

## **SESSION 3 Science or Religion?**

### **Segment 1**

*“Science is impartial empirical evidence that follows data wherever it leads.” On the other hand, it is materialistic philosophy that follows the data in so far as it supports the philosophy.” Phillip Johnson, Professor of Law, University of California – Berkeley*

#### **Anthropic Principle**

- The physical structure of the universe is designed to make life possible. E.g. distance from the sun, force of gravity, etc.

Darwin’s findings on the beaks of finch birds were not correct because it was later discovered that the expanding and contracting of their beaks was a cyclical process not an evolutionary process.

### **Segment 2**

*“It’s not a question of faith versus science, it’s a question of science versus science.” Chuck Colson*

#### **MAKING THE CASE AGAINST EVOLUTION**

- Ask intelligent questions instead of arguing emotionally.

#### **SCIENCE EDUCATION**

- Christians must support the teaching of all scientific evidence.
- Christians should not shut down science, but search for the answer to the gaps in science.

#### **THE WEDGE STRATEGY**

- Exploit the cracks in evolutionary theory by asking intelligent questions.
- What do we follow the evidence or the philosophy?

**SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES**

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.”*

**Psalm 111:10**

*“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to the end.”* **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”* **Luke 22:31-32**

*“Elijah went before the people and said, ‘How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.’”* **1 Kings 18:21**