

The Seven Wonders of the Bible - Part 4

Scientific Consistency

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Introduction: The Epoch Times, September 26, 2022 - Atheist Oncologist Returns to Faith While Treating Cancer Patients: Science Proves the Existence of Higher Power

Dr. Stephen Iacoboni (YAKABONI), oncologist, co-founder of St. Mary's Regional Cancer Center in Walla Walla Washington

Iacoboni while practicing his fellowship in MD Anderson Hospital at Texas, formed his atheistic worldview based on science and logic.

“I belonged at Anderson—philosophically, I mean. As a young, atheist intellectual, fresh out of med school and full of hubris, I chose oncology because I wanted to prove that science and logic could triumph over anything—even cancer.”

“TELOS: The Scientific Basis for a Life of Purpose” published in 2022, he writes “I want you to believe in a supreme designer and understand that there’s a greater purpose that permeates life, and that you need to get in touch with Him if you want to have a life worth living.”

Scientific Facts in the Bible - By Ray Comfort

1. THE EARTH IS ROUND

It was the Greek Philosophers Eratosthenes, Aristotle, and Pythagoras who first concluded the earth was round, though it once was commonly believed

the earth was flat. They all wrote about this theory as early as 500 BC. However, many years earlier, the Bible has already revealed about this truth. Because the book of Isaiah was written between 740 and 680 BC.

Isaiah 40:22 "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth."

The Bible informs us that the earth is round. It was the Scriptures that inspired **Christopher Columbus to sail around the world. He wrote:** "It was the Lord who put it into my mind... There is no question the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit because He comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures..." (from his diary, in reference to his discovery of "the New World").

2. EARTH'S FREE FLOAT IN SPACE

Job 26:7 (written 3,500 years ago): "He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing."

Nicolaus Copernicus in 15th century discovered that the earth hangs in space, and that the sun and not earth is the center of the solar system. The Bible proclaims that the earth freely floats in space. Some in ancient times thought that the earth sat on a large animal. We now know that the earth has a free float in space.

3. FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

Genesis 2:1 (after creation): *“Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.”*

The Hebrew word used here is the past definite tense for the verb “finished,” indicating an action completed in the past, never again to occur. The creation was “finished”—once and for all. That is exactly what the First Law of Thermodynamics says.

This law (also referred to as the Law of the Conservation of Energy and/or Mass) states that neither matter nor energy can be either created or destroyed. There is no “creation” ongoing today. It is “finished” exactly as the Bible states.

NASA Discovery Proves The Bible Scientifically Accurate, Says Author Paul Hutchins

In 2004 astronomers using NASA's, Spitzer Space Telescope, probed the dusty disks that surround young stars to look for the earliest signs of the formation of planetary systems. What they discovered coincides with the Bible's description of Earth's formation.

"For generations the statement at Genesis 1:2 'Now the earth proved to be formless and waste,' has made no logical sense to Bible scholars or scientist until now."

According to data scientist gathered from a proto-planetary disc surrounding the star system CoKu Tau 4 in the Taurus constellation, planets like Earth form in darkness from leftover waste and debris from their central star, coinciding with Genesis description of earth being formless and waste in its early stages of development.

4. SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

Psalm 102:25,26: "Of old You founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. Even they will perish, but You endure; and all of them will wear out like a garment."

The Bible tells us that the earth is *wearing out* like a garment. This is what the Second Law of Thermodynamics (the Law of Increasing Entropy) states: that in all physical processes, every ordered system over time tends to become more disordered.

Everything is running down and wearing out as energy is becoming less and less available for use. That means the universe will eventually "wear out" — something that wasn't discovered by science until fairly recently.

Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955), founder of modern physics (Theory of Relativity inter alia) and 1921 Nobel prize: "Everyone who is seriously committed to the cultivation of science becomes convinced that in all the laws of the universe is manifest a spirit vastly superior to man, and to which we with our powers must feel humble."

5. THE HYDROLOGIC CYCLE

Amos 9:6 "He...calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth..."

The Mississippi River dumps over six million gallons of water *per second* into the Gulf of Mexico. Where does all that water go? That's just one of thousands of rivers. The answer lies in the hydrologic cycle—something not fully understood until the 18th century, but so well brought out in the Bible. The large scale hydrological cycle, evaporation, condensation, and precipitation, was properly determined by John Dalton in about 1800.

Ecclesiastes 1:7 "All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again"

Psalm 135:7 tells us, "He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain."

Ecclesiastes 11:3 states that “if the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth.”

6. THE SCIENCE OF OCEANOGRAPHY

Psalm 8:8: “...and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.”

The sea is just a huge mass of water; how could it have “paths”? Man discovered the existence of ocean currents in the 1850s, but the Bible declared the science of oceanography 2,800 years ago.

Matthew Maury (1806–1873), considered the father of oceanography, noticed the expression “paths of the sea” in Psalm 8. Maury took God at His word and went looking for these paths, and his vital book on oceanography is still in print today.

7. THE ORIGIN OF LIFE

Genesis 2:7: “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

While scientists in the 21st century admit they have “lots of theories, little science” about the origin of life, the Bible tells us clearly how life began, based on the word of the only One who was there at the beginning.

Sir Fred Hoyle, professor of astronomy, Cambridge University - “The likelihood of the spontaneous formation of life from inanimate matter is one to a number with 40,000 noughts after it...It is big enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution. There was no primeval soup, neither on this planet nor on any other, and if the beginnings of life were not random, they must therefore have been the product of purposeful intelligence.”

Genesis 1:1,3 “In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth...And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

Science expresses the universe in five terms: time, space, matter, power and motion. “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.”

Charles Darwin (1809 – 1882), Theory of Evolution:

"I have never denied the existence of God. I think the theory of evolution is fully compatible with faith in God. I think the greatest argument for the existence of God is the impossibility of demonstrating and understanding that the immense universe, sublime above all measure, and man were the result of chance.”

In 1879 Darwin said, “I have never been an atheist in the sense of denying the existence of a God.”

Francis Collins: Having led the international team that mapped the human genome, Francis Collins said of that work: “We had now seen the language that God used to speak us into being.”

8. COUNTLESS STARS

Jeremiah 33:22 “I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as countless as the stars in the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore.”

The Bible asserts there are countless stars (described here as the “host of heaven”). When this statement was recorded, no one knew how vast the stars were, as fewer than 1,100 were observable. That’s as many as Ptolemy was able to catalog in *The Almagest*. Now we know that there are countless billions of stars.

Isaac Newton (1643 – 1727), founder of classical theoretical physics:

“What we know is a drop, what we do not know is a vast ocean. The admirable arrangement and harmony of the universe could only have come from the plan of an omniscient and omnipotent Being.”

9. LAWS OF HYGIENE

Leviticus 15:13 “And when he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing,

wash his clothes, and bathe his body in running water; then he shall be clean.”

The Bible states that when dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water. Until the 1800s doctors washed their hands in a basin of still water, leaving invisible germs and resulting in countless deaths. We now know to wash hands under running water.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* documents that in 1845, Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis in Vienna 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 patients who died, then 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.

10. LAWS OF QUARANTINE

Leviticus 13:46 “All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.”

Long before medical science discovered the importance of quarantining persons with infectious diseases, the Bible instructed it. In 1490 BC the Scriptures tell what to do if someone has a skin condition like leprosy.

Laws of quarantine were not instigated by modern man until the seventeenth century. “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 laws 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*

11. LIGHT & SOUND WAVES

Job 38:35 (written 3,500 years ago. God Himself speaking): “Can you send lightnings, that they may go and say unto you, Here we are?”

The Bible here is saying a scientifically ludicrous statement—that light can be *sent*, and then manifest itself in speech. But did you know that radio waves move 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 “the British scientist James

Clerk Maxwell suggested that electricity and light waves were two forms of the same thing” (*Modern Century Illustrated Encyclopedia*, Vol. 12).

Guglielmo Marconi (1874 – 1937), inventor of wireless telegraphy, Nobel Prize 1909: "I declare it proudly: I am a believer. I believe in the power of prayer, and I believe not only as a Catholic, but also as a scientist."

12. BLOOD IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE

Leviticus 17:11 (written 3,500 years ago): *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood.”*

The Scriptures declare that blood is the source of life. Up until two hundred years ago, sick people were “bled,” and many died because of the practice. We now know that blood is the source of life. It carries water and nourishment to every cell, removes the waste material from cells, and maintains the body’s temperature. This vital element also carries oxygen from the lungs throughout the body. If you lose your blood, you will lose your life.

Come with me to Calvary’s Hill on that dark, dark Friday. What do you see

The clouds shackled over the cross, the thunders clashed and the lightening flashed, the earth quacked and the mountains trembled, the sun turned dark and the sky turned black, oh it was a dark, dark Friday.

Judas betrayed Him, Peter denied Him, the Jews forsook him, the disciples deserted Him, the Romans crucified Him, the Angels cried over Him, God the Father turned His face away from Him, oh it was a dark, dark Friday.

Hanging between heaven and earth was the lamb that was slain. Nails driven on the hands and the legs, a crown of thorns jammed on his head, every bit of his flesh torn, every inch of face covered with spittle, not a drop of blood was found, for he shed it all that you and I may be found in His kingdom.

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.