

Scriptural Truths

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The Lord May Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

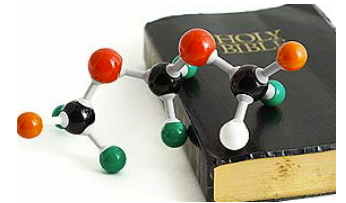
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Science and The Bible

Today as perhaps never before, there is a vocal despising and attempt to discredit the Bible. It is presented as a mythical book written from the imagination of men. The religion of evolution is spoken of as scientific fact and anyone who believes in the creation by the Almighty is deemed to be a fool or belonging to another era. Atheists spend thousands of dollars seeking to prove the non existence of the God they do not believe exists. Bill Nye, aka “the science guy” said: “if grownups want to deny evolution and live in your world that's completely inconsistent with everything we observe in the universe, that's fine, but don't make your kids do it because we need them”. On the home page of Richard Dawkins foundation one can read: “The mission of the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science is to support scientific education, critical thinking, and evidence-based understanding of the natural world in the quest to overcome religious fundamentalism, superstition, intolerance, and suffering”.

- Is Dawkins right?
- Are people being deceived into believing that the Bible is an irrelevant book written by some men with imagination?
- Or, is the Scriptures the inspired word of God, in truth telling us about God, creation , etc.?
- It is an “either” or “or” situation. It cannot be both.



Many will say: “We know the Bible is the Word of God”, but ask them why they believe that, and reality is it is because they were taught that! That is a very poor reason. It is not sufficient to say: “We believe the Bible is right”.

- Does science contradict the Bible?
- When science and the Bible agree does it prove the Bible is right, or that the scientific data is right?
- Is the Bible truly the word of God or are its scientific, moral statements just accidental musings of ancient men?

One might say: “It is the word of God because the hallmarks of God is stamped on it”. This is arguing in a circular manner because it is only from the Bible we learn the character of God. Nothing could be proven by such a debate.

How would I know if the Bible is the word of God? An illustration may help here. Imagine two builders are brought before a judge, both claiming to have built the same house. Each has the measurements and layout of the house. How would the judge know which of the two was the real builder? One very persuading way would be to ask each if there is anything in the house, or about the house, that only the builder would know. Obviously the more “secrets” he could tell about the construction of the house and, as they are proven to be true, would there be substantiation that he was the builder. So with the Scriptures as compared to all other “holy books”.

- No other “holy” book of any religion has scientific data written hundreds of years before man discovered that its statements were true.

- b) No other prophetic book has hundreds of precise statements made, which in time, were proved to be perfectly accurate.
- c) No other book has from beginning to end data which only God could know.
- d) No other book has data which God revealed to men.

There are times when God, in time, manifests the foolish bravado of those who in writings or statements mock His truths. For instance, the French infidel Voltaire was convinced that he could destroy Christianity and the Bible. At one point he held a bible and proclaimed: "In 100 years this book will be forgotten and eliminated". Sadly, for him it was not long after his death that his home became the headquarters of the Geneva Bible Society, a major distribution center for the Bible. If only the Bill Nye's and Richard Dawkins of the world could understand that the last piece of the puzzle has not been put in place yet. They have not the last say, but in time God will demonstrate the foolishness of their writings and words.

Now, consider some of the secrets that only God would know. "Secrets" which man had no way of knowing by the education of men, truths which the universities of the world mocked but in time were shown to be precisely accurate.

The Scriptures teach:

- a) The host of the heaven cannot be numbered: "As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured" (Jer. 33:22).
 - i) Before the invention of the telescope Hippocrates calculated the number of stars was 1,022. Kepler (1571-1630) later recounted and revised the number. By use of a very primitive telescope Galileo (1564-1642) caught a glimpse of the enormity of the stars in the universe. Due to the passing of time and with superior telescopes, man estimates that there are billions of trillions of stars. A conservative estimate is 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- b) The earth has a circuit through the heavens, or that which is a spherical shape: "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth" (Isa. 40:22).
 - i) First, the word translated "on" is better translated "above" (ASV, NKJV, RSV, WEB). The word "circle" indicates a circuit (Job 22:14). It is teaching that God is in control of the circuit of this world through space. Furthermore, the word "circle" also carries the idea of being spherical. The earth is traveling through space at the rate of 18.51 mps, or 1,110.6 mpm or 66,636 mph! In it's circuit around the sun (which is also traveling through space) it takes exactly 356 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 1.20 seconds. In that time the earth travels 9,729,784.21 miles. To attribute this perfect accuracy to chance is utter foolishness. If one was shown a piece of machinery which worked so perfectly constantly, and told it happened by accident, they would be laughed out of a place of learning. Yet, this is exactly what evolutionists, athiests, and agnostics would have man believe.
 - ii) For centuries it was believed that the earth was a dome. A librarian from Egypt was the first who thought that the earth was a sphere by seeing the curve of the horizon. Columbus was the one who really confirmed that the earth was a sphere by sailing around it, and the pictures from space showed it was a sphere. We now know the distance around the equator is 40,074 kilometers and round the north south axis it is 40,000 kilometers. How would anyone standing on the ancient earth know that the earth was not exactly round, that there was a scant 74 kilometers difference? Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- c) The earth is suspended in space. "He hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7).
 - i) In bygone days people believed that the earth was held up by an animal or Atlas. We now know that the earth is hung on nothing and it is suspended by centrifugal force. A simple illustration is: swinging a ball on the end of a cord it will automatically go horizontal. It was only when man discovered gravity (in the seventeenth century) that he began to understand that the earth and planetary system was held in space by this invisible force. Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- d) The human body was made from the dust of the ground. "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground" (Gen. 2:7; 3:19).
 - i) Moses wrote this approximately 4000 B C or 6000 years ago. Apart from divine revelation, the secret of "how" God created man would have forever been a mystery. Many of the intelligentsia speak of life spontaneously beginning by the combination of gasses, etc., and then by the passing of years becoming vegetable, animal, and human life. There is constantly the talk of finding the missing link which will forever be missing. The reason one can say this is because in Genesis chapter one we read the expression:

“And God said let”. It always unveils a distinctly new happening or creation. On the sixth day we read: “And God said let us make man in our own image”. Between the animal life and human life there is a distinct creative act of God.

- ii) Man now knows that the human body is composed of the following elements and trace elements found in the earth. The main composition of the human body is oxygen (61%); carbon (23%); hydrogen (10%); and nitrogen (2.6%), a total of 96%. The other 4% is composed almost entirely of sodium; potassium; magnesium; calcium; iron; phosphorus; sulfur; chlorine; and iodine. There are also trace elements of iron; fluorine; copper; zinc; aluminum; manganese; iodine selenium; molybdenum; and chromium cobalt; all of which are found in the earth. Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- e) There are paths in the seas. “The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas” (Psa. 8:8). This was written by David approximately 2,800 years ago.
 - i) In the 19th century Matthew Maury had or was reading Psa. 8:8. When he read: “the paths of the sea”, he realized that the word “paths” comes from a word meaning a “well trodden road”. From this, acting on the principle that there had to be paths through the seas, he discovered them and in 1855 he wrote: “The Physical Geography of the Sea”, the first textbook on modern oceanography. Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- f) The sun goes in a circuit. “Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race” (Psa. 19:5).
 - i) Approximately 2,800 years ago David wrote: Today we know the sun moves in a circuit at 600,000 mph and the circuit is so large it would take 200 million years to complete it. Not only does it go in a circuit but it moves north to south to north each year. When it is the northern hemisphere we get summer, and then when in the south, they get summer and we get winter. Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- g) Blood is the source of life. “The life of the flesh is in the blood” (Lev. 17:11). It must be remembered that this was written when blood removal was a common practice among the ancient Egyptians, and the biblical would have been “foolishness” to them. The Greek physician, Archagathus, practiced blood removal in Rome. It was in 1616 William Harvey discovered that blood circulates throughout the body. However, there was much man was still not aware of, consequently, when George Washington lay dying they were draining at that time. In 1923 Sir William Oster recommended it in his book “Principles and Practices of Medicine”. Through the years the medical world has learnt that blood carries water and nourishment to every cell, maintains the body’s temperature, removes the waste material of the body’s cells, and carries oxygen from the lungs throughout the body. Today we know that the blood is necessary for the life of an individual, therefore, we have blood banks and transfusions. Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- h) The ocean floor has mountains: “I went down to the bottoms of the mountains” (Jonah 2:6). I have, as thousands of others have done, looked down on the Atlantic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, and I have seen with my eyes the Adriatic Sea, and there is no way, by looking at them, I would ever know there were valleys and mountains in the ocean. All I could do is look at the surface. How did David know this, or Jonah, for he could not look outside the great fish? By research and sonar, etc., we now know that the highest single mountain in the ocean is 14,700 foot high and stretches for 140 kilometers! It is one of many mountains, indeed, the mid ocean ridges are a series of mountains with valleys between them of 10-20 kilometers wide. Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.
- i) The ocean floor has springs. Job set about to debate with God and God asked him a number of questions. One of those was to find the “springs of the sea” (Job 38:16). Considering that man thought the bottom of the ocean was flat, there is no way anyone speaking for God could have asked such a question. It was only recently that it was discovered that the ocean is not fed by rivers and rain, for in the 1970s, man had advanced sufficiently to go down to the ocean floor and he discovered there are springs on the ocean floors! Either God revealed this or it was an amazing accidental guess, you decide.

Allistair Begg wrote a very appropriate statement: “At the end of the day, when the brightest scientific brains have the codes cracked for them, they will be on their knees before Christ and they will declare Him Lord of the whole universe that He has made.”

Thank God we can sing with assurance:

The Bible stands like a rock undaunted
'Mid the raging storms of time;
Its pages burn with the truth eternal,
And they glow with a light sublime.

Refrain:

*The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands.*

The Bible stands like a mountain tow'ring
Far above the works of men;
Its truth by none ever was refuted,
And destroy it they never can.

The Bible stands and it will forever,
When the world has passed away;
By inspiration it has been given,
All its precepts I will obey.

The Bible stands every test we give it,
For its Author is divine;
By grace alone I expect to live it,
And to prove and to make it mine.

. . . Haldor Lillenas, 1917

. . . . Rowan Jennings

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