

PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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SILENCING THE SKEPTICS WITH THE ORIGINAL SCIENCE BOOK

Let's face it, there are many skeptics out there who simply are not willing to admit that the Bible is, in fact, what it claims to be, the inerrant Word of God (**Psalm 19:9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21**). One way to help skeptics see that the book we hold so dear really is God-breathed is by showing them the Bible contains accurate scientific information not comprehensible to those ancient writers. Below are just a few of the many examples that could be given:

- **Leviticus 17:11-14** states that blood is essential to life. This was proven to be true thousands of years later with the invention of the microscope. For many centuries the opposite view was held by man. Let's remember that up until very recently doctors would attempt to cure patients by bleeding them. How did the writer of Leviticus know life was in the blood? Did he have a microscope? No. Did he just make a lucky guess? No. God told him.
- **Deuteronomy 23:12-13** states that the Israelites were to bury human waste outside the camp. Today we know that this is a sound practice for proper hygiene, but how did Moses know? Non-Israelites of that day, and for many centuries later, did not bury their waste. Again, how could Moses have been so far ahead of the game in terms of sanitation and health? Did he make a lucky guess? No. God told him.
- **Genesis 6:15** states that Noah's ark was 300 x 50 x 30. This equals a building ratio of 30 x 5 x 3. In 1844 a man named Isambard Brunnel built a ship with these dimensions. The boat proved, scientifically, to be the perfect ratio for a boat built for seaworthiness. How did Noah know? Did he log onto the internet and type in www.buildaboat.com? Did he just make a lucky guess? No. Is it not obvious that Noah got the building specifications from God?
- **Isaiah 40:22** states the earth is round. This was later proven true by Magellan in 1520. The people of Isaiah's day, and many for centuries later, emphatically thought the Earth was flat. Yet, Isaiah knew the truth of the matter. How can this be? Did he make a lucky guess? No. God told him.
- **Job 26:7** states that the earth hangs on nothing. Today, we know the statement is accurate, but how did the writer of Job know? Had he been up in a space shuttle and seen such with his own eyes? No. Did he just make a lucky guess? No. God told him.
- **Job 38:16** states that there are recesses (trenches) in the deep (the oceans). In 1873 a team of British scientists working in the Pacific Ocean found a trench 5½ miles deep. Later, another team of researchers discovered another trench 35,800 feet deep (over 6 miles down). Trenches now are known to be found in three of the four oceans. How did the writer of Job know about these recesses thousands of years before us? Did he have a submarine? No. Did he make a lucky guess? No. God told him.
- **Genesis 3:15** combined with **Genesis 22:18** states plainly that both the male and the female possess the seed of life. Such was not close to the common view in antiquity and beyond. Until relatively recently, most thought only the male possessed the seed of life and that the woman was little more than a glorified incubator. Yet Moses was right – and way ahead of the curve on the issue. How did Moses know? Did he learn it in 8th grade health class? No. Did he just make a lucky guess? No. God told him.

Again, many more examples could be given. I ask, how did the Bible writers who lived and wrote in an age of ignorance and superstitions consistently and accurately record information not known then, but proven true hundreds or even thousands of years later? Did they just make lucky guesses? No. God told them.