

# Sufficiency of the Scriptures

## Part #7

There are seven reasons the Scriptures are true: There are 7 reasons why I believe the Bible is true:

- I. JESUS CHRIST: Because our Lord Jesus Christ said so!
- II. APOSTLES & PROPHETS: Because all the writers said so thousands of times. They were totally convinced that they were sharing words that were not originating with them.
- III. SURVIVAL: Because of its endurance through the ages despite being the target of Empires, armies and infidels the Bible stands like a rock undaunted through the raging storms of time. Its pages burn with the truth eternal and they glow with a light divine. The Bible stands though the hills may tumble it will firmly stand though the Earth may crumble. I will take my stand on its firm foundation for the Bible stands!
- IV. ABSOLUTE UNITY: Because of its incredible unity demonstrated in the fact that from 40 plus men on 3 continents over 1,600 years and 60 generations comes one unmistakable fabric woven from prison to palace, desert to dungeon, hillside to holy places. There is one common denominator, one shared theme and one united message. There is but one system of doctrine, one system of ethics, one plan of salvation and one rule of faith.
- V. PROPHETIC ACCURACY: Because of its fulfilled prophecy (illustration - Logos Esch.)
- VI. AUTHENTICITY THROUGH SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY: Because of its scientific accuracy (Mac)
- VII. HISTORICAL ACCURACY: Because of its archaeological verification (Criswell)

Have you ever read an old biology book? It really funny to see how vastly the biological sciences are changing. How about an old Astronomy textbook. So much has changed. In fact in nearly every area of the Sciences there is flux, change, restatement and casting out the old and disproved statements.

Now, look at the book in your hand:

- Not one word has ever been proven wrong.
- Not one fact ever updated.
- Not one scientific statement ever needing correction.
- Not one old hypothesis or theory needing adjustment due to new findings.

Just facts. Absolutely true facts. Truth you can stake your life and eternity upon. Changeless and enduring facts that will last forever. And all inerrantly transmitted from the presence of God to us via Inspiration. In essence, when we come to Scripture we find absolute scientific accuracy.

## Which would you believe?

- **A THEORY that states All Things = nobody x nothing - it just happened . . .**
- **Or an irrefutable book that says absolutely everything came from absolutely nothing at the Absolute Word of Someone named Jesus!**

Why not join me for an incredible journey through the Scriptures. Look at the incredible scientific accuracy and authenticity of a book THOUSANDS OF YEARS AHEAD OF SCIENCE! If you have heard of some passages of the Bible that are in dispute . . . just wait, it takes a while for science to catch up with God! Here are the specific areas we will look at.

### I. **Astronomy**

#### A. **Number of Stars.**

1. Up to the time of Galileo and Kepler (17th Century) most of the scientific world thought there were 1,000 stars.
2. But God has always said Jeremiah 33:22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. (KJV). Genesis 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which [is] upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; (KJV)
3. In fact astronomers are more unsure each year. As our reach extends further into the heavens stars are becoming galaxies. Galaxies are becoming clusters of galaxies and so on. Their numbers are beyond estimation or calculation. Yet;
  - God made them Genesis 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: [he made] the stars also. (KJV) TRUST HIS POWER!
  - God names them Psalm 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by [their] names. (KJV). TRUST HIS PLAN!
  - God sustains them Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. (KJV) TRUST HIS CARE!
  - And His Word has always said so! TRUST HIS WORD!

#### B. **Astrophysics**

1. **Dark Matter** Job 38:19 Where [is] the way [where] light dwelleth? and [as for] darkness, where [is] the place thereof, (KJV) [99% of the mass of the Universe is dark matter we don't even know what it is]
2. **Gravity** Job 38:31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? (KJV) One of the major areas of study in astronomy is the gravitational tug of stars and systems.

## II. **Geophysical Sciences**

- A. **Oceanography** Job 38:16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? (KJV) [there are teeming life systems surrounding the toxic hot springs at volcanic vents, two miles down in the dark ocean depths unknown until this century]
- B. **Biology**
1. **Ornithology** Job 39:26-30 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, [and] stretch her wings toward the south? 27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? 28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. 29 From thence she seeketh the prey, [and] her eyes behold afar off. 30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain [are], there [is] she. (KJV) migratory navigation not even closely imitated until satellite navigation, yet God built it into fish, birds and even insects!
  2. **Zoology** Job 38:41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat. (KJV) They arrive with precision against all odds. But how do those 50,000,000 Bristol Bay sockeye salmon get home each year? How do they know the exact time to return to their spawning spot from as far as 4,000 miles away? And to all return every time those same three weeks in June and July! They never miss their mark. Why? God gave them an absolutely focused sense of direction. God has placed some nearly unbelievable senses into the animal world. Look at migratory birds. They fly thousands of miles exactly to their destination. How? Scientists conclude they have a sense of the earth's magnetic fields, like an internal compass. The King of the Universe, our Creator, didn't leave us out. How's your compass? Our directional capacity far exceeds the animal world's awareness of magnetic fields or one part per billion of where we were spawned. No, we have a direct line to the Creator. We have Him. He starts and finishes all we ever need. LOOK UNTO HIM!
- C. **Meteorology** is the study of our atmosphere. Only a few hundred years ago was it found that air above us has mass or weight. However in the first and oldest book of the Bible nearly 4,500 years ago Job said Job 28:24-25 For He looks to the ends of the earth, [And] sees under the whole heavens, 25 To establish a weight for the wind, And apportion the waters by measure. (NKJV)
- D. **Hydrology** is the water cycle of the Earth. Water circulates from the ground and seas to the air and back again. Scripture explicitly documents this fact.
1. Ecclesiastes 1:7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea [is] not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

(KJV) **Note: this was written 1000 BC before anyone knew of the hydrological cycle.**

2. **Go back 4500 years ago to the oldest book in the world and listen to God discuss Evaporation, Condensation, Vapor Clouds and Precipitation - all the elements of hydrology, through Job.** Job 36:27-28 For He draws up drops of water, Which distill as rain from the mist, 28 Which the clouds drop down [And] pour abundantly on man. (NKJV) **Now that is Scientific Precision!**
  3. Psalm 135:7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasures. (NKJV)
  4. Job 26:8 He binds up the water in His thick clouds, Yet the clouds are not broken under it. (NKJV)
  5. Job 28:10-11 He cuts out channels in the rocks, And his eye sees every precious thing. 11 He dams up the streams from trickling; [What is] hidden he brings forth to light. (NKJV)
- E. **Isostasy** is the relatively new study of the rotational balance there is in our global earth between the height of mountains and the depths of the oceans. The desire to understand earthquakes and so on has caused this scientific inquiry. There must be a balance for the earth to not wobble. Did God know about this? He sure does. Listen to Isaiah 600 years before Christ Isaiah 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? (NKJV)
- F. **Geodesy** studies the shape, size and gravitation forces on the planet. Although science thought the world flat for a time the Scriptures have ALWAYS affirmed the truth.
1. The Earth **Rotates** (turning on an axis) is a fact that up to the 1400's was absent from science. The thinkers of the day said the earth was flat. The Hindu writings affirm that it rested on the backs of elephants. But God gives Scriptural truth in Job 38:14 It takes on form like clay [under] a seal (**turning a cylinder in a axis to sign documents**), And stands out like a garment. (NKJV) **Wow, it rotates and** Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, [and] hangeth the earth upon nothing.
  2. THE EARTH IS **ROUND** Isaiah 40:22 [It is] He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants [are] like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. (NKJV)
- G. **Geology** Job 38:4-6 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6

Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; (KJV)

### III. **The Laws of Science**

- A. First Law of Thermodynamics. There are some rules of operations for our Universe. These are called the laws of thermodynamics. The 1st Law states 'ultimately nothing is destroyed'. This also means that mass and energy are conserved.
1. God says Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these [things], that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that [he is] strong in power; not one faileth. (KJV) Ecclesiastes 1:10 Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. (NIV)
  2. So thousands of years before it was discovered God states that He keeps things from 'missing' and there is really 'nothing new'. The 1st Law of Thermodynamics.
- B. 2nd Law. The second law of thermodynamics states that although there is a conservation of mass and energy (1st Law) all matter in the Universe is still involved in a breakdown going from order to disorder. Declining from the
- ORDER of the Cosmos to CHAOS
  - ENERGY to ENTROPY
- C. The Scriptures affirm this Law although evolution denies it! Romans 8:21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. (NIV) why because it has been cursed in Genesis 3.
- D. In the last century Herbert Spencer won a Nobel prize for physics in the realm of the classification of the knowable. He said that science can classify all things as either: Time, Force, Motion, Space or Matter.
- E. Hold onto your seats as we look at Genesis 1:1
1. Time = In the beginning
  2. Force = God
  3. Motion = created
  4. Space = the heaven
  5. Matter = and the earth.
- F. Mr. Spencer rediscovered God's marvelous scientific truths! Have you ever met this Creator? This account reveals many truths that will shape your destiny:
1. ATHEISM is an error because in the beginning GOD . . .
  2. POLYTHEISM is an error because it is GOD not gods . . .
  3. PANTHEISM is an error because GOD is existing prior to and independent of all matter . . .
  4. MATERIALISM is an error because GOD makes the matter and is not composed of it...
  5. FATALISM is an error because here as in all places in the Scriptures GOD acts independently and by His own Sovereign Will and Power...

- G. But the day is coming when the Creator sits as JUDGE.
1. Revelation 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (KJV)
  2. Then NEW HEAVEN Revelation 21
  3. Then ETERNITY Revelation 22
    - a) HE IS COMING Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (KJV)
    - b) HE WILL JUDGE Revelation 22:15 For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. (KJV)
    - c) HE IS INVITING Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (KJV)
  4. In the opening chapters of the Bible Genesis shows us God seeking fallen mankind. At the end of the Scriptures in Revelation 22 He is still seeking. Have you met your Maker?