

Science: The investigation of natural phenomena through observation, theoretical explanation, and experimentation, or the knowledge produced by such investigation. Science makes use of the **scientific method**, which includes the careful observation of natural phenomena, the formulation of a hypothesis, the conducting of one or more experiments to test the hypothesis, and the drawing of a conclusion that confirms or modifies the hypothesis.

Prov 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Biblical inerrancy: The doctrinal position that in its original form, the Bible is without error; "referring to the complete accuracy of Scripture, including the historical and scientific parts."

Rom 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

If the words of the Bible are not in full accord with all known fact, then we have been mistaken in calling it the Word of God.

2 Tim 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

"True" science will never contradict the Bible.

How was the world made?

How do you know?

What does the Bible say? Col. 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

What is the shape of the Earth?

How do you know?

What does the Bible say? Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.

The book of Isaiah was written sometime between 740 and 680 BC. This is at least 300 years before Aristotle suggested that the earth might be a sphere in his book *On the Heavens*. This brings up an important historical note related to this topic. Many people are aware of the conflict between Galileo and the Roman Catholic Pope, Paul V. After publishing *A Dialogue on the Two Principal Systems of the World*, Galileo was summoned to Rome, where he was forced to renounce his findings. (At that time, “theologians” of the Roman Catholic Church maintained that the Earth was the center of the universe, and to assert otherwise was deemed heretical.) We could not find any place in the Bible that claims that the Earth is flat, or that it is the center of the universe. History shows that this conflict, which took place at the time of the Inquisition, was part of a power struggle. As a result, scientific *and* biblical knowledge became casualties—an effect we still feel to this day.

What does the Earth sit on that keeps it upright?

How do you know?

What does the Bible say? Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and **hange**th the earth upon nothing.

During the war of the Titans, Atlas stormed Olympus and threatened the Gods. And as punishment for this war crime, Zeus sentenced him to hold up the heavens and bear their weight on his shoulders forever.

What is the most vital element in the body for maintaining life?

How do you know?

What does the Bible say? Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

The blood carries water and nourishment to every cell, maintains the body’s temperature, and removes the waste material of the body’s cells. The blood also carries oxygen from the lungs throughout the body. In 1616, William Harvey discovered that blood circulation is the key factor in physical life—confirming what the Bible revealed 3,000 years earlier.

Harvey was fascinated by the way blood flowed through the human body. Most people of the day believed that food was converted into blood by the liver, then was consumed as fuel by the body. Harvey knew this was untrue through his firsthand observations of human and animal dissections. In **1628** Harvey published *An Anatomical Study of the Motion of the Heart and of the Blood in Animals* which explained how blood was pumped from the heart throughout the body, then returned to the heart and recirculated. The views this book expressed were very controversial and lost Harvey many patients, but it became the basis for all modern research on the heart and blood vessels. A second ground-breaking book published by Harvey in 1651, *Essays on the Generation of Animals*, is considered the basis for modern embryology.

Did cave men really exist?

How do you know?

What does the Bible say? Job 30:5-6 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;) To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in **caves of the earth**, and in the rocks.

How does the water cycle work?

How do you know?

What does the Bible say? Job 36:26-29 Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly. Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

This simple verse has remarkable scientific insight. The drops of water which eventually pour down as rain first become vapor and then condense to tiny liquid water droplets in the clouds. These finally coalesce into drops large enough to overcome the updrafts that suspend them in the air.

When does life begin?

What does the Bible say?

Some say life begins at conception (Job 3:11; 31:15)

Some say life begins when the heart starts pumping blood, 18-21 days after conception (Lev. 17:11)

Some say life begins when breathing begins (Gen. 2:7)

How do you know?