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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) What's Happening at Science and the Bible?

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This Month the order of the articles is reversed. Instead of putting the word/concept at the end, it is put at the beginning. Then, the main feature article builds upon the concept of the month.

2) Word/Concept of the Month: "God's Favorite Subject"

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There is no exact word in the ancient Hebrew that expresses the meaning of this months concept of the month. There are only examples.

The English word we generally associate with this months concept has been co-opted by a modern profession to define their profession.

That same English word has come to be associated with a subject that is anti-religion. But then, so is the God of the bible—anti-religion, that is.

So, we are left with expressing this month's concept by using examples.

This month's Word/Concept of the Month can be summed up in the phrase: *God's Favorite Subject*. But what is that subject? And what is the name of it?

There is no generally recognized, uniquely defined English word that is the name to cover this month's concept.

The closest we can come is the word *science*, as in knowledge and understanding of factual information concerning the things the profession of modern science has categorized to be in the realm of natural science, including such topics as, earth science, biology, and astronomy. Of particular interest are details of the origins and the development of the physical existence that is associated with that profession.

However, that English word, *science*, that has in the past been associated with this general concept, has been co-opted by professional studiers of the physical world and its inner workings. They have defined it to be, not the knowledge and understanding of the details of the physical world and its inner workings, not the true factual details themselves—but to be the process by which such knowledge and understanding is to be achieved and expressed. As such, *science* has not existed before just a few hundred years ago, and *science* as such, is not to be found in the bible.

Prior to the existence of modern science, the Latin word from which our word *science* was derived did mean the knowledge and understanding of such things, but it also meant much more, including supposed knowledge and understanding of things that were assumed to be true, but were not.

We have been criticized for using the word, *science* to describe what is generally thought of as *science*, when applying it to the substance of God's favorite subject.

While the old meaning of the word lingers there are many who understand the general study of such topics and the true facts gleaned from such study, to be summed up in the word *science*. As such, it is used in the title of this E-Zine, *Science and the Bible E-Zine*.

The substance of God's favorite subject is knowing and understanding of facts and truths concerning the details of the physical world, its origin and development, and its inner workings—and what it demonstrates about the character of God.

The details of God's favorite subject are the recorded facts themselves. These facts are the same ones that are generally attributed to result from the application of the scientific method to the physical evidence. It is those same facts and truths that are the content of God's favorite subject. And it has been so for ages, since long before there was any scientific method to produce those facts and truths.

This month's concept—both the substance of knowing and understanding, and the details of facts, and events that are to aid in that knowledge and understanding—is best described by example.

The first example is a series of concepts and details from the beginning of the first book of the bible where it mentions:

That God existed before the universe existed, causing it to come into existence,
Genesis 1:1; Psalms 104:1

How the universe came into being by the Power/Energy (*'elohiym*) aspect of God,
Genesis 1:1

How it was all planned by the thinking/intelligence (*'amar/ logos*) aspect of God,
Genesis 1:3, John 1:1

How it was all organized by the Wisdom (*ra'ah, ruwach chokmah/ pneuma*) aspect of God,
Genesis 1:4 , Jeremiah 10:12: *“He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his intelligence.”*

About the first existence of light energy (for the future use of green grass to convert it into a form of energy that sustains life on this planet (scientists call it chlorophyll and photosynthesis,))
Genesis 1:3; Psalms 104:2

What it was like before there was an ocean on this planet.
Genesis 2:6; Psalms 104:5

How the atmosphere developed to capture water from outer space to fill the oceans,
Genesis 1:6,7; Psalms 104:6a

How the planet was at one time completely covered with water, all the mountains being below sea level,
Genesis 1:2; Psalms 104:6b

How the mountains rose from beneath sea level to form dry land (continents),
Genesis 1:9,10; Psalms 104:7,8; Job 9:5-7

How the rain gets into the mountains from where it causes rivers to flow to the sea,
Genesis 1:12; Psalms 104:10,13

About how photosynthesis developed as life emerged on this planet, as first planned by the wisdom and intelligence aspects of God,
Genesis 1:11,12; Psalms 104:14

About how the age of the magnificent megafauna (dinosaurs etc.) existed before the age of the mammals (beasts for the fields),
Genesis 1:20,21; Psalms 104:26

About how the age of the magnificent megafauna was replaced by the age of the mammals in a significant event,
Genesis 1:23; Psalms 104:29,30

About how human beings did not exist until late in the age of the mammals,
Genesis 1:24-27; Psalms 104:33

And about how each of these above items first occurred in the order listed above.

This chronology, first set forth in the bible, is in full accord with the comprehensive combination of all the creation accounts of the bible. Yet it was not firmly set in the mind of humans until this exact same order was established by the methods of modern science. But whoever God is, knew it thousands of years earlier.

How do we know this is God’s favorite subject, God’s favorite topic of conversation?

Every one of the above items is mentioned in the bible before the first mention of anything religious, such as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, sin, forgiveness, piousness,

righteousness, fairness, sacrifice...

These, and many more such items are discussed in nearly three dozen major accounts of creation found throughout the bible.

Yes, God's favorite topic of conversation includes talking about the things God claims to have made, how they came into existence, and how it all developed, and what it shows about God's nature. The vast pre-knowledge of these details, having been verified by modern science, is verifiable evidence of something supernatural.

As Paul expressed the impact of God's Favorite Subject:

*“The wrath of God from heaven is upon every human who holds irreverence and injustice of the truth. Because: That which is known of God is apparent to them. Because: God hath made it apparent unto them. **By the things God did that were not seen, from the creation of the cosmos, to the achievements now being revealed, His supposedly imperceptible eternal power and divine nature is clearly seen.**”* Romans 1:18-20.

Another example:

Long before the book of Genesis was written, the book of Job, the oldest book of the bible, records the occasion where Job sought an audience with God to talk about the above religious items, God immediately turned the subject to His favorite subject, and it was not the religious things Job wanted to talk about.

God talked about how it all began and developed:

How it started with a big bang (curiously translated “shout”), Job 38:7

How the first most abundant molecule in outer space was water, Job 9:8

How the solar system developed in that water rich environment, Job 9:9

How the layers of the planet earth developed... Job 39:6

About God's favorite living creations before human beings—the magnificent megafauna (We call them Dinosaurs and such.) Job 39-42

This is only a sample of Job's conversations with God. Many more details are found in, *Eyewitness to the Origins*. www.EyewitnessToTheOrigins.com)

No matter what you call it, discussing the things of creation, or discussing the things of nature, it is God's favorite subject. And for centuries, theologians have overlooked it, replacing it with traditional interpretations and religious stuff that makes their religion look more like all the other religions of the world.

3) What God's Favorite Subject Says About Who God Is.

By Max B. Frederick, AnOldScientist

God's favorite subject gives an insight into who God is, and the vast pre-knowledge demonstrated in this subject is verifiable evidence of the supernatural nature of that one who claims to be the one true God.

You can tell a lot about someone when you discover what they enjoy talking about.

When you find someone who is obsessed with talking about hot cars, it is quite possible that you are talking to a male teenager or an immature young man. What does it say about someone when, no matter what you start talking about, the subject turns to sports? Some like to talk about things that are deep and meaningful, others gravitate to anything about the faults of others. The point is, what someone loves to talk about says as much or more about the one talking than it does about what they are talking about.

More significantly, the talker's knowledge about what they are talking about—or obvious lack of knowledge—says much about the talker. What does it tell you when someone talks of facts and details about something that is not known to the general public. If it turns out to be true, did they have inside information? Or was it just a good guess? A few good guesses are within the realm of possibility. But consistent continuous multiple details upon details cannot be possible without inside information.

So, can God's favorite subject tell us anything about who God is, and about God's nature?

Does what God enjoy talking about give us any insight into the validity of God's claim to be supernatural? Does God only talk about information the human mind could invent? Or is it something beyond what could have been humanly known at the time it was recorded? If so, how much unknowable information does God reveal about the subject? How much has been later verified to be in accord with reality? What does that say about who God is?

There is a growing number of so called intellectuals in our present day society who believe God is nothing more than a figment of the creative imagination of an evolving human race. They believe the very concept of a God is something that has evolved from the creative thinking of man. They believe a supernatural God is just a human invention. They believe man created God, not the other way around.

There is much validity to that growing concept of God. Many religions exist today that are exactly that—the evolved creation of the imagination of religious leaders.

But does such fakery eliminate the possibility that there really is one true God?

So, the greater question goes beyond what God enjoys talking about. The greater question is, Is there really any such thing as a supernatural God?

It has been said that you cannot prove the existence of God.

But does God's favorite subject suggest credible evidence that there really is a God?

There has been vast energies spent in rationalizing why God can exist and not leave any real credible evidence of actual existence. But we do not need to go there. Such evidence really does exist. And that evidence is found in the depth of knowledge exhibited by the one who claims to be God—knowledge in the subject matter that is God's favorite subject.

Unlike other religions, God's favorite subject is not something theologians would

consider to be particularly religious. In fact, it is more reality than religious.

God's vast knowledge in a subject that is more akin to reality than to religion is often called upon to testify to God's credibility in the realm of unseen things such as eternal life, you know, stuff that is considered to be religious.

In the very first conversation recorded in the bible between man and God, God changed the subject from the favorite subjects of theologians—righteousness, fairness, love, mercy, justice, justification, and such—to God's favorite subject. God used God's favorite subject to illustrate the greatness of God to Job by God's vast knowledge and understanding of real stuff that could be verified in these modern times.. When Job wanted to question God about religious stuff, God turned it into a series of questions for Job. In the questions, God mentioned myriads of factual details of the reality of nature and the origin of the things of nature.

God's questions revealed knowledge of details of reality that were unknown to humanity at that time and not discovered by modern science until within the past three hundred years. Some of these details of reality, even now, have not yet been fully realized.

At one point, God described a then extinct dinosaur and other megafauna. God spoke of them as his favorite animal creations who existed during the pinnacle of ecology on this planet of declining ecology. Those megafauna were already extinct at the time, and their existence was not to be discovered by modern science until thousands of years into the then future. Yet, God spoke with detailed knowledge and great pride of these creatures and the ecology in which they lived. God spoke of that earlier era as the pinnacle of his creation.

One of the current discoveries of modern science is the reality that the planet earth was a more habitable place during the time of the ancient megafauna.

It is embarrassing that scientists have not yet fully realized the reason the ecology of the earth was more habitable at that time than it is now. Could it be because it was an era of what is now perceived as the dreaded global warming which politicians have corrupted science into teaching is the next doomsday scenario? In reality, it takes carbon to grow trees. Trees, are made of hydrocarbon. Hydrocarbon is water, carbon and solar energy that has been stored via *photosynthesis*. Today there is an abundance of *solar energy*. Today there is an abundance of *water*. The limiting factor today is the available carbon. Was there more carbon available then than there is today? Can tropical rainforests increase only when there is increased *carbon dioxide in the atmosphere* to change the climate in a way that it spreads the water more widely over the *dry land*? Can tropical rainforests increase only when there is more carbon dioxide available to feed the trees?

It is embarrassing, what theologians have done to God's favorite subject. Even great theologians of the past, who thought they knew their God better than anyone else, lacked the knowledge and understanding of the information that God was presenting. They translated and interpreted it according to their own inferior understanding and religious bias, trashing it into what they thought was the truth.

But this misunderstanding should be expected because modern science was not yet

existing to discover and verify what God already knew. And the concepts revealed in the details were beyond the intellect of the human theologians, even with the details laid out in front of them. Even that passage about the dinosaur has been corrupted by theologians using words with connotations that are not in the original language to indicate—according to their religious bias—that dinosaurs and humans co-existed.

Even so, the information is still there, pre-recorded, and preserved in the ancient scripture. It is these five factors mentioned above, light (*solar energy*), air (including *Carbon Dioxide*), *water*, *dry land*, and *photosynthesis*, that are among the first topics discussed in the first chapter of the first book of the bible. If you are reading the King James Version, you might see the atmosphere called *firmament*, the ocean called *the deep*, the continents called *dry land*, and photosynthesis represented by *green grass, herbs and trees*. If you are reading other translated versions, you will see other biased interpretations. But, if you consider the original meanings in the original language version, you will find each of these items first appeared in that order, the exact same order as modern science has discovered they really did develop. You will see the dry land (earth) first mentioned in the introduction in verse two, but what it says about it there is that it was not yet formed (without form) and it did not exist (void.) Considering all the clues in all the creation accounts combined, the chronology becomes clear and consistently in accord with reality, and not in accord with traditional interpretations by religious scholars. Truly, the superior knowledge and understanding of the God of the bible is still superior to the knowledge and understanding of today's theologians.

And these are only a small sample of the nearly one hundred such details already catalogued in all the creation accounts of the bible.

When Jesus was walking the earth, he constantly spoke of earthly things—things of natural science. He based his credibility in the realm of heavenly things on his grasp of knowledge we now consider to be in the realm of earth science—of God and his physical creation, or of *nature* as a scientist might call it. That is a fact routinely overlooked by theologians who tend to divorce science from religion.

The parables of Jesus are rife with lessons based on factual details about the reality of the physical world. The physical reality error of patching an old cloak with new cloth, the reality of seeds and soils, the reality of growing crops, the real knowledge of the mustard seed, the physical facts of leaven, good crops and weeds, fishing nets, lost sheep, fig trees, building towers—these and much more are examples of Jesus using knowledge of physical reality to establish his credibility.

Jesus used the reality of earthly things, details that are considered to be in the realm of earth science, to establish his credibility about things concerning eternal life. In His discussion with Nicodemus, Jesus appealed to reality.

Sadly, some of the reality of that discussion has been converted to theobabble by the translators. Jesus was talking of a higher birth, a more noble birth, a birth involving a higher invisible power/force without which one cannot be a part of the kingdom of God. The religious translators of the bible have reduced it to some religious sounding theobabble by reducing it to simply a repeat birth by rendering the concept to be “born again” rather than as including the concept of a higher, more noble birth as Jesus was expressing to Nicodemus. In that passage of scripture, Jesus was not switching back and forth between *wind* and *spirit* as in

the English translations. He was talking consistently of an *invisible force*, of the higher form of life which inhabits the Kingdom of God.

(The ancient Greek word here translated variously as wind or spirit, is not just a word for two distinctly different concepts, wind and spirit. It is the single concept of the “invisible force.” That Greek word “*pneuma*,” from which we get the English word, pneumatic, as in pneumatic tools is the embodiment of the concept of “*invisible force*.” At that time, the concepts of wind and spirit fit into the definition of *pneuma*. As technology progressed, had the language remained Greek, additional items would have been referred to as *pneuma*. These include the invisible forces of *electricity*, that which also invisibly powers hand tools on a par with pneumatic tools, *microwaves*, *radiation*, even *life* itself can be considered to be an invisible force. When the life is gone out of one, that *invisible force* cannot be revived.)

Jesus criticized Nicodemus for not understanding earthly things, the simple science of what we call nature. And if Nicodemus could not understand concepts of nature, which could be checked against reality (conformity to reality being the definition of truth) how could he understand heavenly things that Jesus was trying to teach?

¹² *If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you [of] heavenly things?*

27 AD, Jesus, *Jesus Discourse on Credibility*, The Bible, John 3:11-16

The search for truth, the knowledge and verification of physical facts—as in the realm of science—is incompatible with religion—the dogmatic practice of theocratic rituals.

But the search for truth, the knowledge and verification of physical facts—as in the realm of science—is not incompatible with the bible. The search for truth concerning physical reality is fully compatible with the God of the bible. Not only that, such reality, truth, and verification is not only compatible with the bible, but is also a part of God’s favorite subject.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

If God is truth, and the definition of truth is that which is in accord with reality, then God is claiming to be in accord with reality. Anything in accord with reality can be checked against reality. And that is what God’s favorite subject is all about. God’s favorite subject reveals a huge credibility gap between humans and God.

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