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The Death of Science

(By Bill)

When the Christian base is lost we can have either humanistic (naturalistic) “science” or pantheistic “science”.

When science becomes propaganda instead of truth you have a situation like Germany’s science during WW2, claiming Jewish people had low intellects because they’d done measurements on the size of human skulls. In Russia the government pushed Lamarckian evolution (acquired characteristics passed on). “Truth” becomes whatever the party says it is.

There is a principle of inertia in both morality and science. Science keeps going for a while, then eventually collapses into magic.

Ten Steps Towards the Death of Science

(By Paul)

Lynn White, professor of history at UCLA, in his lecture and subsequent article in 1967, said: “From the thirteenth century onward, up to and including Leibnitz and Newton, every major scientist in effect explained his motivations in religious terms. Modern Western Science was cast in a matrix of Christian theology”. [1]

Are we seeing a movement towards the loss of true science in our culture? A number of recent trends highlighted in the news suggest that we may be on a downward slope in terms of our science.

We will lose real science when:

1. Scientism is mistaken for real science.
2. We lose objectivity among scientists.

3. Science becomes politicized.
4. Science becomes a lucrative business.
5. Results are falsified for the sake of publication/career, political correctness, continued funding, or one's pet theory.
6. The general public, rather than the scientific community, votes on what is worth studying and funding.
7. The public loses trust in scientific research.
8. The scientific method is abandoned because the results are "obvious."
9. No one cares how things really work.
10. We move to an age of magic and mysticism.

C.S. Lewis wrote:

"Men became scientific because they expected Law in Nature, and they expected Law in Nature because they believed in a Legislator. In most modern scientists this belief has died: it will be interesting to see how long their confidence in uniformity survives it.

Two significant developments have already appeared—the hypothesis of a lawless subnature, and the surrender of the claim that science is true. We may be living nearer than we suppose to the end of the Scientific Age." [2]

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