

derrivable from it beyond what they understood, as 1 Pet. says-- they searched what and what manner of time the Spirit of Christ in them did signify when . . . it testified . . . the glory that should fully. They searched to try to understand fully the revelation God had given them. They understood it up to a certain point and we understand it up to a certain point, but we won't fully understand it till we know even as we are known.

It's true as far as we can go. But it's possible, like in the latter of these participles. I think 100 years nobody would have seen any difference. They would say, What's the difference whether He's the God who is the One who stretched out the heavens or the one who stretches out the heavens? What difference does it make? Ten times he uses that form. The theory is universally held among astronomers today, I believe, that exactly fits with that grammatical change. It would have meant nothing before to anybody. I don't think anyone even guessed at the meaning that is now advanced!

We cannot build our science out of Scripture because God did not give it to us for that purpose, but it does not conflict with any actually proven facts of science. I had a debate with a Dean of a Theological Seminary one time. Each of us gave a 20 min. presentation and people could ask questions. We both answered each question. He said. We each listened quietly to the other talk and then we got up and answered. There was only one time we did not follow that procedure strictly and that time I just could not help it. He said, Of course the Bible teaches that the earth is flat! I was sitting in the front row and I said, Where? He said, Oh the whole Bible. I said, Where? He said, The Book of Genesis. I said, Where? He said, The story of the flood. Wouldn't that show they believed the earth was flat? When I got up I said it seemed to me that if they believed in a flat earth the flood waters would all flow off the sides if it was flat! It fits better with the idea of a round earth. But it does not prove the idea of the law of gravitation from that! Certainly most of the intelligent ancient people knew the earth was round because they had other evidence. Many of them could hardly believe it because the water would flow off.

God knew that this idea would be advanced. He kept the writers --some of whom may have thought the earth was flat--from saying anything that would teach it anywhere in Scripture. I believe he kept them from any errors, but I don't believe he gave them the evidence upon which we construct one of these sciences. In fact that's even true of history. We were noticing in Meremiah class where it says in KJV that when King Josiah went up to Megoddo to try to stop Pharaoh Necho from coming, KJV says, I'm not coming against you but against the King of Assyria. About 40 yrs. ago we discovered a tablet which tells how Pharaoh Necho came up to ~~xxxx~~ help the King of Assyria! That was declared to be a flat contradiction to the Bible. That the Bible was wrong. Prof. Allis with whom I worked for a time, he wrote an article on it and show that what the Hebrew says that the Heb. says Pharaoh said I don't come up here concerned with you but I come up AL the king of Assyria. The Heb. proposition can mean against. Maybe Josiah took it that way. We don't know. But the prep. also can mean "concerning." Just like in the last war we fought with Germany. But in the last war we fought with England and France against Germany!! Sp the prep. is like our with rather than like our against! It has a