

KNOW WHY YOU BELIEVE

LESSON # 15 SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

We'll look at these two questions today.

- 1) What does the Bible say about the creation of the world.
- 2) Does science contradict the Bible?

(I) READ GENESIS 1:1

Genesis 1:1

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

A) The Bible says God is the creator of all of things, but the Bible also tells us there were some things going on **BEFORE** the creation of the heavens and the earth:

(1) THERE WAS SINGING AND **SHOUTING**

Job 38:6-7 On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone-- while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

B) FATHER AND SON **FELLOWSHIPING**

John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

C) THERE WAS **LOVE**

John 17:24 Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

D) GOD WAS **PLANNING** FOR HIS KINGDOM

Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

E) GOD WAS PREPARING US A **SAVIOUR:** HIS SON

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

F) JESUS WAS INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

(II) THE STATEMENT IN GENESIS 1:1 ANSWERS EVERY OTHER BELIEF THAT PEOPLE HAVE:

A) **Atheism** means there is no God

1) Genesis answers this by showing God Exists

B) **Polytheism** means there are many “gods.”

1) Genesis answers this by showing there is only ONE God .

C) **Pantheism** means everything is “god” including the creation, the heavens and the earth.

1) Genesis answers this by showing that God created everything and that He is not part of the Creation, but the Creator.

D) **Humanism** says not God, but people or humanity are at the center of the universe.

1) Genesis answers this by saying God, not man is the center of everything

E) **Dualism** teaches that there are two equally powerful forces in the universe, good and evil. God and the devil.

1) Genesis teaches that God is all powerful and He is totally good; evil is apart from Him.

F) **Evolution** teaches that the universe was not created but happened mostly by accident.

1) Genesis teaches that the Universe was created by God and that it did not evolve.

(III) THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE:

A) Some people have said that the Bible is behind the times in areas of science. The fact is that the Bible is far ahead of times in areas of science.

1) LONG BEFORE ANYBODY KNEW IT THE BIBLE SAID THE EARTH WAS SUPPORTED ON NOTHING

Job 26:7 *He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.*

2) LONG BEFORE THE ATOMIC AGE (20th century) THE BIBLE SAID THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE IS ATOMIC STRUCTURE (made of things we can't see)
Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

3) LONG BEFORE THE AGE OF TELESCOPES THE BIBLE SAID THE STARS CANNOT BE NUMBERED

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

4) LONG BEFORE PEOPLE COULD HAVE KNOWN THE EARTH WAS ROUND THE BIBLE TAUGHT IT WAS

Isaiah 40:22 He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth

5) FORBIDDEN TO DRINK FROM STAGNANT STREAMS *Leviticus 11:29-36*
only in the last 100 years we have learned contaminated water can cause typhoid and cholera.

6) SECOND LAW OF THERMO-DYNAMICS, A RECENT SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING SAYS EVERYTHING IS WINDING DONE, THE BIBLE SAID IT THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO

Psalms 102:25-26 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.

(IV) SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT TRUE SCIENTISTS DON'T BELIEVE THE BIBLE, YET THE FACTS ARE THAT MANY OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS WERE BELIEVERS.

1) Louis Agassiz (Founder of glacial science. He was a Creationist)

2) Charles Babbage (Creator of Computer. He was a defender of the Bible, known as an 'apologist')

3) Johannes Kepler (Laws of Planetary Motion. He believed the Bible literally)

4) Blaise Pascal (Probability Studies. He was a Christian writer who wrote about the Bible)

5) John Ambrose Fleming (Diode. Modern Electronics)

6) Issac Newton (Universal Laws of Gravitation)

7) Georges Cuvier (Comparative Anatomy. Creationist)

8) William Kelvin (Thermodynamics. Creationist)

9) Carolus Linnaeus (Modern taxonomy. Creationist)

10) Louis Pastuer (Germ Theory. Dedicated Christian)

a) Faith lead him to disprove spontaneous generation

(V) CREATION OR EVOLUTION?

The Bible teaches that God created the world, but evolution denies that. Let's look at the two and see which one makes more sense.

A) WHAT DOES EVOLUTION TEACH?

1) It teaches that a very long time plus Chance plus Nothing plus Nothing equals complexity, beauty, order, the universe we live in and life.

2) It teaches Out of Chaos Comes Increasing Order

3) It teaches that Life comes from non-life

4) It teaches there is no intelligence or design behind creation

5) It teaches that Mutations and Natural Selection are Helpful.

(VI) IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION

A) You have meaning and purpose

B) It's not chance

C) You are loved

D) You are God's workmanship

E) There are moral absolutes

F) The Bible is true

G) There is salvation in Jesus Christ

