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"Truth: That which is in accord with fact and reality."

This is written so that you may believe the bible because of science rather than in spite of science.

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Find them at: www.scienceandthebible.net/articles/index.htm.

1) Welcome to The Science and the Bible E-zine!

This fourth issue is being sent out to everyone who has subscribed so far. Hopefully that how you got it. Otherwise, someone might have thought you would be interested. Please feel free to forward it to others who may be interested to the ends of the earth. But

please be careful to send it only to those who may be interested. I do not like span any more than you do. Also, If you have not personally done so, please sign up for future issues. (Go to the end of this issue for directions.)

2) Special Feature: College and "Loss of Faith?"

For many years now, conventional research has observed that the rate of Christian young adults who "lose their faith" is very high during the first year of college. There has been much research that shows this to be true. Each year somewhere near five million young adults in the United States alone enter college for the first time. This is a vast mission field right here at home.

This month I have been challenged on my statement that research shows that about seventy-five percent of young adults lose their faith shortly after entering college.

That challenge is based on some research done at the University of Texas and reported during 2007 as proof that young adults do not lose their faith as a result of the college experience.

That is not at all what that research shows. What it really shows is that even though what they believe may change drastically, their religious fervor and zeal is not diminished by the college experience.

Some young adults gain new faith in a creator. Others lose such faith. What they believe is highly effected by the college experience.

The word the Texas report uses to describe what does not change is "religiosity."

Religiosity is defined, (but not in the report,) to be the fervor and zeal, the effect on the daily life, resulting from what one believes, independent of what is believed.

Religiosity is found to be an inherited trait of human nature. Some people are just more zealous and fervent in their practice. That trait can be modified by parental influence, and their real inherited tendencies can be revealed or modified when they leave home. But the inherited tendencies of religiosity is not permanently modified by temporal experience.

That Texas report has been erroneously interpreted by many Christian organizations to mean it is what one believes that is not effected.

This erroneous interpretation of that Texas research is due to the subtle change of vocabulary from loss of "faith" to loss of "religiosity."

This error has given many Christian organizations relief. No longer do they believe that they must be concerned about followers of Christianity changing their mind about what they believe. It is implied that early teaching stays with a person and they will return

to it in later life. Nothing could be further from the truth. That is even stated in the Texas report. But that conclusion is hidden deep within the report in the part that most people do not read.

Even Islamic organizations have found that same relief. That Texas report erroneously reinforces the belief that their followers, if indoctrinated early, cannot be proselytized.

Yet, every year, thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of Christian young people lose their faith during their first year at college. Even though there is no permanent loss of religiosity, what they believe in changed from faith in the creator to faith in the creation.

The Texas research uses the terms "progressive," "postmodern" or "post-positivist." to describe the intellectually acceptable religious belief system to which young adults abandon their Christianity.

Christians call it "loss of faith."

Make no mistake, these replacement religious beliefs do not include a belief in an actual, supernatural creator of the universe.

The tendency to be misled by the subtle change from faith to religiosity may be due to a misunderstanding of the bible statement that if you bring up a child in the way in which he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it.

That bible teaching does not mean teach someone a bunch of religious lies and they will believe them the rest of their life.

Both the bible teaching and multitudes of other research concerning the college experience proves that to be untrue. Teach the truth and it is a firm foundation that cannot be shaken. Teach a bunch of lies and say God says so, leads to a loss of faith in that God when the truth is learned.

And that is exactly what we, as Christians, have been doing. We have been teaching false traditional interpretation rather than what the bible really says concerning scientific fact.

The traditional science teaching of Christians is not what the bible really says, and it is just not so. What the bible really teaches is verified, not contradicted, by the independent discovery of modern science.

The book, *Eyewitness to the Origins*, Corrects that teaching.

Eyewitness to the Origins is available for purchase at <http://authortree.com/anoldscientist/Book%20Detail/660883>. Just click on the red "buy Now" button near the bottom of the page.

For more reading on this topic, go to www.scienceandthebible.net/ezine/2008/SATB_Ezine_2008-09-30.pd and read the article "Why Science and the Bible?"

www.scienceandthebible.net/articles/index.htm

Any comments you might have from your personal experience, observations, or opinions are welcome. Join the blog at, <http://www.eyewitnesstotheorigins.blogspot.com/>.

3) Contest: Name the New School of Thought

Think of a name the New School of Thought On the relationship between Science and the Bible. We need a name for that new school of thought. This is the school of thought that eliminates the need to compromise between science and the bible. This is the school of thought that the bible has it right in spite of traditional human interpretation that makes it look wrong.

Enter the contest. Win a copy of the new book, *Eyewitness to the Origins*, a book that sells for \$47.50.

Enter this Contest at the Science and the Bible Blog: <http://eyewitnesstotheorigins.blogspot.com/2009/01/name-contest.html>

The contest will run until there is a winner.
Go to the Blog to Enter.

Traditionally, the study of science and the bible has followed three schools of thought:
Young Earth Creationism,
Old Earth Creationism, and
Theistic Evolutionism.

Each of these traditional schools of thought has problems that lead to the loss of faith of our Christian young people when they go to college and are confronted with science that reveals the incompatibilities between their religion and reality. They find what they have been taught is plagued with compromise.

The Young Earth Creationists require science to compromise. They have to put a twisted spin on science. Old Earth Creationists have to compromise the traditional interpretation of the bible. They simply put a new spin on the traditional interpretation. Theistic Evolutionists simply compromise just to get along.

A completely new fourth school of thought has developed. This fourth school of thought requires no compromise. It recognizes that, mentioned in the bible are many fact that are in the realm of science, such as origin events and physical conditions present during the origin events. Each of these mentions are completely in agreement with the independent discoveries of modern science. Many such mentions have historically not been recognized in the bible simply because the underlying principle had not yet been discovered by modern science. As a result, the traditional misinterpretation has been limited to a preconceived notion of what the bible should say based, not on the ancient Hebrew beliefs, not on modern science, but, rather upon the much later beliefs influenced by the antique science of the ancient Greek era. The proper interpretation of the information in the bible concerning the origins should be based on

the combination of all the (approximately three dozen) creation accounts of the bible, not just the one up front in the book of Genesis.

That school of thought has not yet been named.

Consider:

That name has to be something that will stick.

It cannot be self-flattering.

If it is self-flattering, it will be an object of ridicule.

If it is a name that seems to ridicule, it might stick.

An example is the name that finally stuck to the theory that the universe actually had a beginning. Originally, God called it the Big Blowout, or Blast. Advocates had complementary names to call it, but what really stuck was a term of derision coined by the opposition to ridicule the people who believed that theory. The opposition called it the "Big Bang."

A little about the new school of thought: None of the old prevailing schools of thought has considered what the bible really says when it mentions a detail in the realm of science.

Traditional interpretation has dominated the thought process.

They all seem to require anyone who actually believes the bible to believe the bible in spite of science.

The new school of thought now makes a way for people to actually believe the bible because of science.

Go to the web site, <http://www.scienceandthebible.net/>. Read more about this new school of thought then think of a name for it.

The Name will be selected and the book awarded when the local discussion group believes we have a name that will stick.

So, to enter the contest, Post your name for the new school of thought as a response to The blog on the name contest at, <http://eyewitnesstotheorigins.blogspot.com/2009/01/name-contest.html> Then comment on the names others may have posted. Try to convince the discussion group to pick your entry.

4) Special Feature: Feedback

Feedback on the Article: What is Science and the Bible?

Referenced Article is from this E-Zine Vol. 1, Nr. 1,

www.scienceandthebible.net/ezine/2008/SATB_Ezine_2008-10-30.pdf

Readers have challenged my saying that there actually is science in the bible. They say that stuff I call science is not real science. It is only a body of knowledge, simply a collection of facts that are supported by modern science. "Science" is much more complicated than that. It is a process - a methodology. It uses mathematics. It is not simply observations of facts about reality.

They say that without mathematics, it is not science. Clyde says, to be true science, (if there were any such thing as true science written back in bible times,) it would look more like, "Energy is the weight of an angel twice multiplied by the speed of a beam

of light from the sun."

Well, OK, I'll grant them that. If that is their idea of science, then, to be politically correct, the bible is not a science text book. It is a religious book.

But, the fact remains, the bible contains a body of knowledge that is verified by the scientific process of modern science.

The fact remains, that body of knowledge found in the ancient writings of the bible could not have been copied from the knowledge base as discovered and defined by modern science. It was recorded in the bible thousands of years before it was discovered by modern science.

That brings up another problem:

There is an assumption going around in circles of higher learning that the bible has been proven to be a fraud because similar ideas have been found in earlier religions. To them, it is obvious that since earlier religions mentioned some of the same things, the bible is simply copied from them.

Therefore, the ideas incorporated into the religion of the bible, having been copied from earlier religions proves the bible is nothing more than rehashed imaginings of human beings.

So, then, by the same logic, should I presume they also assume that the discoveries of modern science are plagiarized from earlier publications that were in existence thousands of years before modern science presumably made the discoveries they fraudulently claim to be the result of the scientific process?

Or could it just be possible that both the knowledge base of scientifically verifiable facts recorded in the bible and the knowledge base of scientifically verifiable facts discovered by modern science have striking similarities because they both have a common source?

Could that common source be the reality that that knowledge is derived from what really happened rather than being copied from each other?

If so, then, how did the scribes of the ancient scriptures know those facts before modern science discovered them? They did not yet have the tools of modern science.

Those facts could not be from, "observations of facts about reality," because, these "observations" could only have been made long before humans existed. Those facts had occurred and were long past observation when humans first appeared.

So, the questions remain:

Who was that observer? Who was that non-human eyewitness?

I took a shortcut. I called that "body of Knowledge that is supported by the scientific process of modern science," simply,

"science." Does that shortcut invalidate the logic that says that stuff, whatever you call it, found in the bible is evidence for the supernatural authorship of the bible?

So, I ask the questions again:

Who was that observer? Who was that non-human eyewitness?

5) What's Happening At ScienceAndTheBible.net

Eyewitness to the Origins Finally Published:

Finally, my book on Science and the Bible is available. *Eyewitness to the Origins* can now be ordered on the internet or you can order it at any bookstore. Most bookstores do not stock it, but they can order it for you. There are places on the internet you can order it for less than the list price from the printer of \$47.50. You may have to be a club member of Barnes and Noble or something like that to get the discount price.

Of course, I would prefer you order it directly from

<http://authortree.com/anoldscientist/Book%20Detail/660883>.

There you will see a picture of the book and a picture of me.

If you order it from there, I, instead of the bookstore, will get the profit that would otherwise go to the bookstore.

Available for Teaching:

I am available to occasionally teach on Science and the Bible. If you want to hear me speak on Science and the Bible, contact me at: <http://www.anoldscientist.com>.

Nearly every week a group of interested people meet at my house to discuss science and the bible. We have been doing it for years. If you live in the local area of Central Point, Oregon, and are interested in participating, you are welcome to contact me at: <http://www.anoldscientist.com>.

Feedback:

In this issue I am including a feature called, Feedback. Feel like giving me a piece of your mind? Any feedback I get will be considered for inclusion. Otherwise, the blog is your last resort: Join in for discussion of science and the bible:

<http://www.ScienceAndTheBible.net>.

Click on "Blog" at the top of the page. Oh yes, dont forget to send me an email at simpletruth@anoldscientist.com to let me know you posted something there, as I am an absent minded old scientist, and may forget to check unless you remind me.

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Right now there is not an automated way to sign up. So for now, to sign up, and get future issues, you must put your name and email on the list by sending an email to signup@anoldscientist.com. Be sure to put your name on the subject line.

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