs believe that Almighty God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit created and control everything in the universe.

Scientists understand the physics, chemistry and biology of our existence and struggle to explain miracles in terms of their knowledge.

Thus, the basis for the conflict between Bible historical accounts and the scientific approach to our existence is how each soul perceives the environment in which we exist.

Only one way has an eternal reward, but faithful belief is required.

The Bible is the foundation of a Rational Religion

- Christianity is a rational (reason based) approach to belief in an Almighty God
- The foundation is the belief that God exists and rewards those who seek Him
- Belief is supported by observing creation and the order of the natural world and the universe
- Belief is supported by the righteousness and human's inherent Knowledge of God's will as presented in the Bible
- Belief is supported by the blessings that result from obeying everything that Jesus commanded the apostles

The Bible tells humans:

- We **exist** because an Almighty God created and controls the universe and everything in it
- Almighty God is **perfect and pure and righteous**
- Almighty God has **defined** good and evil, right and wrong
- Almighty God **rewards** those who seek to follow His will
- Almighty God **punishes** those who choose not follow His will
- How to seek and interact with Almighty God
- How to interact with our neighbors

The Bible, the Holy Spirit's editorial guidance through Human writers, and Science are focused on completely different aspects of human existence.

- Science seeks to understand our existence and how every part of creation functions.
- The Bible presents the source and reason for creation with only general information of the method of creation.
- For example, science has measured the speed of light to 20 decimal places, but we still do not know why there is a universe speed limit

How should Disciples answer a question about the creation of the Universe?

My answer: “I do not know if Almighty God created the universe and man in 7 human days or 7 of His days – But I believe God did create the Universe”

- **2 Peter 3:8** “ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.”
- The most important fact is that Bible tells us Who created the Universe and every soul therein.

Almighty God is independent of time

How should Disciples answer a question about evolution?

My answer: “Yes, I think the Bible is completely compatible with evolution.”

- Remember with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.” --- 2 Peter 3:8
- Science tells us the evolution is responsible for optimizing and controlling nature which the Bible attributes to God
- The optimum design includes evolution which builds on the past and improves the future
- Evolution is a key part of God’s perfect design

The major argument over evolution is the transition of species versus specific designs at the hand of God.

Scientists use the similar features of organisms from a single cell to the human species to form a tree with a single source as proof of the evolution producing multiple species.

The root of Darwin's tree is claimed to have always existed or was brought to the earth by some outside entity.

The branches of the Darwin tree have large gaps which cannot be explained with scientific knowledge.

Science and the Bible agree on one aspect of the Creation of the Universe – It was created at one point in space and time

- Science has measured a cosmic microwave background energy that would have been produced by the creation of the universe at one point in space and time.
- ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together (**Colossians 1:16-17**)

The discoveries of Science have demonstrated that an immense intelligence was necessary to design and create a single strand of DNA in a single living cell.

- The DNA code structure in a single living cell guides the cell mechanisms to create proteins that are necessary for survival.
- The design of the DNA structure required to control the mechanisms of a single cell requires such a massive intellect that the random machinations necessary to produce the same structure is impossible.

How should Disciples address the confusion about bodily resurrection after death?

Jesus answered that question in **Matthew 22:30**

³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

AND in **Luke 20:35-37**

³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

BDOJ Training Class Summary

The Objective of this Training Series is to help Disciples to accomplish the tasks set for Disciples by Jesus' Great Commission.

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