

ACTS 29
PAUL'S LATTER MINISTRIES AND
JOURNEY(S) – PART 1

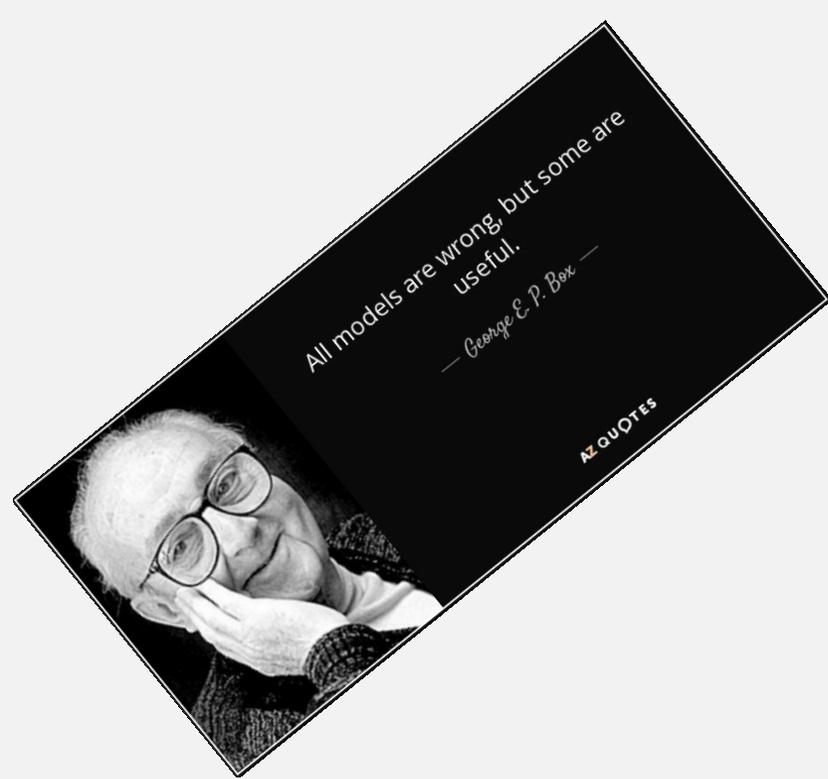
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WHY THIS STUDY?

- We need answers to some important questions.
 - When did the church which is his body begin?
 - This is essentially the same as asking – when was the mystery of Eph 3:9 revealed?
 - How many ministries can we find that are different and concurrent during Acts and after Acts.
 - This will involve John’s gospel and letters – what was the “highways” ministry – when was it to begin?
 - Any other ministries?
 - How does Paul relate to these?
 - What were Paul’s movements Acts 29?

WHAT SHOULD OUR METHODOLOGY BE?

- Find all people and places in relation to Paul.
- Who were Paul's companions?
- Who was the Caesar at the time – what do we know of him?
- Why should Paul be found guilty of anything worthy of “death”?
- Look for Paul's intent to travel and for what cause.
- Look for possibilities of the fulfilment of these intentions.
- Examine all possible interpretations.
- Construct possible movements.
- What has been discovered already about “other” ministries – look at CH Welch and his work.



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ALL MODELS ARE WRONG BUT SOME ARE USEFUL (GEORGE BOX)

- Now it would be very remarkable if any system existing in the real world could be *exactly* represented by any simple model. However, cunningly chosen parsimonious models often do provide remarkably useful approximations. For example, the law $PV = RT$ relating pressure P , volume V and temperature T of an "ideal" gas via a constant R is not exactly true for any real gas, but it frequently provides a useful approximation and furthermore its structure is informative since it springs from a physical view of the behavior of gas molecules.
- For such a model there is no need to ask the question "Is the model true?". If "truth" is to be the "whole truth" the answer must be "No". The only question of interest is "Is the model illuminating and useful?".

THEOLOGICAL MODELS

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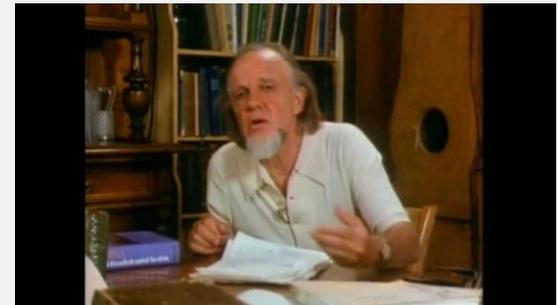
Are they?

Prove all things!

MODELS ARE GOOD FOR:-

- 1) Interpretation
- 2) Prediction

A SYSTEMATIC



WE WILL TAKE A BAYESIAN VIEW

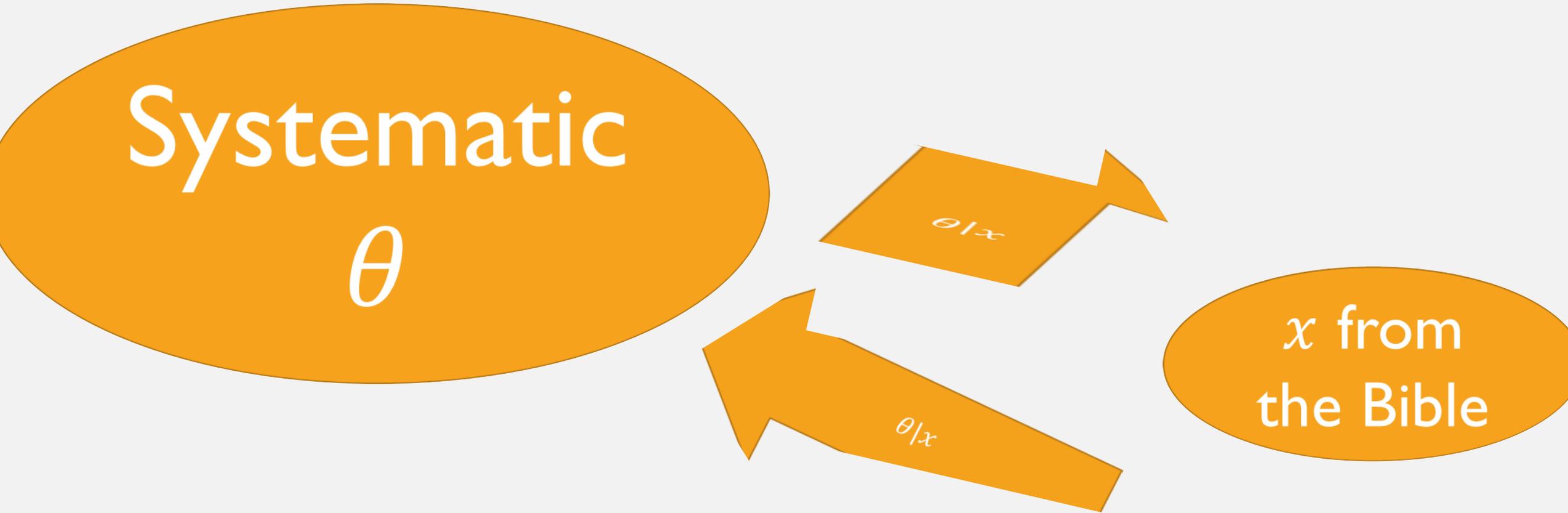
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- $p(\theta|x) \propto p(\theta)f(x|\theta)$

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- 1) What are our prior beliefs?
 - 2) Collect our data and contextualize
 - 3) Update

ONE 'SMALL' STEP WRONG AND A SYSTEMATIC CAN BE ACCEPTED

17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? Rom. 9

WHAT HAS BEEN "MY" VIEW OF ACTS
28
MY MODEL

Salvation sent to gentiles AND the Mystery revealed Acts 28:28

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Highways ministry as recorded by John

"The Body of Christ" and "the church which is his body" the same

Read Eph. 3 and Col. 1 into Acts 28:25-28

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Two ministries and hopes

CONSIDER
WHAT I SAY

2Ti 2:7 Consider what I say; and the
Lord give thee understanding in all
things.



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EPHESIANS

- The prisoner 3:1, 4:1, 6:20
- Personal 6:19 -24
- Mentions: Τυχικός, Tychicus = "fateful"
- 6:21 "my affairs"
- 6:22 "our affairs"

TYCHICUS

- Ac 20:4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.
- Eph 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:
- Eph 6:24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. « To the Ephesians written from Rome, by Tychicus. »
- Col 4:7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:
- Col 4:18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen. « Written from Rome to Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus. »
- 2Ti 4:12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.
- Tit 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

PHILIPPIANS

- The prisoner:
 - 1:6, 1:13,14,16
- Release:
 - 1:19, 24,25,26
- Personal:
 - 2:16-23: Timothy
 - 2:23-24: “shall come shortly”
 - 2: 25-30: Erastus (Paul – sorrowful) Ἐραφρόδιτος “lovely”
 - 4:2: Euodias, Syntyche
 - 4:3: Clement

TIMOTHY

- 2Co 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:
- 1Ti 1:2 Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 1Ti 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
- 1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:
- 1Ti 6:21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with thee. Amen. « *The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.* »
- 2Ti 1:2 To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Phm 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy *our* brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,
- Heb 13:23 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.
- Heb 13:25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen. « *Written to the Hebrews from Italy, by Timothy.* »

EPAPHRODITUS

- Php 2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
- Php 4:18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.
- Php 4:23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.
« *To the Philippians* written from Rome, by Epaphroditus. »