Evidence: The Bible's Inspiration

The following is a short list of evidences that can be used when proving the reliability and authenticity of God's word, the Bible. There are countless others of which include what has been unearthed through archeology.

Question: How can it be possible for forty (+) different men, from differing backgrounds, writing over a period of about 1500 years, and all agree (*without any contradiction*) if they were not inspired by God?

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake** as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Scientific Accuracy

Gravity & The Round Earth

• Less than 50 years before Isaac Newton was born (1642 in Woolsthorpe, England – the same year Galileo died) it was thought that the planets were held in place by an invisible shield. Isaac Newton proved that they were held in place by the sun's gravity. (Wikipedia)

Job 26:7 He (*God*) stretches out the north over the empty place, and hangs (*Heb.8518- suspends*) the earth upon nothing. (*It's not known exactly when Job lived. But he knew of the invisible force we now know of as gravity.*)

• One of the earliest thoughts of the earth being round was by a Greek named Pythagoras in 570 BC. After him were men like Eratosthenes in 240 BC and Ptolemy in 150 BC. (Wikipedia) These are according to secular accounts. But what about the Biblical accounts?

Isa 40:22 *It is* He that sitteth upon the circle (*Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew Definitions:-vault [of the heavens]*) (*Webster: 1. an arched roof or ceiling 2. an arched chamber or space*) of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that stretches out the heavens as a curtain, and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in: (*in the 700s BC*)

Job 26:10 He hath compassed (*Heb.2328- to describe a circle*) the waters with bounds (*Heb.2706-an enactment; hence as appointment [of time, space, quantity, labor or usage]*), until the day and night come to an end (*Heb.8503- completion*). (*Job understood the earth to be round and would be that way until the end of time. But not according to the "Flat Earth Society."*)

According to the <u>Flat Earth Society</u> the Ice Wall is a 150-foot-tall (46 m) wall that encloses the perimeter of a flat, circular earth. Said to be formed by intense cold and pressure, this is used to explain why the ocean doesn't fall off the edge of the world on the <u>flat earth</u>. (Wikipedia)

Paths of the sea.

Matthew Fontaine Maury (January 14, 1806 – February 1, 1873), United States Navy was an American astronomer, historian, oceanographer, meteorologist, cartographer, author, geologist, and educator nicknamed "Pathfinder of the Seas" and "Father of Modern Oceanography and Naval Meteorology" and later, "Scientist of the Seas. - Maury made many important new contributions to

charting winds and ocean currents, including ocean lanes for passing ships at sea. - Matthew Maury's seagoing days came to an abrupt end at the age of 33 after a stagecoach accident broke his right leg. Thereafter, he devoted his time to the study of naval meteorology, navigation, charting the winds and currents, seeking the "Paths of the Seas" mentioned in Psalms 8:8 "The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas." (1855) (Wikipedia) (If the Bible mentioned them, they must exist.)

Psa 8:4 What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him? 5 For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

The Water Cycle

The **water cycle**, also known as the **hydrological cycle** or H_2O **cycle**, describes the continuous movement of water on, above and below the surface of the Earth. Although the balance of water on Earth remains fairly constant over time, individual water molecules can come and go, in and out of the atmosphere. The water moves from one reservoir to another, such as from river to ocean, or from the ocean to the atmosphere, by the physical processes of evaporation, condensation, precipitation, infiltration, runoff, and subsurface flow. In so doing, the water goes through different phases: liquid, solid (ice), and gas (vapor). (*Wikipedia*)

Job 36:26 Behold, God *is* great, and we know *Him* not, neither can the number of His years be searched out. 27 For He maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour (*Heb.108- a fog: -mist*) thereof: 28 Which the clouds do drop *and* distil upon man abundantly. 29 Also can *any* understand the spreadings (*Heb.4666- an expansion*) of the clouds, *or* the noise (*Heb.8663- a crashing or loud clamor*) of His tabernacle (*Heb.5521- hut or lair*)? 30 Behold, He spreadeth His light (*Heb.216- illumination, including lightning*) upon it, and covereth (*Heb.3680- conceals*) the bottom (*Heb.8328- deep*) of the sea (*Heb.3220- a sea [as breaking in noisy surf]*). 31 For by them (*the clouds, lightning, thunder and rain*) judgeth (*Heb.1777- rules*) He the people; (*by them*) He giveth meat (*Heb.400- food*) in abundance. 32 With clouds He covereth the light (*Heb.216- lightning*); and commandeth it *not to shine* by *the cloud* that cometh betwixt. 33 The noise (*Heb.7452- a crash [of thunder]*) thereof sheweth concerning it (*thunder declares lightning*), the cattle also concerning the vapour.

1Ki 18:44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he (*Elijah*) said, Behold, there **ariseth a**little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy
chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. (Evaporation from the sea gathered
together to create a cloud which brought the rain.)

The Second Law of Thermodynamics

Entropy: Webster-1. a measure of the energy available for useful work in a system 2. the tendency of an energy system to run down.

<u>Second law of thermodynamics</u>: The entropy of any isolated system not in thermal equilibrium almost always increases. Isolated systems spontaneously evolve towards thermal equilibrium—the state of maximum entropy of the system—in a process known as "thermalization". Equivalently, perpetual motion machines of the second kind are impossible. (*Wikipedia*)

• Like a clock, everything is running down. In any system where there is inconsistency in temperature, such as this physical realm, there is a tendency for the temperature to equalize and use up its fuel doing so. When a system runs out of fuel it breaks down and ceases to be.

Psa 102:25 Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of Thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed:

Isa 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but My salvation shall be forever, and My righteousness shall not be abolished. (Temperature doesn't exist in the spiritual realm, therefore the same cannot break down by running out of fuel. Thus it is eternal.)

The Human Body

Blood & Blood Letting

Dr. Gustavus Brown later wrote to Dr. James Cralk, January 21, 1800: (*After George Washington's death*) "You must remember he was averse to bleeding the General, and I have often thought that if we had acted accordingly to his suggestion, when he said, "he needs all his strength - bleeding will diminish it", and taken no more blood from him, our good friend might have been alive now. But we were governed by the best light we had (*according to man's understanding- CFYII*): we thought we were right, and so we were justified." (*Wikipedia*)

Lev 17:11 For the **life of the flesh is in the blood**: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

Lev 17:14 For *it is* the **life of all flesh**; **the blood of it** *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for **the life of all flesh** *is* **the blood thereof**: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

• As Jesus' blood flowed from His body on the cross so did His life, thus in giving His blood He gave His life. When we are covered (*figuratively*) with His blood in baptism, we are covered with His life which is eternal. Therefore, eternal life can only be obtained through scriptural baptism, which is emersion in water for the forgiveness of sin. (*Acts* 8:36-38; 22:16)

Circumcision

In 1935, professor H. Dam proposed the name "vitamin K" for the factor in foods that helped prevent hemorrhaging in baby chicks. We now know vitamin K is responsible for the production (by the liver) of the element known as prothrombin.

On the eighth day, the amount of prothrombin present actually is elevated **above one-hundred percent of normal**—and is the only day in the male's life in which this will be the case under normal conditions. If surgery is to be performed, day eight is the perfect day to do it. Vitamin K and prothrombin levels are at their peak.

Dr. McMillen observed:

We should commend the many hundreds of workers who labored at great expense over a number of years to discover that the safest day to perform circumcision is the eighth. Yet, as we congratulate medical science for this recent finding, we can almost hear the leaves of the Bible rustling. They would like to remind us that four thousand years ago, ... God **initiated** circumcision with Abraham...

Abraham did not pick the eighth day after many centuries of trial-and-error experiments. Neither he nor any of his company from the ancient city of Ur in the Chaldees ever had been circumcised. It was a day picked by the Creator of vitamin K (1984, p.93).

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Gen 17:12 And he that is **eight days old** shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

Prophetic Accuracy
The Birth of Jesus

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name (*Heb.8034-through the idea of definite and conspicuous position*) Immanuel (*Heb.6005-with us [is] God*).

Mat 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away (Gk.630-divorce) privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the (an) angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name (Gk.3686-a "name" [literally or figuratively], [authority, character]: -called, [+sur-] name [-d]) JESUS (Gk.2424-Jehoshua): for He shall save His people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not *till she had brought forth her firstborn Son: and he called His name JESUS. *(Mat 12:46-49 ...His mother and His brethren...)

The Place of His Birth

Mic 5:2 But thou, **Bethlehem** Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* **out of thee shall He come forth** unto Me *that is* to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth *have been* from of old, **from everlasting**.

Luk 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called **Bethlehem**; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, **while they were there**, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And **she brought forth her firstborn Son**, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Jesus' Prediction of the Destruction of Jerusalem

Mar 13:1 And as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples saith unto Him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!* 2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Mar 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: 15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter *therein*, to take anything out of his house: 16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. 17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck (nurse) in those days! 18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. 19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. 20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom He hath chosen, He hath shortened the days.

• In 70 A.D. the city of Jerusalem was completely destroyed by the Romans led by their future Emperor, Titus. The affliction, which caused unspeakable acts of cannibalism within the walls, as was described by the historian Josephus, was worse than that of what happened to the Jews under the reign of the worse persecutor of pre-Christian times, one Antiochus Epiphanes (*reigned from 175-163 BC*) alluded to in Daniel 11. The only event that would even parallel those that went on inside the city of Jerusalem would be the Holocaust.

The Price of Jesus' Betrayal

Zec 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price **thirty** *pieces* **of silver**. 13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and **cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD**.

Mat 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver**.

Mat 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver **in the temple**, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and **bought with them the *potter's field**, **to bury strangers in**. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was valued, Whom they of the children of Israel did value; 10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

*Potter's field: The expression derives from the Bible, referring to a field used for the extraction of potter's clay, which was useless for agriculture but could be used as a burial site. (Wikipedia)

Jesus' Scourging, Death, Burial and Resurrection

- Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with **His stripes** we are healed.
 - Mat 27:26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had **scourged Jesus**, he delivered *Him* to be crucified. 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto Him the whole band *of soldiers*. 28 And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe. 29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon His head, and a reed in His right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and **mocked Him**, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30 And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head. 31 And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify *Him*.
- Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet **He opened not His mouth**: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as **a sheep before her shearers is dumb**, so He openeth not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation (*think about His age*)? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken.
 - Mat 27:12 And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. 13 Then said Pilate unto Him, Hearest Thou not how many things they witness against Thee? 14 And He answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.
- Isa 53:9 And He made His grave with the **wicked**, and with the **rich** in His death; because He had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in His mouth.
 - Mat 27:38 Then were there **two thieves crucified with Him**, one on the right hand, and another on the left.
 - Mat 27:57 When the even was come, there came a **rich man** of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And **laid it in his own new tomb**, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.
- Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put *Him* to grief: when thou shalt **make His soul an offering for sin**, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of His soul, *and* **shall be satisfied**: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant **justify many**; for He shall **bear their iniquities**.
 - Heb 10:5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but **a body hast Thou prepared Me**: 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin Thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God. 8 Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* **for sin** Thou wouldest not, **neither hadst pleasure therein**; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh

away the first, that He may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide Him *a portion* with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and **made intercession for the transgressors**.

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, **Father**, **forgive them**; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots.

Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day (*Christ's resurrection*), that **living waters** shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living water**. 39 (But this spake He of **the Spirit**, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost** (*living waters*, *i.e. eternal life*).

Luk 24:44 And He said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled**, **which were written** in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, **concerning Me**.

• Therefore, since we can trust the **Bible**'s scientific and prophetic accuracy, not to mention archeological, can we not trust its warnings concerning the future state of **God's** creation along with the salvation of mankind and his soul?

Hear: Romans 10:17 ... "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: Heb 11:6 ... "for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Lk 13:3 ... "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Remain faithful: Rom 6:4 ... "even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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