

No. 80 Does Your Hope Rest on Science or the Bible?

PLEASE NOTE: Show that Jehovah's Witnesses appreciate science for the good it can do. Build confidence in the Kingdom hope. You may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

SCIENCE BENEFITS US IN MANY WAYS (4 min.)

From ancient times, Jehovah's worshippers have enjoyed studying his works (Ps 111:2)
In modern times, scientific research has enhanced our appreciation of God's power and wisdom

The universe is far grander than what we can see with the naked eye (w14 5/15 22 ¶3)

The DNA in living cells is far more complex than once thought (g 8/15 4 ¶4; g 11/11 6)

Scientific research has led to an array of useful items, including lifesaving medical products (w15 6/1 3 ¶1-4)

SCIENCE HAS LIMITATIONS (4 min.)

Scientists draw conclusions based on human observation and study, so their efforts are subject to human error and limitations (Jer 17:9)

Because of such limitations, man-made technology has also produced many pollutants and terrifying weapons [Image 1]

Technological advancements have not eliminated bigotry, greed, and hatred

It is shortsighted to rest our hope on the discoveries and the conclusions of imperfect humans
[Read Psalm 146:3, 4]

WE CAN TRUST THE BIBLE COMPLETELY (9 min.)

The Bible contains much evidence that it is inspired of God

Though written thousands of years ago, the Bible is scientifically accurate

The earth is suspended "upon nothing" (Job 26:7)

Water moves in a natural cycle (Job 36:27, 28; g17.3 4) [Image 2]

Emotions influence our physical health (Pr 17:22)

Quarantining protects us against the spread of infection (Le 13:46; it-1 633 ¶1)

The Bible's wise counsel has proved beneficial at all times and in every culture (2Ti 3:16)

It has greatly improved the lives of many, helping them to overcome such things as greed, prejudice, and drug addiction (Col 3:9-14)

[Briefly relate one or two examples from the series "The Bible Changes Lives"]

THE BIBLE GIVES US A SURE HOPE (10 min.)

The Bible shows that God's Kingdom is the only solution to all of mankind's problems [Read Matthew 6:9, 10]

The Kingdom will accomplish things that have proved impossible for humans to accomplish

Disastrous human rule will end (Ec 8:9; Da 2:44)

Suffering, sickness, and death will cease (Isa 33:24; Re 21:3, 4)

The dead will be resurrected (Ac 24:15)

The earth will produce abundant food for all (Ps 72:16)

Mankind will learn how to live together forever in peace (Isa 11:9)

Jesus' miracles give us a preview of life under Kingdom rule (Mt 15:30, 31; Lu 7:11-15; Joh 6:10-13)

WE CAN CONFIDENTLY REST OUR HOPE ON GOD (3 min.)

Both science and the Bible give us reasons to trust in God's promises

The physical universe and the design seen in nature strengthen our confidence that God has the *power* and the *wisdom* to solve our problems (Ps 104:24; Isa 40:26)

The Bible assures us that God has the desire to help us, and it tells us how he will do so

Strengthen your faith in the Bible by examining it for yourself

You can confidently rest your hope on God's promises **[Read Psalm 146:5, 6]**

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

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