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How to Spark Your Curiosity Scientifically

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Core questions:

1. How comfortable are we with our own religious beliefs?
2. What steps can we take to become more competent with our own vocabulary?
3. Where do I even start?

Like many parts of our lives we do not spend too much time or effort troubleshooting, learning basic components, or even taking apart things we might not think to can give us valuable insight; and, a better understanding of why things work the way they do.

Natural faith application – what about our theology (study of God) or the Bible?

So like the video we will try some hands-on learning. You will have to crack open the Bible for this one and you need a version like the NRSV. Before the Biblical text begins in the pages before Genesis there is a section called – To the Reader. It is by the committee that put together the translation of the Bible and they explain their process. It is a great read if you can – here is an online version:

<https://bible.oremus.org/nrsvae/reader.html>

The Bible is more or less put together by ‘experts.’ Much like our smartphones, computers, cars, and other important pieces of equipment. But again, referencing the video, it does not mean we have to fear it. In fact, piecing things together and researching is how the Biblical authors have done it from the very beginning!

Take Luke 1 for instance. Here is how the author starts out Luke:

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

The author of Luke was not an eyewitness to Jesus but is instead someone who did a lot of homework, learned the stories, and write out an orderly account. In a sense we can do something similar. One belief we have is the ‘priesthood of all believers,’ meaning you can read the Bible and have thoughts about it without having to have someone else tell you what to think.

Read Proverbs chapter 3. You do not even have to read all of it, just a few chunks here and there. What do you think? If someone asked you what you thought about the Bible, what would you tell them about Proverbs 3?