



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

Lesson 6: Integration Part C: The Transcendentals

Outline:

Integration (The Transcendentals)

- Truth
 - Science is not about making truth claims, but makes claims that are provisional.
 - Nature does reveal the glory of God.
 - We know some things to be true from nature – season, tides.
 - Science lends itself well to mathematical modelling.
- Goodness
 - Science has done much good for the human race (vaccines and antibiotics and machines).
 - Even chemistry can be considered as a classical discipline because it reflects goodness.
- Beauty
 - Every discipline in the sciences reveal beauty (the shapes of crystals).
 - God has loaded creation with beauty.
- Being
 - Things exist. Why and how is it that things exist?
 - No limited finite thing can exist on its own.
 - There must be something that both brings into existence and holds the Cosmos. This is none other than our Creator, God.
- Unity
 - This is referred to as the problem of the one and the many.
 - The creation does have unity. Colossians 1: For by him all things were created in heaven and on earth. All things were created by him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together.