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**FINDING WISDOM:  
(IN THE FAST-FOOD AGE OF SCIENTISM!)**

**TEXT: Ecclesiastes 7:23** All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things...

"This review addresses the emerging evidence that some phthalates may have an adverse impact on the developing brain..." (NeuroToxicology, Volume 41, March 2014)

"Emerging evidence from observational studies suggests that prenatal exposure to phthalates affects neurodevelopment in children...associated with adverse cognitive and behavioral outcomes in children, including lower IQ, and problems with attention, hyperactivity, and poorer social communication."

(Environmental Research, Volume 142, October 2015)

*"MIND BOGGLING Fast food could cause dementia – and the damage is 'irreversible', scientists claim..."* (June 14, 2019)

"Ye refused"... "Incline thine ear to understanding" (Prov. 2:2)... "...seekest her as silver" (2:4). "He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous" (2:7). "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul..." (2:10). "3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." "3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." "11:2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom." "11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them..." "11:5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way..." "12:1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge..." "12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise..." "13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise..." "14:15 The simple believeth every word..." "15:28 The heart of the righteous studieth to

answer..."

"15:32...he that heareth reproof getteth understanding." "16:21...the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning." "18:1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom. 2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself." "18:4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook." "18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." "20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out." "23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way." "23:23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." "26:16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason." "29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

**James 2:20** But wilt thou know, O vain man...

**1 Timothy 6:20** O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

21 Which some **professing** have erred concerning the faith...

**Romans 11:33** O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

**Psalms 131:1** LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

**Proverbs 30:3** I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended?

**Proverbs 2:6** For the LORD giveth wisdom: **out of his mouth** cometh knowledge and understanding.

**Proverbs 6:23** For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

**Isaiah 8:20** To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to **this word**, it is because there is no light in them.

*"Forget Faith. Only Science can save us now..."*

*"We will restore science to its rightful place..." (Obama, 2009)*

*"Future of Science: We will have the power of the gods..." (The Telegraph)*

*"Only Science can save us from climate catastrophe..."*

"The new Oligarchy must increasingly rely upon the advice of scientists, till in the end, the politicians, become merely the scientist's puppets." (C.S. Lewis)

"The current process of undertaking, implementing, reviewing, and finally publishing a scientific study is riddled with flaws, as study results are subjected to many biases and interpretations at every level between inception and publication...the motivation behind many experiments is industrial companies aiming to increase sales of their products...Scientists themselves add another layer of potential biases to a topic prior to its release to the public, with the pressures to have their work published...A study conducted by Aner Tal and Brian Wansink at Cornell University in 2014 set out to discover how much an association with science can affect the believability of a claim. They hypothesized: 'Given the high standing of science in society, merely implying legitimate scientific standing can enhance persuasion due to the enhanced credibility of scientific sources' (2014, p. 117)...." (Intersect, Vol 10, No 1 (2016) The Dubious Credibility of Scientific Studies Natalie Ferrante Stanford University)

"...As a scientist herself, Marvier concurred: **'I think that your preconceived ideas of what you're going to find is going to have a real big influence on what you find...'**

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"...But clearly peer review is deficient. **Despite being central to the**

**scientific process it was itself largely unstudied** until various pioneers—including Stephen Lock, former editor of the BMJ, and Drummond Rennie, deputy editor of JAMA—urged that it could and should be studied. Studies so far have shown that it is slow, expensive, ineffective, **something of a lottery...**"

("The Trouble with Medical Journals" -  
NCBI...<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>)

"False positives and exaggerated results in peer-reviewed scientific studies have reached epidemic proportions in recent years..."

(*Scientific American*, "An Epidemic of False Claims"; June 1, 2011)

"...the problem is due to biased interpretations of experimental results... editors who direct the selection process have become akin to high priests and priestesses of science..."

(<https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.1002547>)

"It can be proven that most claimed research findings are false..."

(<https://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.0020124>)

*"There's No Such Thing As Proof In The Scientific World - There's Only Evidence...* We can build up piles and piles of evidence for ideas. When the pile reaches a certain height, it behoves us to begin to take it rather seriously. That is, until someone removes a critical piece from the bottom of the pile, and the entire edifice comes crashing down...All science is merely the current best model. Science is impermanent. It is, by definition, in constant flux...At school we're taught science in terms of absolute facts—and this attitude persists rather a long time, into university education as well...it still surprised me at how much the impermanence of science comes as a surprise." (Forbes)

"Truth in science, however, is never final and what is accepted as a fact

today may be modified or even discarded tomorrow."

(*The Role of Theory in Advancing 21st Century Biology*, National Academy of Sciences)

"*Why Facts Don't Change Our Minds*....Once formed,' the researchers observed dryly, 'impressions are remarkably perseverant'...A few years later, a new set of Stanford students was recruited for a related study...Even after the evidence 'for their beliefs has been totally refuted, people fail to make appropriate revisions in those beliefs,' the researchers noted. In this case, the failure was 'particularly impressive'...Consider what's become known as 'confirmation bias,' the tendency people have to embrace information that supports their beliefs and reject information that contradicts them...Sloman and Fernbach see this effect, which they call the 'illusion of explanatory depth,' just about everywhere. People believe that they know way more than they actually do...'presented with someone else's argument, we're quite adept at spotting the weaknesses.. Almost invariably, the positions we're blind about are our own.'"

(<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/02/27/why-facts-dont-change-our-minds>)

**Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes...

**Proverbs 26:12** Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

**1 Corinthians 3:18** Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

**1 Thessalonians 5:21** Prove all things...

**Matthew 7:16** Ye shall know them by their fruits...

**2 Timothy 3:13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

**2 Peter 1:16** For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we

made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses** of his majesty.

18 And this voice which came from heaven **we heard**, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also **a more sure word** of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place...

**Proverbs 22:21** That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth...