

The scientific approach to the Bible ^{means} ~~is~~ that we try to find out exactly what the Bible says. We ~~try to~~ do not wish to go beyond what it teaches, but we want to get everything we can of what is taught there. It is sometimes just as important to find out that a Biblical statement does not deal with a certain matter as to find out what it does deal with. We should not try to twist the Bible to agree with any present scientific views nor should we twist it in order to agree with our ~~of~~ inherited prejudices or ideas. We should see exactly what is there. With the scientific approach to the Bible we will find many things there which previously escaped our attention because we have not gone at its investigation systematically enough and have been content with habitual attitudes. We will find much truth breaking from God's word when we approach it as we would any group of data, realizing that these are data which ~~is~~ are absolutely correct. They have been given us by the God of all the universe. He knows that with which He is dealing. When He deals with eternal things He gives us all that is necessary for us to know about them. There may be much about them however, which is not obvious and which we learn as we go into it. When He deals with temporal matters it is not His purpose to give us full and complete knowledge. He ~~is~~ only touches these matters incidentally. However, the incidental mentions and references as we compare them together can give us a great deal of light on these vital matters and may even give us clues to vital developments in natural science, which will yet be discovered from a study of natural phenomena.