

## **Science as Confirmed by the Bible**

### **“Do You Know?”**

The Bible is an instruction book that teaches all truth. Mark 12:30-31, teaches that God wants us to love Him with all our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength." We do this by obeying God, John 14:15. But one might ask, "How can I know the Bible is true and how can I know science is confirmed by the Bible?" The purpose of this article is to provide building blocks of evidence that will strengthen our faith concerning the Bible and science. Romans 10:17 teaches, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Hebrews 11:1 teaches, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Are you ready to build upon your faith by letting the evidence lead you to answer the question, is science confirmed by the Bible?

The Bible was written by 40 different authors over a time period of four hundred years. This information is impressive, but the truly amazing information is the fact the Bible does not contradict itself even though 40 authors wrote God's word over a time period of four hundred years. Keep this in mind, as our study answers the question, "Can science be confirmed by the Bible?"

### **First Evidence: Scientific Building Block Concerning Physics Confirmed by the Bible**

If you were asked, "Which Bible verse is one of the first verses preschool children learn," what Bible verse would come to mind? Many people would say, Genesis 1:1, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*" This is a very easy verse to memorize, and some consider it to be a "baby" verse because of its simplicity. Moses wrote this verse because he was inspired by God. The first verse in the Bible includes a scientific lesson! This scientific lesson was not "discovered" by man until in 1820 A.D. (in the year of our Lord.) A scientist named Hubert Spencer, "gave the world five scientific principles by which man may study the unknown,"

The five scientific principles Hubert Spencer grouped are: time, force, energy, space, and matter. This is the study of physics. Read Genesis 1:1 and focus upon the scientific lesson: "*In the beginning (time,) God (force,) created (energy,) the heavens (space,) and the earth (matter.)*"

How could Moses have known this scientific information when he wrote about it using such simplicity if it were not discovered by man until the 1800's? Moses wrote it because God inspired (God breathed) Moses to write it.

### **Second Evidence: Scientific Building Block Concerning Oceanography as Confirmed by the Bible**

There are paths in the sea! Humans did not know this information until the 1800's. Scientist Matthew Fontaine Maury, the Father of Oceanography, discovered the paths in the sea. What was so special about this discovery? It was Matthew Maury's faith in the Bible that led him to discover there are paths in the sea! He happened to read Psalm 8:8, which states "there are paths of the sea." Because of his belief that the Bible is true, he made it his goal to research and he discovered paths in the sea. How amazing! Because God provided this scientific evidence in the Bible, ". . . navies and merchant marines have depended upon this knowledge worldwide and have developed charts for all major trade routes."

### **Third Evidence: Scientific Building Block Concerning Earth Science as Confirmed by the Bible**

When a fifth grade teacher announced to her science class that people once believed the earth was flat and rested on a turtle's back, the students laughed out loud and had a hard time understanding how this could have ever been believed. The Bible disclaims this Lenape and Iroquois Indians' Creation Myth. If only the Lenapes and Iroquois people would have turned to God's word concerning this matter, no one would have ever thought the earth was flat and rested on the back of a turtle! God inspired the prophet Job to write, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing," Job 26:7. God inspired the prophet Isaiah to write that the shape of the earth is a circle, Isaiah 40:22. God supplied evidence in the Bible that proved man's imagination concerning the earth being flat and sitting on the back of a turtle to be false. How did Isaiah and Job know these true scientific facts years before man discovered them to be true? The answer is Isaiah and Job were inspired by God.

### **Fourth Evidence: Scientific Building Block Concerning Medical Science Confirmed by the Bible**

Poor George Washington, America's first President! He died on December 14, 1799, of quinsy, an inflammation of the throat. It is recorded that an established medical treatment referred to as blood-letting was a procedure used to help President Washington recover: a procedure that takes blood out of the body. If only the medical doctors at that time would have been familiar with the Bible, blood-letting would have never become a medical practice. Leviticus 17:11, teaches a scientific fact that was not known by man during the days of George Washington. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." In short, they took too much blood from President Washington's body and the result was his death. How did Moses, the author of Leviticus, know that life is in the blood when man did not discover this scientific fact until scientist William Harvey in the early 1600's discovered circulation of the blood and that life is maintained by the blood? The answer is God inspired Moses and he wrote what God told him to write!

**In conclusion:** God has provided strong evidence within His word that the Bible is true. There is no way any of the "scientific building blocks" of evidence mentioned above could have been known by the authors of the Bible. Why? That knowledge was not known among men during the time when the authors of the Bible wrote their work. The evidence can lead us to know without a doubt that science is confirmed by the Bible.

God's inspired word is a set of sixty-six books written for man to read, study, and obey. Would it be possible to provide deeper, more difficult arguments supporting the fact God's word is inspired and can be confirmed by science? Yes, but the purpose of this article is to focus upon the simplicity of God's word concerning this topic.

According to God's word, anyone can see God through God's creation. Psalm 19:1 teaches, "the heavens declare the glory of God; the skies declare the work of His hands." Romans 1:18-22 teaches that man can clearly see God's invisible attributes through what God created. God, through the Bible, has given man everything he needs to know concerning God's power, His glory, and the fact we can know with assurity that His word, the Bible, is true.

On November 26th we had a corresponding lesson on this topic. Check our website for sermon titled "When Science and the Bible Intersect (2 Timothy 3:12-17)" from the AM service and "The Great Physician (Mark 2.1-12)" from the PM service. Also, you can find our worship services on our Facebook page.