

Science, the Arts, and the Wisdom of God

Throughout history, humanity has sought to understand creation through science and the arts. While these fields can reveal aspects of God's order and beauty, they have also been used to glorify man rather than the Creator. The tension between human knowledge and divine wisdom is an age-old battle, and Scripture reminds us that true understanding comes from knowing God.

Science and the Arts

In Genesis 4, we see the first recorded cultural advancements: livestock development, music, metallurgy, and the building of cities. These came through the descendants of Cain.

Genesis 4:20-22 "Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron."

These advancements reveal the remarkable ingenuity God placed within humanity. Yet in Cain's line, this creativity unfolded outside the covenant promise and apart from surrendered fellowship with God. In their rebellion, they began to build a culture unto themselves, a civilization shaped by human ability but separated from divine purpose. It was progress without worship, skill without surrender, and culture without the God for whom mankind was created.

The line of Seth, on the other hand, was focused on calling upon the name of the Lord.

Genesis 4:26 "And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him E' nosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord."

This pattern continues today: many who lead in science and the arts reject God, promoting secularism and self-exaltation.

Does this mean science and the arts are evil?

No, but they must be submitted to God's authority. When used for His glory, science and art declare God's handiwork.

Psalms 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."

When used apart from Him, they become idols of human pride.

Romans 1:21-22 *“Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.”*

The Bible repeatedly warns that human wisdom alone leads to deception.

Proverbs 9:10 *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*

Many scientists reject God because their knowledge is purely carnal.

1 Corinthians 2:14 *“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

The world’s intellectual pride blinds it from spiritual truth.

Romans 8:7 *“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.”*

True wisdom is not found in studying the universe alone, but in knowing the One who created it.

Should we reject scientific knowledge?

Absolutely not, but we must discern the spirit behind it. We must look at knowledge through the eyes of humility, humbly acknowledging that God’s wisdom surpasses human discovery.

Isaiah 55:8-9 *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Use science for good, but never let it replace faith.

1 Timothy 6:20 *“O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge.”*

Recognize that ultimate truth is not found in laboratories, but in Christ.

John 14:6 *“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

God's focus has always been on us developing spiritual wisdom over human understanding.

1 Corinthians 3:19 *"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."*

While science seeks to explain the material world, God calls us to seek the things of the Spirit. Science can explore the mechanisms of creation, yet it cannot fully explain life's deepest mysteries: the soul, consciousness, love, morality, or eternity itself.

God does not forbid exploration or discovery. He has filled creation with wonders that reveal His wisdom and glory. Yet He has also placed boundaries upon human understanding, allowing us to know only what serves His greater purpose.

The ultimate purpose of God is not merely that we understand creation, but that we know its Creator. Through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, God has provided the way for restored fellowship with Himself. As we grow in that relationship, we begin to see creation through His eyes and understand its true meaning.

Knowledge alone cannot satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart. We were created to know God. In Christ, we discover not only the purpose of creation, but the purpose of our own existence. From that place of fellowship, the wonders of God's creation take on their fullest meaning, revealing the wisdom, power, and love of the One who made all things.

What should our priority be?

Renewing our mind with Scripture, not worldly philosophy.

Romans 12:2 *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

Pursue wisdom that leads to righteousness, not just knowledge.

Proverbs 4:7 *"Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."*

Seek to know God intimately, rather than simply explaining creation.

Philippians 3:10 *"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."*

The role of the Holy Spirit in true understanding.

1 John 2:20 *"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."*

The Holy Spirit reveals true wisdom that the world cannot comprehend. Many intellectuals reject Christianity because it requires faith, not just logic. The deepest mysteries - such as salvation, eternity, and the nature of God; are spiritually discerned.

How do we gain true wisdom?

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your understanding.

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

Depend on prayer and revelation along with study.

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

Test all knowledge against Scripture to see if it aligns with God's truth.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 "*Test all things; hold fast what is good.*"

A Final Thought

True knowledge comes from God

Science and the arts are not inherently evil, but when separated from God they become tools of deception.

But true understanding begins with the fear of the Lord, and is built upon the redemptive work of Jesus Christ; from there we are in a mental state of awe and wonder in the Holy Spirit, as He brings us into the true enlightenment of the wisdom of God's amazing creation!