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## THE SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE

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Since the Bible was written before science, if the Bible is accurate as to things now known to be scientific, it will show that the Bible is an inspired book.

**FIVE FACTS OF SCIENCE.** *“In the beginning (time) God created the heaven (space) and the earth (matter)...And the Spirit of God (force) moved (motion) upon the face of the waters” (Gen. 1:1-2).* Here is definite proof that man did not write the Bible unaided!

**GEOGRAPHY.** Moses says that *“the waters under the heaven”* were *“gathered together unto one place”* and called *“Seas”* (Gen. 1:9-10). The seven seas of the earth, unknown to Moses, are all connected with their own waters and are literally in one place.

**ASTRONOMY.** Job said, *“He stretcheth out the north over the empty space”* (Job 26:7). For many years scientists were unaware of the huge empty space in the north — a space where there are no stars or planets.

**LAW OF GRAVITY.** Before the law of gravity was

discovered by scientists, Job wrote, *“He...hangeeth the earth upon nothing”* (Job 26:7).

**ROTUNDITY OF THE EARTH.** Isaiah said, *“It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers...”* (Is. 40:22).

**ROTATION OF THE EARTH.** Job spoke of the earth being *“...turned as clay to the seal...”* (Job 38:13-14). Jesus said He would come in the day and in the night (Lk. 17:31, 34). While it is day on one side of the earth, it is night on the other because of the earth’s rotation.

**OCEAN BOUNDARY.** Job declared, *“Or who shut up the sea with doors...and marked for it my bound...and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no farther; and here shall thy proud waves be stayed”* (Job 38:8, 11).

**ANTHROPOLOGY.** Paul taught that all nations are of *“one blood”* (Acts 17:26). Scientists admit that without the aid of modern instruments for blood analysis, Paul could not have known the truth of such a statement.

Though the Bible is not a textbook on science, all that it says on the subject is scientifically accurate. The foreknowledge of God shown in these things should increase our

faith in the Bible as the inspired, inerrant word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 3:20-21).

## HOW A PREACHER OUGHT TO SPEAK

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Paul told Christians, *“Withal praying also for us... That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak”* (Col. 4:3-4). Both preacher and audience need to know how a preacher ought to speak.

**SPEAK FORTH WORDS OF TRUTH AND SOBERNESS.** When Paul was accused of madness, he said, *“I am not mad...but speak forth the words of truth and soberness”* (Acts 26:25). Nothing is greater than truth! Jesus said, *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (Jn. 8:32). Preachers should be serious about preaching the truth!

**SPEAK FREELY.** The apostle Paul declared, *“...I speak freely...”* (Acts 26:26). On Pentecost Peter spoke freely on the death, burial, resurrection and exaltation of Christ (Acts 2:29). Some preachers are afraid to speak out and are short on speaking the truth. The Lord told Paul, *“Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy*

peace” (Acts 18:9).

**SPEAK WITH AN OPEN MOUTH.** The Scriptures record, “*Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus*” (Acts 8:35). Preachers must not be afraid to open their mouths and speak boldly (Phil. 1:14). Some preachers have difficulty opening their mouths and some have a problem getting them shut!

**SPEAK SO AS TO PLEASE GOD.** Some preachers are men-pleasers. Paul stated, “*For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ*” (Gal. 1:10). Preachers ought to follow the example of Paul, who said, “*...we speak; not as pleasing men, but God...*” (1 Th. 2:4).

**SPEAK WITH GREAT PLAINNESS.** Have you ever left a church service not understanding what the preacher said because he failed to speak plainly? Paul informed the Corinthians, “*...we use great plainness of speech*” (2 Cor. 3:12). The will of God is characterized by simplicity (2

Cor. 11:3). It should be spoken in plain language!

**SPEAK AS THE ORACLES OF GOD.** Peter wrote, “*If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God*” (1 Pet. 4:11). If we speak at all on religious matters, we should speak as holy men of God spoke. Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). If a man speaks the things holy men of God spoke, then he is speaking as the oracles of God. Speaking where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent is speaking as the oracles of God!

Preachers need to learn to speak as they ought. Churches need to demand it.

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## LIVING IN THIS PRESENT WORLD

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Life in this present world is temporary (2 Pet. 3:10-13). In Titus 2:11-14, the word of God gives instruction as to how we should live in this present world:

**LIVE DENYING UNGODLINESS.** We must have no connection with sinful men. Paul said, “*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness...*” (Rom. 1:18).

**LIVE DENYING WORLDLY LUSTS.** John revealed that lusts of this world “*passeth away*” (1 Jn. 2:16-17). We need to learn to flee these lusts (2 Tim. 2:22).

**LIVE SOBERLY.** Peter commanded Christians, “*Be sober...*” (1 Pet. 5:8). Soberness is being wise in the full use of the mind and body under all circumstances.

**LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY.** This is having your life right with God. Living righteously involves doing the commandments of God, “*...for all thy commandments are righteousness*” (Ps. 119:172).

**LIVE LOOKING FOR THE APPEARANCE OF CHRIST.** Christ will appear the second time (Heb. 9:28). The time of His appearance is unknown to man (Mk. 13:32). Thus, we must watch and be ready (Mk. 13:33-37).

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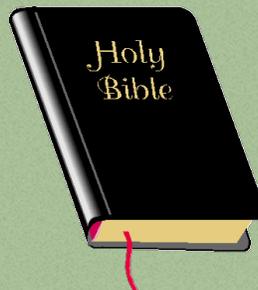
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