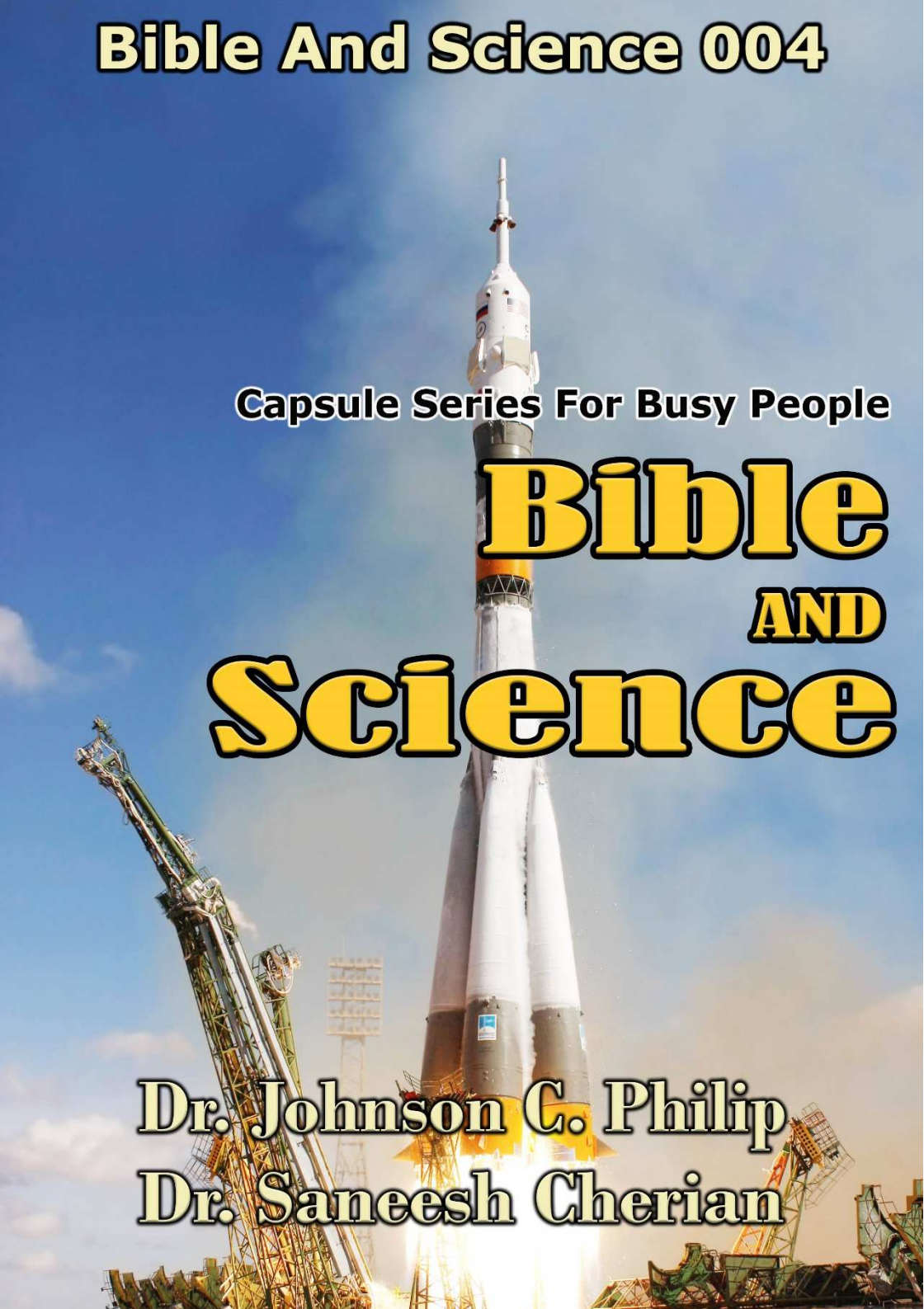


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Why Do People Use Science To Attack The Bible

Once we realize the great role played by science in the growth and spread of the Christian faith, it is natural to wonder how and why people can use science to attack the Bible and the Christian faith.

To resolve the problem, we must remind ourselves from the outset itself that not everything publicized in the name of science is a fact, and that not everything seen in the name of Christianity is the actual Christian faith. There are many things spoken in the name of science, which are only fiction, and similarly there are things spoken in the name of science, which are only fiction, and similarly there are many things propagated in the name of the Bible and Christianity, which are simply not true. Obviously, a person with malice against the Christian can easily take false information from these two sides and create a seeming conflict between science and the Christian faith.

The story has its origin in some individuals. Right from the Old Testament times there were plenty of people opposed to the precepts of God. They realized that Jews were both intelligent as well as unusually prosperous. Thus any kind of alliance, specially matrimonial and religious

alliance with the Jews could mean unusual prosperity for them. However, the Scriptures of the Jewish nation forbid all such alliances. Further, there were numerous pagan temples, oracles and priests who were wealthy beyond imagination, but whose “business” suffered considerably due to the presence of the Jews and the Christians. The riot of the Diana of the Ephesians is just one example of this. There were also very powerful pagan philosophers and atheists who often discovered to their dismay that Biblical faith was a serious challenge to their survival. Thus all of these groups opposed the Bible using one pretext or another.

Since “science” has always been respected and feared in all generations, the name of science became a good tool for them to attack the Christian faith. We must remember here that science itself has been a growing and evolving collection of knowledge. Thus the “science” of yesterday was totally different from the science of today. In spite of such a difference, every generation of humans had a substantial collection of knowledge, and in this chapter we use the word “science” to represent the collection of the best in the world of knowledge of any and every generation.

Since the “science” of any generation was the collection of the best of that time in the world

of knowledge, and since this collection was quite for mixable for the common man, anti-Christian propagandists found science to be a powerful tool to intimidate people. One must not forget here that it is the common man who is the target of the bulk of the propaganda against the Christian faith.

With the arrival of Protestant Reformation in the 1500's, the Physical Sciences became all the more refined, developed and powerful. For the first time there was a clear split between Philosophy, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences and Speculation. Thereafter the Physical Sciences grew at such a pace, and gave rise to such spectacular technological innovation that science became synonymous with knowledge and progress for all practical purposes. With this, the name of science became an even more powerful tool in the hands of the people opposed to the Bible.

Once physical sciences began to grow explosively, it became increasingly difficult for the common man to keep up with the latest developments in science. Correspondingly it became all the more difficult for him to distinguish between theories and facts of science. And this made it easier for the determined opponents to attack the Bible all the more easily in the name of science.

In the 1800s many radical thinkers opposed to the Bible and the Christian faith tried their hands at everything conceivable to attack the Christian faith. Some tried the name of archeology, while others tries history, philology, textual criticism, physical sciences, biological sciences and humanities. They recorded one victory after another, and grew from strength to strength because the average Christian was no longer a match for these people schooled in tenets of the explosively growing branches of sciences. One victory leads to another, and soon it becomes intoxicating. Thus attacking the Bible both became a hobby as a passion for the anti-Christian lobby.

The opposition was intense, but the opponents were not united into a single force at the start of the 1800s. However, the arrival of Charles Darwin's version of the theory of evolution changed it all. For the first time those opposed to the Bible had a single theory to unite them all. It took less than one decade after that for all those opposed to the Bible had a single theory to unite them all. It took less than one decade after that for all those opposed to the Bible to adopt the Theory Of Evolution as the foundation of their thinking. This had serious after-effects among opponents of the Bible who worked in areas of biology, history, archeology and even theology.

What opposition we see today in the name of science is the after-effect of these developments. With the explosive growth of science, more and more of arguments against the Bible became too difficult for the common man to refute. One victory led to another, and thus in the hand of the opponents of the Bible the name of science became a formidable tool. The real reason for their opposition, however, is not science. On the contrary many of them have repeatedly asserted that their opposition to the Bible stems from their dislike for Biblical world-view, philosophy and theology. They wish to lead a totally unrestrained “free” life and the presence of the Bible and Biblical morality is hindrance to them. They needed to oppose the Bible so as to justify their way of life, which neither wanted nor respected boundaries. Thus they press the best possible tools into their service to oppose the Bible. The name of the modern science happens to be the most powerful tool in their arsenal, and that is why they try to use science to discredit the Bible.

What Should Be Our Attitude: the attacks against the bible that started millennia ago have now become intense, and they have spread into all kinds of media. Pick up any standard secular magazine, listen to the secular TV, or read any secular textbook, and almost without exception one will come across some kind or other of rhetoric against the Bible.

Nobody can ignore it. Even if the older generation ignores it, the all-pervading and seemingly ever present media will see to it that doubts are planted, and that also firmly, in the minds of our younger generation. And once it makes its home there, it keeps gnawing at their faith either till they find an answer, or till their faith is shaken. And once it makes its home there, they should not ignore the Bible/Sciences issues.

We need to develop an attitude of confidence. We know that the universe is God's handiwork. We also know that the Bible is verbally inspired revelation of God. Consequently, it is not possible for two entities to have their origin in God to contradict each other on the contrary they will turn out to be complimentary to each other. However, we can hold this attitude confident only and only if we know reasonably well about both God's creation as well as his revelation. Ignorance is not bliss here, and we should be willing to equip our self with knowledge about creation and revelation. Plenty of resources are available at every level of expertise, ranging from highly simple to extremely technical writings.

We also need to develop an attitude of concern for those who are being hurt by all this deliberate and systematic propaganda against

the Bible. This is the part of the conflict of the ages where the forces of darkness fight against God's children. Right from the Garden of Eden, battle of information such as "has God said" has played a very important role in Satan's strategy. The same is seen in the science-based battle against people, where Satan's approach has become more refined than it was in Eden.

Truth is the most powerful weapon in this battle, and once we are able to present to the young people the truth about Bible and Science, they will be protected from influence of false-propaganda.

We should also develop an attitude of honesty. Nobody, howsoever educated, has answers to all questions raised by the critics. Thus nobody is going to have answers to all the questions brought out in the name of science against the Christian faith. But this should not upset any Christian. Nobody is able to solve all questions given in the textbook. Yet do not consider that as an embarrassment. Rather, we seek help from other people or sources to solve it. We should have the same confident and honest attitude when we face the critic's questions about Bible and Science.

Finally we should approach the entire subject with great humility. In 1 peter 3:15 the Holy Spirit commands believers to be ready to give

an answer to those who demand a reason for the faith that is in us. However, the spirit says we ought to do in fear of humility. We need to cultivate the attitude of humility in these matters, especially if we are knowledgeable in this field.

What Should Be Our Response: Since it is clear that Christians need to respond to attacks brought in the name of science, we need to handle it with proper response. The first thing to do is not to be unduly alarmed, and not become bitter or angry over the attacks. These should be accepted as another manifestation of the age-long satanic battle against God, His plans and His people.

Further, we should not respond with anger, sarcasm or hostility. There are many preachers who attack science from their pulpit with this erroneous notion that exposing the inadequacies of science will somehow neutralize the arguments of those who attack the Bible. One should realize that attacking the character of one's enemy does not automatically disprove or nullify the objection of one's opponent. Thus the Christian should respond in a balanced manner and to the point when dealing with opposition.

If people who bring forth attacks [or who quote the objection raised by the attacker] are genuine inquirers, or perplexed people who would be helped by correct answers, then the concerned Christian should invest time in answering his questions. This might require much time, and a liberal dose of patience. Those people might also require spending time, and a liberal dose of patience. This might also require spending time even to explain the ABC of the subject because he who asks might not have the capacity or background to understand the answer. We must be willing to devote as much time as needed to help everyone who is willing to be helped.

If the attacker is causing damage to the community [particularly the young ones in the Church] through calculated propaganda, then the Christian needs to respond by countering, refuting and exposing the fallacies in the critics arguments. There is a reason for this. If a question remains unanswered, many of the younger Christians simply assume that these questions are unanswerable. And this erroneous assumption has every potential to destroy the spiritual confidence of these young people. Thus propaganda against the Bible often needs to be met with counter-questions and counter arguments, to protect the young and tender minds from destruction.

If a person raises arguments simply because he does not want to accept the truth, he can be ignored. As long as his arguments do not hurt others, Christians need not worry. These men are insincere babblers who do not want to know the truth. Thus even if the best truth is presented to them in the best possible way by the most skillful communicator, they would still reject it. They are not interested in knowing the truth, and they shall never allow facts to challenge their preconceptions.

What Preparations should we make: attack coming against the Bible and the Christian faith are part of the cosmic battle. Satan and his hosts are trying to attack God, his revelation and his people with the single intention of establishing Satan's diabolic world system [cosmos diabolic us] in this world. The forces of darkness know it fully well that they shall be defeated, but exactly the way Joseph's brothers [who should have known better] fought against divine revelation and divine plan, the demonic forces keep fighting against God and his people. And thus as Jacob had to suffer for decades, children of God Caught in this battle from evil forces will have to undergo a certain amount of suffering. However, if we are not prepared, the losses will have to undergo a certain amount of suffering. However, if we are not prepared, the losses will surely be greater, and the pain

deeper, for a battle is not a bed of roses, but rather a minefield of bobby-traps.

Battles can be won only if those in the force have proper information, communication, coordination, supplies, logistics, and a will to fight. In this spiritual battle also we need all these.

Thus the very first thing every burdened Christian should do is to equip himself with information related to Christian apologetics; plenty of material is available, only if the concerned people would look around.

The second thing to do is to practice communication. This can start in the form of informal chat with a friendly group in the Church, gradually progressing to more formal messages, write-ups and lengthier articles. At this stage one can effectively engage non-Christians and more difficult critics.

It is good to stock a few good pamphlets, booklets and even popular books. These can be given away to make the inquirer read and assess these subjects. With each encounter, one should assess the entire episode, and fine-tune for the next occasion. One should read, or consult experts, in those areas where giving a suitable answer in a confident manner is found difficult. Coordinating any discussion with

others, who can help, will allow one to concentrate in one's area of expertise, while the other person tackles question where he/she has better insights.

Finally, every Christian should develop a warrior-like mentality, not to pick up a fight with all and sundry, but mainly to be equipped for ant encounter.

“Be ye ready to give answer those who ask you a reason for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and meekness”, 1 Peter 3:15.



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