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Unit 2 Q7

7. Fides et ratio ends with a call for scientists to be aware that "the search for truth . . . always points beyond to something higher than the immediate object of study, to the questions which give access to Mystery." In what way can your studies-- in literature, science, psychology, or other disciplines-- lead you to see and appreciate the Mystery that lies beyond your immediate object of study? (Note: by capitalizing "Mystery", Pope John Paul II seemed to be suggesting that all of our studies can lead us to glimpse the Creator and stand in awe of Him.)

I have met and spoken with many Christians who won't even go near the thought of science being an important aspect of Christianity; they automatically think I'm in support of evolution and shut me down completely. But as I progress through my studies, I've realized that science is very important and it helps us to understand human behavior and anatomy. It amazes me that God was so detailed and placed everything in its rightful place; from the trees in the ground to the clouds in the sky; everything is in its perfect place. Honestly, how can you not stare at the clouds and the stars in the sky and not wonder how God made it possible? The more I delve into the way the mind works and processes emotion, the more I wonder I am about everything I'm surrounded by.