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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

Its summertime.

A lot is happening in our lives.

Busy, busy, busy.

2) Pressure In the East and the West

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*" [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)*

"I know, what I know, what I know."

Charlotte Wheeler, Arnold, California, ca. 1979

Recently, on secular radio, I heard a comment that Christianity is feeling pressure in the east from Islam and in the west from atheism.

As I listened, I got the impression that the commentator was questioning the probability that Christianity would survive.

There was no indication that the commentator even considered the possibility that there could be a supernatural element to this question.

There was not even a hint of any of the three being any thing other than a human developed worldview. It appeared to be a choice of which tradition to believe, assuming the absence of there being anything real about any of the options. It appeared to be assumed that the one with the most followers, (in the politically correct democratic tradition,) would be the one to survive, if any would survive, to be the dominant world view.

It appeared that the commentator was attempting to be impartial, but in doing so, unwittingly took the side of atheism.

Not even considering the possibility that there might be something supernatural about any religion is the foundation of atheism. But that is what religion has historically been assumed to be, related to something supernatural.

It is politically correct to be able to believe anything you want to believe, as long as you do not really think it is true.

It fits in with the politically correct view that all religions are not just to be treated as equal, but are in fact equal.

In the minds of many people, all religions are considered to be equally a fraud perpetrated on the people.

The problem is, if any one religion has any validity to its supernatural aspect, and another has none, there cannot be equality.

For all to be equal. None can be completely valid. If one of the three is valid, the other two are invalid.

Christianity makes the claim to be the only way to eternal life. Therefore, If Christianity were valid, there would be no equality. If Christianity were valid, all the others would be invalid.

If Islam is supernaturally valid, as it is, as claimed, then all atheists and Christians are infidels, and are not to be included in the eternal bliss of an afterlife.

Atheism makes the fundamental assumption that there is no life after death. There cannot be both an after-life, and no life after death.

All three are mutually exclusive. They cannot all be equally valid.

So, in attempting to remain impartial in his reporting, the commentator was actually

taking the side of the philosophy of atheism.

How do we know if any religion is anything other than just a sub-division of the evolution of human civilization?

How would you answer that question?

Which brings up the next point.

Is Christianity of men, or of God? It seems the world has not settled the question.

This question was addressed shortly after the time of Christ by a prominent member of the Sanhedrin, Gamaliel. The answer proposed was, leave it alone. If it be of men it will dissipate. If it be of God, you cannot stop it. As recorded in the book of Acts, *“When they heard [that], they were cut [to the heart], and took counsel to slay them. Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, [even] as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.”* Act 5:33-39 (KJV)

How would you answer that question when asked by someone who wanted an intellectually honest answer?

Is Christianity of men, or of God?

If it is not of God, why has it persisted as Gamaliel suggested it would if it were of God?

If it is of God, Should Christians proactively promote it?...or just leave it up to God?

Some Christians act as if God has not done a very good job, and have made up pseudo scientific evidence that eventually gives Christianity a bad name.

How do we address that situation. Should we ignore it?

Does anyone really care if there is valid physical evidence?

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