

The Smash Up: The Curious Believer Luke 1:1-4

Romans 1:20

¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. **Luke 1:1-4**

Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. **Romans 1:20**

- 1. Luke begins his Gospel saying he "investigated everything carefully . . . so you may know the truth". How do you investigate information you read/hear to be sure it's true? How do you handle conflicting information?
- 2. Unlike Luke, we don't have direct access to the first followers of Jesus". How do you evaluate what you read in the Bible or hear in a sermon?
- 3. Dr Francis Collins, head of the Human Genome Project, and director of the National Institutes of Health wrote "If God created the universe and the laws that govern it, and if He endowed human beings with intellectual abilities to discern its working, would He want us to disregard those abilities? Would He be diminished or threatened by what we are discovering about His creation."

Do you see a conflict between scientific discovery and the Bible?

How do you decide what to do with new scientific knowledge?

4. Questions to consider over the next week:

Can I see God in the things He has made, in creation and other people?

What responsibility do I have to search for the truth of what I've been taught about God?