



Teaching Science Classically: 10 Essential Principles with John D. Mays

Lesson 1: Love

Outline:

Love

- Nature is an expression of God's love. Love is the reason for creation. God's expression of his love is manifest in nature.
- What do we know of love in the Scripture?
 - God is love. Love is the greatest of faith, hope, and love.
 - We are to love God and to love our neighbor.
 - Love is all around us. Love is the preeminent idea.
- The heavens declare the glory of God. Love is the informing principle behind the existence of creation.
 - All art is an expression of love.
 - Creation is a song, poem, dance, tapestry, play, and living sculpture.
- If a child is thinking in terms of love being the informing principle behind the creation, this will have a profound effect on how the child interacts with creation.
 - We need to meditate on creation, this should be part of our study of science.
 - We need to lead students in guided meditation on creation.
 - Why is it that we regard rivers and mountains and forests as beautiful? This is because God is expressing his love in these created things.
- Christ is the instrument of creation.
 - Colossians 1, Through Christ, God created everything. Creation is literally held together through Christ.
 - While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. The story of redemption is all about love.
 - The story of Creation is also all about love.
- While you are gazing on creation, think about this creation as an expression of God's love.
- What is the informing principle behind nature? Love
- When we are modelling nature, we are interacting with the love that is all around us. We are to study this expression of God's love.