

So . . . Are You?

I recently asked, "*Why Study Science From A Biblical Perspective?*" and provided 5 quick reasons why you should. I'd like to ask, "Are You?"

I'd like to quickly elaborate on two reasons to study science from a Biblical perspective; a quick testimony, and a practical example of the dangers of being ignorant.

First, the testimony:

I was raised in a Christian home. I was taught the word of God. I was even taught that the word was infallible - including creation. However, due to constant exposure to evolutionary concepts, it became clear to me that "my parents were misinformed," or so I thought. Once I compromised this one aspect of the Bible, the balance quickly became disputable. "I" got to choose which parts I would accept and which parts to reject. Naturally, the accepted portions consisted only of those areas that were consistent with my life style, which, after only a few years, became precious little.

Fortunately, Dr. Henry Morris (the former president of the Institute for Creation Research and previously the head of the Civil Engineering Department at VA Tech) came back to Tech to debate one of the professors on the subject of "Creation vs. Evolution." I attended that debate with a very jaundiced attitude. I knew the evolutionist would be providing the "science" and the creationist would be providing the "religious stuff." (His part would at least have entertainment value.)

However, the debate was absolutely stunning! By half way through the debate, it was clear that the creationist, Dr. Henry Morris, was speaking plain and simple science and the evolutionist was skirting around the facts. I'd like to say I repented of my sins and my life changed immediately, but I can't. I can say, though, that a mighty seed was planted. Eight years later, the Holy Spirit saved my soul and I have had a deep interest in creation science ever since! Your view of "Biblical Science" matters!!!

Secondly, I mentioned a practical example. Just to illustrate how corrupt science is today, I'd like to relay a report to you. It was presented May 10, 1999 on public radio on an evolutionary show. It seems that a college professor and a group of students visited the island of Guam. They found a hot smelly cave. Upon entering it, they found (you guessed it) caveman drawings on the wall. Now,

these caveman drawings were very unique. They included black and gray pictures of animals, hand prints, etc. What was so unique? Sixteen dots all lined up in a row! "Why is that unique?" you say. What could be the significance of sixteen dots on the wall? The answer, is in the meaning of these dots. They represented the sixteen occurrences of the planets in the night sky during the course of a year. These cavemen were also avid astronomers! Logical? Perhaps. But how do we know? Was there any evidence? Could they have pertained to sixteen deer slain that month? Sixteen days, months, or years of being confined to this cave? Sixteen dead skunks? (As my one son suggested.) Or, sixteen of anything else for that matter?!? No, they were clearly, "the sixteen occurrences of the planets in the night sky during the course of a year." The questions I must ask are, "How do they know?" Or perhaps more importantly, "How did they arrive at that conclusion?" Do you think that the fact that the college professor happened to be a professor of astronomy may have something to do with this conclusion?!?

Now it is altogether possible that there was other unreported evidence on the walls as well. But they certainly didn't mention any. If there wasn't, then this is a perfect example of how sloppy science is today AND how easy it is for us to fall for stupid stories under the guise of "science." We start with a presupposed notion, and draw a conclusion based on that notion. Doesn't that sound like the same ridiculous method I used for interpreting the Bible during my dark ages? I am afraid it is all too often more the norm than the exception. Now this example is fairly obvious, but most other examples of equally poor science are much more subtle and may be difficult to detect - unless - you are firmly grounded in true science.

Thus we get back to my original point, "Are You Studying Science From A Biblical Perspective?" If not, "When Do You Intend To Start?" If you don't, you and your children will be living on extremely dangerous ground.

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