BIBLE-BELIEVING SCIENTISTS OF THE PAST

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... Many of the greatest scientists of the past were creationists and for that matter, were also Bible-believing Christians, men who believed in the inspiration and authority of the Bible, as well as in the deity and saving work of Jesus Christ. They believed that God had supernaturally created all things, each with its own complex structure for its own unique purpose. They believed that, as scientists, they were "thinking God's thoughts after Him," learning to understand and control the laws and processes of nature for God's glory and man's good. They believed and practiced science in exactly the same way that modern creationist scientists do.

And somehow this attitude did not hinder them in their commitment to the "scientific method." In fact one of them, Sir Francis Bacon, is credited with formulating and establishing the scientific method! They seem also to have been able to maintain a proper "scientific attitude," for it was these men (Newton, Pasteur, Linnaeus, Faraday, Pascal, Lord Kelvin, Maxwell, Kepler, etc.) whose researches and analyses led to the very laws and concepts of science which brought about our modern scientific age. The mechanistic scientists of the present are dwarfed in comparison to these intellectual giants of the past. Even the achievements of an Einstein (not to mention Darwin!) are trivial in comparison. The real breakthroughs, the new fields, the most beneficial discoveries of science were certainly not delayed (in fact probably were hastened) by the creationist motivations of these great founders of modern science.

TABLE I SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES ESTABLISHED BY CREATIONIST SCIENTISTS

DISCIPLINE

SCIENTIST

ANTISEPTIC SURGERY **BACTERIOLOGY** CALCULUS CELESTIAL MECHANICS **CHEMISTRY** COMPARATIVE ANATOMY COMPUTER SCIENCE DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS **DYNAMICS ELECTRONICS** ELECTRODYNAMICS
ELECTRO-MAGNETICS
ENERGETICS
ENTOMOLOGY OF LIVING INSECTS FIELD THEORY FLUID MECHANICS GALACTIC ASTRONOMY **GAS DYNAMICS GENETICS GLACIAL GEOLOGY GYNECOLOGY HYDRAULICS HYDROGRAPHY HYDROSTATICS ICHTHYOLOGY** ISOTOPIC CHEMISTRY MODEL ANALYSIS NATURAL HISTORY NON-EUCLIDEAN GEOMETRY **OCEANOGRAPHY** OPTICAL MINERALOGY PALEONTOLOGY **PATHOLOGY** PHYSICAL ASTRONOMY REVERSIBLE THERMODYNAMICS STATISTICAL THERMODYNAMICS **STRATIGRAPHY**

JOSEPH LISTER (1827-1912) LOUIS PASTEUR (1822-1895) **ISAAC NEWTON** (1642-1727 JOHANN KEPLER (1571-1630) ROBERT BOYLE (1627-1691) **GEORGES CUVIÈR** (1769-1832) **CHARLES BABBAGÈ** (1792-1871) LORD RAYLEIGH (1842-1919) ISAAC NEWTON (1642-1727) JOHN AMBROSE FLEMING (1849-1945) JAMES CLERK MAXWELL (1831-1879)
MICHAEL FARADAY (1791-1867)
LORD KELVIN (1824-1907)
HENRI FABRE (1823-1915)
MICHAEL FARADAY (1791-1867)
GEORGE STOKES (1819-1903) WILLIAM HERSCHEL (1738-1822) ROBERT BOYLE (1627-1691) GREGOR MENDEL (1822-1884) **LOUIS AGASSIZ** (1807-1873) JAMES SIMPSON (1811-1870) LEONARDO DA VINCI (1452-1519) **MATTHEW MAURY** (1806-1873) **BLAISE PASCAL** (1623-1662) **LOUIS AGASSIZ** (1807-1873) WILLIAM RAMSAY (1852-1916) LORD RAYLEIGH (1842-1919) **JOHN RAY** (1627-1705) BERNHARD RIEMAŃN (1826- 1866) **MATTHEW MAURY** (1806-1873) DAVID BREWSTER (1781-1868) **JOHN WOODWARD** (1665-1728) **ŘUDOLPH VIRCHOW** (1821-1902) JOHANN KEPLER (1571-1630) JAMES JOULE (1818-1889) JAMES CLERK MAXWELL (1831-1879)

NICHOLAS STENO (1631-1686)

SYSTEMATIC BIOLOGY **THERMODYNAMICS THERMOKINETICS** VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY

CAROLUS LINNAEUS (1707-1778) LORD KELVIN (1824-1907) **HUMPHREY DAVY** (1778-1829) **GEORGES CUVIER** (1769-1832)

TABLE II NOTABLE INVENTIONS, DISCOVERIES OR DEVELOPMENTS BY CREATIONIST SCIENTISTS

CONTRIBUTION

ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE SCALE **ACTUARIAL TABLES** BAROMETER BIOGENESIS LAW CALCULATING MACHINE CHLOROFORM **CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM** DOUBLE STARS
ELECTRIC GENERATOR
ELECTRIC MOTOR
EPHEMERIS TABLES FERMENTATION CONTROL **GALVANOMETER** GLOBAL STAR CATALOG **INERT GASES** KALEIDOSCOPE LAW OF GRAVITY MINE SAFETY LAMP **PASTEURIZATION** REFLECTING TELESCOPE SCIENTIFIC METHOD **SELF-INDUCTION TELEGRAPH**

VACCINATION & IMMUNIZATION

THERMIONIC VALVE TRANS-ATLANTIC CABLE

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