

BIBLE AND SCIENCE

PART 6 IN A SERIES ON HOW TO KNOW THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

~ Romans 11:33

1. Introduction

- a. A needed lesson in the series on inspiration (God used men to write words he intended)
- b. Warning: science is not referenced as a final authority or arbiter of inspiration – Rom 3:4
- c. Science changes, is fallible, limited, incapable, and often manipulated into a lie -1Ti 6:20
- d. Science cannot tell us if the Bible is inspired – but God would be expected to know nature
- e. The treasures of wisdom (philosophy) and knowledge (science) are hid in Christ – Col 2:3-9
- f. The Bible continually corresponds with what we observe, archive, and learn
- g. The Bible contains knowledge and wisdom from the past that could only come from God

2. Natural Science – John 1:3, Heb 11:3

- a. The Bible contains knowledge of future observation (scientific prophecy?)
- b. Divine universal immutable power required for scientific "laws" –Heb 1:3,4:3,11:3, Ps 102:26
- c. The uniqueness and beginning of earth points to divine inspiration – Gen 1:1
- d. The stars cannot be counted – Jer 33:22, Jer 31:37 (Israel's future rests on it)
- e. The wind/water cycle described here - Ecc 1:6-7; hydrologic cycle in Job 36:27-29
- f. The Bible casually mentions knowledge - paths of the seas – Ps 8:8; electricity – Job 38:38
- g. Medical science – knowledge of bacteria (unclean) – Lev 15; biohazard disposal – Deu 23:12-14, quarantining disease – Lev 13 – covering your mouth "unclean, unclean!" – Num 5:2-4; the dead are unclean; water sanitation – Lev 11:34-36; sexual disease/incest –Lev 18
- h. Unknown science declared in Job 38, Ecc 11:5, spiritual things, angels, OOPs, dragons

3. Technology/Invention – Prov 8:12

- a. Technology taken from nature. Biomimicry (i.e. copying God's creation)
- b. Velcro from burs, grips from geckos, turbine fins from whales, bullet train and kingfisher, displays and butterflies, drone rotors from maple seeds, robot legs from goats, software from bees, building construction cooling from termite hills

4. Historical Discovery – Ps 119:160

- a. Archaeology – Machpelah, Pilate, Hezekiah's tunnel, Sargon's palace Isa 20:1, Solomon, Corinth, captivity of Israel, vineyard of Naboth, tower of Babel, donkey dung
- b. Pool of Bethesda – John 5:1-9 has been discovered! Always believed by inspiration.

5. Social Science – Col 2:3

- a. Monotheism, Trinity (Godhead) – against all idolatries in Israel and the world.
- b. Sin (the problem of evil) – what collection of men would write with such accuracy
- c. Cure for evil (grace) – what man could invent a solution not from man but God in Christ
- d. Law/justice/righteousness/marriage/choices – Gal 3:28, Rom 7:12, Eph 5:31,
- e. The Bible is an embarrassment to the "wisdom" of the world – Rom 1:22, 28