

It is common for those who know little about the Bible to allege that it is scientifically out-of-date. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible does not attempt to give us a complete picture of geology or of chemistry. That is not its purpose. But where it touches upon these subjects its statements are accurate. In other ancient writings there are many passages which are absurd and fantastic from the viewpoint of modern science. This is true even of many of the church fathers. Nothing of the kind is found in the Bible. It is true, of course, that the Bible sometimes contains figurative statements, as does all literature. But when it touches directly on scientific phenomena, its statements stand the test of any scientific investigation that one may make. Erroneous ideas of scientists and erroneous interpretations of the Bible often contradict one another. Properly ascertained facts of science and properly interpreted statements of the Bible always agree, since the same God is the Author of both.

Thus we have noted the unique and far-reaching claims of the Bible to divine authorship, its remarkable unity despite great diversity of human writers, its supreme moral principles, its unparalleled objectivity, its matchless picture of Christ, and its scientific accuracy. All these internal evidences witness to the