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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men" Psalm 118:8 Volume 15(3) May/June, 1998

Science, Faith and Myth

by: Glenn Kailer

You've heard the remark, "Evolution is based on science; creation is based on faith." Let's discuss faith. Sometimes I hear people talking as if faith and science are incompatible, or of a different sort of stuff. In one discussion group I attended, sponsored by an "atheist club," one man in attendance said that creation and evolution could both be perfectly true, as long as one understood evolution to be true science and creation to be true faith. I believe this is nonsense. He did not believe in any such thing as a real, objective, singular Truth. I believe that science is true when it correctly describes reality. And I also believe that faith is true when it is bound to reality. Either faith or science can be garbage when reality is ignored or denied.

There are several issues which I want to address in our discussion of faith:

- 1 Faith is not exclusively a religious term.
- 2 Faith and science are inseparable.
- 3 The English word "faith" is not an equivalent for the Bible word "faith."
- 4 Everyone has faith in something.
- 5 The faith you choose tends to direct your behavior.
- 6 The content or object of your faith defines your relationship to truth.

Faith is not exclusively a religious term

Perhaps the best way to recognize this is to define the word. Faith is trust. Sometimes we trust in trustworthy things. This could be a worthwhile objective for all people. Many times, though, we trust in things which are really empty dreams. We express our hope in our confidence that such-and-such is so-and-so or that some outcome is reasonably expected.

Let me put it another way. There are many things in your life that you simply have learned to expect to be. As a crude example, you expect a concrete sidewalk to be hard and to support your weight. This is hope (using the biblical meaning of hope) expressed in my expectation of future security on the sidewalk. This hope is based on faith (again using the biblical meaning of faith) that my experience with sidewalks is a reliable indicator of my future encounters with sidewalks.

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the last few months, nearly filling the sanctuary, and overflowing two other rooms at Westbrooke Church. A new "Youth Session" attended by over 40, has contributed significantly. We suspect summer attendance will decline somewhat, but we are considering a new location for the Fall. If you have any suggestions for a place with at least three rooms and a foyer, modest cost, convenient to major highways, please contact us soon.

This example may seem mundane, but exactly expresses my point. Faith is not just a religious issue. Faith is your trust in whatever you trust. Everything you believe in, everything you consider reliable or trustworthy, every time you feel confident is an expression of faith. Bear in mind, not all faiths are true. People are often deceived, but we all have faith.

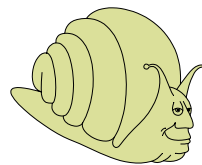
Faith and science are inseparable.

I never fail in a seminar to demonstrate the necessary relationship of faith and science. Let me remind you that the evolutionist typically does not want you to understand the faith nature of evolutionism, because he fears that somehow, an equality might be suggested between creationism and evolutionism. Creationists are not seeking the idea of an equality between the two views, either. Creationism is so much superior scientifically, that the inadequacy of evolutionism, or naturalistic faith, is obvious when viewed in the light of science.

All science proceeds on the basis of faith. On a superficial level, a researcher will invest time and money generally only in some project which someone expects (has hope) will be productive. Those who fund research do so on the perceived trustworthiness of the grant applicant.

More important, though, is the observation that all scientific theories are statements of faith. Ideas in science are not true because a theory exists. They are **believed** because reasonable faith can be placed upon the proposition. The reasonableness of the proposition is correctly judged by the rigorous application of repeatable *methods of proof*.

Isaac Newton is easy to use as an example of faith and science, not because he claimed to be a Christian, but because he is still considered by many to be the most productive scientist who ever lived.



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Newton, among other things, is credited with the laws of motion. I am not going to delve into a physics course here, but you need to understand basically the third law of motion to get my example. The third law of motion is a rather familiar *law* of science, briefly stated, “every action has an equal and opposite reaction.” Do you recognize that? It is the law which goes to work on a pool table. The force of the cue ball against another ball determines the acceleration of the ball. But it also exhibits an equal deceleration of the cue ball.

Another example: The force from a jet engine drives an airplane in the opposite direction of the blast at a speed relative to the force produced by the jet engine. It seems to work every time. It is called a *law* of science. The same law was employed to determine the amount of thrust necessary to get the lunar landing module back off the moon. Isaac Newton gave NASA the formula. How did Isaac Newton know anything of jet propulsion? Isaac Newton never saw a jet!

For that matter, how did Isaac Newton ever have the nerve to say “Every action has an equal and opposite reaction?” Did he ever see every action? Certainly not! Could he even have imagined the problems of rockets in space? Probably not.

What Mr. Newton did do was to observe some actions and reactions — lots of actions and reactions. He tested and observed repeatedly. When finished what he should have said is, “Of the many actions and reactions I have observed, each has had an equal and opposite reaction. Therefore, by faith, I believe that those actions and reactions I have not observed will behave in the same way.” Newton’s *third statement of faith of motion* is a basic law of physics. Without that statement of faith, science could not proceed.¹

Imagine an engineer working for the McDonnell-Douglas Corporation. He receives an assignment to design a jet engine for a new jet ordered by some rich oil sheik in the Middle East. He begins to collect his work on a drafting board, but suddenly jumps out of his seat with a scream. He runs down the hall of the building shouting, “I can’t do it! I just can’t do it!” His boss hears the commotion and asks what is going on. The engineer explains, “I just realized that this jet design is dependent on the third law of motion, and I have no evidence that when I’m finished the 3rd Law will still work. I can’t do all this work by faith alone!”

Now what will this man’s boss think? Will he commend him for his rationalism? No, he will probably fire him for his uselessness — because of his lack of faith! “Without faith you can do nothing” is a broader statement than many people realize.

The English Word “Faith” is Not an Equivalent for the Bible Word “faith”

Although we have already illustrated the point, it bears repeating that The Bible uses the word “*pistis*” in different ways than the English word “faith.” Radical as it may seem, I have actually suggested that we might do well to abandon the faith word in favor of more accurate equivalents of the Greek term we are supposedly translating. Before you react to this as heretical, remember that faith is not an intrinsically religious term anyway. My observation is that even when Christians correctly use faith as a neat word to name our confidence, the world tends to hear *faith* as an empty wish based on nothing more than fog.

I witnessed a debate at the University of Kansas. The question of the debate was, “Does God Exist?” Point for point, nearly the whole debate was a creation/evolution debate. The subject of faith came up. The atheist wanted to make his point that the Christian’s position was based on faith (you were supposed to infer that the atheist position was scientifically grounded.) The atheist asked the Christian to define faith. The Christian said, “Faith is my confidence that a rational position based on the evidence is probably true.”

The atheist was visibly agitated with this answer and screamed back at him, “No, it is not! Faith is just believing after a leap in the dark.” The Christian wisely replied, “Sir, we are both right. I described my faith; you described yours.”

My point is this: If we accept the world’s definition of faith, we lose an important dimension of the very nature of Christianity. If we maintain the correct meaning of Biblical faith, we may need to use a different word, or at least convey a more correct concept. Some possibilities include trust, confidence, reliance, certainty, and assurance. Our faith is an assurance that a rational position based on the evidence is probably true. More specifically, we trust the evidence of science and history which leads us to an assurance that Jesus Christ is the Creator, Redeemer and Judge of the universe.

Of course, it follows that I also believe, based on the evidence, that evolutionism is not merely a leap into the dark, but a dangerous cultural mythology which opposes both science and reason. Since evolution is a Humanist faith, it has historically used whatever political power it could achieve to execute millions of folks who refused to support it, eventually destroying the culture it sought to control. It continues unabated to this day. While some humanist-run “churches” have historically also performed some rather nasty deeds, evolutionists have out-nastied them at least 20:1.

Everyone Has Faith in Something

The Christian trusts science and history, the evolutionist trusts his mythology. Furthermore, the faith you choose to truly live by directs your behavior. Or perhaps it could be said to some degree that the behavior you choose controls which sort of faith you need to defend your lifestyle.

The Content or Object of Your Faith Defines Your Relationship to Truth.

Faith in something as far separated from reality as evolution belies a total disinterest in, or abhorrence of, objective truth... a fact empirically confirmed in many encounters with evolutionists, who seem to always make a point of declaring their commitment to the nonexistence of objective truth.

¹ Actually, many sciences proceed happily from false premises (often called *laws*) for generations, surviving many complaints, with few really caring. But engineers tend to demand true knowledge, i.e., true faith. In that sense, Christianity is much more like engineering than science. Editor



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God's Design and Purpose in Creation

by: Glenn Kailer

All complex systems were created! Random processes do not create anything, especially purpose. Anything *created* randomly has no purpose. The source of purpose can only be a creator. Purpose cannot be "studied" by looking at the object, it can only be learned from the creator. God has documented His purposes for His creation, including man. Evolutionists who pretend to comment on the purposes of man, or other life, are engaged in folly. Conversely, a Creation perspective insures a more coherent understanding of the Bible... and the Creation. **(A0160 or V0160)**

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 1998

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A New Look at Radiometric Dating

**Research on the 7 Most Used Dating Methods
Shows Earth Less Than 7000 Years Old!!!**

by: Glenn Kailer

Glenn will review a research paper by Charles Lucas on the seven most famous dating methods. The paper simply notes one "trivial" assumption used in these methods: that the earth is billions of years old. **When that assumption is removed, the methods all, clearly and unequivocally, date the earth at no more than 12,000 years, probably much less!!** A little bit technical, but incredibly important and valuable information!

**The Advanced Institute in Creation Science
Lack of Evidence for Hand Dominance
in the NonHuman Primate**

Difficulty for the Theory of Evolution

**A Video from the International Conference on Creation
*by: Suzanne S. Palmer, Ph.D.***

Evolutionists constantly prattle about similarities between branches on their imaginary trees, but are disturbingly quiet about major differences. Proper interpretation of studies seeking such hand dominance supports separate ancestries of the different types of nonhuman primates and of humans, though the investigators chose not to interpret the evidence in that manner. This is the first of several papers we hope will be interesting to those interested in biology, zoology, etc. (T94032)

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, June 2, 1998

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**Geologic and Fossil Evidence
For the Genesis Flood**

by: Bob Farwell

Virtually every fossil you find is evidence for the Genesis Flood. Why? Well, for one reason, we never find fossils forming today like we find already formed. Bob has been an avid fossil collector from his youth. His collection, humor and message content make this an irresistible session.

**The Advanced Institute in Creation Science
Mechanisms for Gender Role Stasis**

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Sex differences from hormonal and neurological patterns which arise during fetal development, provide physiological reproductive differences, and also different social skills, aggressiveness, and unique motivational differences which are role-related and insure the continuance of the family. All alternatives to the family have failed. Thus the family unit has demonstrated a resistance to change not unlike that of "living fossils." A powerful evidence for creation. (T94034)

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