

A Few Examples of Where the Bible Proclaimed the Truth Before Science Knew Of It...

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Jeremiah 10:12; He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

1. **The earth free-floats in space (Job 26:7), affected only by gravity.** While other sources declared the earth sat on the back of an elephant or turtle, or was held up by Atlas, the Bible alone states what we now know to be true – “He hangs the earth on nothing.”
2. **Creation is made of particles, indiscernible to our eyes (Hebrews 11:3).** Not until the 19th century was it discovered that all visible matter consists of invisible elements.
3. **Oceans contain springs (Job 38:16).** The ocean is very deep. Almost all the ocean floor is in total darkness and the pressure there is enormous. It would have been impossible for Job to have explored the "springs of the sea." Until recently, it was thought that oceans were fed only by rivers and rain. Yet in the 1970s, with the help of deep diving research submarines that were constructed to withstand 6,000 pounds per-square-inch pressure, oceanographers discovered springs on the ocean floors!
4. **There are mountains on the bottom of the ocean floor (Jonah 2:5-6).** Only in the last century have we discovered that there are towering mountains and deep trenches in the depths of the sea.
5. **Blood is the source of life and health (Leviticus 17:11; 14).** Up until 120 years ago, sick people were “bled” and many died as a result (e.g. George Washington). Today we know that healthy blood is necessary to bring life-giving nutrients to every cell in the body. God declared that “the life of the flesh is in the blood” long before science understood its function.
6. **The first three verses of Genesis accurately express all known aspects of the creation (Genesis 1:1-3).** Science expresses the universe in terms of: time, space, matter, and energy. In Genesis chapter one we read: “In the beginning (time) God created the heavens (space) and the earth (matter)...Then God said, “Let there be light (energy).” No other creation account agrees with the observable evidence.
7. **The universe had a beginning (Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 1:10-12).** Starting with the studies of Albert Einstein in the early 1900s and continuing today, science has confirmed the biblical view that the universe had a beginning. When the Bible was written most people believed the universe was eternal. Science has proven them wrong, but the Bible correct.
8. **The earth is a sphere (Isaiah 40:22).** At a time when many thought the earth was flat, the Bible told us that the earth is spherical.
9. **Ocean currents anticipated (Psalm 8:8).** Three thousand years ago the Bible described the “paths of the seas.” In the 19th century Matthew Maury – the father of oceanography – after reading Psalm 8, researched and discovered ocean currents that follow specific paths through the seas! Utilizing Maury’s data, marine navigators have since reduced by many days the time required to traverse the seas.
10. **Incalculable number of stars (Jeremiah 33:22).** At a time when less than 5,000 stars were visible to the human eye, God stated that the stars of heaven were innumerable. Not until the 17th century did Galileo glimpse the immensity of our universe with his new telescope. Today, astronomers estimate that there are ten thousand billion trillion stars – that’s a 1 followed by 25 zeros! Yet, as the Bible states, scientists admit this number may be woefully inadequate.

11. **The number of stars, though vast, are finite (Isaiah 40:26).** Although man is unable to calculate the exact number of stars, we now know their number is finite. Of course, God knew this all along – “He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name” (Psalm 147:4). What an awesome God!
12. **Life begins at fertilization (Jeremiah 1:5).** God declares that He knew us before we were born. The biblical penalty for murdering an unborn child was death (Exodus 21:22-23). Today, it is an irrefutable biological fact that the fertilized egg is truly an entire human being. Nothing will be added to the first cell except nutrition and oxygen.
13. **God fashions and knits us together in the womb (Job 10:8-12; 31:15).** Science was ignorant concerning embryonic development until recently. Yet many centuries ago, the Bible accurately described God making us an “intricate unity” in the womb.
14. **DNA anticipated (Psalm 139:13-16).** During the 1950s, Watson and Crick discovered the genetic blueprint for life. Three thousand years ago the Bible seems to reference this written digital code in Psalm 139 – “Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect [unformed]; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”
15. **God has created all mankind from one blood (Acts 17:26; Genesis 5).** Today researchers have discovered that we have all descended from one gene pool. For example, a 1995 study of a section of Y chromosomes from 38 men from different ethnic groups around the world was consistent with the biblical teaching that we all come from one man (Adam).
16. **Hydrological cycle described (Ecclesiastes 1:7; Jeremiah 10:13; Amos 9:6).** Four thousand years ago the Bible declared that God “draws up drops of water, which distill as rain from the mist, which the clouds drop down and pour abundantly on man” (Job 36:27-28). The ancients observed mighty rivers flowing into the ocean, but they could not conceive why the sea level never rose. Though they observed rainfall, they had only quaint theories as to its origin. Meteorologists now understand that the hydrological cycle consists of evaporation, atmospheric transportation, distillation, and precipitation.
17. **The sun goes in a circuit (Psalm 19:6).** Some scientists scoffed at this verse thinking that it taught geocentricity – the theory that the sun revolves around the earth. They insisted the sun was stationary. However, we now know that the sun is traveling through space at approximately 600,000 miles per hour. It is literally moving through space in a huge circuit – just as the Bible stated 3,000 years ago!
18. **The universe is expanding (Job 9:8; Isaiah 42:5; Jeremiah 51:15; Zechariah 12:1).** Repeatedly God declares that He stretches out the heavens. During the early 20th century, most scientists (including Einstein) believed the universe was static. Others believed it should have collapsed due to gravity. Then in 1929, astronomer Edwin Hubble showed that distant galaxies were receding from the earth, and the further away they were, the faster they were moving. This discovery revolutionized the field of astronomy. Einstein admitted his mistake, and today most astronomers agree with what the Creator told us millennia ago – the universe is expanding!
19. **The Pleiades and Orion star clusters described (Job 38:31).** The Pleiades star cluster is gravitationally bound, while the Orion star cluster is loose and disintegrating because the gravity of the cluster is not enough to bind the group together. 4,000 years ago, God asked Job, "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion?" Yet, it is only recently that we realized that the Pleiades is gravitationally bound, but Orion's stars are flying apart.