Science Proves the Bible

The Bible begins with these words: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” There are many people in the world who do not believe that statement. Some say God does not exist, and therefore, the Bible cannot be His Word. Sometimes we are led to believe that all true scientists do not believe in God, or the Bible. However, this is not correct. True science is not opposed to the Bible. In fact, science, properly applied and understood, proves the Bible to be inspired. The Bible is not a science book. However, whenever it makes a statement relating to a scientific principle or fact, it is completely accurate.

Let us notice some examples of the harmony between science and the Bible. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1) This was written by Moses through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit about 1500 B.C. In 1820 A.D. a man named Hubert Spencer gave the world five scientific principles by which man may study the unknown. They are time, force, energy, space, and matter. However, Moses, by inspiration, gave us those scientific principles in Genesis 1:1. “In the beginning”—time; “God”—force; “created”—energy; “the heavens”—space; “and the earth”—matter. All of Spencer’s scientific principles are right there in Genesis 1:1.

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! Another example of how science and the Bible agree relates to the blood in our bodies. Man now knows that blood is necessary for survival. If our bodies lose too much blood, we will die. However, man did not discover this principle until the 19th century. Before that time, blood-letting was practiced, and many died because draining blood from their bodies drained the very source of life. George Washington, the first President of the United States, is said to have died in this way.

Moses, again writing by inspiration hundreds of years ago, told us something man did not know until much later. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life” (Leviticus 17:11). How could Moses have known about the life-giving qualities of blood unless God had revealed it to him?

In the book of Job, the inspired writer in one verse reveals two scientific principles not known to man until much later. “He stretcheth out the north over empty space, And hangeth the earth upon nothing” (Job 26:7). There is a place in the North where no stars exist, which cannot be seen with the naked eye. How did the writer of Job know this? Also, the same verse declares that God hangs the earth on nothing. We know this is true, but we have only known it for about 350 years. God’s inspired writer told us over 3,000 years ago that the earth is held in place by gravitational forces!

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, Whatcheover passeth 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! He was right.

The Bible is not a geography book or an archaeology book. However, whenever the Bible makes a statement relating to these sciences, it is completely accurate. Notice the Lord’s statement for example, in Luke 10:30. “Jesus made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.” Now, Jericho is northeast of Jerusalem, and normally we do not speak of going down when we refer to going north. We generally speak of going down south and up north, don’t we? Why did the Lord say the man went down from Jerusalem? It is because Jerusalem is some 2,500 feet (762 meters) above sea level. When one leaves Jerusalem in Palestine he goes down to go anywhere in the area. Therefore, our Lord’s statement is completely accurate, and is recorded accurately by inspiration. No, the Bible is not a geography book, but it is geographically accurate in every instance.

Many archaeologists have explored the land of Palestine. Has any one of those scientists ever discovered anything which disproves the Bible? No. Many archaeological discoveries have confirmed the Biblical record. However, none has ever contradicted the Word of God. This ought to be very reassuring to those of us who believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God. At the same time, it ought to convince the skeptic, the agnostic, and the atheist, that this Book is God’s Book. Therefore, not only does God exist, but He has revealed His Will to man.

Many other examples of the harmony between science and the Bible could be given. However, the ones we have examined are sufficient to show that the Bible is God’s Book. As the apostle Paul declared, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, KJV).

The Bible is accurate in matters of science, and it is accurate in the matter of salvation. 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) However, the same Lord said, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish.” (Luke 13:3). Jesus also 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). And Jesus declared, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16). It is then that the Lord Himself adds us to the church of the New Testament, the one body of believers. If the Bible is accurate in matters of science, it is accurate in the matter of salvation. Will you respond to the inspired Word?