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John 8: 31-32

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Isaac Newton

## AMERICA'S ENEMIES VS. THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE

American civil defense has a humanitarian goal—the preservation of human life. It also has a political goal—the preservation of American civilization and the American Republic.

The fact that America currently lies defenseless—without either a strategic defense or a civil defense—is neither an accident of history nor an oversight. It is the result of an increasingly successful attack upon the fundamental values that form the foundation of the American Republic.

For too many Americans, the problem is not that nuclear war is "unthinkable", but rather that mass murder of human beings is altogether too "thinkable."

If America can legalize and countenance the murder of 20 million unborn American children; if America can endanger the health and lives of millions of her citizens in an orgy of "pseudo-environmentalist" earth worship and animal worship; and if America can sacrifice the well-being of its citizens for generations to come by mortgaging their futures to pay for its current crop of politicians, special interest groups, and wasteful bureaucrats, then America can also gradually come to think of nuclear war as just another video game.

One reason that these "ifs" are reality in the majority of American churches and in the halls of American government is that the Biblical foundations of our country are being rapidly eroded.

The many references to God and Providence in

the speeches and letters of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and most of our other founding fathers were not put there as "window-dressing". The references are there, because the American Republic grew out of the deep, fundamental Biblical beliefs of its founders. Without those beliefs, the principles of the Republic cannot endure.

Many of those who hate the American Republic realize this. They seek to weaken the Biblical foundations of America by every available means.

One of the most effective methods of attack upon the Bible is based upon alleged contradictions between Biblical truth and scientific truth. Self-appointed scientific spokesmen and politician-scientists claim that science has shown the Bible to be outmoded and erroneous.

These claims would not succeed if the citizenry were well educated in science and in the methods of independent rational thought. Unfortunately, political domination of the American school system has become so complete that only a few unusual students still have the ability to evaluate arguments based upon fact after enduring public education. Most Americans are influenced primarily by arguments based upon alleged "authority" rather than on actual facts and truth.

The Bible vs. Science battle is being waged almost entirely by quotation of authority. "Scientists" say—and who is to question them?

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Well, I, too, am a scientist, and I am tired of watching my profession perverted in this way. I received degrees in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology and the University of California at San Diego. I was a university professor at the age of 25 and published over 50 research papers by the age of 32.

If, however, I were to set aside work on civil defense and write papers and books delineating the actual fact that science and the Bible are completely compatible, who would read them? They would be read primarily by those who already understand this truth. On the hard pavement of public debate, I would be just another guy on the "Bible" side.

Civil defense is too important to set aside even though this anti-Bible agitation is one significant reason that civil defense is so difficult to achieve. Three years ago, however, we were given an opportunity to do at least one effective thing concerning this problem. Now, although delayed by Laurelee's death, we have finally done it.

While I was in Washington working for civil defense, a former congressman was showing me through the old building of the Library of Congress. When we found ourselves in the rare book section, I decided to look in the card catalogue under Isaac Newton. Newton is such a giant in science that his authority is beyond question. (I don't like this kind of argument, but that is the way the Bible destroyers want to play it.) I had heard that he wrote about religion but had never seen any published materials.

The library had a complete list of Newton's published work with only one book about religion and that book published in 1733. I asked to see it and soon found myself reading Thomas Jefferson's personal copy!

For 323 pages, the greatest scientist who has ever lived writes about his efforts to understand two books of the Bible. The real message is between the lines. Newton accepts every word in the Bible as absolute truth. He only seeks to understand it.

We have now reprinted an exact photographic duplicate of Thomas Jefferson's copy of this book. We are selling these books for \$19.95 each. After the repayment of printing costs, all profits from the book will go to the Fighting Chance civil defense effort. The hard cover of our reprinting is attractive but not identical to the 1733 book, since compromises were necessary to reduce costs.

It is necessary that Fighting Chance continue to

concentrate on actual civil defense. It is, however, a delightful privilege to have the opportunity to toss this stumbling block under the feet of some of our most unprincipled opponents.

The introduction that I have added to our reprinting is reproduced below.

These will make great presents. Newton even derives the exact calendar date of Easter in the book.

#### INTRODUCTION

Isaac Newton was born on Christmas day in 1642 and died in 1727. His most famous work, *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*, was published in 1687.

Isaac Newton was the greatest scientist who has ever lived. It is, in fact, generally accepted that he is probably the greatest scientist who ever will live, since no one, no matter how brilliant, will again be in such a unique historical position.

His discoveries span all aspects of the physical world with special emphasis on experimental and theoretical physics and chemistry and on applied mathematics. He invented virtually the entire science of mechanics and most of the science of optics. During this work, he invented such mathematics as he needed or as interested him including the discipline known as calculus.

In addition to his scientific work (Newton would have said as a *part* of his scientific work), he devoted a substantial portion of his enormous energy to the study of the Bible and Biblical texts and history. He read the Bible daily throughout his life and wrote over a million words of notes regarding his study of it. Isaac Newton believed that the Bible is literally true in every respect. Throughout his life, he continually tested Biblical truth against the physical truths of experimental and theoretical science. He never observed a contradiction. In fact, he viewed his own scientific work as a method by which to reinforce belief in Biblical truth.

He was a formidable Biblical scholar, was fluent in the ancient languages, and had extensive knowledge of ancient history. He believed that each person should read the Bible and, through that reading, establish for himself an understanding of the universal truths it contains.

Regarding both science and Christianity, Isaac Newton spent his life in intense scholarship, but he left largely to Providence the publication of his work. Much that he wrote has still never been published.

His (and the world's) greatest scientific work, the *Principia*, was published only after his friend, Edmund Halley, accidentally learned of the existence of Part I which Isaac Newton had written 10 years earlier and put in a drawer. Halley convinced him to finish parts II and III and allow Halley to publish the work.

Only one book of Newton's about the Bible was ever published. In 1733, six years after his death, J. Darby and T. Browne, published *Observations Upon the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John*.

In 1988, having learned of this book in the rare books card catalogue of the Library of Congress, I asked to read it. I was astonished when, a few minutes later, I was handed Thomas Jefferson's personal copy.

The book is in excellent condition and has Thomas Jefferson's initials on pages 57 and 137. Two hundred and fifty years ago it was common practice for printers to label the page signatures with capital letters at the bottom of the actual text. Jefferson would turn to the "J" signature and add a "T" before the "J" and then turn to the "T" signature and add a "J" after the "T". In this way he identified his personal books.

With his prodigious knowledge of ancient history and languages and his unequalled mental powers, Isaac Newton is the best qualified individual in this millennium to have written about the prophecies. His study of the book of Daniel began at the age of 12 and continued to be a special interest throughout his life. Moreover, he writes of the prophecies with a modesty that indicates that he, himself is in awe of the words he has been given an opportunity to read.

Isaac Newton concluded that it is intended that Revelation will be understood by very few until near the end of history, the time of judgment, and the beginning of the everlasting kingdom of the Saints of the Most High.

Isaac Newton states his belief that these books of prophecy were provided so that, as they are historically fulfilled, they provide a continuing testimony to the fact that the world is governed by the Providence of God. He objected to the use of the prophecies in attempts to predict the future.

On page 251, for example, he writes:

*"The folly of Interpreters has been, to foretel times and things by this Prophecy, as if God designed*

*to make them prophets. By this rashness they have not only exposed themselves, but brought the Prophecy also into contempt."*

Through these 323 pages, he traces human history since the writing of the prophecies. He shows that, according to his scholarship and at his time in the early 18th century, part of the prophecies had been fulfilled and part remained to be fulfilled. In accordance with his evaluation, this is still true in 1991.

Decorated, as are his scientific works, with interesting asides such as derivations of the exact date of Easter and of the number of years during which Jesus taught, and permeated with a depth of scholarship that no longer exists among modern scholars, this book by Isaac Newton may be the most important work of its kind that has ever been written. The central message of this book for modern readers may not be so much in what it says but in what it is. During his entire life, Isaac Newton continually compared his experimental and theoretical understanding of science with his reading of the Bible. He found the content of these two sources of truth to be so completely compatible, that he regarded every word in the Bible to be as correct as the equations of mathematics and physics.

Therefore, throughout this book, Isaac Newton takes each word of the Prophecies to be exactly correct. He never doubts the content. He only seeks to understand it.

He never strays from his determination not to present predictions of the future based upon the Biblical Prophecies. On pages 113 and 114, he does give an identification of the last horn of the Beast and a numerical evaluation of the length of his reign. He also gives the approximate time of the beginning of this reign, but does not add the numbers or make a prediction.

Addition of these numbers, however, places the time of judgment and the beginning of the everlasting reign of the Saints of the Most High approximately in the time period between the years 2000 and 2050.

Are there errors in Isaac Newton's evaluation of the Prophecies? He would reply that he would not have written this evaluation unless he believed it to be without error, but that it is the obligation of Christians to study the Bible and to reach their own conclusions.

Isaac Newton said of himself near the end of his life, *"I do not know what I may appear to the world;*

*but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."*

To Dr. Bentley, he had written, "When I wrote my Treatise about our System, I had an Eye upon such Principles as might work with considering Men, for the Belief of a Deity, and nothing can rejoice me more than to find it useful for that Purpose."

Isaac Newton's pebbles and shells formed the basis for the scientific revolution and the industrial revolution which created our current civilization. This demonstration of the incredible power of his discoveries is, however, itself minor in comparison with their role as 17th and 18th century miracles that serve as continuing testimony of the literal truth of the Bible and of the remarkable creations of the Lord.

In my own scientific work, I also have continually compared the Bible with the findings of modern experimental science. Like Isaac Newton, I do not know of any verified scientific facts that are inconsistent with the literal truth of every aspect of the Bible.

I am grateful to have had an opportunity to read Isaac Newton's book about the Prophecies and am publishing this reprint so that others may have this experience.

Thanks are due to the Manley Foundation which helped to finance this reprint; to Bruce Tippery who gave essential help with its production; and also to

Andy Hopkins whose similar and independent desire to reprint this book is hereby fulfilled.

This reprint has been made as an exact photographic duplicate of Thomas Jefferson's personal copy. It is dedicated to my wife, Laurelee, whose death in November 1988 delayed it for these past two years, but whose life caused me to undertake it.

As Isaac Newton wrote in the second edition of the Principia:

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Ultimately, the defense of our homes and of our country relies upon restoring our Biblical foundations. This effort by Art Robinson can help. I encourage you to not only send copies of these important books to your friends and associates, but help this cause financially as well.

*Don McAlwney*

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