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testing of the same. Bacon's method began from a basis of empiricism.

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Bacon served as Lord Chancellor of England under King James I for three years, a few years after the publication of the King James Bible. It would be no surprise, therefore, to learn that Bacon's philosophy was strongly influenced by the biblical atmosphere in much of the court circles at the time. In his philosophical work, *The Advancement of Learning*, Bacon wrote: "Let no man upon a weak conceit of sobriety or an ill-applied moderation think or maintain that a man can search too far, or be too well studied in the book of God's word, or in the book of God's works, divinity or philosophy." The Bible was the guiding principle behind Bacon's science, philosophy and politics.

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