

God's Omniscience

Introduction

Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

Psalm 147:5 (NASB)

Science is the process and results of learning about things that we can observe. It is an enjoyable and challenging endeavor that mankind has undertaken since he was created, but not always with positive results. Modern science combines observation, hypothesis forming, and experimentation in an effort to generate new knowledge.

God, as creator of the universe, can observe all things and knows all things. Thus, God has no need to learn. We call this attribute of God *omniscience*. *Omni* means *all*, so we are literally saying that God has *all science*. What we mean is that God is all knowing. God's knowledge includes all actual and possible things.

Man did not create science; rather it was created by and belongs to God. But like so many of God's other creations mankind often corrupts science. Sometimes this corruption is intentional – a scientist falsifies his experimentation results or chooses to ignore God's revelation in his interpretation of data – and sometimes this corruption is unintentional – a scientist draws a wrong conclusion from his limited data.

Science continually adds to and broadens mankind's knowledge of our universe. This continual process of expanding our knowledge includes debate among scientist as to the true nature of things and correction of previously held scientific beliefs. The reason for debate and correction is that science includes both the process of discovery as well as the results of discovery. The process of discovery is mankind's attempt at understanding what God has created. Only God is omniscient. No human study or experiment or theory is perfect. But many are correct, enlightening, and helpful to our understanding of God's creation.

This study of God's omniscience focuses on several of the crossroads between modern science and God's omniscience. The primary question behind each lesson is, "How can the microscope of modern science expand our understanding of what God has taught us about himself, ourselves, and the universe?"

Current topics in this study include:

Mathematics – Fractals and the attributes of God

Psychology – Self-esteem and God's image

Biology – Neuroscience and holiness

Scientific Method – Can God be discovered?