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

This third 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: Biblical Inerrancy Discussion

Note: The Discussion Group that meets weekly is in the throws of active discussion concerning the inerrancy of the bible. This article is one participant's interim opinion. Not all participants are of the same opinion. Your input to the discussion is invited.

Biblical Inerrancy Discussion:

The bible is the divine inspired word of God. It is without error in that it has been divinely protected since the original writing such that the bible we currently have says exactly what God intends for it to say.

That is not to say that some truth is not intentionally obscured for a purpose. Examples include some of the truth in parables which is not to be understood by some people and to be understood by others.

Another example is the obscuring of the truth of facts concerning origins. These truths are intentionally hidden from those wish to believe God did not create the universe and everything in it. As the bible states, God gave those people over to their unprovable mindset. Apparently that was so that they could pursue independent discovery of the truth, the truth that God knew and recorded long before modern science was to discover those same true facts concerning origins.

The Inerrant bible God has given to us today:

We have very good copies of the bible both in the original language, and in various versions translated into our own native tongue.

The original language copies we have today are so close to the original manuscripts that we can trust that the original manuscripts actually contained the uncanny understanding of scientific facts that we find revealed in the copies we have today. Those same

scientific facts have been discovered by science only recently, yet recorded by God thousands of years ago in an age hostile to that true view of science.

The translation copies contain what God wants them to contain, but not all that is contained in the original language copy. Apparently, by the translation process, God intentionally obscured much of the facts of science recorded in the original language version so that those who wanted to believe the unprovable proposition that God does not exist could independently discover those obscured facts of science. The facts of science found in the original language version of the bible were obscured so they would not be swayed toward the statements concerning those facts in the bible. Thus, in a great double blind test, those unwilling to believe in the existence of God could independently prove that their mindset could not pass the test of truth. They would independently discover the facts of science concerning origins, then find that the bible miraculously recorded those same facts of science thousands of years before science independently discovered them, thus indicating that God must exist because no one else could have known those scientific facts concerning origins at the time of the original writing.

There are many subtitles contained in the original language that did not make it into the translated copies. And there are many interpretations of what is contained in the original language that sometimes obscures the depth of knowledge revealed in the original language.

In the realm of science, concerning the subject of origins, an example of a subtlety that did not make it into the translations is the play on words, particularly the word "day" that makes it clear that Second Peter chapter three is meant to be a refutation of the widespread first century heresy concerning the currently popular traditional interpretation of the six day creation account.

Another example of an interpretation that obscures the depth of the correctness of the science contained in the bible is the addition of the words, "with you" in Job 40:15 which were not in any way indicated by the original language. Those added words are the proof text of those who would wrongly teach that the dinosaurs and man were created simultaneously, an indication that is not in the original language.

There are many other examples that have been traditionally interpreted in the light of antique science of yesteryear believed in the culture through which the bible has come to us today. These traditional erroneous interpretations of science are

not what was believed by the ancient Hebrews. Much of the beliefs concerning science that are today attributed to the Hebrews, did not come into existence until much later during the era of "higher criticism" when theologians were trying to defend their antique science view of what the bible says against the theories of modern science. They are not in the bible translations because the ancient Hebrews believed them, but are there because they were believed by those through whom the bible has been handed down to us. And they are there because God wanted the truth to be obscured until later.

Is the truth concerning eternal life and salvation also obscured?

Remember, the first coming of Jesus the Messiah was not recognized by the religious leaders of the time due to their misinterpretation of what the scripture lead them to expect. Are we too expecting something very differently than what will really happen? Can we say God would not allow us to be misled by our interpretation of scripture and tradition, when God did allow the religious leaders of the first century to be misled in such a manner?

Is the fact that the science was intentionally hidden in a great double blind test indication that we may not know for sure other areas of study?

If God intentionally obscured part of the truth in our translations of the bible, how do we know that the part that it is important for us to know is not also obscured?

Realize, there was a purpose in obscuring the first coming of the Messiah. If the religious leaders of the time knew Him, who would have been willing to be the executioner so that Christ could die for our sins? There was a purpose for the truth to be obscured. Those religious leaders of the time knew exactly what God intended for them to know.

If the truth about science is obscured by translation and interpretation, how then do we know that the bible contains what God wants us to know about spiritual things such as salvation and eternal life?

The answer lies in the question. It is not, "Does the bible of today reveal all the truth contained in the original version, an infallible, divine translation which miraculously converts all the truth and subtleties of the original into our native tongue?" The question is: Does the bible, in the modern translations, say all that God wants it to say, especially about spiritual things such as salvation and eternal life?

In his book, *the Simple Truth, The Musings of an Old Scientist Upon Studying the Bible*. Max B. Frederick, discusses the mechanisms God may have used to preserve His word as He wanted it, and the mechanisms He may have used to obscure the science concerning origins from those who chose to not believe the overt statement that God did it.

3) 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.

I will grant them that the bible contains a body of knowledge that is supported 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 question remains, 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 question again, who was that observer? Who was that non-human eyewitness?

4) What's Happening At ScienceAndTheBible.net

Finally, my new book is available for you to purchase. [*Eyewitness to the Origins*](#), can now be ordered on the internet or you can order it at any bookstore. They 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> where you will see a picture of the book and a picture of me. That is because if you order it from there, I, instead of the bookstore, will get the profit that would otherwise go to the bookstore.

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 here: <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>.

In this issue I am starting a new 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> and 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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