

at all or not? It would impossible for them to reach an answer unless they could either go to China or get a revelation from someone who had been there. We must use the best possible thinking we can in interpreting the data that are available to us. The great bulk of the data of life however come to us in revelation. We are accustomed to get revelation or communication from other human personalities. It would be strange indeed if the creator of the universe were not to give us a revelation supplying us with data in fields to which we cannot possibly have access ourselves. What lies millions of years back of us, what may be millions of years ahead of us, what is beyond this life, what is the purpose of life after all? What is the real origin of the universe? There's no way that any one of us could possibly get accurate data on which we could build a satisfactory answer to these questions. It would be strange indeed, if there is a God at all, if he did not give us a revelation from which we could gather such data as we need in this field.

Thus it is not an unscientific approach to the O.T. to believe that it is a work which God has given us. It is not unscientific to believe that God has revealed Himself in and through it. It is ~~in fact~~ in fact quite unscientific to assume that this cannot be the case since it is in line with what we find in every other field of human thought, and human activity. It ~~is~~ is not scientific of course to assume that the Bible is such without examination, but when we find the great place it has played in the religious life of the world, when we find the remarkable accuracy of so many of its statements, as confirmed by archeological data, when we find what a satisfying part it has played in human life through the ages, when ~~we~~ find the seal of approval which is placed by the N.T. upon the Old, and to Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is indeed tGod himself, His Word on the subject is of course final and authoritative. It is, I would say, at least as scientific as any approach to the Scripture to hold that the O.T. is actually a revelation of God to us.