



Symphony of Science with John D. Mays

Episode 7: Meditating on God's Two Books

Outline:

Meditating on God's Two Books of Revelation

- Meditating on creation needs to be part of your discipleship walk.
- A teacher cannot give what they don't have.
 - First, we need to practice being in nature just to be there.
 - Second, we need to be in nature to listen to what creation has to say.
 - Third, we need to mediate on creation together with what the scriptures have to say about nature.
- There are unique aspects to our knowledge of nature, and these lead to some unique joys in teaching science.
 - Why is creation here? For God's own glory.
 - Creation exists because of God's love within the Trinity, for us, and for all creation.
 - The Logos, Christ, is in all things and all things hold together in Him.
 - Creation exists because God wants to dwell with us.
 - Our scientific knowledge is limited.
 - We have discovered many amazing things.
 - Scientifically speaking:
 - How did man get here?
 - What happens when an organism dies?
 - What determines when an individual atom of uranium decay?
 - What do we know?
 - Why must human life be? Because God loves us and wants to dwell with us.
 - Why do things die? Psalm 104:9, things die because God takes their breath away.
 - Materialism even sneaks into Christian schools if all we do is to cite scientific research in our classes.
 - There is much more to say about the natural world than we can say or will ever be able to say merely from scientific research.
- A Meditation
 - You need to engage teenagers seriously.
 - Job 38:8-11: Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst out from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?



- God is boasting about the works of his creation.
- Creation is not an illusion, God made it.
- Creation is still in process; there is an unfolding.
- God calls the waves proud, but what does it mean that the Creator speaks of his creation in this way? God imbued the waves with their own dignity.
- Meditations can continue for hours. We must meditate on creation if we are to know what we are talking about.