

probability, unless there is a God who is holding the world together and making sure that the world operates according to His cause and effect laws (Col. 1:17 Gen. 8:20-22, 9::8-17). Romans 1:20ff affirms that all of God's creation reveals HIS ETERNAL POWER and GODHEAD. Attempting to separate God from His creation is to construct humanistic presuppositions for everything we observe. Absolute truth is swept out the door and all that remains is relativity. This is certainly the basis of the "Value's Clarification" courses now being taught. The Bible warns "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ (Col. 2:8). Our education system is now raising generations of youth in fulfillment of this verse. Why do so many teenagers take their own life? Because no one is telling them what truth is, what is right or wrong. Lost in the sea of relativity, they find no purpose in life and no reason to go on living.

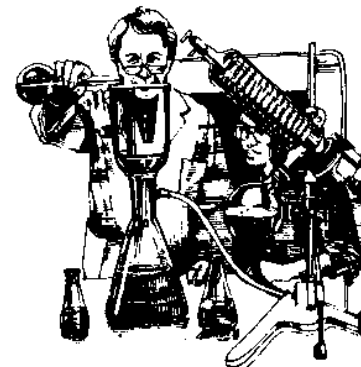
The Third Myth

Finally,, the third myth is that the "Scientific Method" produces knowledge. It is a simple fact that man doesn't produce knowledge but only discovers it. Furthermore, reality is not limited to what we can put into a test tube or empirically verify. 2 Corinthians 4:18 informs us that "...the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." True reality then is made up of things that cannot be seen, ndr can they be measured by human instruments. The wisdom of true investigation must begin with Scripture. Many unwise medical decisions are being made today because the patient only considers the so called "scientific explanations" and knowledge of his illness. The Bible pointedly indicates the relationship between guilt and bitterness and its affect upon the deterioration of the bones (Psalm 32:1-3) All the medicine in the world will not help if the medical problem is related to a spiritual cause (Prov. 11:17 James 5:14-16 1 Cor. 1:23-34). When man professes himself to be wise in all of his advanced scientific knowledge and leaves God and the truth of the Bible out, he has become a fool (Rom. 1:22)

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BIBLICAL ANSWERS TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE



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America is sick! The symptoms are obvious -- Abortion, Divorce, Immorality, tolerance of Sodomy, abusive use of drugs, teenage suicides, values clarification courses, religious rights stripped away from Churches, government becoming bigger and bigger, continuous barrage of filth on television, the totally secularized news media, reinterpretation of the Constitution -- all of these and more indicate our country is in the advanced stages of the disease Humanism. How did it happen? The moral decay can be traced to an underlying basic presupposition about reality and truth. Humanism's source of truth and belief about reality are rooted in the "Scientific Method". Evolution, the daughter of the "Scientific Method" robs mankind of any absolute moral base in philosophy, science or religion. If Christians can provide answers (1 Peter 3:15) when confronted with the "infallibility" of science, we can then point people to the true God, and to the only infallible source of truth and reality - the Bible.

The First Myth

There are at least three myths concerning the "Scientific Method". First, there is the myth that the method is objective. The Encyclopedia Britannica, Volume 20, 1965 reveals the problem of objectivity in science. "the scientific method cannot be applied in practice, since the phenomena are beyond number. Therefore, when we seek to explore any field of knowledge, we must somehow choose from among the phenomena -- often called facts...The process of choosing phenomena is an act of judgment on the part of a learned or experienced chooser, a scientist..." (page 115) A famous scientist once declared the Bible is an unreliable book filled with errors. He backed his statement up pointing to the rabbit. The Bible says that rabbits are unclean because even though they chew the cud, they do not divide the hoof (Deut. 14:7)! He proudly boasted that scientific investigation had proven that rabbits do not chew the cud. The problem with this scientist was that he had not looked at all the phenomena. Whenever there is a conflict between "Science" and the Scriptures, you

can be sure that "Science" hasn't done enough homework. "Science" has the latest word, God has the last Word! It has been discovered that a rabbit does indeed chew the cud. Rather than bringing the cud back up like a cow, the rabbit passes two pellets from its body - one soft and one hard. The hard pellet is waste, but the soft pellet is reingested by the rabbit before it ever touches the ground. It is therefore easy to see then that the "Scientific Method" is very subjective. It's conclusions are based ONLY on the phenomena the individual scientist chooses to investigate. The classic example of subjective research to prove anti-Scriptural presuppositions occurred between 1908 and 1912. Scientists hailed the "piltdown man" as the missing link between humans and apes. Using a few parts of a skull and jawbone and lots of plaster of paris, scientists created the so called prehistoric man. In 1955, after the phenomena was studied more extensively, a confession came forth that the jawbone was that of an orangutan, and the skull from a medieval cemetery of the 13th century.

The Second Myth

The second myth is that the "Scientific Method" is amoral. This myth has had its greatest impact in our School systems. In the name of separation of Church and State, God and the Bible have been separated from education. The assumption is that Science, History, English, and Math can all be studied without reference to God or the Scriptures and that knowledge of these subjects will not be affected. Nothing could be further from the truth. In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3) To study any subject without relating it to God and His Son is to forfeit the discovery of the riches of that subject. History is not the purposeless evolution of man's choices; History is "His Story" - God working out His sovereign plans. To understand and rightly interpret history you must have God's perspective and truth (Eph. 1:11). Consider the subject of Science. What guarantee do we have that the "law of gravity" will continue? What guarantee do we have that the sun will continue to warm our planet and cause our crops to grow? Science has no basis for certainty except for mathematical