

If a certain thing was true, the opposite was not true.... There is no historic basis for the later Heidegger's position that the pre-Socratic Greeks, prior to Aristotle, thought differently. As a matter of fact it is the only way man can think. The sobering fact is that the only way one can reject thinking in terms of an antithesis and the rational is on the basis of the rational and the antithesis. When a man says that thinking in terms of an antithesis is wrong, what he is really doing is using the concept of antithesis to deny antithesis.¹⁰

Evangelical Christians of the present day have not gone so far as to give up the principle of antithesis, but many are evading the necessity of reconciling the revelation found in the Bible with the objective discoveries of science. Such a reconciliation is possible because both God and the universe are rational.

The habit of mental compartmentalization of the ideas of science and of the Bible is not only found among scientists, but is also prevalent among other classes of people. Thus all of us need to make an effort to keep ourselves free from this error. God can not accept two opposite teachings concerning the natural world as both being true; neither should we make an attempt to accept them both. Christians in particular should realize this responsibility, and seek to emphasize the wonderful agreement between God's inspired revelation and the observations of science. Thus we will be properly relating both special revelation and God's revelation in nature.

FOOTNOTES

1. See Edward J. Young, Studies in Genesis One, 1964, p. 82-86.
2. A. H. Strong, Systematic Theology, 1949, p. 288.
3. Francis A. Schaeffer, Escape From Reason, 1968, p.31. compare Francis A. Schaeffer, The God Who Is There, 1968, p. 92-93.
4. If the geologist goes on to include some explanation or theory which seems to contradict the Bible, we must then carefully recheck the Biblical statement to see if we have understood it correctly. If it turns out that there is still a contradiction, we should then question the geologist to learn the basis of the explanation he has made.
5. R. W. Maatman, The Bible, Natural Science, and Evolution, 1970, p. 59.
6. Ibid., p. 59-60.
7. One must be aware that disagreements concerning theories are much greater than are disagreements over observed phenomena or conditions. An example of this is seen in the great amount of disagreement among biologists over evolutionary theory; but this is because