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Theories of Scientists Aren't Facts

SCIENTISTS generally are educated people who tend to look down upon anybody who is skeptical of their theories.

Their profession is dedicated to searching for truth based upon facts but it seems to have become common practice for many to present extrapolations and theories as proven facts.

Recently I bought a book titled "Nova," containing color pictures and scripts or digests of scripts used on educational TV to teach youngsters and some of us adults "facts" about how the universe came into existence.

It was interesting reading but anybody who believes everything stated as facts would have to be considerably confused.

"The history of life on earth can be run backward in time from the present day as zero to more than 3 billion years," it says in one place. In another it declares, "You began 3 billion years ago, a single celled oceanic algae."

Elsewhere it stated that the universe was created 20 billion years

ago with a "Big Bang." Another scientist asserts "Creationism has no basis in science." One article affirms that the most recent asteroid impact on the moon occurred almost 4 billion years ago, just as though the author was there.

Scientists quoted in other publications have theorized that the earth and/or the universe could be traced to events that occurred one million, 600 million, 50 or 100 billion years ago.

Science Digest (Nov. 1984) says: "The radiation that (scientists) Penzias and Wilson first observed originated 10 billion or more years ago, only few hundred thousand years after the Big Bang, and so tells us about conditions at that time."

OMNI magazine (Sept. 1984) averred: "Our universe exploded in a ball of light 15 to 20 billion years ago, belching flaming tongues of energy and matter that expanded to fill the farthest reaches of the cosmos. When the matter condensed it formed the planets — those in our solar system and in galaxies light

years away."

You don't need to be a scientist to observe that all of these educated authorities couldn't be right.

Theorists say that ages of ancient objects may be determined by carbon dating or by assuming that stalagmites and stalactites grow one inch per century. These methods are not universally accepted even by all scientists.

Bible-Science Newsletter reported last year that by using the stalagmite/stalactite system it could be proved that the Milwaukee Public Museum is 7,200 years old and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., is 2,400 years old.

Too many scientists or pseudo-scientists seem to have no partitions in their brains to separate facts and imagination.

The public — especially school children — needs help from responsible scientists to sort out theories from facts. It is scientific chicanery to publish, broadcast, or teach as proven facts something that is no more than abstract speculation.