CHEMISTRY 103

BIBLICAL PASSAGES IMPORTANT TO THE WORKINGS OF SCIENCE

The following passages (NIV) provide insight into the nature of creation, its relationship to God, the place of humans in creation, the effects of sin, and the eventual salvation of creation. Read the passages and prepare responses for the following questions.

What is the relationship between God and the creation?
What is the relationship between man and the creation?
What is man's role with respect to the creation?
How has sin impacted creation?
How has sin impacted man's role in creation?
What will the redemption of man and the second coming of Christ mean for the creation?

**Creation:**
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen. 1:1

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Gen. 1:31a

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Heb. 11:3

The heavens declare the glory of the God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

"The nations were angry; and your wrath has come.
The time has come for judging the dead,
and for rewarding your servants the prophets
and your saints and those who reverence your name,
both small and great--
and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

Rev. 11:18

**Man's Mandate:**
Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Gen. 1:26

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Gen 1:28

The Lord God took the man and put him the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Gen. 2:16

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name each living creature; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Gen 2:19

The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat

Rom. 1:18-20

Is. 24:5-6

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and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

"That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Luke 12:42-48

Providence:

[God speaking to Job] "Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?"

Job 38:33

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Matt. 6:26

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:1-3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Heb. 1:3a

Paul speaks in Lystra: "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. In the past he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:15-17

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.

Prov. 16:33

Redemption:

The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.  

Rom. 8:19-21

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Col. 1:15-20

The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by [a refining] fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

2 Pet. 3:10

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and first earth had passed away…. I saw the...new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God…. 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.'

Rev. 21:1-3

Doxology for the semester:

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Prov. 16:3

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

All passages are from the NIV. Online Bibles are available at http://www.biblegateway.com/ or http://www.bible.org/netbible/index.htm

Assignment

In response to the discussion over the Scripture passages, you will write a short paper (1-2 pages) addressing the topic: how is science a means by which people fulfill the cultural mandate (Genesis 1:28-30). It is due next Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the beginning of class. The paper must be typed on 8.5"x11" paper. Good grammar and style are expected. Hand in a paper copy of the essay. (If you want to be really fussy, I prefer 3-4 lines per inch, no more than 1 inch margins, and a 10-12 point font size.)