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The Bible and Science Bible Miracles and Science

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 <u>FAITH</u>.
- 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.

Are Miracles a Problem Scientifically?

Why Do We Have a Problem with Miracles?

- Lack of Belief (Not just faith!)
- Our World View (Pre-Suppositions)
- Presuppositions (Bias, Faith) → Evidence → Logic → Explanation
- What 'I know' is very, very miniscule compare to God's omniscience.
- Add God's omnipresence and omnipotence to His omniscience, and the problem of miracles disappears.
- When science and history line up with God's truth, then science and history have no need to be revised.
- Creationism versus Naturalism
 - Creationism (God, Bible) leads to the Creator (Jesus Christ) in Whom is eternal life.
 - Naturalism leads to Secular Humanism
 - Naturalism leads to Marxism/Leninism
 - Naturalism leads to Cosmic Humanism (New Age)

The First Miracle of Jesus: Turned Water into Wine (John 2:1-12)

- Empty Vessels + Water + Jesus = Excellent Wine for a Wedding Feast
- Formula for Water H₂O
- Formula for Wine C2H5OH (or CH3–CH2–OH or C2H6O)
- Chemical Equation: C₆H₁₂O₆ → 2C₂H₅OH + 2CO₂
- Jesus had to do some "tricky" atom splitting and fusion without the explosion! Consider the atomic bomb and the energy generation of our sun!
- This miracle shows Jesus command of time, matter and energy.
- The Spiritual /Personal Application
 - Vessels are symbolic of people.
 - Water is symbolic of the Word (Written Gospel; Living Jesus)
 - Wine is symbolic of joy
 - o Conclusion: When people receive the Gospel through Jesus, their emptiness is turned to joy
 - The miracle of the transformation of salvation!!

An Old Testament Miracle: Joshua – The Long Day (With Other Miracles)

- The Long Day A very difficult miracle to explain
- The presupposition of <u>Uniformitarianism</u> makes a miracle like this seem to be impossible.
- Some hard and strange facts
 - o The universe shows signs of catastrophe.
 - The poles of our earth have repeatedly changed and even reversed.
 - o Ancient cultures were terrified of planets, particularly Mars.
 - o Most calendars changed from 360 days to a longer time near 701 BC.
 - o Ancients knew of details of Mars before "discovered" by modern scientists.
- A possible solution
 - The orbit of Mars may have been elliptical rather than circular.
 - The scientific principle of resonance could account for the change (gradual) of earth's apparent rotation temporarily affecting the length of day.
 - o Ancient legends in China tell of an extra-long night.