





The Creator

- Scripture
- The Incarnation of Jesus Christ
- Creation
- Creature

Greatest Commandment

- You shall love the Lord, Your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Matt 22:37) *and with all your strength* (Deut 6:5; Mark 12:30)
- Effort is implied
- Total investment of our being



Creation

- Beautiful and good
- For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made...(Rom 1:20)
- Subjected to futility (Rom 8:19-21)

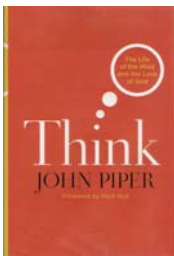
- *It is about the greatness of God, not the significance of man. God made man small and the universe big to say something about himself. And he says it for us to learn and enjoy—namely, that he is infinitely great and powerful and wise and beautiful.* — [John Piper](#)
- *We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito.*
— [C. S. Lewis](#)

The Creature

- Made in His image
 - Mind, soul, heart
 - Rational, moral, emotional
- Inconsolable longing
- *If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.* ~ C.S. Lewis

The Creature

- But: We develop
- Darkened because of the Fall
- Now we can understand. Called to know.
- “Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.” (2 Tim 2:7)



— *Once abolish the God, and the Government becomes the God.* — G. K. Chesterton in *Christendom in Dublin*

The Quest

- It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
(Prov. 25:2)
- *God is no fonder of intellectual slackers than He is of any other slacker.*
— [C. S. Lewis](#) in *Mere Christianity*



The Outcome

- You shall love your neighbor as yourself
- Because we have access to truth, we will be able to minister to their greatest needs.



Application

- Approach all your studies as devotion to God.
- Be amazed
- Wonder – ask questions, ponder, meditate.
- Enjoy the process.
- Spend time in nature.
- Exercise your mind; pursue rigor.
- Raise scholars for the glory of God.
- Emphasize creativity
- Be curious
- This is what God is already up to, cooperate with it.
