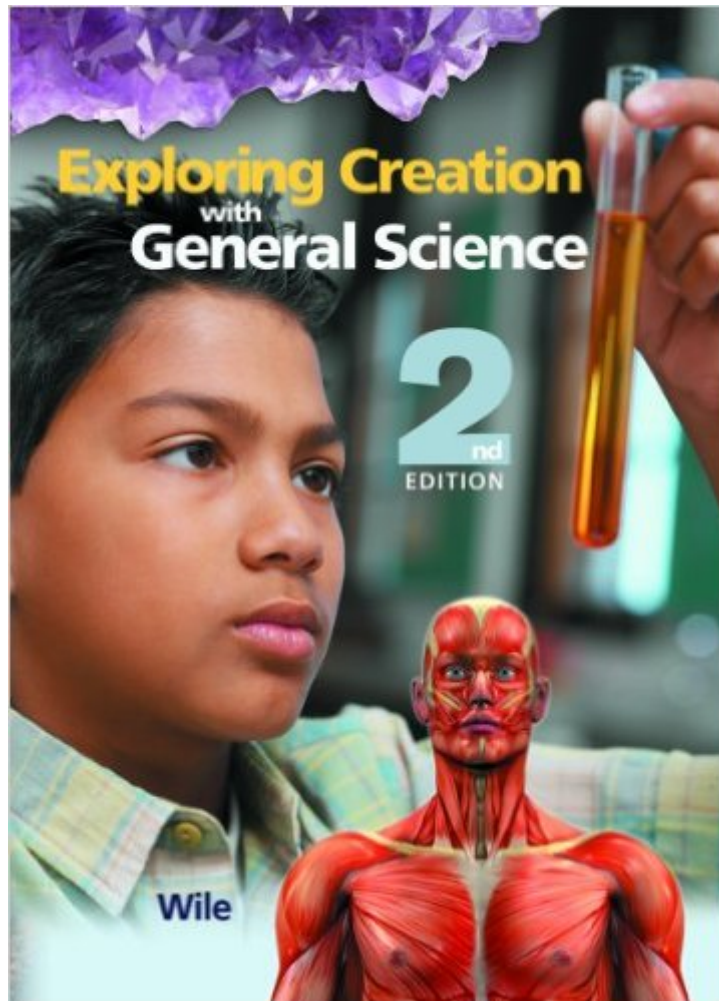


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Exploring Creation With General Science, 2nd Edition (Textbook Only)



Synopsis

Designed to be a student's first systematic introduction to the sciences, this course includes a history of science, the scientific method, and how to design an experiment. Subjects covered include simple machines, archaeology, geology, paleontology, biology, and human anatomy and physiology. Many hands-on experiments are included, all using basic household items. The second edition of the includes more color and higher-quality illustrations, access to additional online resources for more advanced learners, and an appendix of review questions covering the entire course. The high-quality hardcover student text contains all student material, study questions, laboratory exercises, and module study guides with color photos and illustrations. This product is the textbook only. You will also need a solutions-and-tests manual to complete this course.

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Customer Reviews

I have been home-schooled all my life. I've had a long history of frustration with weak curriculum, so I think that perhaps my say will put some weight on whether you should buy this book or not. This was the science book that brought it all together for me. Since some of my education was full of holes (from troubleshooting through so much stupid curriculum, as I have said) this book was the one that filled in the gaps. I read it senior year, and I still learned a lot from it. This author is sometimes hung up on his own dissertation of evolution (which is good if you are hoping to present your student with some proofs against it--something they don't teach in public schools); he also is prone to rambling, as if his editor just skimmed through the book and then published it. But the heart of "General Science" is spot on. I got more out of it than I did in four years of A Beka Book's

science. Feel free to skip around, though. I think that you could get a better history of science elsewhere than in the brief, confusing summary that he offers in the beginning. Also, as I stated before, the chapters about catastrophism and uniformitarianism can be laid aside for older students, or passed up altogether. And unless your kid is overly fascinated about HOW scientists do experiments, you can skip those chapters where he explains in exhaustive detail those things which only an aspiring scientist would care about. All that said, this book is great for whether you are homeschooling, or just looking for a good textbook for your kids. If you liked this book, I recommend Dr. Wile's other books "Exploring Creation with Physical Science" and "Exploring Creation with Biology".

We have always used Apologia but this is the first year for a more advanced science. My son is only in 5th grade but we are using this text (which states it's for 7th grade). I have had no difficulty with him understanding or following along with it! He loves it, especially all the experiments. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants a complete science curriculum with a Christian focus!

I used this text when I was 12 as part of a homeschool co-op and thoroughly enjoyed it. It was the first high school-level science course I took; prior to taking it, I took some of Apologia's science courses for younger kids. It was a high-quality, interesting text that I learned a lot from. I shall go into more detail with the following sections:

Content: 8/10-----This introductory science course can be divided into a few sections: Information about what science is, its history and how it is done (Modules 1-4), Geology and Life History (Modules 5-8), and Life and the Human Body (Modules 10-15). Each module is fairly long and filled with experiments and On Your Own questions, as well as a Study Guide and a test (answers to the Study Guide and the test found in the Solutions and Tests for Exploring Creation with General Science book). The content is fairly varied, almost a tad random, but overall it makes sense. It doesn't go into a lot of detail about many of the things it covers, but considering that this is a GENERAL science book, this makes sense - and it goes into enough detail to be informative and interesting, to give a good introduction to a fair amount of scientific topics, to make the student interested in the material, and of course, to render us in awe of our marvelous Creator's design. It won't give your child a complete understanding of many of the topics it covers, but it's a great, satisfying introductory course to science in general. Overall, this book has very good content. Yes, the author does ramble a bit (I find it especially weird how the author goes on and on about verifying the Bible, but then again, it is good evidence that science can be applied to a wide variety of topics, not just cells, chemicals and

electricity. And I do appreciate the information, even if it doesn't seem terribly relevant.)I especially like the first "section" that discusses what science is and how it's done. It's an almost necessary introduction that will be very valuable to your child, discussing precisely what science IS and what it's NOT. Personally, I liked the Brief History of Science in Module 1; it was a nice introduction that I enjoyed, even though it's by no means thorough.

Worldview: 10/10-----The course is taught from the standpoint of Christian young earth creationism. Everything is interpreted from a biblical lens, which I deeply appreciated, and the text doesn't just say what the author believes, but why he believes it.

Understandability: 9/10-----When I was young, this text, while still challenging, was not too hard to understand. In fact, it did a very good job of explaining just about everything. There were a few equations for determining mechanical advantage, but they all use pretty basic math that your kid will probably have no problem with. Overall, a text that is very easy for a kid to understand. It has also improved from the first edition, which I read on CD-ROM and had a pretty confusing section on determining age by counting tree rings; aforementioned section was improved a lot in this edition.

Enjoyability: 8/10-----I enjoyed this text and found it highly interesting. Of course, I like science, so this shouldn't be a surprise. But the interesting, understandable information gave me a good introduction to many scientific concepts, and I had a good time with it too. Some of the experiments were kind of fun too.

Overall: 9/10-----I liked this course and I learned a lot from it. I think it provided me with a good, solid foundation of scientific knowledge. The first four modules were especially good, and the rest of the modules were also quite informative, even if they contained just a little bit of rambling. I recommend this text!

Signed, StoryMaker. "Gotta trust the kid's review!"

My 13 yo 8th grade son used this book. This is not your typical text even though it is laid out in pretty much the same way. What makes this book different, aside that it is a christian text with a creationist viewpoint is that the review questions, study guide questions and test questions don't require typically regurgitated answers straight from the chapters. Answering questions requires thinking rather than just memorizing. There is plenty of memorizing too, but for the most part the student has to explain answers in his own words that show he knows the material. The experiments are great and can be completed mostly with items you already have in the house.

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