

The Bible: Science Fact or Fiction?
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Sunday AM

Scripture: John 17:17, Proverbs 2:1-6

Introduction

- Last week we discussed **The Great Divide: Believers and Rejecters.**
- Either a person believes in Jesus Christ and entrusts their life into His hands, or they reject Him.
- Salvation should not be clouded by uncertainty or fear.
- We should be able to look at our own lives and know whether or not we have Believed or Rejected.
- This morning we are going to look at **The Bible: Science Fact or Fiction?**
- Science is the ruling authority almost in our world today.
- If something cannot be proven or disproven by science, then it is of no use to the world.
- Science and Faith are in a battle and have been for ages.
- The Bible is seen as “anti-science” and many regard its contents as fiction.
- We will let the Bible speak for itself.

John 17:17

¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

- Here Jesus is praying for His disciples.
- We see that He is asking God to sanctify them by the truth, which He says is the Word of God.
- The Bible is God’s word spoken to us as **2 Timothy 3:16-17** says, “¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- In **John 17:17**, Jesus made it clear that God’s “word is truth.”
- We could stop right here and answer the question for this morning that God’s Word is Fact, not fiction.
- However, the scientific community does not accept that the Bible is fact, especially when it comes to matters of science.
- See supernatural occurrences like healings and other miracles cannot be proven scientifically, so they are disregarded by the scientific community.
- They cannot accept the Genesis account of creation by God’s spoken words because it is not something they can recreate or observe under a microscope.
- This morning, I hope we can establish that the Bible is a treasure trove of information from matters of history, science, and everything else that is significant in this world.

Proverbs 2:1-6

¹My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ²turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, ³and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

- We see in this passage that God is admonishing Solomon to accept his words and “store up” His commands.
- Some translations say “treasure” instead of “store up” because God is asking that we hid his Words inside us
- V. 4 equates the treasures and wisdom in God’s Word with people searching for hidden treasure.
- V. 6 makes it clear that the Lord gives wisdom, and “from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”
- If the Bible is “God-breathed” and it is His Word to us, then it is filled with knowledge and understanding!
- The Bible is not just a good book full of the historical account of the Jewish people or just a book full of inspirational material that can be selectively adhered to.
- Actually the Bible is full of scientific facts that were not known by the scientist until many many years later.

Science and the Bible

- 1. The Bible and Earth's Free-float in Space:** In **Job 26:7** it says, "He spreads out the northern [skies] over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing." Up until about 1650 it was thought by many that the earth was held up by a large animal. Some Native-American tribes thought it was on the back of a large turtle. Here the Bible got science right, well before science could prove it.
 - 2. The Scriptures Speak of an Invisible Structure:** In **Hebrews 11:3** it says, "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." What the author of Hebrews is referring to is what science calls "atoms." Everything is made up of tiny atoms that are invisible to the naked eye.
 - 3. The Bible Reveals that the Earth is Round:** In **Isaiah 40:22** it says, "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in." Isiah wrote these words hundreds of years before anyone like Aristotle even suggested the earth was a sphere. It would be another 2000 years before Christopher Columbus sailed around the world, and at that time, it was still believed that the earth was flat in 1492.
- These are only a few examples of scientific facts that the Bible got right, long before the scientists.
 - Again, the Bible is not simply useful for inspirational stories and quotable verses, it is useful for every aspect of your life.
 - The more that you dive into God's Word, the more you will uncover the treasure that it is within it.
 - Of course, the Bible continues to come under scrutiny from the Scientist and others in the world, they even dismiss the verses we just read.
 - However, facts are facts and as Jesus said Himself, God's Word "is truth."
 - Throughout the Bible it teaches us that we are made up of a physical body and a supernatural spirit.
 - This is something that the scientific community still cannot understand, yet it is something that they have to almost submit to.
 - They have been forced to come to the realization that the human body does not have life simply because all of the parts are working.
 - Even when they repair the parts, still the person dies. The Bible has taught this for centuries.

CHALLENGE

Take a tract off of the table in the foyer and give it to someone this week. Be a doer of the word, not just a hearer.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

The Transmission of the Bible from God's mouth to our hands.

Do a little research this week about the process it took to get the Bible into our hands today.

Why only 39 books for the OT and 27 books for the NT?

Why does all of this matter to us today?