Pre-Lesson True/False Poll - Teacher Notes

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Beliefs in Catholicism are in conflict with some current scientific theories today.
   * 1. *They are not (article readings address this more)*
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Catholic Church opposes the theory of evolution.
   * 1. *It does not.*
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The book of Genesis has 2 different stories of how the world was created.
   * 1. *Review literary genres of the bible*
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Science can answer all questions.
   * 1. *No, there are many questions outside the bounds of science (metaphysical, moral, ethical)*
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Religion and science try to find truth, just in different ways.
   * 1. *Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes.” -John Paul II.*
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Catholic Church teaches that the world is 6,000 years old.
   * 1. *The creation stories are metaphysical origin stories not historical reporting.*
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Genesis account is a historical description of the creation of the world.
   * 1. *The creation stories are metaphysical origin stories not historical reporting.*
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Every word in the Bible is literally true.
   * 1. *Review the fact that Catholics take a contextualist approach to scripture NOT fundamentalist approach (i.e. inspired and inerrant text)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Science gives us more answers than religion.

* + 1. *They ask different questions, therefore will provide different answers rather than more/less.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Science proves that God does not exist.
   * 1. *Science studies nature, a secondary causality, religion studies primary causality, because of this, they are not in competition.*
     2. *Author vs. storyline in book; playwright vs. what happens in a play.*
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Catholic Church is in support of the Big Bang Theory.
   * 1. *Catholic Priest (Jesuit) Georges Lemaître is credited with developing the Big Bang Theory.*
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ I believe in things I cannot see.
   * 1. *Love, trust, air, gravity, etc…*
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The discoveries in science help us learn more about God.
   * 1. *Leads us to a deeper understanding of God’s creation to natural processes, order, and harmony.*
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Creation is something that happened in the past.
   * 1. *Theories of the expansive Universe support that creation is happening all around us and is ongoing.*
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ I believe my faith is strengthened when I know more about the natural world.