

Scientific Evidence of the Supernatural Authorship of the Bible.

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"The accuracy of detail in the wonders of nature mentioned in the ancient scriptures indicates there was an eyewitness observer to events that occurred before humans existed. This accuracy of detail combined with the impossibility of any natural source for that information, is scientific evidence that the bible is not a product of the ingenuity of man and his myths."

...AnOldScientist

Preface:

For many years I searched for evidence as to whether or not there is true science in the bible.

Sure, there are snippets here and there that have been touted to indicate the author(s) of the bible knew scientific facts that modern science had not yet discovered.

Many people have pointed out the fact that a verse¹ somewhere in the bible speaks of the "circle of the earth." They point out that the bible knew the earth was a sphere when everyone else believed the earth was flat.

However, upon closer examination, the idea that everyone thought the earth was flat is a myth. A few of the lesser educated at the time of Columbus may have believed that, but it is well documented that as far back as we have recorded science, people knew the earth was a sphere. The ancient Greeks even had the diameter figured pretty close to what it really is.

And then, that verse, even if it can, with only a little strain, be translated "sphere," the most probable meaning in the original language and usage meant something like when you stand in one spot and turn all the way around what you see is the "circle of the earth." Besides, the real clincher is, that word translated "earth" did not mean the planet, it meant the hard stuff you walk on, the continents as opposed to the sea. So, if you did insist on it meaning a sphere, since the continents are not a sphere, you would only be arguing the author of the bible did not know science at all... And so it went.

Most of the items that were pointed out to prove the bible had true science were a real stretch of the imagination and a contortion of the definition of science.

Success in The Search For Scientific Evidence.

The application of the scientific method to bible study is a valid approach. It cannot prove an idea to be true. But it can eliminate a lot of false doctrine.

Yes the scientific method when properly applied to bible study does result in real evidence.

In the bible there are several accounts of the origins. In these accounts there are casual mentions of numerous wonders of nature. Many of these simple mentions include indications of chronology, and intimacy of detail that is obvious without a stretch of the

¹ Isaiah 40:22 [It is] he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth...

imagination. These chronology clues are sufficient for all these bible accounts to be combined into one single comprehensive chronology. And this information is published in the bible thousands of years in advance of the discovery by modern science of the same wonders and chronology.

This report focuses on only one of those many obscure accounts of the origins. A scientific method of bible study is employed to investigate that pattern of casual mention yet profound knowledge.

Evidence from the Scientific Study of the 104th Psalm.

The 104th Psalm appears² to be a simple thirty-five-verse praise of God citing various wonders of nature and attributing those wonders of nature to the creativeness of God. But is it really that simple? Was it composed by the imagination of a shepherd boy turned King who had observed the wonders of nature during his earlier career? Some say it is an ancient myth copied from an earlier religion? Or is this unexplainable ability to accurately mention specific details of the wonders of nature, scientific evidence of the supernatural authorship of the bible?

Wonders of Nature Mentioned in Chronological Order:

Looking at the first nine verses, we see several wonders of nature mentioned in verses 2 through 7. These wonders are be related to the origins of the universe and the planet earth.

¹*Bless the LORD, O my soul.*

*O LORD my God,
Thou art very great;
thou art clothed with honour and majesty.*

²*Who coverest [thyself] with light as [with] a garment:
who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:*

³*Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:
who maketh the clouds his chariot:
who walketh upon the wings of the wind:*

⁴*Who maketh his angels spirits;
his ministers a flaming fire:*

⁵*[Who] laid the foundations of the continents, (liquid mantle)
[that] it (continents) should not be removed for ever.*

⁶*Thou coveredst it (mantle/continents) with the ocean as [with] a garment:
the waters stood above the mountains.*

⁷*At thy rebuke they (waters) fled;
at the voice of thy thunder they (waters) hasted away.*

⁸*The mountains go up, the valleys go down
unto the place which thou hast founded for them (where they are in
equilibrium).*

⁹*Thou hast set a bound that they (the oceans) may not pass over;
that they (the oceans) turn not again to cover the earth.*

² Haley, Henry H. "Bible Handbook, An Abbreviated Bible Commentary, Copyright 1924 – 1955, Twenty-First Edition, 1957, Second Printing, 1958, Page 238.

Curious is the fact that no human existed to witness these wonders of the origins, yet they are all mentioned in the order they first appeared.

First we see the mention of light.

(Light is a form of energy that originated in the Big Bang.)

Then we see a mention of the expansion of the universe.

Then there are a couple of verses of religious sounding unscientific blather.

Then we see a mention of the formation of the mantle layer surrounding the planet earth.

(That mantle, as correctly mentioned, eventually ends up supporting the continents.)

That is all not too much of a stretch of the imagination for King David to conjecture.

But then he mentioned that subsequently the mantle became covered with oceans.

And we see he specifically says the continents were below sea level.

And then, in a major event, the water drained off (continents emerged to be above water.)

And he actually mentions that those wonders of nature happened in that exact order.

These are all mentions of wonders of nature related to origin events that took place before humans existed. It is obviously a list of natural wonders intended to praise the creativeness of the psalmist's God. But it is suspiciously beginning to look like an ordered list. Could it be a list of wonders precisely mentioned in the order that they actually came into existence?

Could this Psalm be a special form of ordered praise? It is beginning to look quite similar to the obscure form of poetic song called the blason.³ The blason is a form of praise wherein physical virtues of a beloved are listed in some ordered sequence, but that sequence order was not stated, only obvious from the context. The blason form was borrowed from the French⁴ and became popular among 16th century English language troubadours touting the physical virtues of their beloved, typically starting at the top of the head and progressing toward the tip of the toe, or the ground they walked on. Except this Psalm was written over two thousand years earlier, and the order is not in stature, but rather in chronology.

These curiosities bring up the possibility that this is an opportunity to apply the scientific method⁵ of bible study.⁶

That scientific method of bible study (similar to the scientific method for science,) is where you

1 observe a curiosity,

2 form a conjecture or two or three,⁷

3 make predictions that could possibly prove those conjectures false,

³ Blason, <http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Blason&oldid=228050321>

⁴ Although Solomon, this psalmist's son, employed the blason format over 2500 years earlier, Sgs 4&7.

⁵ The Scientific Method is defined in the most simple form as a series of four steps: 1. Use your experience, 2. Form a conjecture, 3. Deduce a prediction from that explanation, 4. Test. Restated in terms more familiar to the scientist: 1. Characterizations (Observations,) 2. Hypotheses 3. Predictions, 4. Experiments. Note that the Scientific Method can never verify any hypothesis, it can only prove it false. In practice there are iterations and repeats as described in http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Scientific_method&oldid=252317581 Scientific method. (2008, November 17). In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Retrieved 19:46, Nov 21, 2008.

⁶ See, *Eyewitness to the Origins*, pages 26 through 35, for a discussion of using the Scientific Method to study the bible. <http://authortree.com/anoldscientist/Book%20Detail/660883> or, www.scienceandthebible.net

⁷ Chamberlin, T.C., 1890, The method of multiple working hypotheses: *Science* (old series) v. 15, p. 92-96; reprinted 1965, v. 148, p. 754-759. <http://www.gly.uga.edu/railsback/11111misc/MWHReprise2.pdf>

4 and look for evidence to either disprove or support that conjecture.
When more curiosities are observed, form more conjectures and repeat the process.

Scientists call a conjecture to be tested, an hypothesis. For compatibility, we use the concepts of conjecture and hypothesis interchangeably. For ease of understanding by non-scientists we shall call an observation that needs to be explained, a curiosity.

First, we have observed some curiosities. This Psalm appears to be a list of some wonders of nature. Those wonders appear to be related to the origins. Those wonders appear to be mentioned in chronological order. Interspersed in these mentions are illustrations of future usefulness of these wonders. Those wonders happened at a time when no human eyewitness existed. They would not be discovered by science until thousands of years later. Does this suggest knowledge of something that no one could have known when it was written?

Now lets form a conjecture or two. It is obvious that Psalm 104 contains the mention of many wonders of nature and the credit for these wonders of nature is attributed to the creativeness of God. But lets conjecture concerning the less obvious.

Hypothesis 1: Within Psalm 104 is a list of mentions of wonders of nature that is arranged in the order in which these items came into existence or happened. Included are some mentions of the then future benefits by mention of their now current uses or conditions.

In the scientific method of bible study, it is now time for a few predictions.

Predictions 1: This hypothesis predicts, that if the next few verses should contain the mention of more such wonders, they also should be in the order of their first appearance. Some of those next few wonders should also be illustrated with present-day uses or conditions that depend on the existence of that mentioned wonder of the past.

Experiments 1: To test the hypotheses we read on. Are more wonders mentioned? Does the pattern of correct chronology continue? Are they illustrated by present wonders?

The next wonder we notice is the mention of the principle of isostacy as the continents settle into their new status of being above sea level. Isostacy is that scientific principle that says mountains rise and valleys fall because they are like icebergs, with a greater portion below the surface, and the greater that portion, the higher they raise, floating in the mantle below.

Yes, isostacy is the principle that describes what happened after the continents emerged just previously in the list.

As we read further we see a continuation of the pattern. After the rise of the continents and equilibrium is established, we see the mention of several patterns or cycles developing that have the future purpose of supporting life. They are mentioned in the order they actually developed. They are illustrated with current wonders of nature.

The Lithologic Cycle where the mechanism is fully developed that keeps the continents above sea level,

The hydrologic cycle where water is transported from the oceans far inland to furnish water to support future life forms,

The beginning of life,

The Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle, That is what we think of as the food chain,

The reproduction cycle of biogenesis,

Life becoming abundant, and

Chronobiology cycles developing in sync with the sun and moon,
Each of these cycles is illustrated with the current day benefits of that cycle having started when it did.

The list goes on with various life forms developing and being extinguished in repeating mass extinctions, establishing the pattern of mass extinctions that is to go on into the future.

Results: Obviously, both conjectures, or Hypotheses, as a scientist would call them, are not falsified by further examination of evidence. In fact, this further evidence increases the confidence in the conjectures. So far there is no evidence to the contrary. In this Psalm, all wonders of nature mentioned are in the correct order for this to be a true chronology of the origins illustrated by current time benefits of many of the wonders mentioned.

Emergence of the Continents: Imagination or Knowledge:

But what about the accuracy of the detail? It seems obvious that King David said that at one time there was only ocean, no continents, then a significant event happened, then there were continents surrounded by ocean. Did that really happen?

Curiosity: In bible study circles, or even in natural science classes, this sequence of events is rarely even mentioned. Did it really happen? Is that just a product of the imagination of King David? It is obvious, that is what he stated. This meaning is more solidified when consulting the original language of the ancient scriptures. Is that really what happened? Or is it just fanciful imagination like in other religions that say the earth emerged from the dark waters of chaos as believed by the ancient Egyptians and as stated in many other religious creation myths? Is that really what the bible teaches as a significant event in the origins sequence? Or is it just a myth borrowed from another religion?

Objections have been raised that David's ability to mention this may appear to be supernatural, but it has a natural explanation.

Hypothesis 2: The bible, as a whole, could not teach this. This interpretation is only a stretch of the imagination.

Hypothesis 3: The bible does teach this, but it is not true.

Hypothesis 4: The bible does teach this, and it may be true. But it is copied from ancient myth.

These three hypotheses pretty well cover three objections that have been raised, 1. The science in the bible is not in accord with reality, 2. The verses interpreted to mean scientific things are not science, and 3. The bible has been shown to not be original, but is borrowed from the myths of earlier religions.

Lets test these multiple hypotheses by the scientific method and see if they can be falsified by contrary evidence.

Hypothesis 2: This supposed "science" is not what the bible teaches:

The bible, as a whole, could not teach this. It would have been nonsense at the time the bible was written. This interpretation is only a stretch of the imagination.

Prediction 2: We can search the bible and not find another mention of this.

Experiment 2a: First, lets test the proposition that the bible does not teach this nonsense by checking with influential theologians:

In his commentary, Chuck Smith⁸ says, “The psalmist here speaks about the Flood in Noah's time.” A. R. Fausset⁹ says, “These verses rather describe the wonders of the flood than the creation.” Matthew Henry¹⁰ One of the more respected theologians, in his commentary, has a different slant on it. He points out the correlation with another verse of scripture in a different bible account of the origins. He links it to, “God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered to one place, and let the dry land appear, Gen. 1:9.” It is not clear whether Matthew Henry equates this to the flood of Noah, or to some other event, but it is clear that he equates it to a more recent event, and does not recognize it as a significant event in the early history of the development of the planet earth.

So far, the commentary of respected theologians support the conjecture that the bible does not teach what theologians had never heard of. Does this mean that is not what the bible teaches? Or does it reveal the fact that many mainstream theologians do not yet realize the significance of what the Psalmist was saying.

According to the scientific method, no amount of positive evidence proves a hypothesis to be true. A hypothesis cannot be proven true by corroborating evidence. It can only be proven false by evidence to the contrary.

Experiment 2b: Continuing to test the idea that the bible does not seem to think the emergence of the continents is a big deal, lets look at the bible itself.

We need go no further than the second verse in the bible. “ And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” Traditionally, according to the “Chaotic Mass” theory, this verse is assumed to refer to a stage of development of the planet earth when it was nothing but a chaotic mass. However, upon closer examination, that cannot be true. The word “void” means non-existent, not just shapeless. The word translated “earth” did not mean the planet earth; rather it was the solid stuff you walk on as opposed to the sea. The word translated, “deep” is in reference to the ocean. Therefore, the proper interpretation for this is a description of the condition of the planet earth when the continents were not formed, when they were covered with the ocean before they emerged to be above sea level. This is the situation that was remedied in the ninth verse of the bible quoted above, “God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered to one place, and let the dry land appear.”

⁸ Smith, Chuck. "Study Guide for Psalms." The Word For Today. Blue Letter Bible. 1 Mar 1996. 2008. 21 Nov 2008.

< http://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/comm_view.cfm?AuthorID=1&contentID=587&commInfo=4&topic=Psalms >

⁹ Jamieson, Robert; A.R. Fausset; and David Brown. "Commentary on Psalm 104." . Blue Letter Bible. 19 Feb 2000. 2008. 21 Nov 2008.

< http://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/comm_view.cfm?AuthorID=7&contentID=2465&commInfo=6&topic=Psalms >

¹⁰ Henry, Matthew. "Commentary on Psalms 104." . Blue Letter Bible. 1 Mar 1996. 2008. 21 Nov 2008.

< http://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/comm_view.cfm?AuthorID=4&contentID=1227&commInfo=5&topic=Psalms >

Do you think we are straining to make the bible say something it does not? Think again.¹¹ It is one of the most mentioned events in the creation accounts of the bible.

Results 2: Therefore, the first conjecture, “The rest of the bible could not teach this,” is proven untrue, falsified by the scientific method of bible study. The bible does in fact teach what that conjecture assumes to be “nonsense.”¹²

Hypothesis 3: The “Science” taught in the bible is not reality:

The bible does teach what may have appeared to be nonsense. But that teaching is no more in accord with reality than most nonsensical imaginings of all the creation myths that human mortals have dreamed up.

Predictions 3: When we search the external evidence of physical science, we will find no evidence that any such condition existed nor any evidence that an event such as continents rising from below sea level ever happened.

Experiment 3: Conjecture 2 was nullified by experiment 2a and 2b. Now lets do an experiment that may nullify conjecture 3 that the bible does teach this, but it is fiction.

¹¹ A most significant natural wonder of the creation chronology as recorded in many of the bible accounts is the emergence of the continents from below sea level of an ocean covered planet. Before that event there was no place for land plants or land animals to have a habitation. Land based ecology did not develop until there was what the Hebrews called ‘erets, from which comes the English word, “earth.” The ‘erets was not the planet earth, rather the dry ground on which we stand, that which sustains land based ecology. In other words, in many instances, ‘erets should be translated “continents.”

This wonder is mentioned in at least eight of the Creation Accounts of the bible:

Moses 2: c. 1445 BC. Introduction to Creation II, Genesis 1:1,2. In the second verse of the bible, that significant event is used to set the stage for the other creation accounts.

God 3: c. <1500 BC. Introduction to Creation I, Job 38. Events are chronicled from the big bang to the emergence of the continents.

Moses 1: c. 1446 BC. Everlasting-to-Everlasting, Psalms 90. The reverse chronology in verse 2, of this account starts just after this event and works back in time to eternity past.

Peter: c. 64-68 AD. Eternity-to-Eternity, II Peter 3. Verse 5d of this account mentions this event at the same point in the chronology as the other accounts.

David 4: c. 1015 BC Before and After Account, Psalms 148. In the first half of the account, time is in reverse, back from the emergence of the continents. The second half is forward in time from that same event. This wonder is so significant that this account is hinged on it.

Moses 3: c. 1445 BC. Seven-Day Creation Account, Genesis 1:3-2:3. “And God said, Let the waters under the sky be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry [land] appear: and it was so. And God called the dry [land] continents; and the gathering together of the waters called he oceans:”

David 3: c. 1015 BC Chronological Order of Creation, Psalms 104. This accounts mention of the emergence of the continents started this search for other mentions in the bible.

Job 1, c. <1500 BC. The God Alone Creation Account, Job 9. This account, written before Genesis, mentions two events with details: The Creation of the Universe, and the Emergence of the Continents.

¹² Note: This is not universally realized throughout theology circles. More explanation and examples are found in the book, *Eyewitness to the Origins* by Max B. Frederick. (ISBN 9780615247687) A link to that book can be found at www.scienceandthebible.net

The prediction to be tested is that a search of the physical evidence will reveal no indication such condition or event ever existed.

The test is to search the literature for physical evidence to the contrary of the prediction.

That search reveals the following:

It appears to be commonly accepted by earth scientists of today that there was a period of time in the far past of the history of the development of the planet earth, during the Hadean Eon, in which the planet earth was covered with ocean and without continents. Even now, it is yet unclear to whom to give credit for that particular discovery; it appears to be of recent history. That teaching does not appear in any scientific work that dates back more than a few decades.

The basis given for some to come to that conclusion is the virtual absence of anything except pillow basalt in the earliest rocks of the geologic column. Pillow basalt is unique in its formation in that it is formed under water when hot melted lava is rapidly cooled by water, and forms pillow shaped blobs. Those blobs have a thin shell of cooled, solidified crust, but are still liquid or soft inside. When those blobs fall to rest on the bottom of the body of water in which they are formed, they tend to conform to the bottom assuming the appearance of a random pile of pillows made of basalt.

References to that ancient ocean are common in discussions of theories of spontaneous generation in the search for the origin of life. However, it appears to be one of those things commonly accepted, but to which no particular scientist is given credit for discovering. At least, no big deal has been made of giving anyone credit for that discovery.

Even so, the emergence of the continents from below sea level of an ocean covered planet earth is a most significant event in earth science. The recording of events in the geologic column did not start until the crust of the earth cooled sufficiently for there to accumulate an ocean in which layers of rock could accumulate. This initial recording indicates this most significant event. One of the earliest events recorded in the geologic column is the emergence of the continents. The geologic column records events from just before the emergence of the continents forward. Information from that event backward in time is obtained from observations of the cosmos.

Results 3: Both the bible and the physical evidence indicate this wonder of nature is not a fiction. Therefore, Conjecture 2 is falsified by the finding of what was predicted by that conjecture to be unfindable.

Hypothesis 4: Supposed “science” in the bible is just recycled myth:

A. Psalms 104 really does teach that:

- 1.) There was a time when there were no continents and,
- 2.) The entire planet earth was covered with ocean and,
- 3.) In a significant event, the continents emerged to be above sea level and,
- 4.) After this occurred, mountains rose and valleys fell to be in equilibrium and,
- 5.) Continents have remained above sea level ever since that time.

B. That teaching is in accord with reality verified by evidence from modern discovery.

D. But this is not evidence of a supernatural bible because the source for Psalm 104 has been found to be an ancient prayer, known as Akenaten's, “The Hymn to the Sun,” from an earlier religion.

Predictions 4: When we search ancient mythology concerning the origins, we will discover other ancient religions believed the earth emerged from some body of water, and there is a myth touted to be the origin of Psalm 104, and that ancient myth predates Psalm 104, and that myth includes all the above events in the context of all the above.

Experiment 4: A search of ancient mythology reveals other ancient religions believed the earth emerged from some body of water. A Wikipedia¹³ article on Creation Myths summarizes the many myths listed in the article with, “Many creation myths share broadly similar themes. Common motifs include ...land emerging from an infinite and timeless ocean;...” Of particular interest is the ancient Egyptian mythology. An ancient myth is commonly¹⁴ quoted as saying something like, “In the beginning, the universe was filled with the dark waters of chaos. One day, a hill rose up out of the waters...”

Clearly this indicates there is no ancient myth that puts the emergence of the continents in the same context, explaining that the ocean came into existence to cover a mantle that was previously designed to become the foundation of the continents.

Several references assume it is a foregone conclusion that an ancient prayer, known as Akhenaten’s, “The Hymn to the Sun,” is the prior source for Psalms 104. Typical is a statement by Paul Innard¹⁵, “Psalm 104 for example [is] almost identical to prayer from Akhenaten’s time.” Others cite the lack of similarity¹⁶ to question if it was really copied, rather Akhenaten may have obtained these kinds of statements from the Hebrews who once lived in Egypt, and included them in his hymn.

However, all of the chronology clues that make Psalms 104 so important, are missing in Akenaten’s, “The Hymn to the Sun.”¹⁷ Akhenaten’s hymn contains none of the information in the first nineteen verses of Psalms 104. All of the above items under test occurred in the first nine verses of Psalms 104. This is more significant than any similarities, as missing information cannot be copied.

Result 4: This hypothesis is falsified by the finding that supposed source contains none of the information under test. Some tests of experiment 4 do in fact validate some confirmatory evidence indicating the conjecture is possibly true, but the scientific method does not allow positive evidence to prove a hypothesis to be true, but does allow negative evidence to falsify that hypothesis. Therefore, this hypothesis is also false.

If Not from Natural Sources, Then from Where?

An even greater curiosity is recognized:

¹³ Creation myth, http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Creation_myth&oldid=252896489 (last visited Nov. 22, 2008).

¹⁴ However, none of the references I found referenced an original source.

¹⁵ <http://egyptologist.org/discus/messages/11/3012.html?1023791739> (spelling and grammar corrected)

¹⁶ <http://www.bible.ca/islam/islam-polytheism-pharaoh-akhenaton.htm> “**Note:** Desperate bible skeptics suggest David plagiarized Akhenaten’s hymn when he wrote Psalm 104 of the Bible. However the similarity is remote and not impressive, especially in light of the fact that Ps 104 doesn’t even contain monotheistic statements like “O thou sole god, whose power no other possesses.” In the very unlikely case that anyone copied, it would be Akhenaten who heard these kinds of statements from the Jews who once lived in Egypt. Perhaps David was recording an ancient Jewish Song that Pharaoh Akhenaten was familiar with and copied. However, our view is that the similarity between the two is so insignificant, that no one copied from anyone. After all, Akhenaten is praising the “sun god” while David is praising the God who created the sun.

¹⁷ <http://www.seanet.com/~realistic/psalm104.html>

Curiosity: There is a problem with the source of this information. All of these wonders of nature that are mentioned occurred before there was any human in existence to witness them.

How could King David know this stuff to mention it?

No human eyewitness was alive when it happened.

Modern science had not yet discovered this information.

Is it supernatural?

Or is there an alternate rational explanation for the source of this information.

The theory that previous ancient religious myths were the source of this information has been nullified on two counts: Human inventiveness has been demonstrated to always result in the error of making up non reality when faced with a challenge that is orders of magnitude less complex. All existing myth that has been offered has fallen short of containing similar information by several orders of magnitude.

The amazement is not in the casual mention of something that could be construed to be a wonder of nature, but in the fact that so many of them are mentioned, and even more amazing, is the chronology clues that put them in the exact order that is in accord with reality and that order could not have been known from any natural source.

No ancient religion, no myth, no imagination of the human mind not even any modern day man made religion has ever come up with even a fraction of the magnitude of true information when it could not have been known from some natural source.

This gives rise to one more conjecture or hypothesis: Maybe King David understood what earlier written books of the bible said concerning this subject. Maybe this information is unique to the ancient scriptures of the bible

Hypothesis 5: Ability of Bible to Mention Wonders with Such Detail is Beyond Natural.

A. A comprehensive combination of all the bible creation accounts concurs with Psalm 104 in the following sequence:

- 1.) There was a time when there were no continents and,
- 2.) The entire planet earth was covered with ocean and,
- 3.) In a significant event, the continents emerged to be above sea level and,
- 4.) Continents have remained above sea level ever since that time and,
- 5.) After this occurred, mountains rose and valleys fell to be in equilibrium and,
- 6.) Items 1 through 5 above occurred after these items occurred in this order:
 - a.) The universe was in a condition of expanding
 - b.) The planet earth developed with an outer "mantle" layer that later would become the "foundation for the continents"
 - c.) That mantle layer was then covered by the oceans ("oceans" in the singular because it was continuous.),

and that sequence is in the proper chronology among many other similar sequences.

B That bible teaching is in accord with reality verified by evidence from modern discovery,

C. No reasonable natural source for this information existed at the time it was written and,

D. The accuracy and quantity of chronology and detail in that comprehensive combination of all the creation accounts of the bible is orders of magnitude greater than that demonstrated by any known man made religion.

E. That magnitude of that information, combined with the lack of natural source for that information, lends credibility to the claim that information is from a supernatural source.

Predictions 5a: When all the creation accounts of the bible that contain chronological clues are combined the result is a comprehensive chronology of events and details that verify the above teaching. No legitimate discrepancy to this teaching is found in the bible.

Predictions 5b: The proposition that this teaching is not in accord with reality is nullified by the experiment that nullified Conjecture 3.

Predictions 5c: A search of ancient myths will find no myth that mentions wonders of nature with the correctness of detail that is mentioned in the bible. These bible details will be more in accord with reality than the details of any ancient myth, thus discrediting the notion that this a myth borrowed from another religion, and raising the credibility of the bible above that of ancient myth.

Results: With all hypotheses of a natural source for the information concerning origins found in the bible, nullified, proven false, short of another hypothesis arising, the existence of the information actually found in the bible is almost in the category of an unexplainable miracle. That is almost scientific proof that the bible does not exist. But we know that it exists, and that it pre-existed all known natural sources for this information.

How many ways are there to say it? The existence of the information in the bible concerning the origins, combined with the lack of natural source for that information, is scientific evidence of supernatural authorship.

Curiosity: Remember the mention, on the second page of this report, of some religious sounding unscientific blather? That is another curiosity worth investigating.

One More Hypothesis: When nonsensical religious blather is found sandwiched in this sequence of mentions of natural wonders, it may be the mention of another wonder that was not yet discovered or recognized by modern science when the translation was made. Maybe it is clearer in the original language, and the translators did not understand what David was talking about, so they just did a mechanical translation with religious sounding embellishment.

Prediction: If we consult the original language of those verses, that might reveal another wonder of nature, pre-recorded in the bible before its discovery by modern science.

Prediction: If another wonder of nature were found, it would have to be something that occurred, or was present, during that era of time between the beginning of the expansion of the universe, and the forming of the outer mantle layer of the planet earth.

Both of these predictions are demonstrated to be correct. The science predicted by that religious sounding unscientific blather has been discovered. The translators of the bible were totally ignorant of it. They did as good as could be expected in rendering it as they did. To continue this report would make it unbearably long. That is why the book, *Eyewitness to the Origins* is nearly five hundred pages long.

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information, is scientific evidence that the bible is not a product of the ingenuity of man and his myths.”

This special report gives only a fraction of the evidence derived from Psalms 104. And Psalms 104 is just one of many creation accounts analyzed in the book *Eyewitness to the Origins*, by Max B. Frederick. (ISBN 9780615247687) A link to read about and purchase that book can be found at www.scienceandthebible.net

The following table and commentary are copied from the analysis of Psalms 104, pages 349-355 of *Eyewitness to the Origins*.

Contribution of Psalms 104 to Whole Bible Combined Chronology/Detail:

Verse	Detail Nr.	Detail Description
	1.0.	Eon of Eternity Past
	1.0.0	Eternity Past Existed
1b	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
2a	1.1.0..1	That Something (God) caused the Universe [Everything] to come into existence
	2.0.	Eon of Early Development
	2.1.	The Universe Formed - The Heavens
2b	2.1.0..3.	Light was one of the first things to come into existence (Light existed from the "beginning")
2b	2.1.0..3.1.	Light had a beginning. It has not existed forever.
	2.2.	The Expansion of the Universe
2c	2.2.1	Then there was the expansion of the universe.
2d	2.2.2..	Then water became abundant in outer space
2d	2.2.3..	Then stars came into existence
2d	2.2.4..	Then the Sun came into existence
	2.3.	The Development of the Solar System - The Chambers of the South
3a	2.3.1.	Then the solar system developed
3a	2.3.1..1.	The earth and other planets developed.
3a	2.3.1..2.	The planets are chambers for storage of water to moderate the cycle
3b	2.3.1..3.	Water had accumulated in solar system
3c	2.3.2.	Then hydrologic cycle (water cycle) developed in outer space of the solar system.
3d	2.3.2..3.	Water carried in by small comets
3e	2.3.2..4.	Solar winds existed in solar system
3e,4a	2.3.2..4.1.	Water carried out by solar winds.
4b	2.3.2..4.2.	Visible glow is a characteristic of solar winds
	2.4.	The Development of the Planet Earth
5a	2.4.1..	Then planet earth developed with molten magma surface (mantle.)
5b	2.4.1..1	Mantle Planned to support the earth (continents.)
5b	2.4.1..2	Mantle Engineered to support the earth (continents)
5b	2.4.1..3	Molten mantle develops, to support the earth (continents) (the "molten support" (pillars))
5b	2.4.1..4	Solidified Mantle is to become the ocean floor
5b	2.4.1..5	Held in place by gravity/density (floatation)
	2.6.	The Development of the Oceans - The Deep
6a	2.6.2..	Then the earth was covered by the oceans,
6a	2.6.2..1.	Solidified mantle became ocean floor
6b	2.6.2..4.	No continents existed at this time.
	3.0.	Eon of Preparation For Complex Life / Ecology - The World
	3.1.	The Emergence of the Continents - The Earth (Land)
7a,7c	3.1.1.	Then catastrophic event(s) occurred (Mantle overturn event(s))
7b,7d	3.1.2..	Then Continents began to emerge
8a	3.1.5..1	Mountains rose supported by floating on molten mantle (Isostatic Rebound)
8b	3.1.5..2.	Valleys fell
8c	3.1.5..3	Isostatic balance developed
	3.2.	Cycles of Nature Established as the Basis of Enduring Ecology
9a	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
9b	3.2.1..1	Established continent maintaining mechanism (Lithologic Cycle)
	3.2.2.	Hydrologic Cycle - Evaporation/Condensation Transportation of Water
10	3.2.2.	Then The hydrologic cycle developed.
11,12	3.2.2..2	Hydrologic Cycle for purpose of sustaining life
13a	3.2.2..3	Sustained by water from the chambers. (incoming cosmic water)
13a	3.2.2..4	Hydrologic Cycle maintained for Future Time
13b	3.2.2..2.	Earth ready for life to begin,
14a	3.2.3.	Then Life begins on earth

Contribution of Psalms 104 to Whole Bible Combined Chronology/Detail: (continued)

Verse	Detail Nr.	Detail Description
	3.2.4.	Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon Cycle—Food chain
14b,14d	3.2.4.1	Photosynthesis (Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle) developed
14c,14e	3.2.4.2	Photosynthesis becomes the basis of the food chain
14f	3.2.4.4	Food Chain begins
15	3.2.4.4.1	Ultimate purpose of food chain is for sustaining human life.
	3.2.5.	Reproduction Cycle—Biogenesis
16,17,18	3.2.5.1	Then Life became abundant on earth
16	3.2.5.1.1.	Plant biogenesis developed
17,18	3.2.5.1.2.	Animal biogenesis developed
19-23	3.2.6.	Chronobiology Cycles—Chronobiology Rhythms
19a	3.2.6.1.	Lunar Cycle for Seasons
19b-23	3.2.6.2.	Circadian/Annual Cycles (Day/Night/Seasonal Patterns of Life Forms)
21	3.2.7.	Food chain (Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle) fully developed
	4.0.	Eon of Complex Life Forms
	4.1.	Peak of Habitability Sustained Ecology of Global Warming
24-28	4.1.1.	Era of sustained ecology.
25a	4.1.1.1.	The sea swarms with living creatures.
(16)	4.1.2.	Then Plants with seeds developed.
25b	4.1.3.	Era of Megafauna (Monsters)
26	4.1.3.3.	Sea monsters (Leviathan) thrive
(17)	4.1.3.4.	First birds developed
27,28	4.1.3.6.	Ecology continues
	4.2.	Major Mass Extinction (Cretaceous/Cenozoic Boundary Event)
29	4.2.1.	Major Mass extinction (Mantle turnover event Lithologic Cycle Turnover with extinction)
29a	4.2.1.3.	Darkness (debris in atmosphere)
29b	4.2.1.4.	Breakup of continents (Mantle overturn event?)
29c	4.2.1.5.	Great flood (<i>breath taken away</i>)
29d	4.2.1.6.	Extinction (death/dust)
	4.3.	Ecology Restored, less Global Warming, Rise of Mammals
	4.3.1.	Restoration of ecology - <i>Renewest the face of the earth</i>
30a	4.3.1.1.	New life forms Cycle Of Extinction & Renewal (Punctuated Equilibrium).
30b	4.3.1.2.	Spread over continents The far past of recent life.
31a	4.3.2.	Era of sustained (renewed) ecology.
(18)	4.3.2.1.	Mammals appear
31b	4.3.2.6.	Punctuated Equilibrium Continues
	4.4.	Another Mass Extinction (Miocene/Pliocene Boundary Event)
	4.4.1.	End of Tropical Ecology - <i>End of Garden of Eden</i>
32a	4.4.1.1.	Destruction of Habitat/Ecology event
32b	4.4.1.2.	Tectonic motion event
32c	4.4.1.3.	Volcanism event
	4.5.	Ecology Restored, Global Cooling
33a	4.5.1.	Era of restored ecology (Long time passes.)
33b	4.5.2.2.	Long Time Passes. Pleistocene
34	4.8.1..	Beginning times/Current Era Boundary
	4.9.	End of Era of Complex Life Forms Event
35a	4.9.1.2	A Future Mass Extinction – Great and Terrible Day of the Lord.
	5.0.	Eon of Eternity Future
35b	5.0.0.1.	Judgment
35c	5.0.0.4.	Human Existence In Eternity Future.
35d	5.0.0.5.	God Existence In Eternity Future.

Verse-by-Verse Commentary on Psalms 104 by The Old Scientist

^{1a} *Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, Thou art very great;
thou art clothed with honour and majesty.*

God existed before light/Eternity Past

The Cosmos.

^{2a} *Who coverest [thyself]*

God was the cause of light (the universe) coming into existence/Pre-Hadean

^{2b} *with light as [with] a garment:*

Light was one of the first things to come into existence/Pre-Hadean

Light had a beginning. It has not existed forever/Pre-Hadean

^{2c} *who stretchest out*

Then there was the expansion of the universe/Pre-Hadean

^{2d} *the heavens (cosmos) like a curtain:*

The heavens (including water as implied by the mention in next verse, and that which is seen: the sun and stars) came into existence after the light and expansion.

Water was abundant in outer space/Pre-Hadean

The stars came into existence/Pre-Hadean

The Sun came into existence/Pre-Hadean

The Water in The Cosmos.

^{3a} *Who constructs his chambers of heaven (planets)*

Then the solar system developed/Hadean

The earth and other planets developed/Hadean

The planets are chambers for storage of water to moderate the cycle/Hadean

^{3b} *in the waters [of outer space]:*

Water had accumulated in solar system/Hadean

^{3c} *who set up the dark clouds (extraterrestrial water?)*

Hydrologic cycle (water cycle) developed in outer space of the solar system/Hadean

^{3d} *to be his [water] conveyors:*

Extraterrestrial water carried in /Hadean

^{3e} *who carries [water]*

Water carried out by solar winds. /Hadean

^{3f} *upon the far reaches of the winds [winds of heaven] (Solar Winds)*

Solar winds existed in solar system/Hadean

^{4a} *Who maketh his messengers winds [of heaven];*

Solar winds are used to transport water/Hadean

^{4b} *his servants a flaming fire:*

Visible glow is a characteristic of solar winds/Hadean

(as in the tail of a comet as water is blown off away from the sun.)

The Foundation of the Continents (Mantle.) (Beginning of the Geologic Column)

^{5a} *[Who] laid the foundations of the continents, (liquid mantle)*

Then planet earth developed molten magma surface (mantle.) /Hadean

^{5b} *[that] it (continents) should not be removed for ever.*

Mantle (molten support or pillars) Designed to support the continents. /Hadean

Mantle Engineered to support the continents (earth) develops/Hadean

Solidified Mantle is to become the ocean floor/Hadean

Held in place by gravity/density (flotation) /Hadean

The Development of the Early Ocean

^{6a} *Thou coveredst it (mantle/continents) with the ocean as [with] a garment:*

After that, the planet earth was covered by the oceans/Hadean

Solidified mantle became ocean floor/Hadean

^{6b} *the waters stood above the mountains.*

No visible continents existed/Hadean

The Emergence of the Continents

^{7a} *At thy rebuke*

Then catastrophic event(s) occurred (Mantle overturn event(s?)) /Archaean

^{7b} *they(the waters) fled;*

Continents began to emerge/Archaean

^{7c} *at the voice of thy thunder*

Then catastrophic event(s) occurred (Mantle overturn event(s?)) /Archaean

^{7d} *they(the waters) hasted away.*

Continents began to emerge/Archaean

Equilibrium Established by Isostasy

^{8a} *The mountains go up,*

Mountains rose supported by floating on molten mantle (Isostatic Rebound) /Archaean

^{8b} *the valleys go down*

Valleys fell in Isostatic balance/Archaean

^{8c} *unto the place which thou hast founded for them (where they are in equilibrium).*

Isostatic balance developed/Archaean

The Mechanism Established to Maintain Continents

^{9a} *Thou hast set a bound that they (the oceans) may not pass over;*

An era of equilibrium followed continent gathering and mountain building/Archaean

^{9b} *that they (the oceans) turn not again to cover the earth.*

Established continent maintaining mechanism (Lithologic Cycle) /Archaean

The Hydrologic Cycle on Earth.

¹⁰ *He sendeth the springs into the valleys,
[which] run among the hills.*

The hydrologic cycle established. /Archaean

¹¹ *They give drink to every beast of the field:
the wild asses quench their thirst.*

Hydrologic Cycle for purpose of sustaining life/Archaean

¹² *By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation,
[which] sing among the branches.*

Hydrologic Cycle for purpose of sustaining life/Archaean

^{13a} *He watereth the hills from his chambers of heaven:*

Sustained by water from his chambers. (incoming cosmic water) /Archaean

Maintains Hydrologic Cycle for Future Time/Archaean

^{13b} *the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.*

Earth ready for life to begin, /Archaean

The Food Chain.

^{14a} *He causeth*

Life begins on earth/Proterozoic

^{14b} *the grass*

Photosynthesis (Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle) developed/Proterozoic

^{14c} *to grow for the cattle,*

Photosynthesis becomes the basis of the food chain/Proterozoic

^{14d} *and herb*

Photosynthesis (Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle) developed/Proterozoic

^{14e} *for the service of man:*

Photosynthesis becomes the basis of the food chain/Proterozoic

^{14f} *that he may bring forth food out of the earth;*

Food Chain begins Based on Photosynthesis/Proterozoic

¹⁵ *And wine [that] maketh glad the heart of man,*

[and] oil to make [his] face to shine,

and bread [which] strengtheneth man's heart.

Ultimate purpose of food chain is for sustaining human life. /Proterozoic

The Ecology.

¹⁶ *The trees of the LORD are full [of sap];*

the cedars of Lebanon,

which he hath planted;

Life became abundant on earth/Cambrian

Plant biogenesis developed/Cambrian

Plants with seeds developed. /Devonian

¹⁷ *Where the birds make their nests:*

[as for] the stork, the fir trees [are] her house.

Life became abundant on earth/Cambrian

Animal biogenesis developed/Cambrian

First birds developed/Jurassic

¹⁸ *The high hills [are] a refuge for the wild goats;*

[and] the rocks for the conies.

Life became abundant on earth/Cambrian

Animal biogenesis developed/Cambrian

Mammals appear/Paleocene

The Rhythms of Life.

Note, versus 19-23 illustrate the early establishment (intelligent design) of life supporting cycles by mention of their future beneficiaries. It is not to be construed that the foliage, animals, and humans mentioned were present when these cycles were being designed and established.

^{19a} *He appointed the moon for seasons:*

Lunar Cycle for Seasons/Cambrian

^{19b} *the sun knoweth his going down.*

Circadian Cycle Day/Night Patterns of Life Forms/Cambrian

²⁰ *Thou makest darkness,*

and it is night:

wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep [forth].

Circadian Cycle Day/Night Patterns of Life Forms/Cambrian

²¹ *The young lions roar after their prey,*

and seek their meat from God.

Food chain (Carbon Dioxide/Hydrocarbon cycle) fully developed/Paleocene

²²The sun ariseth,
they gather themselves together,
and lay them down in their dens.

Circadian Cycle Day/Night Patterns of Life Forms/Cambrian

²³Man goeth forth unto his work
and to his labour until the evening.

Circadian Cycle Day/Night Patterns of Life Forms/Miocene

The Eon of Complex Life Forms.

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are thy works!
in wisdom hast thou made them all:
the earth is full of thy riches.

Era of sustained ecology/Paleozoic

²⁵[So is] this great and wide sea,
wherein [are] things creeping innumerable,
both small and great beasts.

The sea swarms with living creatures. /Ordovician

²⁶There go the ships: [there is] that leviathan,
[whom] thou hast made to play therein.

Era of Megafauna (Monsters) /Jurassic
Sea monsters (Leviathan) thrive/Jurassic

²⁷These wait all upon thee;
that thou mayest give [them] their meat in due season.

Ecology continues/Mesozoic

²⁸[That] thou givest them they gather:
thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Ecology continues/Mesozoic

**Major Mass Extinction.
Event**

Cretaceous/Cenozoic (Kt) Boundary

^{29a}Thou hidest thy face,

Darkness (debris in atmosphere) /Cretaceous

^{29b}they are troubled:

Breakup of continents (Mantle overturn event?) /Cretaceous

^{29c}Thou takest away their breath,

Great flood or other suffocating event (breath taken away) /Cretaceous

^{29d}they die, and return to their dust.

Extinction (death/dust) /Cretaceous

Ecology Restored.

^{30a}Thou sendest forth thy spirit,

Restoration of ecology/Paleogene

^{30b}they are created:

New life forms Cycle Of Extinction & Renewal (Punctuated Equilibrium). /Paleogene

^{30c}And thou renewest the face of the earth.

Spread over continents The far past of recent life. /Paleogene

Era of Sustained Ecology.

^{31a}The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever:

31b *the LORD shall rejoice in his works.* Era of sustained (renewed) ecology. /Paleogene

Another Mass Extinction. Event Punctuated Equilibrium Continues/Miocene
Miocene/Pliocene Boundary

32a *He looketh on the earth,* Destruction of Habitat/Ecology event/Miocene-Pliocene

32b *and it trembleth:* Tectonic motion event/Miocene-Pliocene

32c *He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.* Volcanism event/Miocene-Pliocene

Ecology Restored. 33a *I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live:* Era of restored ecology (Long time passes.) /Pliocene

33b *I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.* Long Time Passes. () Pleistocene

34 *My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.* Era of restored ecology Proliferation of civilization after near extinction/Holocene

Another Mass Extinction Event Holocene/Eternity Future Boundary

35a *Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth,* A Future Mass Extinction – Great and Terrible Day of the Lord/Phanerozoic Future

35b *and let the wicked be no more.* Secret iniquities revealed (Judgment Day)/Eternity Future

Ecology Restored. 35c *Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.* Human existence in eternity future/Eternity Future

35d *Praise ye the LORD.* God Existence In Eternity Future/Eternity Future.