

THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE

- I. CREATION and the BASIC Principles of Science
 - A. The universe is a continuum of SPACE, TIME, and MATTER/ENERGY (Gen. 1:1-3)
 - 1. Initially in STASIS (1:2)
 - 2. ENERGIZED when God said “Let there be LIGHT” (1:3)
 - B. The earth is HABITABLE by DESIGN (Gen. 1:6-13)

- II. GENESIS and the Laws of THERMODYNAMICS
 - A. First law, of CONSERVATION of mass-energy (Gen. 1:11; 2:2)
 - 1. Nothing is now being CREATED or DESTROYED (Eccl. 1:9-10; 3:14; Neh. 9:6; Isa. 40:26; 2 Pet. 3:7; Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3)
 - 2. Living things REPRODUCE “after their KIND” (1 Cor. 15:37-39; James 3:12)
 - B. Second law, of INCREASING ENTROPY (Gen. 2:17; 3:17)
 - 1. Introduced as the consequence of SIN (Rom. 5:12; 8:20-22)
 - 2. Currently, only GOD is EXEMPT (e. g., James 1:17)
 - 3. Will be REPEALED when the CURSE is LIFTED (e.g., Isa. 66:22; Rev. 22:3)

- III. Scientific Allusions in Scripture
 - A. Uses non-TECHNICAL language
 - B. ANTICIPATES scientific insights (see chart “Scientific Allusion in Scripture”)

IV. Alleged Scientific ERRORS in Scripture

- A. “INACCURATE calculation of π ” (1 Kings 7:23), but Bible employs convention of “SIGNIFICANT figures”
- B. “Describes FLAT earth with four CORNERS” (Rev. 7:1; 20:8), but means literally “four QUARTERS” using convention of cardinal DIRECTIONS from given focal point
- C. “Describes EARTH in the CENTER of the cosmos” (Josh. 10:12; Ps. 19:6), but Bible uses convention of “RELATIVE motion”
- D. “Describes RABBITS as ruminants” (Lev. 11:6), but the Hebrew *arnebeth* was probably an animal now EXTINCT and unknown TODAY
- E. “MIRACLES are scientifically IMPOSSIBLE”