

SESSION THREE: Understanding the Opposition to Knowledge of Christ in Today's World.

"Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." I Corinthians 2:6-8

1. "Godless" knowledge as the knowledge of today.
 - The real cultural significance of separation of "church" and state.
 - Man entirely on his own so far as what really matters counts. The case of abortion as illustration.
 - Autonomy and happiness as the only recognized standard.
 - ◆ The ideology of "pleasure" and "pain."
2. The three stories about reality. —The only ones with any appeal.
 - A. The Theistic story.
 - B. The Big Bang story.
 - C. The 'New Age' story.
3. What "science" is, and its human destiny. Human mastery is the overriding aim. "Knowledge is power." White and black magic.
4. How this becomes "Naturalism." The hopelessly narrow limits of Empiricist "experience." Nothing of significance survives it.
5. "Naturalism" arises out of Empiricism as Science becomes more sophisticated. The supremacy of "hypothesis" or "theory." Baconian and Galilean "science." "Hypotheses" as knowledge.
6. Naturalism still means making the "visible" world ultimate.
7. The elimination of Spirit from reality—"Spirituality" is not Spirit as Biblically recognized in God and humans.
8. "Spirit" means "unbodily personal power." This is totally rejected by naturalism and "science."
9. How "godless knowledge" has mastered the church "visible" through the educational system.
10. "Constructionism," explaining Jesus. Avoiding Lewis' dilemma. Realism and Revelation.