**Scientists and Biblical Verses**

**Task 1: After the groups have shared their findings supply all groups with these verses. Ask them to select the verse that best matches each of the seven scientists. Tell the groups that although there are reasons for matching more than one scientist with a verse, there can be no repeated answers. Hence, some dialogue will be necessary to find seven answers that match one to one.**

**Deuteronomy 4:19** And *beware* not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. (Galileo)

**Psalm 147:4** He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.(Keller)

**Psalm 8:3** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained**… (** Scheiner)

**Genesis 2:7**  Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.(Scopes)

**Psalm 16:6** The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me. (Gregor)

**Colossians 1:16** For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him( Lemaitre)

**Ecclesiastes 2:13:**  And I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. (Grimaldi)

**Genesis 1: 14** Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the [v]expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.  (Piazzi)

Task 2:  Read the following passage from the Irish scientist Robert Boyle about his understanding about the relationship between faith and science.  Comment about how this scientist understood how faith and science work together, and how scientists today might feel about this issue.

His 1681 work *A Discourse of Things Above Reason* stressed the limitations of reason, which Boyle maintained should not be allowed to judge what God's revelation could or could not do. He believed the attributes of God can be seen by studying nature scientifically and that His wisdom is observed in creation.

When with bold telescopes I survey the old and newly discovered stars and planets when with excellent microscopes I discern the unimitable subtility of nature's curious workmanship; and when, in a word, by the help of anatomical knives, and the light of chymical furnaces, I study the book of nature I find myself oftentimes reduced to exclaim with the Psalmist, How manifold are Thy works, O Lord! in wisdom hast Thou made them all!