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Both of us have been getting requests from far and wide for materials on Bible and Science. It seems that there is a renewed attack against the scientific reliability of the Bible.

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Should We Be Concerned?

Whenever Christians are faced with attacks based upon science, they respond in a number of ways. The majority immediately concedes that they do not have clear-cut or reliable answers. They also accept that they do not have enough background in science to find an authoritative answer, this group of people eagerly receive answers given by knowledgeable Christians, and show great enthusiasm in sharing these answers with anyone who is interested in these subjects. However, these people and Christian apologists face a lot of opposition from several minority groups.

Though these people who oppose the Bible are in minority, they are vocal and often devoid of conscience, so they are able to intimidate almost everyone. Because of their perverse influence, God-fearing Christians who delight in a systematic study of bible and science often
wonder if by doing so they are doing something unwarranted or displeasing to God.

The first vocal minority is made up of totally incompetent people. They cannot handle a single question related to Bible science and are terrified deep inside their hearts about this weakness of theirs getting exposed. Thus their standard strategy is to oppose all questions related to the reliability of the Bible, they label as heretics all those who question or inquire reliability of the Bible. And thy label as carnal all those who try to give reasonable answers to these questions. They have a number of ploys to intimidate people.

The second minority is made up of sincere Bible-believers. They believe the Bible; know the doctrines, but do not have an iota of idea about science. Because of this ignorance they consider science as totally unnecessary and irrelevant. So convinced are they about this stand that on all occasions they become loud and vocal about the “unnecessary” presence and intrusion about science. They claim the
Bible alone is sufficient, and science should not be given any attention.

People in this group are so sincere to their own ignorance that they often label the other Christians as carnal. Their sincerity and vocal stand gives a lot of inferiority complex to others, especially if they enjoy reading or listening to wholesome material on Bible and science.

Masses are often swayed or intimidated by vocal groups even if they are very small groups. Consequently, among God-fearing and science-loving Christians there are many who wonder if it is wrong to give attention to science. An objective look, however, at the way in which development in sciences have aided the Bible and the Christians will show that every reasonable Christian should pay attention to science.

**What is Science:** contrary to the projections of a minority among us, science not some kind of a monster or some enterprise hostile to Bible or Christian faith. On the contrary “science” is the collection of ever growing knowledge about the world. And technology is the practical application of science.

In genesis God commanded man not only to be fruitful and to multiply, but also to ‘subdue’ the earth. Obviously, a growing collection of
objective knowledge is needed to achieve this goal. And right from the beginning we notice a quest in mankind to do so. Cain began domesticating animals while Abel began agriculture. Then others developed the art of making metal implements and musical instruments.

Left: Isaac Newton was a staunch believer in the Bible

Science and technology grew by leaps and bounds. Noah’s ark was a prime example of both science as well as technology. It was so that a ship of similar size could thereafter be made only towards the end of 19th century. What’s more, the ark needed to have arrangements for ventilation, illumination, storage, food, waste-disposal, and living quarters for a multitude of living organisms many of which were hostile to each other. Thus the ark was a superb example of both science as well as technology. It was also a monumental demonstration of how God chooses to use science and technology to meet his sovereign purposes.

Since empirical sciences have developed as a direct consequence of God’s command to subdue the earth, believer should
wholeheartedly welcome science and its developments. Further, since to meet his own sovereign plans, God himself encourages man to use the latest scientific and technological information, his children can likewise use science/technology, and partake in scientific endeavor with confidence.

Science is the accumulated objective knowledge about the world. Technology is its application. There is nothing inherently bad about science, and Christians should never suspect or shun science. More so if they desire to be witnesses in a generation that is steeped in science and technology.

**Is Science In Any Way useful To The Christian Faith:** since faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the word of God, most Christians blindly assume that science and technology plays no role in the growth and development. Others aggressively assert, out of ignorance or stubbornness, that no aspect of one’s faith require the help or assistance of science. They could not be more wrong than this. Practically every aspect of the Christian faith has been enriched or assisted by science and technology in every generation.

We have already seen the tremendous amount of science and technology that went into the production maintenance of Noah’s ark. Another
place where it is used is in the tabernacle and all the implements including the ark of covenant where wood working, metal working all other such knowledge was used.

Right: Duane Gish was a Christian scientist who once worked for the company that gave us the highly useful Teflon!

Solomon’s temple was the best example of science and technology blended together to build the greatest monument to God, which the children of God had ever seen.

Job and Moses recorded divine revelation several millennia ago. Making leather scrolls, ink, pen, etc. required some technical skill. And it is this care, which resulted in repeated copying and preservation of the canon of the Bible.

During the period of restoration, Ezra the scribe was able to collect large amounts of handwritten manuscripts of Old Testament books, songbooks and other material for accurate recopying.

People who copied old and New Testament books in the first centuries of the Christian
faith kept on using the latest invention in writing binding and preserving books. This is how the expensive and rare leather was replaced by cheaper and more abundant papyrus roll.

The Leather Codex

Very soon they invented the leather codex, which was a bound form of rectangular sheets of leather. The codex was the forerunner of modern books, making both sides of each page quickly accessible for reading, investigation and reference. And almost for 1500 years they kept copying and preserving the scripture portions.

With the dawn of protestant reformation came a renewed interest in the Biblical manuscripts, languages, manners, customs, history and other such aspects. All the available sciences were pressed into service for restoring,
deciphering, preserving and other things related to these manuscripts. Language-related scientific investigations were pressed into service. Archeology, modern dating techniques, photographic methods, microscopic investigation, and a variety of other scientific techniques were used for investigation.

Advances in Physics, Astronomy and Biology helped a better understanding and appreciation of numerous statements in the Bible. Advancement in computer graphics and analysis techniques helped more reliable and accurate study of biblical manuscripts and languages.

The advent of removable disks [CDs, pen drives] helped distribution of searchable Bibles containing numerous versions and languages. Conducting a word, phrase, or verse search became lightning fast. Very complex became as simple as typing the words and hitting a computer key. Internet has changed the whole scene altogether.

The advent of audiovisual media made the spread of gospel easier. Now even physically handicapped people could easily access the Bible and Bible study tools. The arrival of Internet opened totally new dimension in the spread of the gospel and other Biblical information.
Developments in history, archeology, linguistic science, science related to preservation and study of ancient documents and scrolls have helped students of Bible enormously in the past two centuries. In addition discoveries of many of the physical sciences coupled with technological advances have helped top study human past, historical discoveries related to the Bible, and Bible related manuscripts to a degree that was not possible earlier without these developments.

A Modern High-speed Printing Press

The advent of high speed, automatic printing machine has made possible the production of very large Christian literature at very economical cost. This in turn helps evangelism, training of a new believer, and production of good Christian books, which are always sold at
half or even one-third the price of secular literature.

Regions Covered By Trans World Radio

The advent of radio and T.V. has helped evangelistic ministries like Trans World Radio and FEEBA to saturate the world with the gospel and Bible-teaching. Though a large number of countries forbid the preaching of the gospel, though they imprison and torture anyone found spreading the message of the Bible, they are unable to stop the spread of the gospel. This is because radio and T.V. are able to breach any kind of barrier, to preach and teach in any language, at any hour of the day.
We did not discuss in detail missionary aviation fellowship that planted missionaries into the remotest places. We did not discuss how telephone counseling has become a powerful and cheap method, using a single person [man or woman, strong or handicapped] can help thousands every year, including some very dramatic and unbelievable kinds of rescues.

When all the ways in which science has helped the Christian faith is seen together, even the unlearned will exclaim that science and technology have been great friends and supporters of the Christian faith. Yes science is extremely helpful to the Christian faith.

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