

## IS SCIENCE BETTER THAN THE BIBLE? : PART 1

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This is an updated and expanded version of a short, one-part article which I first authored in April of 1997. It contains all of the original comments and responses, as well as a huge amount of brand new material which I have added in January of 2017, and also today, March 16, 2018, over twenty years after the original article was written. It is now a three-part series. In light of the death of noted theoretical physicist and cosmologist, Stephen Hawking, only two days ago, I think you will find this series to be particularly relevant at this current time. I hope you enjoy it.

Following is part of a conversation in which I engaged with a friend on the Internet regarding modern science, and how some people -- for one reason or another -- have chosen to abandoned their faith in God and the Bible, and have placed their faith instead in the doctrines and theories which are supported and promoted by those educators who claim to be telling us the truth in our modern-day educational system. My friends remarks are set apart in quote blocks, while my responses to him follow immediately after his comments. Perhaps you will identify with some of what we are saying

here:

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. . . This carries on into all of my realms of thinking - I never EVER try to assume (being human, I occasionally slip), nor do I ever take anything as it is told to me unless I am sure the source is concrete enough to stand on. In my personal belief, the bible isn't sturdy enough. The mention of a deity is (not to mention miracles and the like), in my eyes, against many of the laws of matter and energy that so far have withstood the test of time and LOTS of potential debunking.

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Well, actually, I also tend to be a very analytical, mental type of person. However, I must admit that I am saddened to learn that you have made modern science your religion. People have to put their faith in something. I have chosen to place my faith in God and the Bible. Whether you will admit it to yourself or not, it does require a type of "blind faith" to believe many of the theories which today have been accepted as indisputable fact by a lot of scientists in the different disciplines. Don't get me wrong. There is a lot of truth in the natural sciences which explain how things work, such as biology, for example. However, when they start spouting off their theories -- such as evolution, for which the missing links have never been discovered -- telling us that the Earth is billions of years old, and other such things which clearly contradict the Bible, then, personally, that is where I have to draw the line and protest.

While honest scientists are obviously motivated by a desire to understand the mechanics of our world -- as well as that of the Universe as a whole -- and to also improve the human condition, at the same time, I have long held the view that one of the darker by-products of some of these sciences -- which the Bible refers to as "science falsely so called" -- is that they try to discredit God and the Bible. That may not be what they initially intended to do, but when such sciences promote ideas which directly contradict the Bible, then they are in effect forcing people to make an actual choice between the two. Of course, there are likewise some militant, atheist scientists as well who do not even try to hide their disdain

for God and the Bible. The Apostle Paul writes as follows:

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:"

1 Timothy 6:20, KJV

Please note that in the previous verse, the word "science" is derived from the Koine Greek word "gnosis". This word is normally translated as "knowledge" in the New Testament of the King James Version of the Bible. This is the only verse where it is actually translated as "science", and I am not sure why the translators made this particular choice.

At any rate, the point is, not all knowledge, and thus not all science, is necessarily good. This is in fact an issue which I discuss in my companion article entitled "Science and Technology: The Forbidden Knowledge?". Let me just say this: There must have been a very good reason regarding why Adam and Eve were prohibited from nearing the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that was located in the middle of Garden of Eden, as we see by these verses:

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat . . . And he [the LORD] said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? . . . And unto Adam he [the LORD] said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee;

and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return . . . And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Genesis 3:1-6, 11, 17-19, 22- 24, KJV

Clearly, whatever knowledge Adam and Eve gained that day was not good for them, was probably too much for them to handle, and was not intended for them to have. Thus, God chose to do what He did that sad day by driving the First Pair out of the beautiful Garden of Eden, and making it impossible for them to ever return to that wonderful place. Following are a few more verses which discuss these darker kinds of knowledge:

"For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge."

Jeremiah 4:22, KJV

"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."

James 3:15, KJV

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

How well the previous verses describe some of the knowledge and science which is known to the world today, which has been used to discover, invent and create certain things which have been painted for us as good things, when in fact they are quite evil. Clearly, their implementation has not born

what I would consider to be positive results. I am reminded in particular of nuclear weapons and other types of WMD -- Weapons of Mass Destruction -- and the murderous practice of abortion, for example. They are instruments of death, and not instruments of life.

Returning to the public education system, sadly, many people have swallowed their lies. We really can't blame the young children. After all, they are too immature and inexperienced in the ways of the world to know and recognize that some of the things they are being taught is utter nonsense. I wonder if you [meaning my Internet friend of decades ago] personally have spent as much time reading and studying the Bible as you have in reading and accepting what you have been taught in school. Why is it that certain people are so quick to accept without question what is taught in our public schools and on university campuses, yet they totally reject or have a hard time accepting God's truth, as it is written in the Bible?

I have mentioned a few times before that even if I had never read the Bible a single time, just by looking out across a beautiful landscape, or up at the star-filled night sky, or at the wonders and profound complexities of ocean life, or human life, or animal life, it would be enough to convince me that there is indeed an intelligent Designer and Creator behind it all. For me personally, there is ample proof of God's existence. Being the logical person that I tend to be, I would be humbly and honestly forced to recognize this truth. A number of the Bible's authors expressed this very same viewpoint in the multitude of their writings. I am reminded of what King David and the Apostle Paul wrote in particular:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;"  
Psalms 8:3, KJV

"[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.] The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."  
Psalms 19:1, KJV

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they

are without excuse:"

Romans 1:20, KJV

The Apostle Paul's conclusion is quite clear, and absolutely correct. Nonbelievers are without excuse, because they are in fact surrounded by strong evidence for God's existence in the natural world, yet they stubbornly deny Him, wilfully remain in their blind ignorance, and continue to cling to so many of their misguided ideas. However, exactly as Paul also told the supposedly wise Greeks on Mars Hill two thousand years ago, God has grown tired of their ignorance, and their deep-seated stubbornness, and requires that all people everywhere repent of their unbelief, as we see by the following verse:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"

Acts 17:30, KJV

The subjects of ignorance and spiritual blindness -- willful or not -- are addressed in quite a few other verses which we find in God's Word. Let me share some of them with you for your personal consideration:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

Acts 28:25-27, KJV

"(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day."

Romans 11:8, KJV

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

Isaiah 6:8-10, KJV

"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear."

Matthew 13:10-16, KJV

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Matthew 15:14, KJV

"And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth."

John 9:39-41, KJV

"But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the

prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him."

John 12:37-41, KJV

"And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

Acts 28:25-27, KJV

"And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know."

1 Corinthians 8:2, KJV

"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."

1 Corinthians 14:37-38, KJV

"But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart."

2 Corinthians 3:14-15, KJV

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4, KJV

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye



henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

Ephesians 4:17-19, KJV

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."

1 Timothy 6:3-5, KJV

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

2 Peter 3:3-7, KJV

The pages of the Bible also dedicate quite a bit of space to the examination of human stubbornness. This is particularly true when it comes to the discussion of the stubbornness and rebelliousness of the ancient Israelites, who repeatedly and quite often departed from the ways of the Lord, and chose to go their own way, with dire consequences for doing the same. Again, following are some sample verses for your personal consideration:

"I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the

stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:"

Deuteronomy 9:26-27, KJV

"If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear."

Deuteronomy 21:18-21, KJV

"And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way."

Judges 2:19, KJV

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king."

1 Samuel 15:23, KJV

"And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God."

Psalms 78:8, KJV

"Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house."

Ezekiel 12:2, KJV

In the following verses that are found in the Book of Jeremiah, the word "imagination" is translated from the Hebrew word "sh@riyruwth". This word actually means stubbornness or hardness. Why the translators chose to translate it as "imagination" is beyond me.

"But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward."

Jeremiah 7:23-24, KJV

"And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink."

Jeremiah 9:13-15, KJV

"For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not."

Jeremiah 11:7-8, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear."

Jeremiah 13:9-11, KJV

"Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one

after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me: Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour."

Jeremiah 16:11-13, KJV

But God's warnings against willful ignorance, stubbornness and spiritual blindness are also made equally clear in the Bible. He repeatedly admonishes us to not harden our hearts, or allow our hearts to grow cold against the truth of His Word -- or the conviction that the truth of His Word brings to our hearts -- and His Will for our lives. Following is yet another set of verses for your personal consider. Note in particular God's warning to not harden our hearts when it comes to the issue of Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. This is obviously the worst mistake of all:

"Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."

Isaiah 1:4-6, KJV

"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."

Isaiah 29:13-14, KJV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

"Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Matthew 15:7-9, KJV

"For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened."

Mark 6:52, KJV

"He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."

Mark 7:6, KJV

"And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?"

Mark 8:17, KJV

"And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept."

Mark 10:4-5, KJV

"Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen."

Mark 16:14, KJV

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

Luke 24:25-26, KJV

"He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them."

John 12:40, KJV

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."

Acts 7:51, KJV

"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;"

Romans 2:5-9, KJV

"Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years . . . Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God . . . While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."

Hebrews 3:7-9, 12, 15, KJV

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God . . . While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."

Hebrews 3:12, 15, KJV

"Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Hebrews 4:7, KJV

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My Hope And Prayer For Nonbelievers, The Universe And Natural World Did Not Come Into Existence Of Their Own Accord, Wrist Watch As An Example, God: Intelligent Guiding Force Designer And Creator Behind The Universe, Humanity's Arrogance, God Created All Things, Definition Of Mazzaroth, Big Bang Theory, Cause And Effect: Solid Scientific Principle Proves God Was Behind Creation Of The Universe, King David Calls Atheists Fools, Dangers Of Carnal Thinking, Natural Man Versus The Spiritual Man, Modern Atheist Scientists: Doubting Thomases On Steroids, Atheist Foolishness Of Stephen Hawking, "Know The Mind Of God" And Theory Of Everything, Many Modern Fools Praising And Following Britain's Fool, Not Ignorant Of The Truth, Unfathomable Unknowable Depth Of God's Ways And Word, No Room For Faith In Hardcore Science, Why Science And Faith Are Often Diametrical Opposites, Walk By Faith Not By Sight

To you, and to anyone else who -- because of their faith in modern science -- has hardened their heart against the truth of God's Word, particularly the truth concerning the Birth, Life, Mission, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, my prayer for you can be summarized with the following verse that was written by King David, after he had gravely sinned against the Lord, by committing both adultery and murder:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Psalms 51:10, KJV

Returning to our discussion concerning the Creation and all things which pertain to the natural world, as I explained in part one, it is evident to me that these things did not just happen by accident. They did not just come together, evolve, or in some "magical" way arrive at their current states on their own, without the direct intervention of some external force, which I believe to be God. In my view, logic dictates that the many intricate biological systems, astronomical

systems, Earth systems, and the perfectly balanced nature and harmony of all parts concerned had to be guided into existence. To believe otherwise, in my humble opinion, is simply ludicrous, and defies the logic of which I speak.

Let me give you a very simple example which anyone can surely understand. Just look at that watch you wear on your wrist. It is a rather complicated, marvellous, miniaturized piece of machinery, isn't it? It did not create itself. You can lay all of its various parts on the table, and then wait a million years -- that is, if it were even humanly possible -- and those parts are still never going to come together on their own in order to form a complete watch. They will just sit on that table, collecting dust, for as long as they and the table continue to exist. The answer regarding why this will never happen is rather obvious: They're dead, inanimate objects which possess no intelligence of their own. As such, an external force -- a human, or perhaps a robotic unit -- is required in order to make the finished product which you wear on your wrist.

Look at that fancy computer that is sitting on your desktop. It likewise had to be created by some intelligent being, or group of human beings, more than likely with assistance from automated machines, which were also designed and built by intelligent humans. Your body, the Earth, the Solar System, our Milky Way galaxy, and in fact, the entire Universe, all had a guiding Intelligent Force behind their creation. Just as all artificial, manufactured things on this Earth had to have a designer and creator -- that being human beings -- so too, all of the things which are found in the natural world, both on the Earth, and in the heavens above, likewise had to have an Intelligent Designer and Creator, that being God.

This is an inescapable truth, in my view. We cannot accept what man has obviously accomplished in his limited sphere of existence, and then turn around and simply deny what God has likewise done in the entire Universe. This attitude amounts to arrogance at its highest level. Sadly, humanity has long been known for its arrogance and attitude of self-importance, and its willingness to ignore and reject certain truths which are staring it in the face.

As we learned in part one, the belief that God is the Supreme Creator is likewise exactly what the writers of the Bible



believed as well. This basic truth is found in many verses which cover the entire expanse of the Bible. Over and over again we are told that God created all things through His Son, Jesus Christ. Let me share some more of them with you. Even some of the modern, translated names of stars and star systems are mentioned in a few of these verses. We are told how the Earth hangs on nothing in the void of Outer Space in the Book of Job. Likewise in the Book of Job, we are given a brief picture of how God created the basic granite building blocks of the Earth, as well as in the Books of Psalms and Proverbs. We are informed of how the Sun runs the course of its orbit in Psalm 19. Likewise, the Book of Isaiah describes how God stretched out the stars in the heavens like a vast celestial curtain. And so much more:

"The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil."

Proverbs 16:4, KJV

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth . . . And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:1, 14-18, KJV

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

John 1:3, KJV

"And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:"

Acts 14:15, KJV

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that

he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands . . . For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

Acts 17:24, 28, KJV

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

Romans 11:36, KJV

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

1 Corinthians 8:6, KJV

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"

Ephesians 3:9, KJV

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Colossians 1:16-17, KJV

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

Hebrews 1:1-3, KJV

"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

Hebrews 2:10, KJV

"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God."

Hebrews 3:4, KJV

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Hebrews 11:3, KJV

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:"

2 Peter 3:5, KJV

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Revelation 4:11, KJV

"They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera."

Judges 5:20, KJV

"Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south."

Job 9:7-9, KJV

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? . . . Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?"

Job 38:4-11, 31-33, KJV

As I more fully explain in the article entitled "Birth of

Jesus and the Star of Bethlehem", the word "mazzaroth" -- which is mentioned in Job 38:31-33 above -- refers to the twelve signs of the Zodiac, along with the thirty-six constellations which are associated with them. The Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic English Lexicon notes that the word "Mazzaroth" is derived from the Hebrew "mazzarah". You will notice that when the Lord is rebuking Job, He says "Mazzaroth in his season". As you will already know, the constellations are seasonal. Different ones appear in the night sky at different times of the year. So it is rather clear that the word "Mazzaroth" is referring to the seasonal march of the constellations.

Following are some additional verses which describe how the great Creator God created all things through Jesus Christ, both on the Earth, as well as in the heavens above:

"[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.] The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

Psalms 19:1-6, KJV

"Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth."

Psalms 104:5-9, KJV

"To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon

and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Psalms 136:5-9, KJV

"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."

Psalms 147:4, KJV

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created."

Psalms 148:1-5, KJV

"The LORD possessed me [Wisdom] in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men."

Proverbs 8:22-31, KJV

"Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:"

Isaiah 40:21-22, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee

from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;"

Isaiah 44:24, KJV

"I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people."

Isaiah 51:12-16, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:"

Jeremiah 31:35, KJV

"Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:"

Amos 5:8, KJV

What a preponderance of Scriptural evidence! As I mentioned in part one, sometimes "blind faith" is required to accept certain scientific theories. Such is the case with the Big Bang theory, as well as the theory of Evolution. I believe that it requires more faith to believe in them, than it does to believe in the Bible, and simply accept God's Word for what it says regarding the creation of all things. While I may not fully understand exactly how God created this world and the entire Universe, nevertheless, I accept that He did. Honestly-speaking, I don't know whether or not a so-called

Big Bang was involved in the story of Creation. However, if it was, then God was most definitely behind it. Why? Well, even all scientists believe in the basic principle of cause and effect. If the Big Bang was the effect, then what was the cause, if not God? If such is the case, I don't believe that it occurred over four billion years ago, as scientists like to claim. To believe that is to contradict the Biblical record.

Now, as a logical, thinking, intelligent person, which I believe you to be, you [meaning my Internet friend ] must have considered at least once, the tremendous odds of things coming together on their own, and evolving in such a unique and complicated way. In my opinion, to take God completely out of the picture, as some scientists do, is utter madness and foolishness. It is for this very reason that in the Scriptures, nonbelievers are described by King David in the following not-so-diplomatic manner:

"[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.] The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."  
Psalms 14:1, KJV

The Bible likewise informs us that the carnal mind -- that is, thinking in a fleshly manner, depending upon only human wisdom, and being primarily concerned with the things and desires of the flesh, instead of the things of the Spirit -- is the enemy of God, as we see by the following verses:

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."  
Romans 8:6-9, KJV

As we learned in part one, this is because the natural man who relies solely upon human wisdom -- due to the absence of God's Spirit working in his life -- rejects anything which he cannot understand -- particularly those things pertaining to the Spirit -- or those things which he in fact fears. Let me share that verse with you again:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

This is precisely the problem with many modern scientists. It seems to me that they have been so given over to human thought and human wisdom, and what they can figure out and understand with their own minds, that they have basically destroyed any degree of faith in their lives, if it even ever existed for them to begin with. With some of the more adamant ones, there is simply no room for God or the Bible. They are like Doubting Thomases on steroids. They want God's existence to be proven by way of an equation. However, this is never going to happen, and to even suggest that God can be reduced to a mathematical equation, is again the epitome of human arrogance.

Along these same lines, I am reminded of the foolishness of well-known English theoretical physicist and cosmologist Stephen Hawking. If I recall correctly, at one time, Hawking seemed to be trying to explain God's existence by way of an equation, which in his 1988 book, "A Brief History of Time", he called a "theory of everything". I remember reading most or all of the book many years ago. Some of it was obviously beyond my comprehension. However, in more recent years, Hawking has made it plain that he is a full-fledged atheist who rejects any notion of Heaven, a spiritual world, or an afterlife. For example, in a May 15, 2011 interview which appeared in Britain's "The Guardian" newspaper, he stated the following:

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"I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark."

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Hawking's previous comments came on the heels of his 2010 book entitled "The Grand Design", in which he discussed his continuing quest to discover a "theory of everything"; that



is, a unifying set of scientific principles which would, in Hawking's words, supposedly enable scientists to "know the mind of God". In that book, he proposed that there is really no need for a Divine Creator to explain the existence of our Universe. That same year, while narrating the first episode of Curiosity -- an American television series which aired on the Discovery Channel for two seasons -- in that episode, which was titled "Did God Create the Universe?", Mr. Hawking again cemented his position as a confirmed atheist when he stated the following:

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"We are each free to believe what we want, and it is my view that the simplest explanation is there is no God. No one created the universe, and no one directs our fate. This leads me to a profound realization. There is probably no heaven, and no afterlife either. We have this one life to appreciate the grand design of the universe, and for that, I am extremely grateful."

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In September of 2014, while serving as the keynote speaker at an international gathering which is known as the Starmus International Festival -- it celebrates astronomy, space exploration, music, art, and allied sciences such as biology and chemistry -- which took place at Tenerife in the Canary Islands off of the western coast of Spain, Hawking again declared himself an atheist. In an exclusive interview which he gave for the Spanish language newspaper "El Mundo", he stated the following, as a way of clarifying comments he had first made in 1988 in "A Brief History of Time":

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"Before we understand science, it is natural to believe that God created the universe. But now science offers a more convincing explanation. What I meant by 'we would know the mind of God' is, we would know everything that God would know, if there were a God, which there isn't. I'm an atheist."

----- End Quote -----

Hawking is now seventy-five years old. It will indeed be sad if this so-called "great mind" dies without repenting of his unbelief, and never accepts the Salvation which is so freely offered to him through faith in Jesus Christ. To be honest, I must truly wonder how a man can continue to resist the Spirit of God trying to get through to him, as long as Mr. Hawking has apparently done. I can only conclude that his heart must be seriously hardened against the Lord.

Equally tragic is the fact that while Mr. Hawking is greatly esteemed and admired within many academic circles, the Bible plainly declares him a fool; and many other modern fools only lavish praise upon Hawking, and blindly follow him in their spiritual ignorance. However, I should also add that it is not really ignorance, because it is not as if these people do not know the truth. They know it alright, they just reject it, because it does not agree with what they want to believe. Again, it comes down to human pride, rebellion and arrogance.

While Mr. Hawking once expressed a desire to "know the mind of [a] God" in which he does not even believe, even as a long-time Bible-believing Christian, I fully realize that none of us can possibly ever understand all of the things of God, no matter how long and how hard we try to do so. I have been reading and studying the Bible for more than forty-five years now, and there are still many things which I do not fully comprehend. I am not ashamed to admit this. Thus, in March of 2012 I wrote the article entitled "Humility in Our Understanding of God's Word". If anything, this point serves to emphasize the unfathomable depth of God, His ways, and His Word. I am reminded of the following verses:

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."

Psalms 145:3, KJV

"As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all."

Ecclesiastes 11:5, KJV

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."

Isaiah 40:28, KJV

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9, KJV

"Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number."

Job 9:10, KJV

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Romans 11:33, KJV

As it should be clear to you by now, faith is on the extreme opposite end of the spectrum from only believing in what we can see with our eyes, hear with our ears, touch with our hands, smell through our noses, or prove through controlled experimentation. Faith says that we need to believe with our hearts even before we can understand with our minds. We need to listen to that still small voice within our hearts, and not ignore it. This is why science and faith are often so diametrically opposed to each other. Faith says that if we want to please God, we must believe without seeing, while science requires and demands that we must first experiment, prove and see repeatable, verifiable results before we will believe. There is no room in hardcore science for true faith to exist. But God's Word says quite the opposite, as we see by the following verses:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen . . . But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Hebrews 11:1, 6, KJV

"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

2 Corinthians 5:7, KJV

"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and

yet have believed."

John 20:29, KJV

"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him:  
but the just shall live by his faith."

Habakkuk 2:4, KJV

"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith  
to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

Romans 1:17, KJV

"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of  
God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith."

Galatians 3:11, KJV

"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back,  
my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

Hebrews 10:38, KJV

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So exactly how is faith born? Where does it come from? As I have explained many times before, the answer is found in the Bible itself. While this concept will no doubt seem strange -- and perhaps even contradictory -- to many atheists and other nonbelievers, the fact of the matter is that the more we hear and read the Word of God, the more our faith will likewise grow. Thus, the Apostle Paul was inspired to write the following to the brethren at Rome:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 10:17, KJV

Now, in their confusion, some nonbelievers may ask "Well, how is my faith supposed to grow by reading something which I do not even believe in, in the first place?" I thought about it for a moment, and the closest analogy I can think of is this:

Imagine that you are feeling very tired and sick in some way. You have no idea why you became sick, nevertheless, you are extremely sick. A friend of yours notices that you are sick, observes your symptoms, and then suggests that you eat more of certain foods. He does not explain to you exactly why he suggests those foods in particular, he just tells you to give it a try and see what happens.

Being a natural -- and cautious -- skeptic, you automatically entertain some serious doubts regarding his recommendations; particularly because he did not provide you with any whys and wherefores. The fact that he recommends food which you don't even like, does not help the situation either. Nevertheless, even though you are not convinced that it will work, just to make him happy, you decide to go ahead and give it a shot. A

few months later you meet up with your friend again. He is both happy and pleased to see the big change in you. You are doing a lot better now, and glowing with a healthy aura. Not only that, but you inform him that you have decided to make those particular foods a regular part of your diet.

You see, in a way, that friend is similar to God. Being as He is the one who designed the human body in the first place, He knows everything that there is to know about you. He likewise knows how to fix you when you are broken. Even though you had some serious doubts concerning the recommendations that were made by your friend, by going ahead and trying them anyway, you were demonstrating a very small degree of faith. You were stepping out by faith, even without knowing the facts -- that is, why your friend chose those particular foods -- and even though your natural inclination was to believe that it would make no difference, even if you consumed those substances.

The food substances themselves are like the Word of God. It soon became clear to you that your health was in fact on the mend, and that you were improving. Thus, you realized that it was to your benefit to continue consuming those foods, and you wondered how you had managed to stay healthy for so long without them. As an added bonus, you also discovered that you actually like those particular foods after all. Furthermore, you continued to crave them more and more, which was clearly not something which you expected to happen.

It is the same thing with God's Word, the Bible. It will work wonders in your life. It may not be very noticeable at first, but trust me when I say that it will occur. Even without you realizing it, there will be shifts in your attitude towards different things, and your perspective will slowly begin to change. You will see some things in a new and very different light, as God's Spirit continues working in your life. That is not all. To your own surprise, you will desire to continue reading the Bible, and your faith will continue to grow in direct proportion to that. In fact, the day may soon arrive if it hasn't by that point already -- when you will realize your need for Jesus Christ, and you will seek His Salvation.

You see, what is actually happening, is that you are in the process of undergoing a spiritual transformation in your life. You are in a sense being rewired by God's Spirit, and being transformed into a brand new creature in Jesus Christ.

If you doubt that this is so, consider the following verses:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye TRANSFORMED by the RENEWING of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Romans 12:2, KJV

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of REGENERATION, and RENEWING of the Holy Ghost;"

Titus 3:5, KJV

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Ephesians 4:24, KJV

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

Colossians 3:10, KJV

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Romans 6:6, KJV

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"

Ephesians 4:22, KJV

"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"

Colossians 3:9, KJV

That Book, which you once deemed not worthy of your time or your attention, and which you viewed as just a collection of ancient, nonsensical myths, suddenly comes to the fore in your life. It becomes a treasure chest of mysteries yet to be discovered by you. It may not contain all of the science and complicated equations that you are used to dealing with, but nevertheless, it thrills you in ways that science is not able

to do. It speaks to you on a level which science cannot, and does not, because it reveals God's Spirit, God's Wisdom, and God's truths. Furthermore, the Bible does not attempt to sugar-coat the truth, or soften it with sickening political correctness. It speaks straight to one's heart and soul. After all, as we read in the Book of Hebrews:

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."  
Hebrews 4:12, KJV

Now, if any hardcore, atheist scientists took the time to read what I just wrote, no doubt you probably have a smug look on your face, and have laughed and scoffed at every word. That is obviously your right to do, if you so choose. However, before you just dismiss it all in your arrogance, and retort that it is just a load of nonsense, I challenge you to give God and the Bible a fair chance in your life. I challenge you to begin reading the New Testament with an open mind and heart, and just see where it leads.

In other words, do not undertake my reading challenge with a set attitude of "I am going to read this with a critical eye, and I am just going to find everything wrong with the Bible that I possibly can." If you approach it with that attitude, then, of course, you are just wasting your time. If you are not even willing to do this, due to your own pride and ego, then you have no right to criticize what I have just written.

Sadly, in his very next comments to me, while he did leave a very small door open for Christianity and faith to possibly exist in his life, my Internet friend of twenty years ago did make it clear to me that, as far as he is concerned, science is king. If he cannot convincingly prove something by way of the scientific method, he rejects it and tosses it aside, as we see by the following quote:

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Told you, I spoil lots and lots of movies this way - even good movies! Basically, I just live my life using the scientific method - test EVERYTHING, and if it doesn't hold up, toss it aside. I never EVER totally 100% say there is NO



chance of anything (even Christianity), which means I'm an agnostic and not an atheist. Many atheists are as pig headed as the church goes I know . . .

----- End Quote -----

Well, in my view, the problem here is that you have your standards reversed. I agree with you that we must base our lives upon some norm, some standard. What I am saying is that in my case, the Bible is the standard by which I judge all things, including science. If a particular scientific theory or belief challenges or outright contradicts what is stated in the Bible, then naturally, I have problems with it. After all, God and His Word were here first, way before modern science arrived on the scene. He made the Universe, and He certainly knows how it operates, and how to keep it functioning properly.

In your case, you use modern scientific thought to judge all matters, including your personal opinion of the Bible. As I said, I view this approach as a serious error on your part. To be quite honest, it is difficult for me to understand how you can give the oft-changing knowledge and wisdom of man more importance in your life, than the inspired Word of God and the Wisdom of God.

So this compels me to ask you: Exactly what caused you to change your standard from God and the Bible to science? Considering your personal background, I imagine that your family did everything within their power to teach you the way in which you should go as a child, exactly as the Book of Proverbs instructs Christian parents to do. What turned you off to God? Surely you must have believed at some time. Was there something you were taught which you didn't quite understand, like or agree with, so you decided to chuck it all out the window? When people reject God after having known Him, or at least having gone to church or read the Bible, it is usually for a strong reason. What is yours?

Note to the reader: Being as this online conversation took place almost twenty years ago, I no longer remember exactly what my friend's background was. In fact, I no longer even recall his name. However, going by what I have stated above, apparently, the man must have been raised in some kind of a Christian environment, which he later totally abandoned, for

reasons which are only known to him. Perhaps the liberal college scene was his downfall. I really don't know with any degree of certainty.

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This is not to say that I don't like Christians. There is good and bad to everything, I suppose. I just see it as a case of ignorance (please don't take offense, a lot of people don't really understand the meaning of ignorance it's not an insult) on the part of society, the same thing that the Greeks suffered from, as well as the Sumerians, Egyptians, Romans, etc. etc. Mythology to satisfy a human urge to explain that which he does not know, while neglecting the hard evidence.

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Again, it saddens me that you consider God and Christianity to merely be mythology that is based upon ignorance. Many Believers would say the same thing of you, and that this is basically the pot calling the kettle black. However, in your case, I don't think it is true ignorance at all. At one time, I believe that when your heart was still open, you accepted and believed the Word of God. I can only wonder what changed that. Whatever the cause may have been which resulted in you abandoning your faith, let me remind you that we cannot use people's failures, or even Christianity's failures, or the churches' failures, as a valid excuse for rejecting God and the Bible altogether. After all, God and His Word stand above the religious institutions and doctrines which are created by men.

So there you have it, my friends; our short exchange quite a few years ago. I honestly don't know whatever became of this person, as I eventually lost contact with him. Perhaps he eventually came to know the Lord, or perhaps not. If he did, it would be wonderful if someday he rediscovered this old conversation between us, recognized his own words in it, and wrote in to tell me that the scales had finally fallen from his eyes, and that he is now a Bible-believing Christian. Of course, the exact opposite could happen as well. He might find this conversation anew, and think to himself "Oh, that poor WordWeaver. He is still spouting that nonsense and has not come to his senses yet after all of these years." Who

knows. I suppose God does. But at least I did my part to try to reach him with the truth.

As for the rest of you hardcore scientists out there who continue to deny the existence of a Creator God who made all things, I hope that at the very least, this series will cause you to take a small pause in your current adamant position, and that you will stop to consider what I have written here. Is that really asking too much of you? Or is your own pride, stubbornness and arrogance so great, that it is beneath you to do this? As I mentioned earlier, with many of you, it is not that you are truly ignorant of the truth, it is that you already know it, but have willfully chosen to reject it. If this is what you have done, then allow me to share another set of verses with you from God's Word for your personal consideration:

"The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts."  
Psalms 10:4, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."  
Proverbs 8:13, KJV

"When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom."  
Proverbs 11:2, KJV

"Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom."  
Proverbs 13:10, KJV

"In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them."  
Proverbs 14:3, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility."  
Proverbs 15:33, KJV

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."  
Proverbs 16:18-19, KJV

"A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit."

Proverbs 29:23, KJV

"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:1-4, KJV

"And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Luke 14:7-11, KJV

"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble . . . Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

James 4:6, 10, KJV

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"

1 Peter 5:5-6, KJV

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and THE PRIDE OF LIFE, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:16, KJV

In summation, I hope that you hardcore, atheist scientists will not do as Stephen Hawking has continued to do. I hope that your own pride and arrogance will not lead to your own downfall. I hope that you will not die in your sins. Let me remind you that as long as there is life, there is likewise hope, and there is time for you to repent of your unbelief. Please do not procrastinate. Do it today, because there is no guarantee of tomorrow. Again, the Bible is quite clear regarding this issue, as we see by these verses:

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

Psalms 90:10, KJV

"Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away."

Psalms 144:4, KJV

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Isaiah 40:7-8, KJV

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

Luke 12:20, KJV

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

John 6:63, KJV

"Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready."

John 7:6, KJV

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

Hebrews 9:27, KJV

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

James 4:14, KJV

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

1 Peter 1:23-25, KJV

Before concluding this series, I would like to make a few comments to my general readers. While I have taken what some people may consider a rather harsh stance against atheist scientists, let me reiterate that I am not totally against modern science and scientists, or against modern medicine and medical practitioners. Yes, I firmly believe that some of them are greedy beyond measure, but that is beside the point, insofar as this current series is concerned. Neither do I believe that all of such people have an evil agenda in which they are dead set on destroying faith in God and the Bible as His inspired Word. In fact, many of such people are Bible-believing Christians of one variety or another. I myself have availed heavily of their services in recent times, as some of my regular readers will already know.

Furthermore, I fully acknowledge and recognize the many benefits which modern science and medicine have brought to current societies. Many people would be suffering more than they already do, or quite possibly even already be dead, if it were not for the advances which have been made in these fields. The tragedy is that some of the available treatments cost so much, that they are well beyond the reach of the vast majority of people. Furthermore, even for those people who do possess the means to pay for them, they may have preferred to have died, once they realize how far they and their families will have to go into debt, in order to keep them alive. Quite frankly, I find the entire rigged system, which caters to the rich and the elite, quite disgusting and outrageous.

It would truly be wonderful if we all possessed the faith to

be immediately healed of our afflictions, as occurs in both the Old and the New Testaments. But that is obviously not the case. Thus, many of us have come to rely on modern scientists and medical practitioners to meet our bodily needs.

As I explain in such articles as "The Internet: Our Final Frontier; Your Last Chance?", neither am I a Luddite by any means. It should be obvious to anyone who is reading this series, that I embrace modern technology, and view it as a very useful tool in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the online world. After all, I own a computer. I run my own web server. I am the webmaster of various websites. I am currently active in eight different social networks. I post daily to my BBB Blog. I am an online junky, but for a very good reason. Evangelizing online is in fact the primary reason why I purchased my very first computer twenty-four years ago.

So, as should already be clear by now, my primary issue is with "science falsely so called" -- 1 Timothy 6:20 -- which challenges or outright contradicts God's Word, and those scientists who adamantly oppose the existence of a Supreme Being, and all that He is recorded as having done in the pages of the Bible. That is where the argument lies with me. As I noted in part two, whether it is said directly or not, these misguided people -- such as Stephen Hawking and Richard Dawkins -- are basically accusing God of being a liar, and saying that the Bible is not true. Of course, the Scriptures offer their own response to such false accusations, as we see here:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"  
Numbers 23:19, KJV

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."  
Romans 3:4, KJV

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"  
Titus 1:2, KJV

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

1 John 2:22, KJV

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

1 John 5:10, KJV

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

1 John 1:10, KJV

So once again, with these misguided individuals, we see that it is the pot calling the kettle black. As I have shared a number of times before, it has long been Satan's tactic to accuse God of the very things of which he is guilty himself.

So what about the question which is presented as the title of this series? Is science better than the Bible? Obviously, my personal conclusion is that it is not. It is flawed in some regards, because man himself is flawed and an imperfect being, who is often filled with his own pride, arrogance and personal delusions. As we have clearly seen by way of this series, in some regards, science can in fact be outright dangerous when it challenges or contradicts the Word of God. It can lead misguided people down a deceptive path to their own destruction, unless they repent and break out of it.

Despite this truth, I likewise believe that if modern science is practiced in an honest and true way by individuals of the highest calibre without any personal agendas, it can and will confirm, supplement and support what scientific information is available in the Bible, as little as it may be. We need to remember that the Bible is primarily a religious text. It was never intended as a scientific manual or journal. While the Bible contains a fair amount of history, poetry, philosophy



and wisdom, besides its vast array of spiritual lessons and warnings, its writers were not too concerned with explaining the mechanics of the Universe to us. Yet, what is there, I personally hold to be true.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this series, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which are related to the topics which were discussed in this series. All of them are also located on the Bill's Bible Basics web server:

Keeping Things in Proper Perspective: ET, Where Are You?  
Science and Technology: The Forbidden Knowledge?  
The Public School System and School Prayer  
The Dinosaur Dilemma and Modern Science  
Our Expanding Universe: Einstein, Hubble, Dark Energy and God  
Organ Transplants and Blood Transfusions  
Alien Life, Extrasolar Planets and Universal Atonement  
Adaptation, EVILution and the Six Days of Genesis  
The Earth is Under Seven Thousand Years Old!  
Robot Wars, Skynet, the Beast and the False Prophet  
IBM's Cognitive Computers, DARPA and the Image of the Beast  
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Nature of the Alien: ETs, Demons or a Government Plot?  
The Manipulation of Time and Space: Goal of the Beast?  
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