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Scientific Fact, Theory, or Faith?

If someone tells you something and you're not sure if it's true, here's something you can do!

YOU CAN SAY... "How do you know?"

IF THEY SAY... "It's a scientific fact!"

IF THEY SAY... "It's a theory!"

IF THEY SAY... "I have faith!" or "I just know!" or "Because I'm sure!"

YOU CAN SAY... "Can you prove it with an experiment?"

IF THEY SAY... "No..."

IF THEY SAY... "Yes!"

Then It's NOT A Scientific Fact because it hasn't been PROVEN through EXPERIMENTS.

Things that aren't scientific facts can still be true. We can either GUESS that they're true or we can BELIEVE them by FAITH.

If they show you an experiment, or if they tell you about an experiment that has been done...

YOU CAN SAY... "Please show me."

IF THEY SAY... "I can't"

YOU CAN SAY... "Are you SURE you're right?"

IF THEY SAY... "No..."

IF THEY SAY... "Yes!"

And if that experiment can be watched and repeated and it always agrees with what the person says...

But if that experiment can't be watched, or can't be repeated, or doesn't always agree with what the person says..

IT'S A SCIENTIFIC FACT!

That means that what the person said has been tested over and over again through experiments that people have watched. Since the experiments all turned out the same way, we know that the statement is a real scientific fact.

You can trust a REAL scientific fact.

IT'S A THEORY!

That means that the person can't be totally sure they're right, because they can't prove what they're saying with experiments.

So, it's UP TO YOU whether you agree with them or not, because it may or MAY NOT be true.

IT'S FAITH!

That means that although the person can't prove what they're saying, they feel VERY sure about it.

You may agree or disagree with the person, depending upon what YOU believe by faith.

You can have faith in lots of things, but not many things DESERVE your faith like God does!

Sometimes, people believe in something so strongly that they will say it's a Scientific Fact. But, just because they SAY it's a Scientific Fact doesn't mean it really is. It COULD be a theory, or it COULD be FAITH.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

People who believe the Bible believe it by FAITH. People who think the Bible is wrong believe THAT by FAITH.

Science depends a lot on faith, but scientific facts, theories, and faith are still different things. Use this chart to tell the difference, and BE RESPECTFUL if you disagree with someone!

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