Truths Revealed In The Bible - Sunday AM 04/28/19

Introduction:

Common question, "Why do you believe the Bible is the word of God?" We might say, "Because the Bible says so!" (2 Timothy 3.16-17) But then so does the Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price, the Koran, and a host of other writings. So, we might go to the next level of fulfilled prophesies, uniformity of the scriptures, Jesus' acceptance of the Old Testament, etc. I want to try a different approach tonight. There are truths revealed in the Bible that contradicted what was accepted until later on as being true. In other words, the Bible told us things that we later on proved to be true.

I) Astronomy

A) The shape of the world

- 1. Bible writers said the world is round.
 - a. 1033-975 BC *Proverbs* 8.27
 - b. 745-695 BC *Isaiah 40.22* both passages declare the world is round, a sphere.
- 2. History of Science
 - a. World is flat 384-322 BC
 - b. 1520 A.D. "The common man held that the earth was flat until 'the introduction of the compass and improved sailing vessels made possible the voyages of Columbus, Magellan, and others."

B) The earth revolves daily

1. Bible writers

- a. 2000 B.C. Job 38.12-14a
- b. Hebrew word change means change by turning.
- c. "Signature rings were commonly used to press seals in ancient days... The engraved stone, called a signet, would be pressed into damp clay, then the clay turned to receive an impression of concentric circles... God's illustration to Job is: The ring (sun) that makes the impression on the clay tablet (daybreak) is held in a fixed position, and the tablet (earth) that receives the impression (daybreak) is rotated completely around so the ring (sun) appears in its original position again.

2. History of Science

- a. 384-322 ancient civilizations concluded the sun was moving and earth stood still. Hence, "sunrise" and "sunset."
- b. 146-1543 AD most believed the earth was center of the universe.
- c. 1543 AD Nicolaus Copernicus "the apparent motion of the heavenly bodies as being due to the earth's daily rotation and annual circling of the sun."

C) The Universe is a constantly expanding

Bible writers

a. 1491-1451 BC *Genesis 1.8, 14-18* "expanse of the heavens"

b. Expanse - spreading out-of something being pounded out, a continuous action with the implication that no limit has yet been reached.

2) History of Science

- a. Pre-1800 AD Universe is finite and limited.
- b. 1917 AD Albert Einstein -- General Theory of Relativity -"the universe is finite, static, unbounded"
- c. 1950 AD the Universe consisted of many galaxies, trillions of them. All these galaxies are moving away from us.

II) Geology

A) Recesses of the deep

- 1. Bible writers
 - a. 2000 BC-*Job 38.16*; 1015 BC 2 Samuel 22.16
 - b. Channels- canyons or crevasses
 - c. The channels or crevasses will go to the very foundations of the earth.

2. History of Science

- a. Before 1504 AD the ocean floors were considered to be flat, sandy beds, much like a desert under water.
- b. 1840 AD Sir James Clark Rose made the first oceanic sounding device, reading a depth of nearly 2000 fathoms.

- c. 1911 AD Reginald A Fessenden "echo sounding, bouncing sound waves off the ocean floor.
- d. After WW II echo sounding done over most of the ocean floor.
 - i. Marianas Trench-7 miles deep
 - ii. Peru-Chili Trench has one wall that rises over 42,000 ft.
- e) 2003 using satellites able to "strip waters from the ocean floor", Dec. 1, 2003 the 1st good map of the ocean floor.

B) Springs of the deep

- Bible writers
 - a. 2000 BC Job 38.16a
 - b. 1491-1451 BC Genesis 7.11; 8.2.
 - c. 1033-975 BC Solomon wrote *Proverbs* 8.28, a flow of water from the deepest parts of the earth.
- 2. History of Science
 - a. 1930 AD fresh water found welling up to the surface of the ocean.
 - b. 1945 AD after WW II, under water volcanoes discovered, at least 10,000 on the floor of the Pacific ocean.

III) Physics

A) All matter and energy completed at the universe's origin.

1. Bible writers

- a. 1451 BC -*Genesis 2.1-2* all there is, everything, "everything therein"
- b. 63 AD *Hebrews 4.3* Moses and the Hebrew writer both attest to the fact that absolutely nothing has been added to the universe.

2. History of Science

- a. Prior to 1841 continual creation seen in "spontaneous generation"
- b. 1841 Law of Conservation of Mass and Energy - 1st Law of Thermodynamics "No creation or destruction of matter or energy is now being accomplished anywhere in the universe... forms of energy and matter can be interchanged, but in the process no new energy or matter is brought into, or taken out of, existence."

B) The Universe is decaying

- 1. Bible Writers
 - a. 745-695 BC *Isaiah 51.6*
 - b. 538 BC *Psalm* 102.26
 - c. 63 AD *Hebrews 1.10,11*
 - d. Wear out like a garment, is to deteriorate or decay through time and wear. Universe had a beginning and will have an end.

2. History of Science

 a. 1850 AD Law of Entropy. "Since all activities of nature, including biological, physical, chemical, etc., involve energy transfers, there must be an ever-decreasing supply of usable energy for maintaining the energizing process in the universe."

b. Eventually the sun must burn itself out.

Conclusion:

Much more can be said about science and the Bible but the point is, the Bible gives us physical truths, and spiritual truths. No other book comes even close to doing this. The spiritual laws of God are in His word, His commandments, His Covenants. We today are under the Law of Christ. 1. We must accept Jesus as the Son of God, *John 8.24 2*. We must be willing to repent of our sins, *Luke 13.3*, 3. We must confess Him as the Son of God, *Acts 8.37*, 4. We must be baptized for the remission of our sins, Acts 2.38, 5. We must live faithfully till death, *Rev. 2.10*. If we obey these laws, we will have the reward of heaven.