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Ahead of “Modern” Science

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The Bible has long been known to be the Word of God. It has proven itself true spiritually, historically, mathematically, prophetically, and scientifically. Many of the scientific claims of the Bible were declared thousands of years before man had "discovered" them. The only way those things could have been known and recorded in the Bible is that they were revealed to man by God and preserved in His Word.

Here are a few of the hundreds of examples found in the pages of Scripture:

- **The earth is round:** *“It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth . . .” Isaiah 40:22.* Here, about 712 B. C. and more than 2,200 years before Christopher Columbus established it as modern scientific fact, the Bible stated that the earth was a circle, or round. As there were no satellites or means of viewing the Earth from above, the

only way Isaiah could have known this fact is that he got the truth from the Creator.

- **Dinosaurs and man cohabited together.** *“Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox ... He moveth his tail like a cedar: ... His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron ...”*
Job 40:15-24

Approximately 1520 B. C., Job described, in detail, an animal that was larger than any seen today. Clearly, it is a description of a large dinosaur. It was not until 1824 that William Buckland documented one of the first dinosaurs, and it was not until the 1900’s that fossilized dinosaur and human footprints were found together in Glen Rose, Texas, and Africa. Also, an 1186 A.D. carving on a Cambodian Temple is another evidence the artist saw a stegosaurus, and that dinosaurs were alive when man was on the earth.

- **Life is in the blood.** *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood ...”* *Leviticus 17:11.*

William Harvey, in 1616, is attributed with discovering that blood circulation is most important for life. The verse in Leviticus was written over 3,000 years before Harvey’s discovery.

- **Eating fat is unhealthy.** *“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.”* *Lev. 7:23.*

Written 1490 B. C., it was far in advance of the modern research that eating fat is not healthy.

- **Man lived in caves.** *“They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;) To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the*

rocks.” Job 30:5-6

This verse is believed to have been written about 1520 B. C., but it was not until 1879, after paintings found in Spanish caves, that it was proven that man lived in caves.

- **Stars are different.** *“There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.” I Corinthians 15:41*

This statement was made about 57 A. D., but the telescope was not invented by Hans Lipperhey until 1608, who was able to prove that stars were different from one another.

- **There is water in outer space.** *“And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.”*

Genesis 1:7

Attributed to be written more than 4,000 years B.C., this statement was written in advance of the CNN statement of December 3, 1996 that “ice most likely exists at the moon’s sun-deprived south pole.” It also precedes NASA’s 2000 announcement that they found evidence of water on Mars.

- **The Bible is ahead of modern-day discoveries in archaeology.** Many times archaeologists use the descriptions in the Bible to find lost and forgotten cities. One could easily spend a busy month in Israel where a tour guide would point out cities, buildings, and artifacts

that were mentioned in the Bible before they were even known to exist.

The Bible is scientifically accurate because its inspiring author was the Creator of all that is on and in the Earth. Kings, prophets, men, and rulers recorded exactly what God wanted us to know. We have a copy of it today in our King James Bible. It is a trustworthy source for answers to most of man's questions. If the Bible says it, one can trust that it is true!

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” *Isaiah 40:8*

The Value of the Word of God

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The Bible is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty

tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ, and yes, to glory itself — for eternity.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” *Psalm 119:105*

Recommended Reading

“So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens to their country, and respectable members of society.”

— *John Quincy Adams*

“The Bible is no mere book, but a Living Creature, with a power that conquers all that oppose it.”

— *Napoleon Bonaparte*

“In this little Book will be found the solution to all the problems of the world.” — *Calvin Coolidge*

“Hold fast to the Bible as the anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book, we are indebted for the progress made, and to this we must look as our guide in the future.” — *Ulysses S. Grant*

“But for this Book, we could not know right from wrong.”

— *Abraham Lincoln*

“Let the men of science and learning expand their knowledge and probe with their researches every detail of the records which have been preserved for us from these dim ages. All they will do is to fortify the grand simplicity and essential accuracy of the recorded truths which have lighted so far the pilgrimage of man.” — *Winston Churchill*

Things That Are Not Taught in the Bible

Author Unknown

- A second chance to go to Heaven after death is not in the Bible.
- “Be good, and you will go to Heaven,” is not in the Bible.
- “Be sincere, and you will go to Heaven,” is not in the Bible.
- “Be baptized in water to be saved,” is not in the Bible.
- “Join a church to be saved,” is not in the Bible.
- Confession to a priest or preacher for forgiveness is not in the Bible.
- Purgatory is not taught in the Bible.
- Limbo is not taught in the Bible.
- Burning candles for the sick is not in the Bible.
- Sprinkling or pouring of water on babies for baptism is not in the Bible.
- Prayers to Mary or any other saint to help us are not in the Bible.
- Speaking in “tongues” is not in the Bible for this current church age.

Scriptural Sayings

Some of our common sayings originate from the Scriptures. Here are some:

“A little bird told me.” — *“... for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.”*
Eccl. 10:20

“Spare the rod and spoil the child.” — *“He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”* *Proverbs 13:24*

“He escaped by the skin of his teeth.” — *“... I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.”* *Job 19:20*

“Give me a Bible and a candle and shut me up in a dungeon, and I will tell you what the world is doing.”

— *Unknown*

You Never ...

Engraved on a slab in a Cathedral at Lubeck, Germany

*Ye call me Master and obey me not,
Ye call me Light and seek me not,
Ye call me Way and walk me not,
Ye call me Life and desire me not,
Ye call me fair and love me not,
Ye call me rich and ask ye not,
Ye call me just and fear me not,
Ye call me eternal and seek me not,
Ye call me wise and
follow me not,
Ye call me gracious and trust me not,*

*Ye call me noble and serve me not,
Ye call me mighty and honor me not,
If I condemn ye, blame me not.*