

16. "Doesn't the Bible have scientific errors in it?"

The Bible may appear out of harmony with some modern day theories, like the theory of Darwinian evolution, but when it comes to verifiable, provable scientific facts, the Bible agrees perfectly with the way things really are. The authors of the Bible not only spoke accurately about the universe in which we live but also revealed numerous facts about the universe thousands of years before modern scientists actually discovered them. I will give you three quick examples.

The first example has to do with the earth's shape. About 2600 years ago, when most of the world thought the earth was flat, Isaiah declared that the earth was actually a round sphere (Isaiah 40:22).

A second example has to do with the earth's suspension. In one of the oldest books in the Bible, Job proclaimed more than 4000 years ago that the earth hangs on nothing (Job 26:7). Not until 1650 did scientists discover that to be true. Hindus believed that the earth rested on the back of an elephant that stood on the back of a turtle that was swimming in a great endless sea.

A third example has to do with the sun. The Quran, written in the seventh century AD, says that the sun sets in a muddy spring (Surah 18:86). But David, writing about 1700 years before Muhammad, said the sun is actually on a circuit "from one end of heaven.. .to the other end" (Psalm 19:6).

How did Isaiah, Job, and David know these things? Second Peter 1:21 tells us that "holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." God, who knows all there is to know about the universe and the earth that He created, supernaturally superintended the authors of the Bible to make sure that what He wanted written was actually written.

Great Quotes On Science:

"It was my science that drove me to the conclusion that the world is much more complicated than can be explained by science. It is only through the supernatural that I can understand the mystery of existence."

Allan Sandage (1926—), award-winning American astronomer. "Science Finds God," Newsweek, July 20,1998.

"Many have a feeling that somehow intelligence must have been involved in the laws of the universe. ...I strongly sense the presence and actions of a creative being far beyond myself and yet always personal and close by."

Charles Townes (1915—), physicist, author, and professor who shared the 1964 Nobel Prize in Physics for inventing the laser. "Science Finds God," Newsweek, July 20,1998.

