

“They shall all be taught by God” (1)

After Jesus has returned he will raise his faithful brethren and make them *“equal to the angels”* to *“die no more”* - **Luke 20:36**. His next work will be to save the state of Israel from otherwise certain annihilation by their enemies. **Ezekiel** shows that as a result of this, *“the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day forward”* - **39:22**. By this same spectacular destruction of the invaders into Israel, God *“will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord”* - **38:23**.

At that time there will be a great change, when those who consider their attitude scientific, *“who say there is no God”* - **Psalms 14:1** - can no longer make belief in God an empirical question - that is to say, “when I have observed God I will believe that he exists!” A true scientist is one who takes into account the evidence for the existence of something he has not directly observed nor experienced. For example, as a result of the mathematical proof in his General Theory of Relativity, published in 1916, Albert Einstein, with other scientists, were not the least bit surprised by the first nuclear fission which occurred 60 miles north-west of Alamogordo, New Mexico 29 years later.

This illustrates the statement in **Hebrews 11:6** that *“without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to Him must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”* That this is not about a mindless credulity is shown by the definition of faith given in **verse 1**, *“faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”* - **ESV**. The confidence which the scientists had in the success of the \$2 billion Manhattan Project, was based on verified data - no blind hope here! They believed with good reason in the coming of a nuclear chain reaction, and it came. In a similar way, belief in God’s promises is based on a *“diligent”* reading and study of the word of God in the Bible, which provides the data necessary for faith.

That the relative motion of an object can change its mass, dimensions and clock rate, that the mass of an object bends the space around it, and that mass and energy are interchangeable - all are outside mankind’s every-day observation and experience. But the scientist who discovered these facts did not reject his conclusions on that account. Nor does the diligent reader of the Bible reject its history and predictions because they are of a kind which are outside current human experience.

It was this attitude which led the scientist to accept facts, even though they challenged his preconceptions. And this also illustrates the great chasm between true science and the various shades of atheism - agnosticism, pantheism, etc. - Because these anti-Biblists refuse to give the Bible their full and undivided attention, but reject it out of hand, they are unable to grasp the facts which can lead them to accept that it is God’s message to mankind.

This sorry state of affairs will be radically changed when Christ and his immortal brethren take over the world education system. While mankind now imagines that he can control the world climate, he will then learn that in fact it is God who is in control of His own creation - *“The LORD ... said, ‘Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me - Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail ... What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth? Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm’ ”* - **Job 38:1-25 NIV**.

It will be with more than words of instruction - ***Zechariah 14:16-18*** - that Christ and his royal priesthood - ***1 Peter 2:9*** - will bring men to acknowledge “*the God in whose hand is their breath, and whose are all their ways*” - ***Daniel 5:23***. And even those who now profess a belief in one God, prefer their own tradition to what God has revealed in the Bible about his own nature. More about this, God willing, next time.