

Creation, Evolution, and Scientific Facts #6

Don Johnson, Ph.D.s: Chemistry/Computer & Information Sciences

- #1 Science fundamentals and Biblical basis for series
- #2 The origin of mass and energy: science, pseudoscience, and Biblical perspectives
- #3 Life and its origin: what does known science demonstrate
- #4 Evolution, species, and "kinds": what changes are known to science
- #5 The flood, catastrophism, fossils, and time (e.g.--ages of the earth and early men)
- #6 Scientific reliability of the Bible in a number of scientific fields, including statistics of prophecies

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." ([The Archaeology of Palestine](#))

Cosmic Codes (99): Chuck Missler's ELS Examples

- Jeshua lies encrypted in every major Messianic prophecy
 - Gen 1 -- "Yeshua Yakhoh" = Yeshua is able; "For by Him all things were created" Col 1:9
 - Gen 2 (covering) -- "Yoshiah" = "He will save"
 - Is 53 (suffering Messiah) -- "Jesus is my name"
- But, Is ELS really encoded by God?
- 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
 - "You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children." Lk 10:21

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 10²³ 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/astromony.htm>)
(Note: estimate of number of people who have lived is 10¹¹)

Statistical Probabilities of Fulfilled Specific Prophecies

1 Chance in:

- Tyre: 7x10⁷ Samaria: 4x10⁴ Edom: 1x10⁴
Babylon: 5x10⁹ Jerusalem: 8x10¹⁰ Jerico: 2x10⁵
Moab: 1x10³ Palestine: 2x10⁵ Gaza: 1x10⁴
- 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) ([Science Speaks](#), Stoner)
- Maximum estimate of universe's number of atoms: 10⁸⁰
- Probability of selecting a particular atom randomly: 10⁻⁸⁰

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, judgement, 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."

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
- **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)

Bible Codes: Equidistant Letter Sequences (ELS)

- Using every nth letter results in meaningful phrase
- Finding 34 most prominent rabbis: "When the authors used a randomization test to see how rarely the patterns they found might arise by chance alone they obtained a highly significant result, with the probability p=0.000016. 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

Useful ID References

- **Probability's Nature and Nature's Probability, Don Johnson, 2009**
- **The Privileged Planet, Gonzalez & Richards, 2004**
- **Darwin's Black Box, Michael Behe, 1996**
- **Science and Evidence for Design in the Universe, Behe, Dembski, & Meyer, 2001**
- **Uncommon Dissent, William Dembski, 2004**
- **arn.org, intelligentdesign.org, uncommondescent.com**
- **Creation/Biblically-based References**
- **answersingenesis.org, creation.com, icr.org, reasons.org**
- **The Case for A Creator, Lee Strobel, 2006**