MAKING SCIENCE GREAT AGAIN

BIBLICAL & DISPENSATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE

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Unchanging Laws of Nature

TRUTH

god & religion

opinion
ONLY GOD:

- Is Eternal - created beginning & transformation
- Is Infinite - limited in all ways
- Is Truth - reflection of truth
- Is Self-existent - dependent & upheld
- Is Immutable - constants temporary as He desires
- Is Sovereign - servant to Creator
BIBLICAL VIEW

Creator & Sovereign Lord

Temporarily Constant & Dependent Creation
I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by men who were inspired. I study the Bible daily. Opposition to godliness is atheism in profession and idolatry in practice. Atheism is so senseless and odious to mankind that it never had many professors.

In Two Parts.

By Sir Isaac Newton.

London
Printed by J. Darby and T. Bowne in Bartholomew-Clear.

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1. Start with Scripture - not naturalism
FINDING TRUTH

Scientific Truth

Objective
Present
Not Absolute
“The concept of truth in science is thus quite special. It implies nothing eternal and absolute but only a high degree of confidence after adequate self-testing and self-correcting …”

George G. Simpson
FINDING TRUTH

Scientific Truth
- Objective
- Present
- Not Absolute
- Tentative
- Consensus
“In science consistency of data interpretation constitutes proof.”

D. Dye
FINDING TRUTH

Scientific Truth

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From man
BEST SCIENTIST

- Fallible
- Depraved
- Rebellious
- Darkened
- Biased
FINDING TRUTH

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- Consensus
- From man

Absolute Truth

- Eternal
- Unchanging
- Unlimited
- Ultimate Reality
- Perfect
- Omniscient Source
ABSOLUTE TRUTH

1. Father -  “God is true”
2. Son -  “I am ... truth”
3. HS -  “Spirit of truth”
4. His Word -  “... word is truth”
5. Gospel -  “... truth of the gospel”
NATURALISM FLAWS

- Uniformitarianism
- Evolutionism
- Humanism
- Excludes Revelation
- Anti-supernatural Bias
STARTING POINT?

Scripture -

Sets Foundation for Science

Andromeda
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2. God’s Creation - not evolution
3. Finite & temporal - not eternal
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:1
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4. Technology Mandate - not environmentalism
1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
TERMS

- פבש - subdue
- הרה - rule, have dominion
- hd;r; - rule, have dominion
  here = harness

bring into bondage
sovereign rule
CREATION MANDATE

- Fruitfulness - creating life
  marriage & family

- Ruling - exercising sovereignty
  Science, Technology,
  Manufacturing, Vocations
SUBDUING

➢ Science, Technology, Manufacturing

➢ Cultivating crops, housing, education, communications, materials, travel, space travel, computers, electronics, electricity, medical, ….
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PHYSICAL EFFECTS

Rom 8:19-22

- Zoology - serpent cursed
- Anthropology - woman’s pain
- Geophysics - ground cursed
- Botany - thorns & thistles
- Physics - toil, sweat, death
- Environmentalism - inefficiency
Rom 8:19  For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 
20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 
21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
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Rom 1:19-20 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
EVIDENCE from Astrophysics & Astronomy

“The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and the firmament is declaring the work of your hands.” Ps 19:1
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7. Sovereign will - not chance
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DISPENSATIONAL CHANGES

- Fall
- Flood
RADICAL CHANGES

Creation

Fall

Very Good

Cursed

Eternity

4000 3000 2000 1000

Eternity
2Pet 3:3-13

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PHYSICAL EFFECTS

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Post-Flood Continental Sprint
PHYSICAL EFFECTS

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- Climatology - seasons, ice age
“The underlying cause of glaciation remains in doubt ... At least 29 ‘explanations’ have been advanced to account for widespread glaciations. Most of these had little chance of survival from the 1st, but others enjoyed some degree of success until they were rendered untenable by subsequently accumulated information.”

Dr Wm L Stokes
The Flood Caused the Ice Age

More Water Vapor
More Snow
Colder Summers

— Confirmed by NOAA computer code

Warm Ocean
Glacier
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✧ White light in
✧ Refracted inside
✧ Reflected inside
✧ Refracted & separated out
PHYSICAL EFFECTS

- Geophysics - geologic column
- Tectonics - continents
- Climatology - seasons, ice age
- Oceanology - boundaries
- Orogeny - high mountains
- Physics - constants changed
- Anthropology - longevity
LONGEVITY

Pre-Flood Avg = 912.2
Yg-old (777-969)
Decay Curve for Tritium

Amount of radioactivity vs time

Exponential Decay Curve
Steady State

Flood
LIFESPAN DECLINE
2Pet 3:3-13

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- **New Heaven & Earth** - glorious
  - after “judgment & destruction”
RADICAL CHANGES

Creation
Fall
Eternity

Very Good
Cursed

Noahic Covenant

Miracles

* Miracles

2nd Coming
Refreshed

3000
2000
1000
0

Eternity
RESURRECTION

- Thermodynamics - 2nd law
- Newton's Laws of motion
- Laws of gravitation
- Molecular properties
- Chemical composition
- Optic properties
- Biological cell properties
- Nature of immortality
DISPENSATIONAL CHANGES

- Fall
- Flood
- 2nd Coming
- Final Judgment
8. Radical changes - not uniformitarianism
9. Upheld by Christ - not constants
CONSTANTS

- Secular - fixed, unchanging

- Biblical -
  1. Fixed within eras
  2. Subject to Sovereign will
  3. Will be radically changed in future
Jer 33:25 “Thus says the Lord, ‘If My covenant for day and night stand not and the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established,
Jer 33:26 then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.’”
Job 38:33  Do you know the ordinances of the heavens, or fix their rule over the earth?
Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Heb 1:3 ... upholds all things by the word of His power. ...
8. Radical changes - not uniformitarianism
9. Upheld by Christ - not constants
10. Revelation interprets - not rationalism
The CREATOR of all things will hold all, including Scientists accountable!!!
Rom 1:20  ... so that they are without excuse.”