

The only possible way that we can find true answers to the great questions of our spiritual destiny is through a revelation from God. Christians believe that the Bible is such a revelation. Through it we can gain a very considerable knowledge of important facts that would otherwise be quite beyond our reach, even though it cannot give us a full and complete understanding of those matters that can be understood only by being experienced, since it is written in human words.

Thus belief in God's revelation and understanding of what it means are of tremendous importance to anyone who desires to live a life that is worth while in this world and also to make a proper preparation for the long eternity ahead. Anything that tends to break down confidence in God's revelation constitutes a real danger to one's immortal soul.

RELATION TO SCIENCE

Sometimes it is suggested that we can believe what the Bible says about God and eternal things, but that it is not to be trusted when it speaks about science or history. Such an attitude is utterly unreasonable. Jesus Christ said, "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (John 3:12). If the Bible is to be a trustworthy guide in spiritual matters, as all Christians believe it to be, it must of necessity also be correct when it speaks of things that we can see and touch and study. Thus the dependability of Biblical statements in the realm of science is a matter of great importance to the Christian.

NOT A TEXTBOOK ON SCIENCE

Before investigating the precise relation of particular Biblical statements to evolutionary theory we should notice certain very important principles in this area.

The first of these is that we must not think of the Bible as a textbook of science or of history. That is to say, it does not attempt to give a complete presentation in either of these fields. It does not tell us how to build an airplane or how to make an