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What Does God's Word Say About...

Scientific Foreknowledge of the Bible

Many scientific facts which prove the infallibility of Scripture, are found throughout the pages of the Bible. These proofs are given in nonscientific language; never the less they substantiate the claims of authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. These truths have lain hidden for approximately 3,500 years or more, only to be discovered by man's enterprise within the last few centuries or even years. From anthropology to zoology, the Bible presents astonishingly accurate scientific information that the writers, on their own, simply could not have known.

From the field of oceanography Solomon, long ago, wrote, "All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again" (Ecl. 1:7). This is proof of the scientific term "the hydrologic cycle." This verse, considered by itself, may not seem profound at first glance. For example, the Mississippi River, when moving at normal speed, dumps approximately 6,052,500 gallons of water per second into the Gulf of Mexico. And that is just one river! Where does all that water go? Ecclesiastes 11:3a states that, "If the clouds are full, they pour out rain upon the earth." Amos 9:6b tells us that, "He who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out onto the face of the earth, the Lord is His name." The idea of a complete water cycle was not fully understood or accepted until the 16th and 17th centuries. Matthew Maury (1806-1873) was once confined to his bed during a lengthy illness. He asked his daughter to read from the Bible. She read from Psalm 8:8, "Whatever passes through the paths of the seas..." Upon hearing this verse Maury decided to find the "paths of the seas." Indeed, he found just that! He was the first to recognize that the seas were circulating actions between wind and water. His book on physical oceanography is still considered a basic text on this subject. How did the psalmist know about the paths of the seas? From inspiration given by the Creator of this universe!

Atmospheric circulation is defined in Ecclesiastes 1:6. "Blowing toward the south, then turning toward the north, the wind continues swirling along; and on its circular courses the wind returns."

From the field of physics Moses stated: "And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their hosts" (Gen. 2:1). This is an interesting statement, because Moses chose the equivalent in the Hebrew language of the English past tense for the verb "finished," indicating an action completed in the past, as opposed as one continuing into the future. That is exactly what the First Law of Thermodynamics states. This law states that neither matter nor energy can be created or destroyed. In three places in the Bible (Heb. 1:11; Isa. 51:6; Psm. 102:26) the indication is given that the Earth, like an old shirt, is wearing out. This, of course, is exactly what the Second Law of Thermodynamics states. This law states that things become more disorderly, more random, more unstructured the older the Earth becomes. Paul addresses this law in Romans 8:19-22. We did not discover the two Laws of Thermodynamics until recently, yet the Bible writers portrayed them accurately thousands of years ago.

Through the inspiration of God's word, men wrote thousands of years ago that the earth is round. "When He established the heavens, I was there, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep..." He stretches out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing...He sits above the circle of the earth" (Proverbs 8:27; Job 26:7; Isa. 40:22). How did these books written thousands of years ago understand these scientific facts? Through the inspiration of God!

From the field of medicine Moses told the Israelites that "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11-14). Moses was scientifically correct because the red blood cells carry oxygen and make life possible. We understand this today, but as recent as the time of George Washington (whose doctors bled him to death) this was not fully understood. In Genesis 17:12, God commanded Abraham to circumcise new born baby boys on the eighth day. But why day eight? Vitamin K and the resulting prothrombin are necessary for proper blood clotting. Not until the 5th through the 7th days of a newborn's life does Vitamin K begin to be produced. And only on the 8th day is the level of prothrombin above 100% of normal. A mere coincidence?

The Bible claims to be the inspired word of God, therefore, it should be accurate in whatever subject(s) it discusses. God is the Creator of all things and therefore knows all things. The factual accuracy of the Bible confirms that it is inspired!

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