

Now of course it should be fairly pointed out that this does not mean at all that the O.T., that the Bible is a book, that we have, it's God's Word and that's all there is to it. No, we have opportunity and need of all our scientific approach we can possibly get. Here are the statements, compare them, consider them, see what they teach, do not be satisfied with anybody's statements about, with anybody's interpretation, see what the data actually are, for yourself, all the light that archeology can throw on the meaning of places, on the historical background, all the light that scientific progress and linguistics can throw on the actual usage of these words at the time when they were written, increasing our understanding of the divine revelation, and properly used, helps us to get much more value from the O.T. than would otherwise be the case. We need the most scientific possible approach to the O.T. and the most scientific possible study of it, but in so doing...

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...we will make much ^{greater}~~better~~ progress, I think, in getting the message of the O.T. and in finding its relationship to all other fields of science and of human (3/4) if we do not waste our time (3/4) off on unscientific data and applying a priori principles which do not work in other fields of thought and which are more and more proven not to fit the facts that come to light that bear upon the history of the ancient Near East. I can well imagine at this point someone says, oh but that sounds like fundamentalism. What do we mean by fundamentalism? There are ignorant people in studying any line of thought. There are people in any ~~(1-3/4)~~ (1 1/4) which has ever been made who will work out unscientific and inaccurate conclusions from it. But the word fundamental, as I conceive it, means an attempt to get back to the real fundamentals and see what the purpose of it all is. If there is a God in the universe, if he created the world, if he's given us a revelation, let's find out what it is, let's study ^{it} and then stand upon it. The word fundamentalist is misunder-