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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?

By Max B. Frederick, AnOldScientist

October 29, 1961, My Wife, Betty, and I got married. Since the last E-Zine went out a bit early last month, Betty and I have been on a fourteen day cruise to Hawaii to celebrate our fifty years of marriage. It was a gift from our four sons. What can I say beyond Thank You...

This month the article asks for you to do some thinking outside the box.

For thousands of years, humans have been entangled in a religious struggle with an explanation for things beyond their own abilities.

To what do we attribute the happenings that are beyond our control?

Is religion simply the product of the human search for a superhuman explanation?

It is becoming politically correct to allow religious people to personally believe in some "Higher Power" while at the same time, accepting the idea that believing in a "Higher Power" is just some sort of acceptable mental disease.

Yet, the question remains, is there really any such thing as a “Higher Power?”

Is there really any such thing as a supernatural God?

Could the answer depend upon how you define the concept of a “higher Power,” of what you define “God” to be.

From a lucky rabbit’s foot, to a great Sugar Daddy in the Sky, it is obvious that some of the things humans have religiously accepted are nothing but believing in something they know is not true.

But beyond all this, the question remains. So I had to write this article.

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## 2) What is Your “Higher Power”?

# Who is Your God?

By **Max B. Frederick, AnOldScientist**

“ [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you...” I Peter 3:16 (KJV)

*Warning: The material in this article may be offensive to some theologians. The content is the product of thinking outside the bounds of traditional theological thinking. It is presented in the spirit of academic freedom to stimulate thinking in others. It is not intended to be the answer, nor is it intended to be authoritative. Please be so kind as to bring any thoughts you may have to my attention. Unlike the time of Galileo, today it is not illegal to practice theology without a license.*

There is a political correctness teaching going around that says all religions are equal and that the various gods are simply the result of the evolution of the imagination of the human species.

The widespread acceptance of this teaching among intellectuals is intimidating. There are some intellectuals who would believe there really is a higher power, but are afraid to admit it for fear of the peer pressure to be realistic, to be rational, to face reality. It would be easier to just forget the whole idea of a higher power.

There is some validity to that teaching. Many different religions claim that some kind of a supernatural higher power actually does exist. But, there is great contradiction as to what that higher power is. They cannot all be true, realistic, rational, or even based in reality.

But, the ancient scriptures of the bible are unique among religious writings. Beyond religion, they talk about other things, about things outside the domain of theology, things that can be checked against reality. When these ancient scriptures touch on concepts considered to be in the domain of modern science, what they say can be checked against reality. It is the validity of these other things that gives the bible a ring of credibility.

A complication is, theologians have interpreted and translated much of these non-

theological riches into concepts that are not in accord with reality. In years past, before the discoveries of modern science giving us ground truth with which some aspects of reality can be checked, theologians imagined these touches on the domain of science to be simply far out theological concepts. That is their field of expertise. So they translated them into religious sounding theobabble. You know, such concepts as deities walking on the wings of the wind—similar to such theobabble as the number of angels that can dance on the head of a pin.

This poor track record, incidentally, is quite convincing evidence that the ancient scriptures are of supernatural origin. No theologian could have recorded the reality of the information found there. Before modern science recently discovered it, it was outside their area of expertise—not in the domain of humanly known information. No matter how smart or intelligent, no theologian could imagine reality to be as it really is—when it is, about something outside their area of expertise.

Again, this theological record of misinterpretations of it demonstrates this phenomenon of impossibility of their imaginations producing this reality.

The significance of much of this knowledge was not recognizable until thousands of years later when reality was discovered by modern science.

The first thing the bible says, gives information about the physics of God, about who, or what, the God of the bible really is. Looking at the original, non-religious meaning, we see: “In the beginning, Powers (*Elohiym*) brought into existence...”

*Elohiym* is the plural form of the word used for the ancient concept encompassing all of our multiple concepts of power, energy, force, strength, etc. Theologians use the religious word “God” to express that concept. Use of this religious word, obscures the science related original actual meaning.

The sea was rough.

The storm was great.

The ship was in danger of breaking up.

It was so bad all the crew members began crying out, each to his own god (higher power) and began throwing the cargo overboard to lighten the ship.

It was a cargo ship, but they had picked up a passenger at the last port, and were sailing west in the Mediterranean when they became threatened by the storm.

The captain of the ship went searching for the passenger, and found him asleep in the cargo area. The captain demanded of the passenger, what he was thinking. Was he not concerned about their safety? That passenger too should be pleading with his higher power in case his higher power really did have the power to keep them from perishing. (Even at that time and place, there was some doubt as to the validity of some of their so-called “Higher Powers.”)

That did not calm the storm. In their frantic situation, the crew gambled to see which of them was causing this evil to envelop them. The passenger was the loser.

So, the crew demanded more details of the passenger. Who was he? What was his livelihood? Where he was from? Who were his people? They really wanted to know if his Higher Power had caused the storm. Who was his higher power?

The passenger's answer was clear, concise, and caused greater panic among the crew:

“The everlasting powers (eternal energies) of the universe that made the oceans and the continents.”

There are two things you can draw from this account that comes to us from over twenty-seven hundred years ago. That passenger knew who his higher power was and he described his higher power in details that were not discovered by modern science until at least twenty-five hundred years later.

That passenger was a Hebrew. Ancient Hebrew literature is uncanny in the details recorded therein that were not discovered by modern science until thousands of years later.

The passenger knew who his “God” was. He knew it was the combined sum, the plural, of the one thing that modern science says can be neither created nor destroyed. The nearest expression of that concept in his native tongue carries the meaning that is often translated “powers.”

The thinking of that ancient Hebrew, and the thinking of modern science came together in that one moment thousands of years before the existence of modern science—before the modern science concepts of the eternal existence of energies, or the concept that somehow, in a moment long ago, that energies was responsible for the coming into existence of all matter in the universe.

The “God” of that ancient Hebrew is the same existence defined to be eternal by modern science—some form of multiple energies that is both eternal and is somehow responsible for the coming into existence of the universe.

Perhaps that passenger got his information from Psalm 104. The passenger was from a people who were familiar with Psalm 104. The God and His actions described in this storm account are identical with the God praised in Psalm 104. The passenger knew what he was saying.

The God in Psalm 104 fits that description precisely.

In the real world, the chronology of events ascribed to that eternal higher power's making of the sea and continents is the same as is recorded in Psalm 104. There are about three dozen major creation accounts found in the bible. Psalm 104 contains much more precise detail than many of them. (But not as much as has been discovered recently by modern science.)

According to Psalm 104:

Early in the beginning of the universe, there was energy in the form of light. As it is stated in the ancient language, that eternal energies took on a covering of light as the universe expanded outwardly.

After that, the planets of the solar system developed in a water rich area of the

universe. (Details of these waters in outer space found in the original language are lost in the translation resulting in religious theobabble as mentioned above. The resulting theobabble talks about such things as walking on the wings of the wind.)

Then, at a later stage, a solid crust formed around this planet. A typical English translation calls it the “foundations of the earth,” meaning, “that upon which the continents rest and are supported to be above sea level.” Literally it means the support of the “dry land” earth, not the planet earth as is commonly read into it.

The next stage mentioned is the covering of that foundational layer with water, the filling of the oceans until there was nothing but sea covering the whole planet. No mountains were above sea level.

Finally, the continents emerged to be above sea level. As the mountains rose and the valleys fell to be in equilibrium, the continents remained above sea level. Everything was then ready for land based ecology to develop.

Thus, the eternal powers, the higher power of that passenger, is described in that ancient account, as making the oceans and the continents.

That passenger was certainly aware of at least some version of this scenario, as he adamantly stated it in a way that was so convincing to the crew of the ship that they were afraid to throw him overboard until they could no longer rely on their own efforts to save him.

Jonah described his God very adequately and convincingly to the crew of that ship. His God was not just some super guru, super sugar daddy, benefactor or old man with a beard, or some religious figment of human imagination. His description of his God fit both the elaborate detail of the original meanings found in the ancient scripture, and with the real world as more recently discovered by modern science.

Jonah knew who his God was.

Have you really considered what or who your God is?

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