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Scientific Facts in the Bible

1. Only in recent years has science discovered that everything we see is composed of invisible atoms. Here, Scripture tells us that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

2. Medical science has only recently discovered that blood clotting in a newborn reaches its peak on the eighth day, then drops. The Bible consistently says that a baby must be circumcised on the eighth day.

3. At a time when it was believed that the earth sat on a large animal or a giant (1500 B.C.), the Bible spoke of the earth's free float in space: "He...hangs the earth upon nothing"(Job 26:7).

4. The prophet Isaiah also tells us that the earth is round: It is he that sits upon the circle of the earth (Isaiah 40:22). This is not a reference to a flat disc, as some skeptics maintain, but to a sphere. Secular man discovered this 2,400 years later. At a time when science believed that the earth was flat, it was the Scriptures that inspired Christopher Columbus to sail around the world.

5. God told Job in 1500 B.C.: can you send lightnings, that they may go, and say to you, Here we are? (Job 38:35). The Bible here is making what appears to be a scientifically ludicrous statement that light can be *sent*, and then manifest itself in speech. But did you know that radio waves travel at the speed of light? This is why you can have *instantaneous* wireless communication with someone on the other side of the earth. Science didn't discover this until 1864 when British scientist James Clerk Maxwell suggested that electricity and light waves were two forms of the same thing (*Modern Century Illustrated Encyclopedia*).

6. Job 38:19 asks, Where is the way where light dwells? Modern man has only recently discovered that light (electromagnetic radiation) has a way, traveling at 186,000 miles per second.

7. Science has discovered that stars emit radio waves, which are received on earth as a high pitch. God mentioned this in Job 38:7: When the morning stars sang together

8. Most cosmologists (scientists who study the structures and evolution of the universe) agree that the Genesis account of creation, in imagining an initial void, may be uncannily close to the truth (*Time*, Dec. 1976).

9. Solomon described a cycle of air currents two thousand years before scientists discovered them. The wind goes toward the south, and turns about unto the north; it whirls about continually, and the wind returns again according to his circuits (Ecclesiastes 1:6).

10. Science expresses the universe in five terms: time, space, matter, power, and motion. Genesis 1:1, 2 revealed such truths to the Hebrews in 1450 B.C.: In the beginning [*time*] God created [*power*] the heaven [*space*] and the earth [*matter*] ... And the Spirit of God moved [*motion*] upon the face of the waters. The first thing God tells man is that He controls all aspects of the universe.

11. The great biological truth concerning the importance of blood in our body's mechanism has been fully comprehended only in recent years. Up until 120 years ago, sick people were bled, and many died because of the practice. If you lose your blood, you lose your life. Yet Leviticus 17:11, written 3000 years ago, declared that blood is the source of life: For the life of the flesh is in the blood.

12. All things were made by Him (see John 1:3), including dinosaurs. Why then did the dinosaurs disappear? The answer may be in Job 40:15-24. In this passage, God speaks about a great creature called behemoth. Some commentators think this was a hippopotamus. However, the hippo's tail isn't like a large tree, but a small twig. Following are the characteristics of this huge animal: It was the largest of all the creatures God made; was plant-eating (herbivorous); had its strength in its hips and a tail like a large tree. It had very strong bones, lived among the trees, drank massive amounts of water, and was not disturbed by a raging river. He appears impervious to attack because his nose could pierce through snares, but Scripture says, He that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. In other words, God caused this, the largest of all the creatures He had made, to become extinct.

13. *Encyclopedia Britannica* documents that in 1845, a young doctor in Vienna named Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis was horrified at the terrible death rate of women who gave birth in hospitals. As many as 30 percent died after giving birth. Semmelweis noted that doctors would examine the bodies of patients who died, then, without washing their hands, go straight to the next ward and examine expectant mothers. This was their normal practice, because the presence of microscopic diseases was unknown. Semmelweis insisted that doctors wash their hands before examinations, and the death rate immediately dropped to 2 percent.

Look at the specific instructions God gave His people for when they encountered disease: "And when he that has an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his

clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean" (Leviticus 15:13). Until recent years, doctors washed their hands in a bowl of water, leaving invisible germs on their hands. However, the Bible says specifically to wash hands under running water.

14. Luke 17:34-36 says the second coming of Jesus Christ will occur while some are asleep at night and others are working at daytime activities in the field. This is a clear indication of a revolving earth, with day and night at the same time.

15. During the devastating Black Death of the fourteenth century, patients who were sick or dead were kept in the same rooms as the rest of the family. People often wondered why the disease was affecting so many people at one time. They attributed these epidemics to bad air or evil spirits. However, careful attention to the medical commands of God as revealed in Leviticus would have saved untold millions of lives. Arturo Castiglione wrote about the overwhelming importance of this biblical medical law: The law against leprosy in Leviticus 13 may be regarded as the first model of sanitary legislation (*A History of Medicine*). Grant R. Jeffery, *The Signature of God*

With all these truths revealed in Scripture, how could a thinking person deny that the Bible is supernatural in origin? There is no other book in any of the world's religions (Vedas, Bhagavad-Gita, Koran, Book of Mormon, etc.) that contains scientific truth. In fact, they contain statements that are clearly unscientific. *Hank Hanegraaff* said, "Faith in Christ is not some blind leap into a dark chasm, but a faith based on established evidence."

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THE BIBLE (2,000-3,000 years ago)	SCIENCE THEN	SCIENCE NOW
The earth is a sphere (Isaiah 40:22).	The earth was a flat disk.	The earth is a sphere.
Innumerable stars (Jeremiah 33:22).	Only 1,100 stars.	Innumerable stars.
Free float of earth in space (Job 26:7).	Earth sat on a large animal.	Free float of earth in space.
Creation made of invisible elements (Hebrews 11:3).	Science was ignorant on the subject.	Creation made of invisible elements (atoms).
Each star is different (1 Corinthians 15:41).	All stars were the same.	Each star is different.
Light moves (Job 38:19, 20).	Light was fixed in place.	Light moves.
Air has weight (Job 28:25).	Air is weightless.	Air has weight.
Winds blow in cyclones (Ecclesiastes 1:6).	Winds blew straight.	Winds blow in cyclones.
Blood is the source of life and health (Leviticus 17:11).	Sick people must be bled.	Blood is the source of life and health.
Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains (2 Samuel 22:16; Jonah 2:6).	The ocean floor was flat.	Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains.
Ocean contains springs (Job 38:16).	Ocean fed only by rivers and rain.	Ocean contains springs.
When dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water (Leviticus 15:13).	Hands washed in still water.	When dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water.

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Nonbelievers often assert that science has demonstrated the Bible to be outdated. Modern discoveries have (so the arguments go) made laughable the biblical world view. This assertion makes several erroneous assumptions and ignores the perspective of the Bible.

The Bible is not a text book on science. Its purpose is not to explain in technical terms the technical data of the natural world, but to explain God's purpose and relation to man, to deal with spiritual things. It is definitely not a technical textbook for scientists.

The descriptions which the Bible gives concerning nature are neither scientific nor unscientific, but phrased by words that are non-technical and often general, so that even the common reader can follow the thought. This does not at all mean the statements are incorrect; it means that they were written from the viewpoint and in the language of a non-technical observer for readers in general.

Although the Bible was written during a time when many fanciful ideas about the world were prevalent, it shows itself unique in its views of creation, nature and God. The crude polytheistic account of the Babylonians about the creation of the world is in direct conflict with the sublime record found in the Book of Genesis (cf. the similarities and yet the striking differences that show the superiority of the biblical account in *Archaeology and the Old Testament*, Merril Unger, Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1954, pp. 26-38).

The prevailing belief of the nations of antiquity is polytheistic, a belief diametrically opposed to the monotheism of the Bible, the only monotheism in ancient times. The Bible cannot be adequately explained simply as a product of its own environment.

The statements in the Bible concerning scientific matters are on a different level from the other literature of its time. The Scriptures entertain no fanciful ideas of science and of the natural world, but even the learned Greek

philosophers had ridiculous notions about light, creation and astronomy.

The Vedas, which are the Hindu Scriptures, teach that "the moon is approximately 150,000 miles higher than the sun and shines with its own light, that the earth is flat and triangular, and that earthquakes are caused by elephants shaking themselves under it!"

It was Ptolemy who suggested that the earth was flat. We read statements such as these and laugh, but there are no absurd statements in the Bible similar to these.

Science and the Scriptures do not cancel each other out. They simply look at the world from different perspectives, but are not finally contradictory.

It makes sense to believe that if the same God created the natural order and also has communicated with men through the Bible, and if He is competent, He would seek to have this twofold witness to Himself *enhance* His cause and not *embarrass* and *discredit* it.

One interesting part to note is that the very origin of modern science rests upon the truth of the Scripture. The fact that there is a God who created and designed an ordered universe prompted men like Newton to search for certain scientific laws to explain this order. So rather than science eroding the foundation of biblical authority, it must find its roots there.

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BIBLICAL ARGUMENTS

Genesis Text

	Argument
1. 1:7	Water above the atmosphere must have been global in extent.
2. 2:5	No rain upon the earth must have been worldwide condition.
3. 2:6	Earth mist watered the whole face of the ground.
4. 2:10-14	Edenic geography no longer in existence.
5. 4:22	High civilization at dawn of history not continuous with present world.
6. 5:5, etc.	Longevity of antediluvian patriarchs indicates distinctive biosphere.
7. 6:1	Man had multiplied on the face of the earth.
9. 6:5	Universal evil inexplicable in post-diluvian society
10. 6:6, 7	Repentance of God extended to the whole animal creation.
11. 6:11	Earth was filled with violence and corruption before God.
12. 6:12	All flesh was corrupted (possibly including animals).
13. 6:13	God decided to destroy both man and the earth.
14. 6:15	Ark too large for regional fauna.
15. 6:17	Everything with the breath of life to die.
16. 6:19	Purpose of ark was to keep two of every sort alive.
17. 6:20	Animals of all kinds migrated to the ark.
18. 6:21	All kinds of edible food taken on the ark.
19. 7:4	Every living substance on the ground to be destroyed.
20. 7:10	“The flood” (Hebrew <i>mabbul</i>) applies solely to noah’s flood.
21. 7:11	All the fountains of the great deep cleaved open in one day.
22. 7:11	The “sluiceways from the floodgates” of heaven were opened.
23. 7:12	Rain poured continuously for forty days and forty nights.
24. 7:18	The waters prevailed and increased greatly.
25. 7:19	High hills under the whole heaven were covered.
26. 7:20	Waters fifteen cubits above highest mountains.
27. 7:21	Every man died on the earth.
28. 7:22	All flesh with the breath of life in the dry land died.
29. 7:23	Every living substance destroyed off the face of the ground.
30. 7:24	Waters at maximum height for five months.
31. 8:2	Fountains of the deep open for five months.
32. 8:2	Windows of heaven open for five months.
33. 8:4	Ark floated over 17,000 ft. mountains for five months.
34. 8:5	Water receded 2 ½ months before mountain tops seen.
35. 8:9	Dove found no suitable ground even after four months of recession.
36. 8:11	Plants began budding after nine months of the flood.
37. 8:14	Occupants were in the ark over a year.
38. 8:19	All kinds of present non-marine animals came from the ark.
39. 8:21	God smote all things living only once.
40. 8:22	Present uniformity of nature dates from the end of the flood.
41. 9:1	Earth was to filled with descendants of Noah.
42. 9:2	Changed relation between man and animals followed the flood.
43. 9:3	Man permitted animal food after flood.
44. 9:6	Institution of human government dates from flood.
45. 9:10	God’s covenant made with every living creature.
46. 9:11	The flood promised by God never to come again on the earth.
47. 9:13	Rainbow placed in sky after the flood.
48. 9:19	Whole earth overspread of the sons of Noah.
49. 11:1	Whole earth of one language after the flood.
50. 11:9	All men lived in one place after the flood.

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NON-BIBLICAL ARGUMENTS

1. Worldwide distribution of flood traditions.
2. Origin of civilization near Ararat-Babylon region in post-flood time.
3. Convergence of population growth statistics on date of flood.
4. Dating of oldest living things at post-flood time.
5. Worldwide occurrence of water-laid sediments and sedimentary rocks.
6. Recent uplift of major mountain ranges.
7. Marine fossils on crests of mountains.
8. Evidence of former worldwide warm climate.
9. Necessity of catastrophic burial and rapid lithification of fossil deposits.
10. Recent origin of many datable geological processes.
11. Worldwide distribution of all types of fossils.
12. Uniform physical appearance of rocks from different “ages”.
13. Frequent mixing of fossils from different “ages”.
14. Near-random deposition of formational sequences.
15. Equivalence of total organic material in present world and fossil world.
16. Wide distribution of recent volcanic rocks.
17. Evidence of recent water bodies in present desert areas.
18. Worldwide occurrence of raised shore lines and river terraces.
19. Evidence of recent drastic rise in sea level.
20. Universal occurrence of rivers in valleys too large for the present stream.
21. Sudden extinction of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals.
22. Rapid onset of glacial period.
23. Existence of polystrate fossils.
24. Preservation of tracks and other ephemeral markings throughout geologic column.
25. Worldwide occurrence of sedimentary fossil “graveyards” in rocks of all “ages”.
26. Absence of any physical evidence of chronological boundary between rocks of successive “ages”.
27. Occurrence of all rock types (shale, limestone, granite, etc.) in all “ages”.
28. Parallel of supposed evolutionary sequence through different “ages” with modern ecological zonation in the one present age.
29. Lack of correlation of most radiometric “ages” with assumed paleontologic “ages”.
30. Absence of meteorites in geologic column.
31. Absence of hail imprints in geologic column, despite abundance of fossil ripple-marks and raindrop imprints.
32. Evidence of man’s existence during earliest of geologic “ages” (e.g., human footprints in Cambrian, Carboniferous, and Cretaceous formations).

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