

## **COMPLEX SCIENCE, TRUE RELIGION AT BUGEMA**

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In a world populated with men that have plunged their minds in a pool of indifference – failing to integrate the creature with the creator and natural laws with their maker, one would wonder whether a home for true science in a world of religion really exists. Can science ever again be married with religion? The response to this million dollar question is almost apparent. The existence of Bugema University has brought the sure answer to this mind bewildering question.

Like a flower with a sweet smelling scent Bugema University has begun an unstoppable journey. It is a remarkable journey of spreading a sweet perfume of a long neglected reality; the indispensable truth about what the world can be when we place our priorities straight and understand what true science involves. This journey significantly begins with the establishment of the schools of Natural Sciences and Health Sciences. No doubt this is a mile stone in helping the world better understand what powerful rescue rope we will have if science and religion could be darlingly intertwined.

In this modern age of information characterized by rapidly increasing levels of knowledge in science and technology, man has lost the taste of true science. Science has practically evolved into a tool of defying and much worse denying its very creator, God. Darwinism is on the raise. Man is synthesizing daily weapons of mass destruction against his fellow man. Genetically engineered and manufactured diseases are saturating our atmosphere and events of no small magnitude in the world of science are monarchically succeeding one after the other. Preventive health workers are running into rampant extinction and majority of those remaining are merely programmed “prescription-ists”, helping generate more millions of money for the deadly Pharmaceutical Industry. With such a chain of occurrences in our world we could only wonder how many more seconds we have till our own time tomb of “wrong education and irresponsibility” breaks planet earth into invisible particles of dust.

The succession of such unhealthy proceedings is the irrefutable reason that answers why a volcano of tension has erupted between scientists and men of religion. Two distinct parties, all powerful and yet erring at the same one crucial point, failure to integrate science and religion!

As long as true education about the oneness of true science and true religion is not imparted in the minds of men that will be the predecessors of this tension, upcoming scientists and religionists, this war will invincibly move from the frying pan into the fire itself. It is for this striking reason that Bugema University has risen to the occasion.

In actuality, science and religion are intricately knit together. If you wonder how, the answer lies clearly in the complexity of science itself. Among the many, the example of the human body and the vastness of this universe do testify to this strange reality.

The universe is such a complex existence. It houses thousands of Galaxies which in turn contain uncountable number of planets plus other mentionable galactic objects distinct in make-up each from the other. Our own vast world, planet earth is only but a piece of the gigantic planets found in the Milky Way Galaxy to which we belong. It would robe us of our time if we probed to understand the complexity of the stars to which when compared planet earth vanishes in thin air. The rotation of the earth, its composition, the weight, the chemical and biological facts about this our grand planet all proclaim of a wondrous designer.

However, the complexity of the Universe can, arguably, only qualify to be a miniature when weighed on the same scale with the human body. “The human body is, without a doubt, the most incredible and complex "machine" on the face of the planet, maybe the universe. In an age where mankind sends people into space and keeps coming up with more and more great inventions, the human body is still full of undiscovered mysteries.”<sup>1</sup>

Beginning from the sole of the feet to the edge of the longest hair of the head the complexity of humanity is almost unbelievable. “Your eyes, your ears, your heart, each of these together with their intricate function should inspire awe. The heart of man, from a functional viewpoint is a miracle of performance. Through a complex nervous and hormonal feedback regulation system, the heart and circulatory system maintain the exactly correct rate and output to supply the correct blood flow for both the marathoner and the couch potato. The parts of you that are functioning at any particular time receive a share of blood in proportion to their need, and those that are resting quietly receive their carefully metered due. Your

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<sup>1</sup> Unbelievable Facts about the Human Body, Lucas B

nervous system too is marvelously complex.”<sup>2</sup> The very basis of humanity, the individual cell, the basic functional unit of life could probably be more complex and more organized than Kampala town at peak-hour.

This awe striking and jaw-dropping truth must really help us understand more about the God who is a great designer. Religionists must be able to point out the hand of God in complex science just as Scientists must see true religion and the God of that religion in their various fields of study. Thus the war between religion and science can be resolved.

This is why, determined to stand as a third party in this fracas, Bugema University is through its mission statements and vision for the two schools, Natural Sciences and Health Sciences, springing up as the antidote to this whole noisy quarrel. With plans to sweep off the cause of the tensions and sooth the wounds of men that have been injured in this deadly battle, we may see a landslide victory of change sooner than thought of. By combining Science and Religious course units at the institution, a new breed of scientists and Health practitioners is projected to rise from the institution. Scientists that will not simply have the ability to detect and project the needs for their own well informed lives but that will seek to incorporate the well-being of every existing human being into their inventions and innovative skills. Health practitioners that will not only prescribe drugs to the sick but teach them preventive mechanisms are seen to emanate from this well strategized plan by the University.

The vision for the two schools as stipulated by the University states: “To be a center of excellence in Scientific Research training and innovations for development.”<sup>3</sup> Mission: “To train holistic and skilled professionals in Science and technology.”<sup>4</sup>

“The precepts and principles of religion are the first steps in the acquisition of knowledge, and lie at the very foundation of true education. Knowledge and science must be vitalized by the Spirit of God in order to serve the noblest purposes. The Christian alone can make the

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<sup>2</sup> Dr. Phillip Bishop, professor of exercise physiology at the University of Alabama. Evidence of God in Human Physiology--  
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<sup>3</sup> Bugema University, Academic Bulletin 2015-2019

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right use of knowledge. Science, in order to be fully appreciated, must be viewed from a religious standpoint. Then all will worship the God of science.”<sup>5</sup>

There is a home for true science in religion. As long as God the creator of science remains at its core, science is just as much a powerful tool to teach about our loving creator as is religion. In fact, it can never be overstated that true science and true religion are simply two sides of the same coin. The tag team is as two separate wheels of the same bicycle coordinating harmoniously for a single purpose – the movement of the bicycle. In like manner, true science and religion must work together for the purpose of enhancing the knowledge of our loving creator in this world almost darkened by amorality.

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<sup>5</sup> Ms 30, 1896, p. 10. ("Christian Colleges--True Aim and Purpose," October, 1896.) {7MR 292.1}