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Some Interesting Biblical Positions Backed by Science

Excerpted from Bible Trek I-the first lesson

Q. Does the Bible say that God created a "FLAT EARTH" ?

Isaiah 40:22

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. (also in Psalms)

The word translated "circle" is "Khug" in Hebrew or "roundness". It would be 2200 years after Isaiah wrote this, that the world would know that the earth is round.

Columbus was a Bible scholar and he bet his life , reputation and total future on the truth of the Bible! He headed west despite the prevailing belief during his day that the world was flat. He did this solely because the Bible said the world was round!

Q. Have you ever seen a map of the world from Europe?

It is very different from a map we would buy in the USA. Why? Because on the map in Europe, the USA is not the center of the world...What is?

A. Ezekiel 5:5

*"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This is **Jerusalem**, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her.*

(Why chop the European/Asia continent in half just to portray the USA in the center – talk about a non global viewpoint???)

What are the odds of man knowing that Jerusalem is the exact center of the world 5,000 years ago???

In Job 26:7 the Bible infers gravity.

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He spreads out the northern skies over empty space;

he suspends the earth over nothing.

No one can explain gravity, where it comes from or why it works. How this mysterious "*action at a distance* " can keep the earth attached to the sun 93 million miles away is unknown. The best explanation is ..."The earth is suspended on nothing".

Some other interesting notes:

- *Job 36: 27-28 speaks of the hydrological cycle which was not confirmed until the 1600's by Edward Haley (the scientist who discovered Haleys comet). Job also states that there are fresh water springs in the middle of the ocean.*
- *II Kings 20:20, Hezekiah says he built a tunnel under Jerusalem to bring in water (711 BC). In 1880, Archeologists discovered a 1700 ft long tunnel hollowed out of sheer rock.*
- *Psalms 8:8: God says he formed the "Paths in the sea". Today we use those "Paths in the sea". as our shipping lanes.*
- *Black holes in space are distributed in 7 solar masses (7 is God's number of perfection). According to Yale University professor Charles Bailyn "Seven solar masses seems to be some sort of magic number for these things....the size of Black Holes is too uniform to be a matter of chance."*
- *Scientists have recently discovered evidence of a sudden shifting of the continents. This sudden shifting accounts for the incredible*

diversity of the plant and animal life in regions that now are close to each other but in the past were far apart. By simply reading Genesis 10:25 and 32 they could have found the exact explanation:

Genesis 10:25

Two sons were born to Eber:

One was named Peleg, because in his time the earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan.

Genesis 10:32

These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood.

Q. ARE DINOSAURS SPOKEN OF IN THE Bible?

Genesis 1:21

So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

*in Gen. 1:21: the word **Turmine** is translated by the scholars as "**great sea creatures**" since at the time of the King James translation no one had seen a dinosaur nor a fossil yet (Archaeology was not yet a science) In actuality , in Hebrew the word Turmine means "land, sea monster or Big reptile"*

- In Glen Rose Texas you can see the very clear footprints of a human tracking a dinosaur. The fact that they are fossilized together shows that they were laid down in the same mud at the same time. As shown in the biblical account, dinosaurs and man

lived at least for part of the time together - the fossil record bears this out.

Job 40:15-19

"Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword.

His tail is as big as a cedar tree. All large animals today (Elephant, Hippopotamus, Rhinoceros all have small tails – this description in Job mostly closely resembles a plant eating Behemoth or Dinosaur called Diplodocus and Apatosaurus. Also note that God says the "Behemoth" was made **along with** Job (or man). The Bible says that man and dinosaur lived together, at least for a time. The fossil record also bears this out.

Q. Does the Bible predict Cars?

Nahum 2:4 The chariots rage in the streets, They jostle one another in the broad roads;

They seem like torches, They run like lightning.

A perfect illustration of a Porsche 911 in a traffic jam.

In the book of Genesis the Bible states that snakes used to be legged but God cursed the snake and he lost his legs.

GEN 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

***(See Us New & World Report Feb 97
"Snakes Didn't Always Slither" evidence
of snakes with legs).***

What happened to Adam after he left the Garden of Eden?

It is interesting to note that God sent Adam out to begin the process of cultivating the land (Gen. 3:23). Archeologists have discovered that the origin of Agriculture took place in the hills of SE Turkey. This would be the exact location we would expect to find Adam setting up shop after leaving the Garden of Eden (the exact location of the Garden of Eden is given in the Bible).

Genesis 2:8-15

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

The scientists who discovered the original wheat that was cultivated here in this area have stated *"We believe that the idea is so good-the idea of cultivating wild plants -that we think it might be one tribe of people."* Said Manfred Heun. *" I cannot prove it, but it is a possibility that one tribe or one family had the idea."*

Noah's Ark

Every major group of people record the flood as part of the history of their nation. In the Middle East region no less than 33 accounts are recorded including Egypt and Mesopotamia-of these only 2 fail to coincide exactly with the Bible!

Noah's Ark has been shown to be resting in the "Mountains of Ararat" (which means New Beginning) resting at 7,546 feet. The dimensions coincide exactly to the dimensions that God gave Noah. According to

Salih Baryraktutan, head of Geology at Turkey's Ataturk University *"It is a manmade structure and, for sure, it is Noah's Ark," "Radar imagery at about 82 feet down from the stern is so clear that you can count the floorboards between the walls."* Due to its remote location, the closing of the area by Turkey and the tremendous bandit activity in the area it has proven to be a very difficult site to excavate. I believe this is God's divine protection.

One of the reasons that the people did not believe Noah was that it had never rained! The earth was watered by a terrarium effect as well as underground river sources.

Genesis 2:4-6

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

When the Lord God made the earth and the heavens-- [5] and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, [6] but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground--

One evidence of this terrarium affect is a rainbow. A rainbow (God's promise that he would never destroy the earth again by water - Gen. 9:11) can only be formed by water **DROPLETS** in the sky not water **VAPOR**. The rainbow would **not** have been seen prior to the flood because it was water vapor then. Of course, at the time of the writing of Genesis it would be impossible to know that a rainbow can only be formed with water droplets...unless you were ... God! This in itself does not prove the rainbow was a newly created phenomena, but it does show that when it was written down, it was scientifically correct in an era when knowing the science behind making a rainbow was not yet known.

This helps explain several other key points:

- In a terrarium atmosphere most of the harmful UV light is filtered out. UV contributes greatly to aging and helps explain why men lived so long PRE-FLOOD.
- In a terrarium atmosphere, plants would grow at a very rapid pace, and would be abundant everywhere (including what is now desert and the fossil record shows it to be a previously lush land – i.e. The Petrified Forest in Arizona).
- Fossils of mammoths have been found with the grass they were eating still in their mouths-something possible when a sky full of rain falls in very quickly then quickly freezes in the polar caps.
- In order to get oil, you must have a sudden covering of dense living material (hydro-carbons). Obviously, the flood would have done this. So we are literally using pre-flood jungle to fuel our cars today.
- With the plant life (as they knew it gone) no dinosaur could have lived after the flood except for the two species of dinosaurs Noah had in the Ark....a crocodile and an alligator.

Regarding the Long time table of Evolution and Man

Evolution requires a long time frame to accomplish the changes. Not one instance of evolution has ever been physically observed so the assumption has been it took a long time to develop. Mathematically however, this will not hold up. If you take the four couples that survived the flood, and for the sake of conservatism use only one couple as our starting point. The average life-span throughout the history of the world averages 43 years. This means from the time of the flood a little over 4300 years has gone by or 100 generations. Simply multiply 2.5 children (at 2 you will have -0- growth) x 100 generations and our world population would be about 5 billion people. Today, in actuality we have about 5.5 billion people. Using a million years of human evolution (as scientists suggest) we would produce over 23,000 generations and our population today would be 10^{2091} . **This is greater than all the atoms in our total universe!!!**

What about the Tower of Babel?

In Mesopotamia, ancient towers have been unearthed called Ziggurats or "hill of heaven". A clay tablet unearthed at one says the following:

"The erection of this tower highly offended all the gods. In a night they threw down what man had built and impeded their progress. They were scattered abroad and their speech was strange." Archaeology Today Sept.. 1989

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