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ABSTRACT.

There is a noticeable proliferation of universities of technologies in Nigeria today particularly in the last two decades. This is a pointer to the growth of Science in Nigeria on one hand, and indeed globally, on the other. It also shows the significant place and the niche which Science has carved for itself in our contemporary time.

Furthermore, the increase in the number of churches, fellowships, ministries and other such Christian groups is phenomenal and unprecedented. Virtually in every nook and cranny of our vast nation, a church is sighted. Signposts are seen at junctions pointing to one church or another. It is safe to say that people are more religious nowadays.

Some people are of the opinion that Science is at variance with the Christian Faith. Such people have apathy towards Science. They see Science as infringing upon the Christian Faith. They have thus closed their minds against Science. Another category of people see the Christian Faith as having nothing whatever to do with Science. To them, a Christian Scientist is a contradiction in terminology or vague in expression. Both subjects are seen to be as wide apart as the arctic pole is from the Antarctic pole.

For us evangelical Christians to make a headway in our effective witness in this twenty-first century, it behoves us neither to be misinformed or be uninformed about Biblical truths and Scientific facts. A better understanding of these two subjects will lead to an appreciable breakthrough of salvation, redemption, and Christian nurture and witness.

This project titled "A Comparative Study of the Truths of the Bible and Scientific Facts" gives a brief introduction in its first chapter. In chapters Two and Three, the nature and scope of both the Biblical truth and the Scientific fact are considered one after the other. The almightiness of God is seen in chapter four by an enunciation of some biblical truths which Science has never had or can^{ever} have an explanation for. A comparison is

made between these two salient issues in chapter **Five**. The writer subsequently states the similarities, dissimilarities and complements between **Biblical** truths and Scientific facts. The conclusion in chapter **Six** gives an evaluation, a summary and some recommendations. Its synopsis is that a good Christian Scientist will be a more effective witness.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

The writer gives these underlisted recommendations that can further enhance Christian's in this scientific period:

1. Christians should bombard the field of science. Christians should study science. "The field of science, perhaps, more than any other field needs dedicated devoted Christian men and women. Since people respect scientists so highly, Christians who are scientists can commend great respect as they witness for the faith."¹⁵
2. Christians must be well versed in the scriptures so as not be swayed away or swept off by scientific hypotheses or theories. "The theological, the eternal and the practical is to conjoined in the Bible with the statements about Nature or creation that it is impossible to separate them, and to impugn one is to impugn the other."¹⁶

Since the Bible is true, as we have proven it to be, the Christian must take his Bible seriously. It is guide to the Christian for his daily conduct, and tells of responsibility to God and his fellow men. He should follow his teachings.¹⁷

3. Philosophy of Science, as a course, should be offered in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary like the Philosophy of Religion. Such a study will help the undergraduates: ... to "sufficiently appreciate the ultimate potentialities and limitation of the effort of the scientists themselves."¹⁸

ENDNOTES

¹ Bernard Ramm, The Christian View of Science and Scripture (Grand Rapids: Wm.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1954) , p. 19.

² Ramm, p. 20.