

Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking: **Objective Analysis** to form **Judgement**

Socratic Method: **Questions** stimulate Critical Thinking

contrast Teaching to the Test: Right Answers (Indoctrination)

- doesn't require Critical Thinking
- does require "Trusted Expert" to determine answers

Objective: What if the Trusted Expert isn't Objective? (Motive, Bias)

Nature of Man: Humanism vs Bible (Jesus - Jn 2:24-25) (Evidence?)

Prov 9:10 (ex: nuclear meltdown)

(1Jn 4:5-6) They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Biblical Wisdom/Understanding is Superior to worldly wisdom (Fear of the Lord)

(1Jn 5:19) We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

the devil has Sway, and he definitely has Motive

Science: Isaac Newton's God First approach vs Reason over Faith (Incompatible)

my Evolution story – Why lie?

(Ps 2:1-3) Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

Age of Enlightenment (18th century): intellectual reason, science, deism (2nd place)

19th century – Evolution (never vetted through scientific process)

– Humanism (replace God with man)

don't be Intimidated by "Science" (move faith to inferior position)

Credibility: function of Motive/Bias and Integrity, not Intellect

(Jn 7:14-18) Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

don't judge by Expertise, but Motive and Integrity

Liars profess Objectivity and Trustworthiness

Honest invite Scrutiny ("settled science")

Questions: Source – Motive/Bias (Incentive), *Proven* Integrity