

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2-21-10 AM
"A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW OF SCIENCE"
1 TIMOTHY 6:20
#6 in Series, "A Biblical Worldview"

Worldview—"The set of assumptions that make up your personal outlook on the nature of the world and how to live in that world day by day. It is your set of beliefs about the most important issues of life."

—Fritz Ridenour

1 Timothy 6:20 (KJV) "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of **science falsely so called.**"

Science—"A particular way of knowing about the world. In science, explanations are limited to those based on observations and experiments that can be substantiated by other scientists. Explanations that cannot be based on empirical evidence are not a part of science."

—The National Academy of Science

I. Is There A Conflict Between the Bible and Modern Science?

"Science can teach us, and I think our own hearts can teach us, no longer to look around for imaginary supports, no longer to invent allies in the sky, but rather to look to our own efforts here below to make this world a better place to live in, instead of the sort of place the churches in all these centuries have made it."

—Bertrand Russell

"The fact is that though widely believed, evolution contributes nothing to our understanding of empirical science and plays no essential role in biomedical research or education."

—Dr. David Menton, Cell Biologist

Psalms 139:14b (NKJV) "...fearfully *and* wonderfully made..."

"If there is a contradiction between 'science' and the Bible, be patient; science will catch up."

—Adrian Rogers

II. Is There A Connection Between the Bible and the Discoveries of Modern Science?

A. Nature Is Real, Not Imaginary

Genesis 1:11 (NKJV) “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth’; and it was so.”

B. Nature Is Good, But It Is Not to Be Worshipped

C. Nature Is Orderly and Predictable

“It was with the rediscovery of the Bible and of its message at the time of the Reformation...that a new impetus came to the development of science. This new impetus, flowing together with all that was best in Greek thinking, was to produce the right mixture to detonate the chain reaction leading to the explosion of knowledge which began at the start of the scientific revolution in the sixteenth century, and which is proceeding with ever-increasing momentum today.”

—Dr. Malcolm Jeeves