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"Truth: That which is in accord with fact and reality."

This is written so that you may believe the bible because of science rather than in spite of science.

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1) What's Happening at Science and the Bible?

By Max B. Frederick, AnOldScientist

It has been a big month for us. Our four sons, Joe, Tim, James and Brian, their families, and other family members gave my wife and I a tremendous celebration of our fiftieth wedding anniversary. My sister Kate, and her husband Mike furnished a garden setting at the family farm. There was a tent city of people from out of town. There were many friends—some had already celebrated their fiftieth—some were members of our wedding fifty years ago. There was a feast of BBQ tri-tip. My wife, Betty, sang to me the song, "Through the Years" accompanied by a recording of Kenny Rodgers. There was not a dry eye in the place. When we opened the cards we found a check for money our sons and their families had been saving for years to send us on a cruise to Hawaii. We were overcome. Now back to the issue.

As a scientist, I am frequently challenged by others who consider themselves to be of a scientific mindset. Isn't all religion just a fraud that has evolved to placate the conscience of the masses? Well, that may be true of most world religions, but the ancient scriptures of the bible contain unique contra-indicating evidence. Read on.

2) Are all Religions a Fraud?

Are all Religions a Fraud? Is There Even One That Is Trustworthy?

By **Max B. Frederick, AnOldScientist**

"Religion is the opium of the people" Translated and Paraphrased from:
"Die Religion ... ist das Opium des Volke" Karl Marx, 1843
(Published over fifteen years before Darwin published the theory of evolution)

There are many religions in this world.

It is obvious that most of them are made up by humans.

Some are collections of folklore.

Others claim to be supernaturally revealed from some deity.

But are they? Really?

Currently, it is only in religion, not in science, that there is hope of life after death.

So that makes it an important question.

Is the hope of life after death a fraud perpetrated upon the masses by zealous religious leaders bent on controlling the people?

That is the conclusion of many anti-religion scholars of today. Well, not exactly anti-religion, but promoters of a non-deity religion such as humanism, a non-deity religion that is popular today.

There are even some religious scholars who believe this scenario.

More to the point—Is there any scientific evidence that any of the religions of the world are based on something that is not a fraud?

Many religious scholars point to various types of “evidences.”

One such type of evidence is the historical quantity of the copies of the ancient scriptures of the bible compared to other writings of antiquity.

Another is the claimed accord of archaeology with the ancient scriptures. But opponents of religion accuse such scholarship as biased—religious archaeologists look for evidence of what they already believe, and interpret what they find as confirmation.

There are other lines of evidence.

But the question remains:

Is there any real evidence that the ancient scriptures of any religion are beyond the invention of brilliant human minds?

Is there any real evidence that the one source of any promise of life after death is a reality?

Muslim scholars are quick to point out the accord of their religious writings with the later discoveries of modern science. Thus they claim scientific credibility.

Their best example is their portion of their scripture that mentions as a fact that there are seven earths for the sinner to sink down through. They point out the correlation of their scripture with the recent discovery of modern science that the planet earth is made up of seven concentric layers. They point to a science textbook with an illustration of the layers of the planet earth. Each of the layers are differentiated by some characteristics. And there are seven of those layers. However, when you open a different science text book, you are just as likely to find the earth described as having five major layers, or even nine or more distinct layers.

And that is the best they can do? It certainly does not give you a good feeling for that claim by Muslim scholars for the Qur'an, (Koran, or Qur'ān,) the holy religious text of Islam which Muslims consider to be the verbatim word of their god.

Some other religions are just as adamant that their religion is uniquely in accord with scientific reality.

Christians are quick to point out the verse in Isaiah that says the earth is a sphere. And that it was written when people thought the earth was flat. But that claim does not hold water on several points. The "earth" referred to in that verse is not the planet "earth" but it refers to the dry land of the continents that are surrounded by the waters of the ocean. If it is saying that is a sphere, the bible is scientifically incorrect. Also, It is a myth that the flat-earth belief was widespread. That belief was short lived, and only among a small portion of scholarship. Long before the bible was completed, great thinkers of their day knew the planet earth was a sphere. The ancient Greeks even had a very good estimate of the diameter of the planet earth. Besides that, the terminology there in that verse that is translated circle or sphere of the earth, is referring to what one sees when he turns in a circle and views the complete panorama.

Well, so much for that example.

The hardest one to get over is what has become known as the Judeo-Christian Creation Myth. That is the traditional interpretation of the accounts of the beginnings found up front in the modern day bible.

But is that the end of the story? Or, Is there more to it?

There is more to it.

There is something unique found in the ancient scriptures of the bible that is not found in any other ancient religious writings.

That unique feature is overwhelming evidence compared to the weak evidence traditional religious scholars of any religion present when they point out isolated examples of points of detail where ancient religious writings can be interpreted to agree with discoveries of modern science that were not known at the time of writing.

In contrast, in multiple accounts within the ancient scriptures of the bible there is

found an extensive pattern of an overwhelming number of details concerning the development of astronomy, geology, and ecology. When those details are arranged in chronological order according to clues internal to those same ancient scripture accounts, and those multiple biblical accounts are interleaved in that order, it shows the same accurate chronology of the progression of the development of Astronomy, Geology, and Ecology as currently assembled by modern science.

Not only that, during the past few years, while AnOldScientist was in the processes of assembling that biblical chronology, additional discoveries of modern science have been made as predicted by that line of evidence. In the true spirit of scientific enquiry, these additional discoveries confirm the predictive nature of that biblical chronology that was recorded in ancient scripture before discovery of the same facts by modern science. It is not just interpreting the bible to agree with what modern science has already discovered.

No other religious writing comes even close.

But, you see, there is a problem. Traditional religious interpretation of these parts of the ancient scriptures has blinded theologians to what the bible really reveals.

In the ancient scripture of the bible, there are about three-dozen major accounts that are records of origins in the fields of astronomy, geology, and ecology, depending on what you consider to be major. There are many more minor mentions—all are in accord with reality.

But, back to the problem. When you try to assemble all these accounts into one chronology that agrees with the traditional interpretation of the first chapter of Genesis, it does not work. That is because the traditional interpretation has blinded theologians to the reality that is actually recorded in ancient scripture. Even in that one account, the one that blinds theologians, the true chronology is recorded. That true biblical record of the origins is simply overlain by a six-day schedule of work and a seventh day of rest. The original chronology, the one in accord with the rest of the ancient scripture, is not destroyed, it is simply overlain by the additional chronology that blinds theologians. And the theologians think they have had it figured out for thousands of years.

Once it is recognized, the solution is obvious. There is recorded a wealth of details and chronology in about three dozen separate accounts found in the ancient scriptures of the bible. That wealth of details points to a source for the bible that is beyond the mere invention of intelligent human minds. These details are recorded before modern science reveals them by independent discovery. Once these ancient scriptural accounts are recognized to be a pre-recording of the discoveries of modern science, the possibility of the blinding being intentional, by the ultimate source of those ancient scriptures, cannot be ignored. It is a great double blind test. It is the same kind of test as is used by modern science, but obviously set up by the ultimate source of the ancient scriptures. You see, the answers are recorded before they are discovered by modern science, when there was no source for those answers but the ultimate author of the ancient scriptures. The vast wealth of details pre-recorded therein is scientific evidence that the ultimate source of the ancient scriptures had knowledge that would only be known by one who was there when it happened.

Oh, as a side point, the chronology used to blind the theologians was overlain upon that one account up front in the bible for an obvious purpose. That purpose was to use that particular account as an illustration of the fourth of the Ten Commandments. In this context, it becomes obvious that Moses edited the illustration into a pre-existing account shortly after receiving the Ten Commandments as he describes a little later in the book of Exodus, after the Mosaic collection of several pre-existing accounts of earlier history that are gathered into the book of Genesis.

All this is described in detail in my book, *“Eyewitness to the Origins, Third Edition, All Biblical Origin Accounts Combined, The Chronicle of Existence From Eternity Past to Eternity Future...”*, and elaborated on in past issues of this Ezine. Past issues of this Ezine are available at: <http://www.scienceandthebible.net/ezine/index.htm>

The book is available at:

<http://www.wordclay.com/BookStore/BookStoreBookDetails.aspx?bookid=34175>

The book is about five hundred pages long—much too long to present here, so a short excerpt will have to suffice.

The following excerpt from that book is a list of the details mentioned in those ancient scriptures and arranged in chronological order according to clues found in those ancient scripture accounts. Notice that the points listed include details in three undifferentiated categories: Astronomy, Geology, and Ecology.

The main point to observe is the fact that no other religious scriptural writing can claim pre-publication of such a wealth of information concerning future scientific discoveries. In particular, no other religious scriptural writing can claim pre-publication of details that are not discovered by modern science until after their presence is pointed out to be pre-recorded. This negates the accusation that this line of evidence is simply re-interpretation of the bible to agree with moderns science.

Also, you might note, there are a few details included that are unique to the ancient scripture, not yet recognized by modern science. One of them is the existence of some non-hydrocarbon based intelligent life form that pre-exists, and is independent of, the current physical universe. This pre-existence excludes the possibility that that intelligent life form is hydrocarbon based—there was no hydrocarbon nor was there an environment conducive to survival of a hydrocarbon based life forms prior to the existence of the universe. Of course, this is not so far fetched to modern science as one might expect. Currently there are scientists involved in a SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) project and are currently considering the possibility of intelligent life forms other than hydrocarbon-based.

Could it be that this Extra-Terrestrial Intelligent Life Form has already communicated with the intelligent life form here on planet earth, and the ancient scripture of the bible is a record of that contact?

The following is the excerpt from that book:

Organization of Detail

For the chronology and points of detail within the chronology, a numbering system

has been employed. Each detail is assigned a number containing several decimal points.

The numbering system indicates two things about each detail: 1. the source, bible or science, or both, and 2. chronology, or lack thereof.

The source of the detail is indicated by the typeface :

1.1.1..1.1 – normal (roman) typeface, plus bold, indicates bible verified by modern science.

1.1.1..1.1 – Italics typeface, not bold, indicates bible only.

1.1.1..1.1 – normal (roman) typeface, not bold, indicates modern science only.

The chronology or lack thereof of each detail is indicated by the decimal locations:

The chronology is indicated by up to three digits separated by single decimal points.

The first digit is the Chronological Eon.

The second digit is the Age or Major Event within that Eon.

The third digit is the chronology within that age or event.

The lack of relative chronology among multiple detail is indicated by numbering after a double decimal. An example of such simultaneous or non chronology detail would be during Eon 2, Age 4, Event 1, the development of the molten magma outer layer of the planet earth. During that event, the following details mentioned in the bible were all present at the same time during that event:

2.0. Eon of Early Development

2.1. The Universe Formed - *The Heavens*

2.2. The Expansion of the Universe

2.3. The Development of the Solar System

2.4. The Development of the Planet Earth

2.4.1.. Then planet earth developed with molten magma surface (mantle.)

2.4.1..1 Mantle Planned to support the earth (continents.)

2.4.1..2 Mantle Engineered to support the earth (continents)

2.4.1..3 Molten mantle ("molten support" (pillars)) develops, to support the earth (continents)

2.4.1..4 Solidified Mantle is destined to become the ocean floor

2.4.1..5 Held in place by gravity/density (floatation)

2.4.1..6 Without continents

2.4.1..7 And without soil

2.4.1..8 Without oceans.

2.4.1..9 Without surface water

2.4.1..10 No humans existed

2.4.1..11. With Juvenile water coming from inside the earth

2.4.2.. Then after a while the earth cooled enough to develop surface water

Following the double decimal after the chronology indicator may be a detail number that is not indicative of chronology, sometimes also followed by a sub-detail number after another single decimal. That sub-detail is also is not indicative of chronology, but is related to something within that leading detail within that event or age.

Table 4-2: Combined Bible Accounts: Chronology and Detail

1.0. Eon of Eternity Past**1.0.0 Eternity Past Existed****1.0.0.1** Timeless [endless] Eternity Past Existed**1.0.0.2** Before the Universe existed**1.0.0.3** Something (God) existed in the absence of the universe [Intelligence, Wisdom, and Power]**1.1.0 Conditions Were Set Up to Start Universe****1.1.0.1** That Something (God) caused the Universe [Everything] to come into existence*1.1.0.1.1* Planned by intelligence [Scientist aspect of pre-existence: Laws of Physics, Logic]*1.1.0.1.2* Designed by Wisdom [Engineer aspect of pre-existence]*1.1.0.1.3* Constructed (created) by Power [Authority (ruler, king, lord, father) aspect of pre-existence]**2.0. Eon of Early Development****2.1. The Universe Formed - *The Heavens*****2.1.0..** The beginning of Universe was a specific event, the beginning of time, space, matter and energy.**2.1.0.1.** The Universe had a beginning. It has not existed forever.**2.1.0.2.** It happened a long time ago**2.1.0.3.** Light was one of the first things to come into existence (Light existed from the "beginning")**2.1.0.3.1.** Light had a beginning. It has not existed forever.**2.1.0.3.2.** Light had a beginning from nothingness**2.1.0.4.** It was an explosive event.*2.1.0.4.1* The bible describes it as a great blowout.**2.1.0.4.2** Modern science refers to it as a "Big Bang."**2.2. The Expansion of the Universe****2.2.1** Then there was the expansion of the universe.**2.2.2..** Then water became abundant in outer space**2.2.3..** Then stars came into existence**2.2.4..** Then the Sun came into existence**2.3. The Development of the Solar System - *The Chambers of the South*****2.3.1.** Then the solar system developed**2.3.1.1.** The earth and other planets developed.**2.3.1.2.** The planets are chambers for storage of water to moderate the cycle**2.3.1.3.** Water had accumulated in solar system**2.3.1.4.** Before life on earth**2.3.2.** Then hydrologic cycle (water cycle) developed in outer space of the solar system.**2.3.2.1.** That outer space hydrologic system is permanent**2.3.2.2.** Intelligently designed for a purpose, To fill and maintain future oceans of planet earth.**2.3.2.3.** Water carried in by small comets**2.3.2.4.** Solar winds existed in solar system**2.3.2.4.1.** Water carried out by solar winds.**2.3.2.4.2.** Visible glow is a characteristic of solar winds**2.4. The Development of the Planet Earth****2.4.1..** Then planet earth developed with molten magma surface (mantle.)*2.4.1.1* Mantle Planned to support the earth (continents.)*2.4.1.2* Mantle Engineered to support the earth (continents)**2.4.1.3** Molten mantle develops, to support the earth (continents) (the "molten support" (pillars))**2.4.1.4** Solidified Mantle is to become the ocean floor**2.4.1.5** Held in place by gravity/density (floatation)**2.4.1.6** Without continents**2.4.1.7** And without soil**2.4.1.8** Without oceans.

2.4.1..9	Without surface water
2.4.1..10	No humans existed
2.4.1..11.	With Juvenile water coming from inside the earth
2.4.2...	Then after a while the earth cooled enough to develop surface water
2.5.	The Development of the Atmosphere
2.5.1..	Then an atmosphere developed.
2.5.1..1.	Atmosphere captures water from outer space.
2.5.1..2.	Watered the surface of planet earth
2.6.	The Development of the Oceans - <i>The Deep</i>
2.6.1..	Then the atmosphere captured (separated, set apart) water from outer space.
2.6.1..1	Adding to original juvenile water
2.6.1..2	Filling the oceans
2.6.1..3	Separating (extracting) water below the atmosphere (oceans)
2.6.1..4	(direction of separation (extraction) was from above to below)
2.6.1..5	from water above the atmosphere (small comets.)
2.6.2..	Then the earth was covered by the oceans,
2.6.2..1.	Solidified mantle became ocean floor
2.6.2..2.	Intelligence existed prior to this
2.6.2..3.	Engineering existed prior to this
2.6.2..4.	No continents existed at this time.
3.0.	Eon of Preparation For Complex Life / Ecology - <i>The World</i>
3.1.	The Emergence of the Continents - <i>The Earth (Land)</i>
3.1.1.	Then catastrophic event(s) occurred (Mantle overturn event(s))
3.1.1..1.	Sea level established relative to continents (Sea held back)
3.1.1..2.	Continents (land) emerged (“brake forth”, “issued out”, “spread forth”)
3.1.1..3.	Storm-Clouds-Wind
3.1.1..4.	Darkness (debris in atmosphere)
3.1.1..5.	Tectonic Activity: Rapid subduction (breaking of tectonic plate?)
3.1.2..	Then Continents began to emerge
3.1.3..	Then Continents established to be above sea level
3.1.4..	Then Continents surrounded by continuous ocean, not oceans surrounded by continuous continent
3.1.5..	Then As continents grew there were episodes of mountain building,
3.1.5..1	Mountains rose supported by floating on molten mantle (Isostatic Rebound)
3.1.5..2.	Valleys fell
3.1.5..3	Isostatic balance developed
3.2.	Cycles of Nature Established as the Basis of Enduring Ecology
3.2.0..1	Then An era of equilibrium followed continent gathering and mountain building
3.2.1.	Lithologic Cycle - Periodic Mountain Building and Eroding
3.2.1..1	Established continent maintaining mechanism (Lithologic Cycle)
3.2.1..2	Soil profile formed
3.2.2.	Hydrologic Cycle - Evaporation/Condensation Transportation of Water
3.2.2.	Then The hydrologic cycle developed.
3.2.2..1	According to pre-established laws of physics
3.2.2..2	Hydrologic Cycle for purpose of sustaining life
3.2.2..3	Sustained by water from the chambers. (incoming cosmic water)
3.2.2..4	Hydrologic Cycle maintained for Future Time
3.2.2..2.	Earth ready for life to begin,
3.2.3.	Then Life begins on earth
3.2.4.	Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon Cycle—Food chain
3.2.4..1	Photosynthesis (Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle) developed

- 3.2.4..2 Photosynthesis becomes the basis of the food chain
- 3.2.4..3 The atmosphere became habitable by photosynthesis
- 3.2.4..4 Food Chain begins
- 3.2.4..4.1 Ultimate purpose of food chain is for sustaining human life.
- 3.2.5. **Reproduction Cycle—Biogenesis**
- 3.2.5..1 Then Life became abundant on earth
- 3.2.5..1.1. Plant biogenesis developed
- 3.2.5..1.2. Animal biogenesis developed
- 3.2.6. **Chronobiology Cycles—Chronobiology Rhythms**
- 3.2.6..1. Lunar Cycle for Seasons
- 3.2.6..2. Circadian/Annual Cycles (Day/Night/Seasonal Patterns of Life Forms)
- 3.2.7. Food chain (Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle) fully developed
- 3.2.8. **Mass Extinction/Sustained Ecology Cycle—Punctuated Equilibrium**
- 3.2.8..1. Ecology Destruction and Renewal Became Pattern of Existence
- 3.2.8..1.1. with mass extinction
- 3.2.8..1.2 by inundation
- 4.0. Eon of Complex Life Forms**
- 4.1. Peak of Habitability—Ecology of Global Warming**
- 4.1.1. Era of sustained ecology.
- 4.1.1..1. The sea swarms with living creatures.
- 4.1.2. Then Plants with seeds developed.
- 4.1.3. Era of Megafauna (Monsters)
- 4.1.3..1. Megafauna (dinosaurs) thrive
- 4.1.3..2. Pinnacle of Nature/Creation
- 4.1.3..3. Sea monsters (Leviathan) thrive
- 4.1.3..4. First birds developed
- 4.1.3..5. First Flowering (Seeding) Plants.
- 4.1.3..6. Ecology continues
- 4.2. Major Mass Extinction (Cretaceous/Cenozoic Boundary Event)**
- 4.2.1. Major Mass extinction (Mantle turnover event with extinction)
- 4.2.1..1. Tectonic Activity End Cretaceous
- 4.2.1..2. Catastrophic event (great storm) (tidal waves)
- 4.2.1..3. Darkness (debris in atmosphere)
- 4.2.1..4. Breakup of continents (Mantle overturn event?)
- 4.2.1..5. Great flood (*breath taken away*)
- 4.2.1..6. Extinction (death/dust)
- 4.2.1..7. Isostatic rebound (mountain building episode)
- 4.3. Ecology Restored, less Global Warming, Rise of Mammals**
- 4.3.1. Restoration of ecology - *Renewest the face of the earth*
- 4.3.1..1. New life forms Cycle Of Extinction & Renewal (Punctuated Equilibrium).
- 4.3.1..2. Spread over continents The far past of recent life.
- 4.3.2. Era of sustained (renewed) ecology.
- 4.3.2..1. Mammals appear
- 4.3.2..2. Forests and grasslands
- 4.3.2..3. Human species appears on earth
- 4.3.2..4. Man became a living soul
- 4.3.2..5. Tropical ecology with mild global warming
- 4.3.2..6. Punctuated Equilibrium Continues
- 4.4. Another Mass Extinction (Miocene/Pliocene Boundary Event)**
- 4.4.1. End of Tropical Ecology - *End of Garden of Eden*

- 4.4.1..1. Destruction of Habitat/Ecology event
- 4.4.1..2. Tectonic motion event
- 4.4.1..3. Volcanism event
- 4.5. Ecology Restored, Global Cooling**
- 4.5.1. Era of restored ecology (Long time passes.)
- 4.5.1..1. Climate turns colder and harsher - Global Cooling
- 4.5.1..2. Thorns and Thistles ecology (carbon starved ecology)
- 4.5.1..3. Expansion of humanity after habitat/ecology destruction - *Replenish*
- 4.5.1..4. Dedication of food chain
- 4.5.1..5. Photosynthesis is the basis of the food chain for all forms of life.
- 4.5.1..6. Pre-historic Past of Humanity
- 4.5.1..7. Rate of Extinction exceeds Rate of Speciation (Creation Complete)
- 4.5.1..8. Long Time Passes. Pleistocene
- 4.5.1..9. Rise of language and civilization
- 4.6. Another Mass Extinction (Pleistocene/Holocene Boundary Event)**
- 4.6.1..1. Mass Extinction of Large Mammals
- 4.6.1..2. Mass Extinction was in form of a flood (*Noah's*)
- 4.7. Ecology Restored/Epoch of Secular Human History**
- 4.8. Era of restored ecology Proliferation of civilization after near extinction**
- 4.8.1.. Beginning times/Current Era Boundary
- 4.8.2.. Living in Present
- 4.8.2..1. "End Times" Philosophy (false)
- 4.8.2..2. Uniformitarianism Philosophy (false)
- 4.8.2..3. Logic of God, Laws of Physics (true)
- 4.8.2..4. Present time/Future time boundary
- 4.8.3.. Living In Future
- 4.8.3..1. Time of Sustained Ecology.
- 4.9. End of Era of Complex Life Forms Event**
- 4.9.1..1. There will be an end.
- 4.9.1..2. A Future Mass Extinction – Great and Terrible Day of the Lord.
- 5.0. Eon of Eternity Future**
- 5.0.0.1. Judgment
- 5.0.0.2. New Heaven & Earth.
- 5.0.0.3. Eternity Future Will Exist.
- 5.0.0.4. Human Existence In Eternity Future.
- 5.0.0.4. God Existence In Eternity Future.

(End of Excerpt.)

Admittedly, there are a few errors in the above work. The Old Scientist does not claim to be infallible.

The Old scientist has been accused of just re-interpreting the bible to agree with science. That is not the case. The evidence is real. Some of the more obscure points become obvious only in the context of the more obvious ones. But the more obvious ones are so obvious it is amazing that theologians have not recognized them long ago.

You, as an individual, can recognize many of the more obvious ones without the assistance of an expert. It does not take a rocket scientist. A good place to start is: <http://www.scienceandthebible.net/ezine/2011/SATB-Ezine-2011-04-30.pdf>

On an even more positive note, Since the publication of that book, more such points

of detail have been recognized to have been mentioned in the ancient scripture of the bible before their discovery by modern science.

It is worth looking into. The ancient scriptures of the bible are unique among claimed religious writings. And that uniqueness is scientific evidence of their validity.

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