

QA: Why Is It So Confusing To "Follow the Science"? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Why is it so confusing to 'follow the science'?"

ANSWER: True "science" is fixed and doesn't have to be "followed," but accepted and believed.

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge-- by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

1. The King James Version has the word "science" instead of "knowledge." Greek word "knowledge," translated by a Latin textual word "science." Science (Lat. scientia, to know) is our English word for "knowledge." Both terms are used for factual information that is proven to be true, in accord with demonstratable evidence. Science is the discovery of fixed truth, not political theory or individual opinion that is changeable. Holy Spirit-inspired Scriptures were written to provide:

... the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God... that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting. (**Ephesians 4:13-14**)

- 2. The Bible is not at odds with "science" but with "what is falsely called science!" Many things are paraded as endorsed by "scientists" which have shown to be contrary to scientific facts:
- (a) Though the Bible said, "But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood" (**Genesis 9:4**), "science" said: "Bloodletting therapy rationale was based on the belief that removing blood eliminated 'impure' fluids. Bloodletting was considered a panacea, and it was the most common and versatile form of medical treatment." (www.healthjade.net) This was the medically approved method whereby 5 Units of blood was drained from George Washington as he died.
- (b) Though the Bible said hands and clothes that touched dead carcasses of "creeping things" should be washed (**Leviticus 11**), "science" found: "It wasn't until the mid-19th century [1850's, jtpll] that doctors realized going straight from an autopsy to the maternity ward was not a good idea" ("handwashing," www.history.com). Joseph Lister popularized the medical practice of handwashing.
- (c) Examples like these can be multiplied thousands of time, but the point remains, that "science" does not, and has not changed. It is only the perception or ignorance of "science" known as pseudoscience, or "science falsely so-called" that changes.

Science deals only with revealed facts of God's Creation and doesn't change but is only "discovered" as time goes on. Solomon said:

I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him. (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

God's Creation and God's Revelation about Himself and His Creation in His Bible do not change with the driftweeds of politics or popularly-held medical ignorance. If you **have to** "follow the science," it is not science!

——- jtpll, April 3, 2022