



Adventist Philosophy of Biology

God is the source of ultimate truth. Science is the continuing search for understanding about ourselves, our chemistry, and our changing physical and **biological** environment. Therefore, rightly interpreted and understood, it must be consistent with ultimate truth, which is embodied in God and glimpsed by man.

Science provides the student with an opportunity to explore and attempt to comprehend the order and perfection of the original creation. Although creation is marred by sin, men may possess a closer relationship with the Creator as they seek to understand His creation.

God created man as an intelligent being with a capacity for logical thought and creativity. Science

provides a scope for the utilization of these capacities in investigating God's creation and the laws by which it is governed and maintained.

Technology speeds the processing of knowledge, enabling man to find out more about the universe and its Creator. It is a means for man to explore and appreciate the order and beauty of creation.

Science education needs to develop scientifically literate students who can use their understanding of science and technology to fulfill their responsibilities in the stewardship of nature as given to man by God in the beginning and also their responsibilities to society as an ambassador of the Creator.



Adventist Rationale for Biology

Science is a process of discovery. Discovery includes an understanding of earth science, **biology**, chemistry, and physical science. It is critical that changes in methodology, articulation, and evaluation must be current and remain flexible. Ever changing developments within the scientific

community require a constant monitoring and readjustment of goals and objectives. Being an action subject area, the utilization of all senses must be utilized in the discovery of past and current facts.

Biology is the study of life and its Creator. Its study will:

- promote the recognition of the role of God as Creator, Master Designer, and Sustainer of all life.

- develop an appreciation for both the exquisite beauty and complexity created for us by a generous God.

- respect for the resources God placed as our disposal and recognition of the individual's role in the wise and ethical stewardship of them.

- an understanding of man's classification system of God's organisms.

