

the great truth learned elsewhere. Every part of the Bible has its meaning for the Christian. It should --- Nothing should be simply explained away. The great danger of course is reading into passages of the Bible our own ideas, whether gained from our contact with other people, from our observation of life, or from our study of other parts of the Bible. Evidence from every possible source can be of value, but it must be checked and carefully investigated. Scientific approach to the Bible is all too little used. People go to the Bible looking for proof texts to sustain what they already know. Great treasures of knowledge and understanding are contained in the Scripture, but are constantly overlooked because people are going to it simply to find evidence of what they want to believe or further proof of great truths that have already been learned from it, instead of going to it with a humble heart to see what it means and with a scientific attitude to make ~~models~~ ^{models} out of the facts they find, to check these models by other statements in the Scripture and to be ^{model} ready to cast aside any ~~model~~ that is not clearly taught in the Scripture, and to alter and expand it as Scriptural evidence ^{demands} needs. A truly scientific approach to the Bible, combined with a truly scientific approach to realities will make us much