



Opening Pandora's Box

THE BIBLE AND TODAY'S **HOT BUTTON** ISSUES

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"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day."

—Albert Einstein

Is anyone besides me tired of hearing people say, "The science says..." to "prove" their positions on masks, coronavirus shots, global warming, or a thousand other subjects where smart people disagree?

In a media-saturated age, where blizzards of factoids are blowing in from every direction on every issue in life, whom do we believe?

Which "science says..." statement is right? For most, it's the scientist or pseudo-scientist or "expert" or so-called scientific study or statistical studies that best support what they already believe.

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Let's unpack that conceited little phrase, "The science says..." First of all, *what* is the science? Secondly, *who* are the scientists? Are they reputable? Did they begin with biases, or were they totally objective? Who financed their "scientific" studies, and who benefits from their conclusions? Big oil? Big Pharma? Big Government? Some political or social agenda group? What were their metrics? Did they manipulate the stats, or contaminate the evidence? What is science anyway? Is it infallible? Has it been wrong in the past? Will future discoveries expose today's science to be inaccurate?

1. Science, neither exact nor permanent.

Listen to the words of Nobel Prize-winning physicist, Dr. Stephen Weinberg, in a July 1, 2021 article from the *American Scientist* magazine, entitled [If You Say 'Science Is Right,' You're Wrong](#): "...a modest familiarity with the history of science offers many examples of matters that scientists thought they had resolved, only to discover that they needed to be reconsidered."

2. Science, not always completely objective.

But it's not that simple. Dr. Stephen John, the esteemed Hatton Trust lecturer in philosophy and public health at Cambridge University in England, has authored a blockbuster book entitled, *Objectivity in Science*. I recommend a July 26, 2021 article by Dr. John on the IAI [Institute of Arts & Ideas] web page, entitled [Why science isn't objective](#). In this article, specifically dealing with controversies that swirl around government mandates on COVID protocols, Dr. Stephen John writes,

"We think of science as being an objective account of the world, free from the influence of political and other biases. But things aren't that simple. Evidence alone doesn't tell you when you've had enough evidence to support a claim, so scientists sometimes have to make judgments that rely on ethical and political values."

I also recommend an article by Dr. Jason Lisie, a renowned astrophysicist who also sees the Genesis account of creation as real history and good science. His August 7, 2020 article on The Bible & Science Institute website is entitled [Presuppositional Apologetics](#). In his essay, he reminds us that none of us are objective. We are all shaped by our experiences, our culture, and those assumptions that have been hardwired into our belief systems. We all come to the so-called evidence with presuppositions that shape our conclusions.

Scriptures: Luke 5:17-39; Luke 16:32; Romans 1:18-22

3. Science, somebody has to foot the bill for it.

The University of California at Berkley has this posting on its website: [Who pays for science%3F](#). The posting says, "In a perfect world, money wouldn't matter—all scientific studies (regardless of funding sources) would be completely objective. But, of course, in a real world, funding may introduce biases...A pharmaceutical company paying for a new

depression-medication, for example, might influence the study's design or interpretation in ways that subtly favor the drug they'd like to market."

4. Real Science demands healthy skepticism.

SO, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SCIENCE?

1. **The Bible is pro-science.** [Proverbs 25:2; 15:14; 18: Hosea 4:6; John 8:32]
2. **Truth is truth, whether in the Bible or not.** [Romans 1:20; 2:15; Acts 17:28]
3. **The Bible calls us to be sanctified skeptics.** [1 John 4:1; Proverbs 18:17; 2 Timothy 4:3]
4. **The Bible rebukes the opinionated.** [Proverbs 18:2]
5. **The Bible and Science are not equal authorities.**

I recommend a wonderful essay by Vern Poythress on The Gospel Coalition website, entitled, [The Bible and Science](#). I found it most helpful in reminding myself about priorities

BOTTOM LINE: The science says go with the Bible!