

The Bible is the world's all-time best selling book. About 2.5 billion copies have been printed which are available in over 700 languages. Although the Bible has enjoyed such vast distribution and attention, it is read relatively little. Perhaps part of the reason the Bible is so neglected is the many doubts people have about this unique book. If the Bible came from the mouth of God, then the scriptures are believable when they speak of Jesus Christ and accurate when they touch the realm of science.

IS THE BIBLE INSPIRED?

All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

The word “*inspired*” (theopneustos) in the original Greek language literally means “*God-breathed*”. When the Bible claims to be inspired, we understand therefore, that it came from the mouth of God. It is God-breathed, inspired.

But a skeptic will say, “Everyone knows the Bible was written by men! The book of 1 Corinthians, for example, was written by a man named Paul. After all, the very first verse bears his name as the author.” In reply to this we answer: “Yes, 1 Corinthians was written by Paul. Notice however, what Paul said in chapter 14, verse 37: “*the things I write to you are the Lord’s commandment.*” Paul knew the source of his writings and understood that he was like a pen in the hand of Almighty God. We must not view the Bible as the word of Paul, Peter, or Jeremiah, but rather, as the message God revealed *through* these men just as it is written in Jeremiah 1:9,

Then the Lord stretched out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, ‘behold, I have put my words in your mouth’.

The Bible writers were not like news reporters giving their personal interpretation of events they eye-witnessed, but were divinely guided as 2 Peter 1:20-21 says,

Above all, you must understand that no prophesy of scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

God and man worked together in writing the scriptures. However, in this work, God is the author who dictated the message, and man is the writing instrument. Men were guided or inspired to write the exact message God wanted recorded in the Bible. Now that we have a fundamental understanding of inspiration and the origin of the Bible, let us look at some evidence of inspiration.

Later excavations uncovered Boghazkoy, the capital city of this “mythical” empire. Skeptics once rejected the Bible’s claim that the Hittite Empire existed until they saw the evidence with their *own* eyes. Today, skeptics reject the Bible’s claim that God *himself* exists. Perhaps the only way they will believe in God is after they have seen him with their own eyes when they stand before Him in the judgment day. Only, then it will be *too* late!

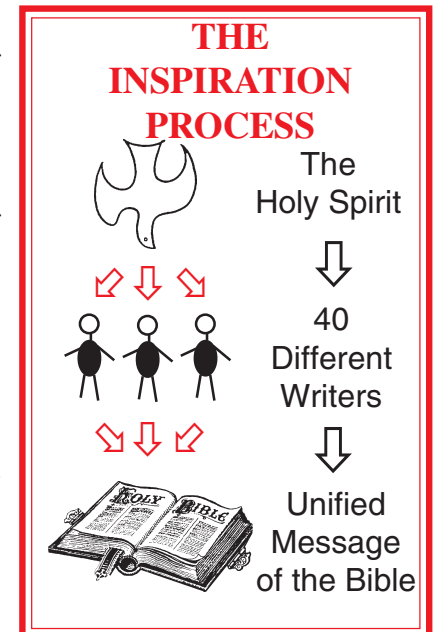
Today, so many Bible cities, names and events have been unearthed through archaeology that the Bible is considered the single most important historical document in existence. Many lost cities have been located using the Bible as a road map. So startling and impressive are some of the finds that one archaeologist was compelled to say, “*They are digging up Bible stories!*” The shovel and spade have confirmed that the historical information of the Bible is both accurate and reliable. If only more would realize that the Bible is not only a guide to the fallen ruins of ancient cities, but also a road map to the glorious city of *Heaven!*

UNITY OF THE BIBLE

Have you ever discussed some controversial subject with a small group of your friends. Chances are, not everyone agreed with your personal point of view! Do the guests of a typical television talk show ever agree? Very rarely! In contrast, 40 different men wrote the 66 books of the Bible and discuss hundreds of controversial subjects, yet they all agree. What makes this even more remarkable is that the 40 Bible writers lived as much as 1600 years apart. Imagine their cultural differences! Despite this great potential for contradiction between Bible writers, there is harmony and unity in the Bible’s message. That is because the Holy Spirit was directly guiding each of the 40 men to write the Bible.

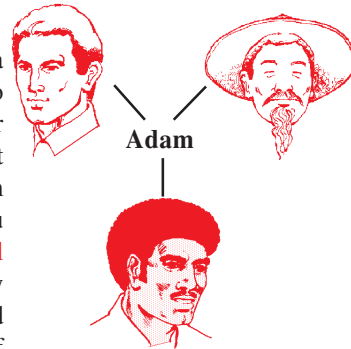
One scholar has noted that the unity found in the Bible is vastly superior to the sacred writings of all other world religions, including Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Bahai, and Islam. Anyone who has ever studied these writings must admit they are jumbles of disjointed material, without order, continuity or unity of any kind. The 66 books of the Bible on the other hand, weave a unified message from Genesis to Revelation.

Consider the high degree of unity found within the Bible. There is nothing like this, not even approaching this, in any other collection of sacred books of any world religion. The direct inspiration of God is what sets the Bible apart from all other books. The unity of the Bible is a powerful argument for divine inspiration because even a small group of men can rarely come to any degree of unity on even one topic.



Biology And The Bible

Darwin's theory of evolution quickly influenced every area of scientific thinking. Around 1905, biologists began to teach many new theories that are today rejected as false. For example, they taught (contrary to the Bible) that the different races of men did not have a common ancestor (i.e., Adam and Eve) but evolved from several isolated sources. You can imagine how these theories greatly fuelled racial tensions. Everyone has heard how Adolf Hitler ruthlessly exterminated some 12 million people during the second World War. But few realize that Hitler's personal views of racial superiority and fascism had their foundation firmly rooted in Darwin's theory of evolution. Hitler methodically identified what he believed to be the inferior races of man. He then set out to exterminate these evolutionary misfits in the same way a purebred dog breeder will cull unwanted puppies from a litter. After all, if man randomly evolved by chance from animals, then man is nothing more than an animal! Hitler merely took the theory of evolution to its logical end. Today we face a greater genocide. 30 million babies have been aborted because women are told by evolutionist doctors that the 10 week old fetus in their womb is not yet human!

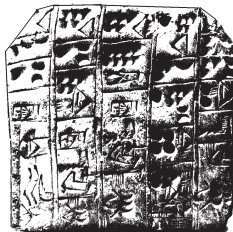


Today, biologists have proved through bio-genetics that all races of men have a common ancestor. Even though many biologists still reject the Biblical creation story in Genesis, they must now admit that the Bible was right all along when it said, "God made from one man, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). The theory of evolution and Bible creation are two opposing views of man's origin. Only one is right. You cannot accept both!

HISTORICAL ACCURACY

Archaeology is an important science that confirms the historical accuracy of the Bible. Since the Bible makes reference to hundreds of cities, kings, and places, we would expect to find evidence from on-site excavations. If we did not find any such evidence, we would highly question the Bible's claim of inspiration and tend to view it as myth and folklore. We would regard the Bible as the product of human imagination rather than a divinely inspired record about real historical events, about real people living in real cities.

At the turn of the century, skeptics viewed the Bible as myth rather than real world history. For example, the Bible makes over 40 references to the great Hittite Empire. You see, 100 years ago, no archaeological evidence had ever been found to prove it really did exist. "Just another Bible myth!" skeptics charged in an attempt to destroy our faith in the Bible. This, however, cannot be said today, for in 1906, Hugo Winckler uncovered a library of 10,000 clay tablets. These ancient records fully documented the long lost Hittite Empire and confirmed the reliability of the Bible.



Cuniform Tablet

Scientific Evidence



Although the Bible is *not* primarily a book of science, it does contain numerous scientific facts. We laugh at the scientific knowledge of just a hundred years ago. If man alone were the author of the Bible, we would expect to find many such humorous errors contained in it. However, if we examine the scientific data of the Bible and find it to be accurate to present-day knowledge, then we have powerful evidence for divine authorship.

The scientific facts we are about to examine are not only accurate, but were revealed thousands of years before man discovered them for himself. We will look into the fields of astronomy, oceanography and biology. Unlike the sacred writings of other world religions, the Bible does not contain any errors typical of the time in which it was

written. The Bible is the only book on earth inspired by God. All others are of human origin regardless of any claims they might make.

Astronomy And The Bible:

The earth is round!

You may be surprised to learn that the Bible revealed that the earth is round. Job 26:10, Prov 8:27, Isaiah 40:22, Amos 9:6. Today, we chuckle at the people of the fifteenth century who feared sailing because they thought they would fall over the edge of the flat earth. Yet the Bible revealed the truth in 1000 B.C.!

The earth is free floating in space!

Another remarkable truth found in the Bible is that the earth is free floating in space. Job 26:7 says, "God hangs the earth on nothing". Compare this to how other ancient cultures contemporary with Job believed the earth was suspended:

- Held up by a man named Atlas
- Held up by four elephants
- On a turtle swimming in a sea of milk

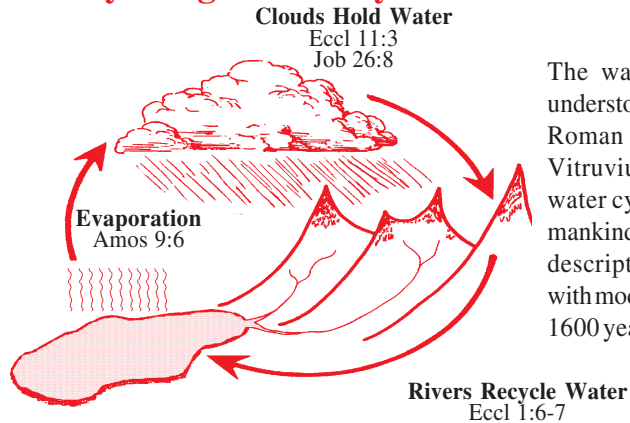


Atlas

Oceanography And The Bible

Matthew Maury (1806-1873) is considered the father of oceanography. He was bedridden during a serious illness and asked his son to read a portion of the Bible to him. While listening, he noticed the expression “paths of the sea” in Psalms 8:8. Upon his recovery, Maury took God at his word and went looking for these paths. We are indebted to his discovery of the warm and cold continental currents. His book on oceanography is still considered a basic text on the subject and is still used in universities. Maury used the Bible as a guide to scientific discovery. If only more would use the Bible as a guide in their personal lives!

The Hydrologic Water Cycle And The Bible: Job 36:27-28



The water cycle was not fully understood until about 30 B.C. by a Roman engineer named Marcus Vitruvius. Yet every aspect of the water cycle was fully revealed to mankind in 1600 B.C.! The Bible’s description is in perfect harmony with modern science. Vitruvius was 1600 years too late!

Evolution vs. Bible Creation

If a fair maiden kisses a frog which instantly changes into a handsome prince, we would call it a **fairy tale** . But if the change takes 40 million years, we call it evolution. We often hear that science has proved evolution. Nothing could be further from the truth. You see, **people often confuse scientific fact with scientific theory** . Current scientific **theory does conflict** with creation. But the **facts of science do not** ! Surprised?

The theory of evolution says that over millions of years simple life forms (one celled creatures) slowly evolved into complex life forms (fish), and that one kind of animal evolved into another kind (ape to man). Genesis, on the other hand, says that all life forms were created in six, 24 hour days. Genesis chapter one states **10 times** that life forms can only reproduce after their own kind (ape to ape, man to man). All the observable facts of science strongly support the Bible’s claim that it is impossible for one kind to reproduce a different kind. The truth is, **there is absolutely no tangible evidence to support evolution** from any area of science, just theory and a **wild imagination** !

Why then do evolutionists reject creation? Quite simply, they are faithless, godless men who find it impossible to believe in a Creator as powerful as Genesis describes! Sure, they might admit to some vague higher life form, but not one so powerful as to create all things in only six days! It has never occurred to them that when God created the universe in six short days, He may have been **taking His time** ? There are many scientists who fully accept Biblical creation.

But if the Bible is wrong and man actually did evolve in small graduations over a long period of time, we should find ample fossil evidence of links in intermediate stages of transition. For decades, evolutionists have searched for fossils of these links to prove biblical creation wrong. Although millions of fossils have been unearthed, not even one missing link has ever been found. Has it ever occurred to you that this is the reason why scientists refer to them as **missing links** ?

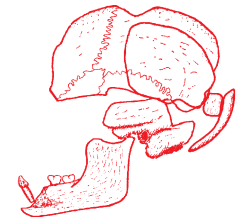
Charles Darwin Vs. Evolution



Even Charles Darwin realized the difficulty missing links gave his theory. Darwin wrote in his book, Origin Of The Species, “Why, if species have descended from other species by fine graduation, do we not everywhere see innumerable transitional forms? Why is not all nature in confusion, instead of the species being, as we see them, well defined?” The reason we have never found any missing links is quite simple. Darwin’s theory of evolution is wrong!

Experts tricked for 40 years!

In 1912, Arthur Woodward announced to the world that he had found the missing link between ape and man. Piltown Man, as he called it, consisted of a jaw bone and a piece of skull which he estimated to be over 500,000 years old! However, in 1953, when the new fluoride dating process was applied to the bones, scientists were **shocked** to learn that the jaw bone was less than 50 years old. Only then did they notice that the bones and teeth had been treated with salts and filed to make them appear old and primitive. In other words, Piltown Man was a complete **fraud** . Take note Bible student! The world’s foremost scientific experts had been fooled for over 40 years! (Read **1 Corinthians 3:18-20** .)



Piltown

For almost a half century, evolutionists pushed Piltown Man in the faces of Bible believers as scientific proof we evolved from apes! **Some proof!**



Lucy Skeleton

Leading Evolutionist Rejects “Lucy”

Through the years several other missing links have been found, but today, every one has been discarded. Even the famous “Lucy” skeleton, discovered in 1974 by Donald Johanson, has now been discarded as a missing link by several of the world’s leading evolutionists including Richard Leaky! He and others view Lucy as nothing more than an extinct ape. In spite of over 100 years of intensive searching, the only place you will find a missing link today is in the colourful imagination of an evolutionist. Museums certainly don’t have any! **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”** (Gen 1:1)

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THE BIBLE

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WORKSHEET

TRUE OR FALSE

All questions 4 marks each

- T F** 1. In the Greek, the word **inspired** means “God-breathed”.
- T F** 2. Scientific facts were recorded in the Bible long **before** man discovered them for himself.
- T F** 3. The Bible has **mistakes** typical of the time it was written.
- T F** 4. It took the world’s scientists only **2 years** to discover that Piltdown man was a fraud.
- T F** 5. The Bible is the world’s **best** selling book and is available in over 700 languages.
- T F** 6. The Bible helped Matthew Maury **discover** ocean currents.
- T F** 7. The Bible is **primarily** a book of scientific information
- T F** 8. The observable facts of science support the theory of evolution **better** than the Bible’s 6 day creation story.
- T F** 9. Darwin himself realized the absence of any fossil evidence of missing links greatly **hurt** his theory.
- T F** 10. Hitler exterminated 12 million people because he felt they were **evolutionary misfits** and he was helping mankind.
- T F** 11. The 40 men, through whom the Holy Spirit wrote the Bible, all lived in the **same** century.
- T F** 12. Bible prophecies are so **vague & unclear**, that there could be many fulfilments of them down through the centuries.
- T F** 13. Many of the names and places mentioned in the Bible have been **verified** by actual archeological finds.
- T F** 14. Although others books make special claims, the Bible is the **only** book on earth that is actually inspired by God.
- T F** 15. The Bible teaches that the world was **flat** and not round.

Please Enclose With My Next Lesson



Free, but check only one please!

- A list of 60 Bible prophecies, complete with their fulfilment.
- A unique daily Bible reading schedule.
- Ten commandments for husbands & wives. (Tape to your fridge door)

Please Answer My Question...

Ask Yourself...

- Do you attend every week with a local church? **YES** **NO**
- If you died tonight would you go to heaven? **UNSURE** **YES** **NO**

Do you know how to get faith?
 “Faith comes by hearing the word
 of God” (Romans 10:17)



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Multiple Choice

Circle a,b,c,d

- 1. "Piltdown man" is considered a fraud because**
 - a. the fluoride dating process was unable to determine the age of the bones.
 - b. the bones were treated with salts and filed.
 - c. only part of the skeleton (the skull) was found.
 - d. Arthur Woodward was not a certified archaeologist.
- 2. The holy men who wrote the Bible were guided by**
 - a. their intuition and common sense.
 - b. what they felt God was saying.
 - c. wisdom they had learned from personal experience.
 - d. the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Skeptics once claimed the ancient Hittite Empire was just another Bible myth because**
 - a. the Hittite Empire did exist, but much later than what the Bible records.
 - b. the Hittite Empire existed 2000 miles south of where the Bible said it existed.
 - c. no archaeological evidence in support of it had been found.
 - d. they rejected all the archaeological evidence that had been found.
- 4. The scientific facts in the Bible indicate divine authorship mainly because**
 - a. the scientific facts do not contradict one another.
 - b. they were accurately revealed long before man discovered them for himself
 - c. not even one missing link has ever been found.
 - d. all the observable facts of science support 6 day creation.
- 5. The unity of the Bible indicates divine authorship because**
 - a. even a small group of men in the world can't agree with themselves on just one topic.
 - b. the writers had many things in common with each other.
 - c. the sacred writings of Bahai, Buddhism and Islam also contain a high degree of unity in subject material.
 - d. the 40 Bible writers were able to meet frequently to harmonize what each wrote and get their stories straight.

- 6. The phrase that best describes the meaning of the word "inspired" is:**
 - a. the thoughts of God
 - b. the power of God
 - c. the breath of God
 - d. the instruction of God
- 7. The statement "all scripture is inspired by God" means**
 - a. God assisted man in writing the Bible only when man had difficulty expressing himself.
 - b. God gave the message to man who then recorded his own interpretation.
 - c. Man gave a "reporters" version of actual divine actions that were witnessed.
 - d. Every thought and phrase of the Bible was recorded precisely the way God intended and man was merely the instrument.
- 8. We should view the teaching of the Bible as**
 - a. suggestions we should basically follow.
 - b. good moral principles learned from human experience.
 - c. opinions of ancient philosophers.
 - d. the Lord's commandments that we must obey exactly.
- 9. Since the common man can understand the Bible by merely reading (Ephesians 3:3), then**
 - a. you must rely upon priests and pastors to interpret it for you.
 - b. using a daily Bible reading schedule is a good tool to gain Bible knowledge.
 - c. you cannot be absolutely sure of God's will for you.
 - d. we must have the direct operation of the Holy Spirit to know God's will.
- 10. Since the Bible is a complete guide for our lives and doctrine then**
 - a. we need man-made creeds and church Catechisms.
 - b. we cannot be sure how God wants us to live and worship.
 - c. we need not worry if we worship different from what the Bible instructs.
 - d. we should seek the Bible blueprint for moral conduct and religious doctrine and imitate the pattern exactly today.

