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Transforming Daily
“... faith is ...”
Hebrews 11:1

The book of Hebrews contains one of what many scholars call the four great Christological passages. The theme of Hebrews is the superiority of Christ. Basically the book rightly portrays Christ as supreme to everyone and everything. In light of the Christological doctrine, the author of Hebrews recites part of the history of Israel in such a way as to remind the Jews in the audience of their heritage in relationship to the Messiah, and the Gentiles in the audience of their hope in relationship to Jesus Christ. The book of Hebrews is a powerful book of testimony and witness.

Though it is unclear regarding the human authorship of the book of Hebrews, its Divine inspiration is indelibly recorded. All of its parts make the whole of its faith proposition that Jesus is Supreme in every way. Nothing is lacking in the person of Christ as the representative of the Creator and advocate of His creation, both naturally and supernaturally. For persuading unbelievers of the truth of God's Word, Hebrews is one of the best documents to read. For encouragement and strengthening of the believer's witness, Hebrews it is one of the best books to read.

From time to time, secular scientists such as archeologists and geologists will unearth or discover something that relates to some sacred writing and they will make the claim that their find may prove some part of the Bible. On some level, that is to be expected by the unregenerate and spiritually blind. But what I find hard to accept is when a believer makes the same claim. When a believer says that a part of the Bible has been proven to be true because of some recent scientific find they are revealing a lack of faith. How did the scientist know that the article existed apart from biblical record, in the first place, and also, how does finding the article make the Bible any more true or less true than it was in the first place? As the saying about faith goes, “Seeing is not believing; believing is seeing.”

How is your faith expressed? Do you believe that God's Word is truth? Do you need external, tangible evidence in order to believe God's Word? Are you a believer whose faith is upset by reports of archeological and geological finds that seem to be contrary to Scripture? If so, remember that for the Christian Substance unseen and evidence hoped for are what faith is.