

Science and the Bible

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The Bible tells the story of man's fall, that Adam sinned and others followed suit – we've all sinned. It tells of the One who came to take care of man's sin – Jesus. Because of its focus, the Bible contains very little in regard to science. But what it does say is in agreement with science, which is what one would expect from God's inspired word. Here are some examples:

(1) Notice the three kinds of matter in the creation account:

- Mineral – God created the heavens and the earth (Gen.1:1)
- Plant – "Let the earth sprout vegetation" (Gen.1:11)
- Animal – "swarms of living creatures" (Gen.1:20)

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(2) The principle of erosion is found in Job 14:19 – "Water wears away stones; its torrents wash away the dust of the earth."

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(3) Modern shipbuilders agree that the most seaworthy ratio for building ships is 30x5x3. "And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits." (Gen.6:15)

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(4) The earth is round – still undecided in the days of Columbus; finally proven by Magellan; observed by astronauts. "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth" (Isa.40:22)

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(5) The water cycle of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation is seen in the following: "All the rivers flow into the sea; yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they go again." (Eccl.1:7)

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(6) The seed of a plant is not contaminated by contact with a dead animal. "And if a part of their carcass falls on any seed for sowing which is to be sown, it is clean." (Lev.11:37).

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(7) Light can be divided (by a prism). "Where is the way that the light is divided?" (Job 38:7)

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(8) In 150 BC, Hipparchus, for example, thought there were less than 3000 stars. Others before and since have given other numbers. But man cannot look into the sky and count all the stars. "As the host of the heaven cannot be counted, and the sand of the sea cannot be measured...." (Jer.33:22).

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(9) Other ancient writings have the Bible being supported by an elephant or held up by Atlas. The Bible, however, expresses the idea of gravity. "He hangs the earth on nothing" (Job 26:7)

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The theories in science come and go. The Bible remains the same over thousands of years. It is in agreement with science that has been proven and it has outlasted false "science" that has been discredited and discarded.