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The Bible and Science

The Creator – Seeing Him in nature The Dangerous Consequence of Rejecting God as Creator

Is the Bible scientifically accurate? Can we trust the Bible when it speaks scientifically?

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Presuppositions

- A presupposition is a condition that you assume and accept as true.
- A presupposition is not necessarily logically proven.
- A presupposition requires FAITH.
- Your presuppositions will determine your worldview.
- Your worldview attempts to answer life's basic questions:
 - 1) Who am I?
 - 2) Why am I here?
 - 3) Where did I come from?
 - 4) Where am I going?

- Only two possible basic worldviews:
 - 1) Everything is a result of an accident. (Chuck Missler's sarcastic definition of the big bang: First there was nothing and then it exploded! – Unless you accept eternal matter/energy)
 - 2) Everything is a result of the deliberate design of an intelligent creator.
- My Presuppositions:
 - 1) God is.
 - 2) God is Absolute Truth.
 - 3) God has Revealed Himself in His Written Word (Scripture) and His Living Word (God the Son, Jesus Christ).
 - 4) God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe.

The Creator – Seeing Him in nature – Romans 1:18-23

Preliminary Verses

- Introduction (Romans 1:1-15)
- The Gospel (Romans 1:16-17)
- The Wrath of God against all sinful humanity (Romans 1:18)
 - Present Tense Is continuing (is being revealed against)
 - They had the Truth, but suppressed it and refused to heed it
 - o This is the reason God condemns the pagan world

God is seen in Creation

- God has shown people His power in creation (Romans 1:19)
- There is a play on words between the noun "invisible things" and the verb "clearly seen" since the two words are from a common Greek root. This is present tense.
- Examples: DNA; the universe; the cell
- The invisible things of God are manifested (clear, visible) in creation (Romans 1:20)
 - o Psalm 19:1
 - o "Things that are made" ="poiema" found only in Ephesians 2:10 Creator/Redeemer
 - First Law of thermodynamics (conservation of energy) This means that matter/energy cannot be created or destroyed. (you can't win!)
 - Second Law of thermodynamics (Law of entropy) Entropy in the universe will always either stay the same or increase. The energy moves from order to disorder (you can't even break even!)
 - The Godhead means "Godhood" The word does not translate "trinity".
 - However, God has revealed Himself as a triune God.
 - Invisible, omnipresent Father [space]
 - Visible, approachable Son [matter]
 - Indwelling, guiding Spirit [time]
 - The Father [space] is the invisible, omnipresent background of all things, but is revealed in the visible Son [matter] and is experienced in the Holy Spirit [time].
 - Represented mathematically, a trinity is NOT 1 + 1 + 1 = 1 but is 1 x 1 x 1 = 1
 - Time (as well as matter and space) is a created entity, composing past, present, and future as a whole.
 - "Godhead" (Godhood) mentioned also in Acts 17:29 and Colossians 2:9

- They are without excuse
 - "Without excuse" literally means "without an apologetic"
 - 1 Peter 3:15 "answer" = "apologia"

The Dangerous Consequence of Rejecting God as Creator – Romans 1:24-32

- The terrible downward spiral of humanity from Noah to the present (Romans 1:21-23)
 - From revelation of God, they descend to their own philosophy, and then descent further into paganism
 - They become fools (Psalm 14:1)
- The Outcome (Romans 1:24-32)
 - A society given to moral corruption
 - There is a link between evolution and the violent society (Survival of the fittest; No moral standard)
 - A society that descends into total corruption (see list in verses 29-31)

Creation Science revealed in Hebrews 11:3 (The Faith Chapter)

- Framed by the "word" of God (word word)
- An allusion to "string theory"????
- "Things which are seen were not made of things that do appear"