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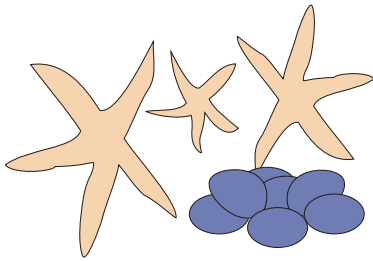
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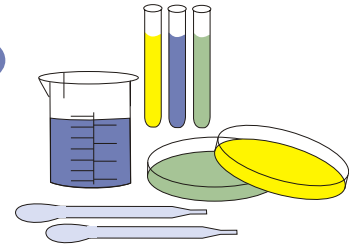
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WHAT IS SCIENCE ?



Mankind has a very inquisitive mind given to him by God/Yahweh. Because of this, many things are interesting to man in his physical, life-centered world. When man is curious, he often asks himself many questions. How does this work? What is that? From where did this come? When did that occur? Can this be improved?

To answer these questions, man had to develop a way to study and learn. While at first his attempts to learn were not very orderly, man found that if he was to discover answers to his questions, he would have to develop a way to learn that yielded results. Since God created all things in the universe in an orderly manner, man would eventually discover that the best method to employ to understand God's creation was to be orderly himself. Eventually, through much trial and error, man developed a way of studying to learn that has become an orderly discipline which is named **science**. Today, science is an orderly study of anything in God's universe that is interesting to man. Science is about learning through discovery.

Through scientific study, mankind has come to understand many things about the universe. These discoveries reveal much about God, too. Over the past centuries, many men and women worked hard to discover fascinating science information. Some of these people studied the Bible and the universe around them in a desire to work with God to discover His creative secrets. Others enjoyed the quest to find answers and were surprised to find God. Still others never knew they were looking right at their Maker as they labored to discover His secrets.

To those who pay attention to the Creator of the universe, however, science is not only a study to find answers about the physical and living things of the universe, it is a revelatory process that makes God more visible and understandable.

The systematic and orderly study of science yields results by answering mankind's questions. Through systematic study, many principles, theories, rules, and laws have been discovered that are beautiful to understand. For the people who worked on these discoveries, science also shaped or challenged them in many different ways. They frequently found the study of science to be humbling, awesome, exciting, challenging, and never ending.

The science in this textbook concerns itself with all things in the universe that are composed of either matter and/or energy. These things may be living or non-living. While studying the living and nonliving things of the universe, man developed many different types of science.

BRANCHES OF SCIENCE

Over the centuries, science has grown into a large industry with many people involved in numerous types of studies. In fact, to date, there are at least 95 types of sciences that one can study!