

Science and Scripture: The Evidence Grows Stronger

If the universe and everything in it really were designed by some entity, that entity would have to possess extremely advanced scientific knowledge. In fact, that entity would need to have a far greater understanding of scientific principles than we do.

Despite all of the incredible technology that we have developed, a single human cell is far more complex than anything that we have ever created. It is just within that past several decades that we have begun to understand the sheer complexity of life on this planet.

The Bible says that a God that loves us far more than we can possibly imagine created us and everything that we see. That is actually really good news. Can you imagine what our world would be like if it had been created by some incredibly evil entity? The God of the Bible is a God of goodness, He is a God of order and He is a God of science.

And in recent years science and the Bible have been confirming one another again and again.

Of course the Bible is not a science textbook. It is a love letter to humanity that tells the entire story of the human race from the very beginning to the very end. But when the Bible speaks on matters of science, it is accurate.

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For example, the Bible tells us that our universe is filled with vast numbers of stars. In fact, it compares the number of stars to the number of sand grains along the shore. This is what Genesis 22:17 says:

“That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.”

In ancient times, humans could see that there were thousands of stars in the sky, but they had no idea how vast the universe really is. Today, it is estimated that there are 200 billion trillion stars in the universe.

Put another way, there are approximately 200 sextillion stars in existence. That is a lot of stars!

Interestingly, it has also been estimated that there are approximately 7.5 sextillion grains of sand on our planet.

So if you are going to compare the number of stars in the universe to something on Earth, sand would be perhaps the closest thing.

The Bible also tells us that every star is different. The is what 1 Corinthians 15:41 says:

“There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.”

In ancient times, humans had no idea that each star is very unique. To the naked eye, they pretty much all look the same. But now we know better.

In Job 26:7, we are told that the Earth does not rest on anything:

“He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.”

Throughout history, various civilizations have come up with all sorts of bizarre theories about our planet.

For example, there is one ancient myth about the Earth resting on the back of a giant sea turtle. Needless to say, that is not true.

Today, we know that the Earth is not sitting or resting on anything, and that is what the Bible said all along.

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Let me switch gears and discuss the hydrologic cycle for a little bit.

There are several places in the Bible where we see accurate descriptions of the hydrologic cycle. For instance, Amos 9:6 tells us that God “calleteth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth”.

That is pretty remarkable, but that isn't the only example:

–“He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.” (Psalm 135:7)

–“When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.” (Jeremiah 10:13)

–“For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly. Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?” (Job 36:27-29)

How is it possible that these passages express an advanced knowledge of the hydrologic cycle when they were written at a time when humanity had no idea how it really worked?

Amazingly, we even see knowledge of the second law of thermodynamics in the Bible.

According to the second law of thermodynamics, the universe and everything in it is continually moving toward a state of entropy. In other words, the universe and everything in it are wearing out over time.

The Bible is in full agreement with this.

Psalm 102:25-26 tells us the following"

"Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed."

And this is what Hebrews 1:10-12 says:

"And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

The Bible also demonstrates advanced knowledge of human biology.

In Genesis chapter 17, God instructed Abraham that every male child "who is eight days old among you" was to be circumcised.

So why would God specifically choose the eighth day? Not having enough vitamin K is the primary cause of vitamin deficiency bleeding, and prior to the eighth day newborns simply do not yet possess sufficient quantities of Vitamin K.

In addition, it turns out that the coagulating factor in the blood, prothrombin, is the highest that it will ever be in the

entire life of a male on the eighth day. So the eighth day is literally the perfect day to circumcise a male child.

Another example is found in Leviticus chapter 17.

In Leviticus 17:11, we are told that “the life of the flesh is in the blood”, and that is so true. Oxygen, water and everything else that our cells need to function is carried through our blood. Without our blood, there is no life.

At the time of the American Revolution, sick people were still being “bled” in order to cure them of various diseases. It was a barbaric practice, and it was a very foolish thing to do. If they just read their Bibles, doctors at that time would have understood that the life of the flesh is in the blood.

Leviticus chapter 17 also instructs us not to eat blood. For centuries, we did not understand why this is important. But now we know that blood can carry various pathogens.

In addition, the Bible instructs us not to eat pork, shellfish and other creatures that can make us very, very sick. Of course most people continue to eat such creatures today even though science has confirmed the dangers of eating them.

In particular, I don’t understand why so many people still eat so much pork. Study after study has shown that eating pork is a highway to heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Before I end this discussion, there is one more thing that I wanted to mention. In the Book of Leviticus, there are more than a dozen references to the benefits of bathing in water. For most of human history, this was not well understood. In fact, as late as the Middle Ages common people did not bathe often, and there are many that believe that this greatly contributed to the spread of the bubonic plague throughout Europe.

It wasn’t until the 1860s that French chemist Louis Pasteur

developed modern germ theory. Now we understand the importance of washing our hands under running water and regularly taking baths or showers.

What I have covered here is just the tip of the iceberg, but hopefully it gives you some idea of how science and the Bible have been confirming one another through the years.

The God who created all things knows exactly what He is doing, and He wants to have a relationship with you.

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