Who, What, When, Where, Why, How of the Christian Experience

#### LESSON #31

# "DO SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE CONTRADICT EACH OTHER?" (much of this material is repeat and refresh)

**OBJECTIVE:** A) The Bible is not a science book, nor does it attempt to be a science book. It is the account of God, Who He is, How He would be worshipped and how He relates to humanity.

However, in terms of science, the Bible is far ahead of the times. When it delves in to the realm of science it is amazingly correct. It spoke of many of the things we know to be true in science long before the discoveries were made. There is no contradiction between science and the Bible, although people often mistakenly think there is.

#### (I) THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE:

Here's some <u>"scientific firsts"</u> that the Bible declared and were later affirmed by <u>"modern science."</u>

#### 1) EARTH SUPPORTED ON NOTHING

Job 26:7 He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.

#### 2) PHYSICAL STRUCTURE IS ATOMIC STRUCTURE

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

#### 3) STARS CANNOT BE NUMBERED

Jeremiah 33:22 I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as countless as the stars of the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore.

#### 4) EARTH IS ROUND, NOT FLAT

Isaiah 40:22 He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth



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**5) FORBIDDEN TO DRINK FROM STAGNANT STREAMS** Leviticus 11:29-36 (last 100 years we have learned contaminated water can cause typhoid and cholera)

#### 6) **SECOND LAW OF THERMO-DYNAMICS**

Psalm 102:25-26 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.

#### **B) SCIENTISTS WHO BELIEVED**

Many people say that thinking people or scientific people do not believe the Bible. This is simply not the case and many scientists who made important discoveries were not only believers, but said they did their science based on the Bible.

- 1) Louis Aggasiz 18807-1873 (Founder of glacial science. He was a Creationist)
- 2) Charles Babbage 1791-1871 (Creator of Computer. He was a defender of the Bible, known as an 'apologist')
- 3) Johannes Kepler 1571-1630 (Laws of Planetary Motion. He believed the Bible literally)
- 4) Blaise Pascal 1623-1662 (Probability Studies. He was a Christian writer who wrote about the Bible)
- 5) John Ambrose Fleming 1849-1945 (Diode. Modern Electronics)
- 6) Issac Newton 1642-1726 (Universal Laws of Gravitation)
- 7) Georges Cuvier 1769-1832 (Comparative Anatomy, Creationist)
- 8) William Kelvin 1824-1907 (Thermodynamics. Creationist)
- 9) Carolus Linnaeus 1707-1778 (Modern taxonomy. Creationist)
- 10) Louis Pastuer 1822-1895 (Germ Theory. Dedicated Christian) a) Faith lead him to disprove spontaneous generation
- C) WHAT TO <u>BELIEVE ABOUT</u> SCIENTISTS
- 1) Scientists exercise faith



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- a) Issue of Origins is strictly faith
- 2) Scientific Theories Change
  - a Darwin: Long Time. New Breed: Short Time.
- 3) Statements by 'experts' Can/Must be challenged
  - a) Ordinary citizens can't question the experts?
  - b) Ultimate truth; not from experts, but THE Expert

    Don Chittock
- 4) Scientists are not always objective
  - a) Louis More The Dogma of Evolution "our faith in the idea of evolution depends on our reluctance to accept the antagonistic doctrine of creation." Princeton Univ Press
  - b) Aldous Huxley (early advocate of evolution) "I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning...for myself as, no doubt, for most of my contemporaries it was an instrument of liberation...We objected to the morality because it interferred with our sexual freedom..." in Ends and Means
- 5) Science in This Case Can Only Describe
  - a) Can not observe the past
  - b) Past events cannot be repeated

#### D) SCIENTIFIC METHOD

- 1) Observe
- 2) Recognize the Problem
- 3) Form a Hypothesis
- 4) Test and Falsify the Hypothesis

#### (V) IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION

A) **Responsible** to a Creator



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- B) You have meaning and purpose
- C) It's not chance
- D) You are loved
- E) You are God's workmanship
- F) There are moral absolutes
- G) The Bible is **true**

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