



Why I believe the Bible to Be the Word of God

Faith's Foundation Series

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Lesson 3, Scientific Evidence

Scientific Accuracy of the Word of God. God's Accuracy is always on target and complete. Read it and heed it!

I believe the Bible is the Word of God because of its scientific accuracy.

The Truth of the Word of God tells us that God "hangs the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7).

How would Job know that the earth hung in space? Job lived before the age of modern astronomy and space travel. How did he know? The Holy Spirit told him.

The scientists of Isaiah's day didn't know the topography of the earth, but Isaiah said, "It is [God] that sits upon the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22). The word for "circle" here means a globe or sphere. How did Isaiah know that God sits upon the circle of the earth? I can tell you why! It was and is by divine inspiration.

Adrian Rogers stated, "The Bible is not a book of the month, but the Book of the ages." 1st Peter 1:25 says: *"But the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the Word which by the gospel is preached unto you."*

- Did you know that the Bible has never had another book to have as much opposition to it? Men of great learning have laughed at it, scorned it, and ridiculed it. Politicians and world leaders have made laws against it and some have burned it.
- The Word of God, however, has survived. The Bible is as applicable today as much as it was yesterday and it will be in the future.

“The Word of God is so majestically and scientifically deep that scholars and scientists could swim and never touch the bottom” (Rogers).

Yet the Bible is so wonderfully simplistic and entertaining that a little child could come and get a drink of water without fear of choking. That is God's precious, Holy Word.

- **Recent scientific evidence is adding to the evidence supporting the reliability of biblical chronology from the scriptures.** This study demonstrated the reliability of the Biblical record regarding the Egyptian plagues and demise of Jericho.

- ✓ Drs. Hendrik J. Bruins and Johannes van der Plicht reported in the prestigious British journal, *Nature*, that the destruction of Jericho was dated to 1580 (+/- 13 years) B.C. (using C dating). This date is significant, since several archeologists have insisted that Jericho was destroyed by the Egyptians between 1550 and 1300 B.C. The recent study discredits the Egyptian theory, since the date is much too old.
- ✓ What is even more exciting is that scientists, using C dating and tree rings, have found evidence of a volcanic eruption from the Aegean island of Thera, which recently has been dated to 1628 B.C. This would place the eruption at 45 years prior to the destruction of Jericho, at a time which coincidentally corresponds to the time of the plagues the Lord unleashed upon Egypt. Check out Exodus 10:

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt.” So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days. (Exodus 10:21-22)

- **For many years man has estimated the number of stars in the heavens, and he has increased the estimate many times. Finally, in the 1900's, man determined that the stars could not be counted. God's book has always told us this fact. Notice Genesis 15:5. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.**

God was telling Abraham that just as the stars in the heavens cannot be numbered, Abraham's descendants would be more than could be numbered. If man had paid attention to this verse, he would never have tried to count the stars!

- *When we come to the psalms, we find an interesting statement in Psalm 8:8. The passage mentions the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatsoever passes through the paths of the seas. The phrase “the paths of the seas” caused a man named Matthew Fontaine Maury to begin a search which led to the discovery of ocean currents, the natural paths of the seas created by God. Maury concluded that if God’s Book said they were there, they must be there! God’s Word is always right...no stretching of the truth!*

Striking evidence of divine inspiration is found in the fact that many of the principles of modern science were recorded as facts of nature in the Bible long before scientist confirmed them experimentally.

Some of these facts of nature found in the Bible would include:

- *Roundness of the Earth (Isaiah 40:22)*
- *Almost infinite extent of the sidereal universe (Isaiah 55:9)*
- *Law of conservation of mass and energy (II Peter 3:7)*
- *Hydrologic cycle (Ecclesiastes 1:7)*
- *Vast number of stars (Jeremiah 33:22)*
- *Law of increasing entropy (Psalm 102:25-27), entropy = the degradation of the matter and energy in the universe to an ultimate state of inert uniformity*
- *Paramount importance of blood in life processes (Leviticus 17:11)*
- *Atmospheric circulation (Ecclesiastes 1:6)*
- *Gravitational field (Job 26:7)*

These are not stated in the technical modern science jargon, of course, but in terms of the basic world of man’s everyday experience; nevertheless, they are completely in accord with the most modern scientific facts.

NOTE: It is significant also that no real mistake has ever been demonstrated in the Bible—in science, in history, or in any other subject. Many have been claimed, of course, but conservative Bible scholars have always been able to work out reasonable solutions to all such problems.

The Bible has been, is, and will always be truth for the world to see and hear. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches,” Revelation 2:29

The Bible is accurate in matters of science, and it is accurate in the matter of salvation.

Believe and Receive--*The Bible tells us that to be saved we must believe in Jesus Christ. "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."* (John 8:24)

Repentance is necessary for salvation: *The Lord said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish."* (Luke 13:3).

Confession is a must: *Jesus spoke of confessing Him before men. "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven (Matthew 10:32-33).*

If the Bible is accurate in matters of science, it is accurate in the matter of salvation. Will you respond to the inspired Word?

