Amazing Scientific Insights of the Bible

Isaac Newton (greatest scientist) & Johann Kepler "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Mt 22:37)



"God governs all things and knows all that is or can be done." "I have a foundational belief in the Bible as the Word of God."--spent more time studying Scripture than on science.



Father of astronomy, Kepler: "I was merely thinking God's thoughts after him."

"He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Danl 2:21

"For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Pr 2:5-7 Believers: Faraday, Pascal, Kelvin, Maxwell, Boyle, Pasteur

Universe is "fine-tuned" to allow for life

- "An accuracy of one part in 10¹²³...the precision needed to set the universe on its course." Penrose in *The Emperor's New Mind*, p.344
- "There is for me powerful evidence that there is something going on behind it all.... It seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature's numbers to make the Universe.... The impression of design is overwhelming." Paul Davies, The Cosmic Blueprint: New Discoveries in Nature's Creative Ability To Order the Universe, 1988, p203
- **"A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with the physics"** [F. Hoyle, "The Universe: Past and Present Reflections," Engineering and Science, 11/81U, p8-12]
- "He who fashioned and made the earth, He founded it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited." (Is. 45:18)

God's Creative Word

Science has no explanation for the origin of mass/energy Steven Hawking (6/7/10): "I want to know why the universe exists, why there is something greater than nothing." Most scientists believe that the universe had a

beginning -- "before the beginning of time" (2Tim1:9) LAW of conservation of mass and energy: total is constant Mass can be converted (E=mc²) to energy, & vise-versa Hiroshima A-bomb converted 6.4 mg of nuclear mass

1 drop of water equivalent to 10 bombs

"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." Heb 11:3

God is omnipotent, "easily" converting His power "The voice of the Lord is powerful" Ps 29:4

God's Sustaining Word

"His work has been finished since the creation of the world." Heb. 4:4

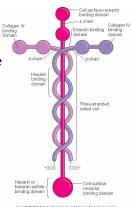
"The Son is...sustaining all things by this powerful word." Heb. 1:3

"By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire ... the elements will be destroyed by fire." 2 Pet 3:7-10

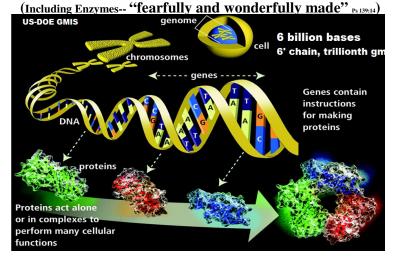
The repulsive forces in a nucleus "should" make it explode

("gluons" are proposed as a solution) "In him all things hold together." Col 1:17

Laminin protein assemblies are integral parts of the structural scaffolding in almost every tissue of an organism.



Simplified Genetic Code for Protein Construction



Interesting Observations

- "Human DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software we've ever created." Bill Gates, The Road Ahead, 1995, p.228.
- "Each nucleus ... contains a digitally coded database larger, in information content, than all thirty volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica." *Dawkins, Climbing Mt Improbable*
- "Biology is the study of complicated things that give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose." Dawkins, The Blind Watchmaker, p. 1
- "Life is basically the result of an information process, a software process. Our genetic code is our software." Venter 2010 Guardian interview concerning construction of an "artificial genome"
- "Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like man and birds and animals and reptiles." (Rom 1:22)

Life is "fearfully and wonderfully made" PS 139:14 Digital (base 4, ACGT) self-correcting encoded information Information in 1 teaspoon of DNA: all people + all books DNA/RNA/proteins must be fully-formed/functional Each of >100.000 proteins is program execution output ATP production needs: DNA code, 10 proteins, & ATP Any protein requires >150 existing proteins Slowest reaction takes > 1 trillion yrs (0.01 sec w/enzyme) Membrane permits/denies passage to 1000s compounds Organelles perform nutrition, repair, waste disposal, communication, and reproduction Manufacturing hemoglobin requires 2.5 X 10¹⁶ ops/sec 100 billion neurons in human brain, each linked to 10,000 other neurons Brain performs 10¹⁶ ops/sec (> all computers in the world) 1 sec of optic nerve's data: hours on supercomputer Talking: > 10^5 neuromuscular events/sec. using >100 muscles (controlling diaphragm, tongue, cheeks, jaw, etc.)

Information Systems in Life

- There are multiple OSs, multiple programming languages, encoding/decoding hardware and software, specialized communications systems, error detection and correction mechanisms, specialized input/output channels for organelle control and feedback, and variety of specialized "devices" to accomplish the tasks of life.
- "Those who insist on undirected natural causes of life are thus in an untenable position when it comes to known science. Not only can they not prove that it's possible (nonzero probability) for life to come about by undirected natural processes, but the information content of life precludes that possibility." Don Johnson, Probability's Nature and Nature's Probability, 2009, p54

Universe insights

- "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth."(Isa. 40:22)
- "He suspends the earth over nothing." (Job 26:7)
- "He .. fixed securely the fountains of the deep." (Prov. 8:27)
- Deep valleys in the ocean (>5 mi) described in Ps 104.
- The water cycle is described in Ecc 1:6-7 and Job 36:27-29 "He binds up the water in His thick clouds, yet the clouds are not broken under it." (Job 26:8)

Astronomy:

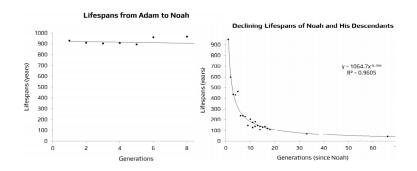
- "He stretches out (expanding) the heavens like a tent." (Ps 104:2, IS 51:13)
- "I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore." (Gen 22:17) (a countless/measureless number in Jer. 33:22) 10¹¹ galaxies, 10¹¹ stars each (only 4,000 of 10²² viewable)

At 1% of earth's surface as seashore 10 meters deep, the estimate of grains of sand is 10²² (http://www.geocities.com/osarsif/astronomy.htm)

(Note: estimate of number of people who have lived is 10¹¹)

Exponential (96% correlation) Age Decline Post-Flood

The recorded ages of the Patriarchs do in fact constitute real data, which can be analyzed scientifically. Numerous scholars have done this (Holladay and Watt, 2001). http://media.wix.com/ugd/a704d4_1c25935b8baf493a911f7a636940e6ef.pdf



Other Scientific Insights of the Bible

- Health: Laws on washing, quarantine, & diet (esp. Lev. 13-14) "For the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev 17:11)
- Biology: >250 botanical terms, hundreds of animals described
- Catastrophic flood narrative implies world-wide fossil column, mass extinction, and dramatic environment change.

50' wing-span pteranodons would require > 2 times atmosphere

- Polystrate trees, human artifacts in coal, & anthropology support
- Description of crucifixion 1000 years before it existed: Ps 22 Events (1, 6-8, 18) and graphic description (14-17)
- "all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax ...my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth ...they have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones"

Pericardial infusion: heart like wax (Jn. 19:34-35) (Jesus literally died from a broken heart)

Archaeological verifications

(things "higher criticism" discounted)

- Ebla Tablets include descriptions of many Biblical people, cities (Sodom, Gomorrah, Zoar, Jerusalem, Salim) and Creation
- Jericho's walls (Josh. 6:20) DID fall flat
- Annihilated Canaanite tribes (Edomites, Moabites, etc.) existed
- · The events/circumstances of Daniel have been substantiated
- Dead Sea Scrolls verified many people, places, and events of New Testament
- "The excessive skepticism shown toward the Bible...has been progressively discredited. Discovery after discovery has established the accuracy of the Bible as a source of history." (<u>The Archaeology of Palestine</u>)

Statistical Probabilities of Fulfilled Specific Prophecies

1 Chance in:

- Tyre: $7x10^7$ Samaria: $4x10^4$ Edom: $1x10^4$ Babylon: $5x10^9$ Jerusalem: $8x10^{10}$ Jerico: $2x10^5$ Moab: $1x10^3$ Palestine: $2x10^5$ Gaza: $1x10^4$
- For all 9 of the above to occur: 1 in 2x10⁵⁴
- e.g., Tyre (Ezekial 26:3-21, 570 BC) prophecies include: Nebuchadnezzar destroys (v8): in 538 BC Many nations against (v3): included Babylonia, Greece, etc. Into sea to be a bare rock (v4-5,12) : Alexander (332 BC) Never rebuilt (v14,21): today fishermen dry their nets there
- Calculated probability of 48 Messianic prophecies is 1 in 10¹⁵⁷ (Jesus uniquely fulfilled 60 major prophecies) (<u>Science Speaks</u>, Stoner)
- Maximum estimate of universe's number of atoms: 10⁸⁰
- Probability of selecting a particular atom randomly: 10⁻⁸⁰

Bible Codes: Equidistant Letter Sequences (ELS)

- Using every nth letter results in meaningful phrase
- Finding 34 most prominent rabbis: "Our referees were baffled: their prior beliefs made them think the Book of Genesis could not possibly contain meaningful references to modern-day individuals, yet when the authors carried out additional analyses and checks the effect persisted." "ELS in the Book of Genesis," Statistical Science, 1994, V9#3, 429-438

It seems to defy probability, indicating verbal inspiration Many dismiss codes as coincidence or even occultic

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings." Pr 25:2

Conclusions

- The Bible IS reliable and can be trusted "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching..." (2 Tim. 3:16).
- Christian faith is fact-based, not "blind" or "anti-logic" – "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn. 8:32).
- Our knowledge on any subject is limited "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror." (1 Cor 13:12).
- Proven reliability increases confidence in accuracy of predictions (Heaven, Hell, judgment, salvation, etc. are based on faith).
- The world is blind to many truths (Rom. 1:18-32, 1 Cor. 1:18-2:16) "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie."

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