

We began our study asking,
“Does God Exist?”

How would we know?

Only if God chose to reveal
Himself to us!

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By facts revealed in His revelation that no man at the time of the revelation could know. An all knowing God would make no mistakes.

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It remains for us to determine
whether God has revealed
Himself by looking for His
revelation.

Scientific Accuracy
Pre-scientific knowledge
Morals
Style

Last week we found that:

Job knew the earth was suspended on nothing

26.7

Isaiah knew the earth was round 40.22

Moses knew that: latrines were necessary to
prevent disease Deu 23.12

disease could be spread by touching dead
animals Lev 11.24

that personal quarantine could stop the spread
of infectious disease Lev 13.7

Let's consider just how much Moses knew about preventing the spread of disease

Ex 15:26 And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

Lev 15:8 "If the man with the discharge spits on someone who is clean, that person must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be unclean till evening.

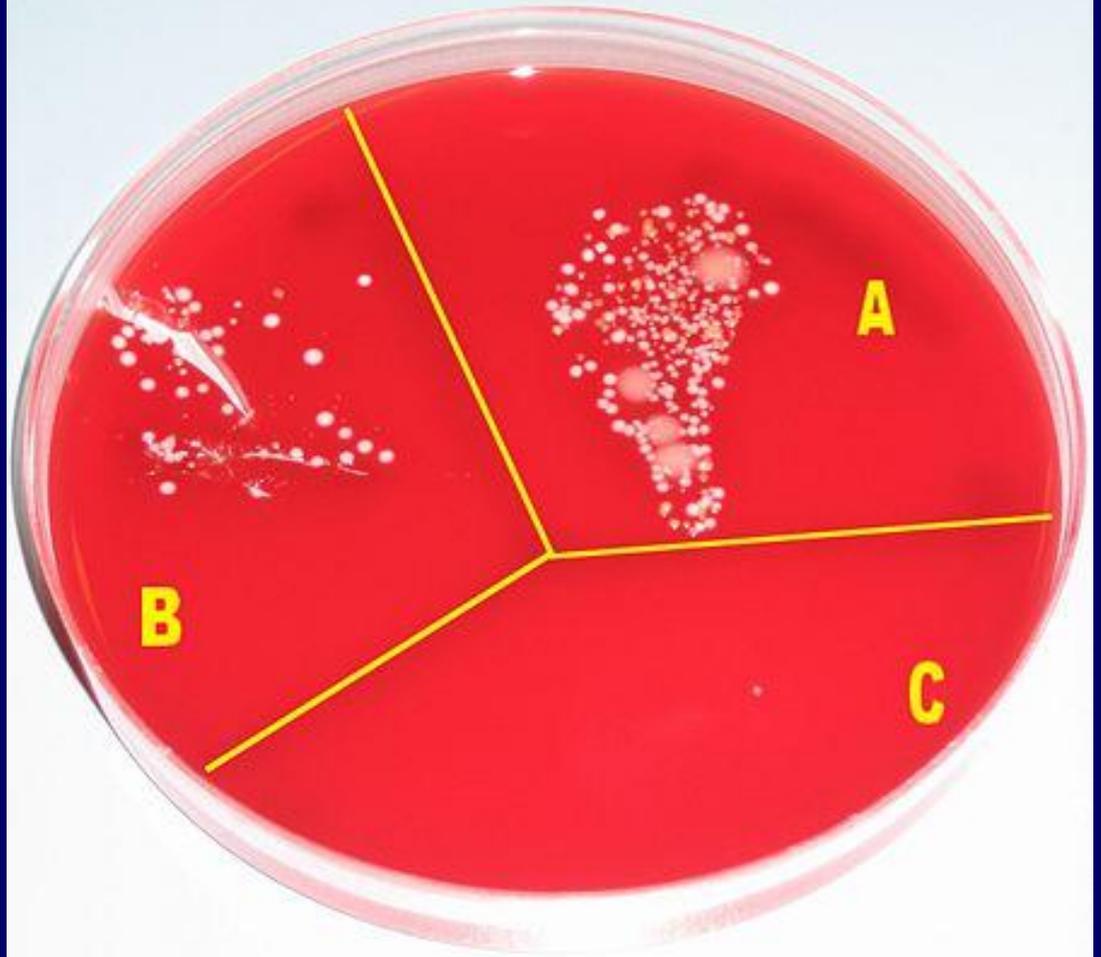
Think about what this would do
for stopping the spread of flu,
colds, pneumonia, and
tuberculosis.

Lev 15:11 "Anyone the man
with a discharge touches without
rinsing his hands with water must
wash his clothes and bathe with
water, and he will be unclean till
evening.

What do surgeons do before operating and what are we told to do to stop the spread of flu, meningitis and pneumonia.

Wash your hands!

Bacterial growth after no treatment (a), washing hands (b), and wiping hands with alcohol (c)



Surgery about 1650





Autopsy about 1632

In 1847, the autopsies in Vienna, Austria were performed on all the women who had perished in childbirth the previous day and then the physicians proceeded to attend those having difficult deliveries without washing their hands.

Ignatz Semmelweis instituted washing in chlorinated water for those having performed autopsies (1847). Death from bacterial septicemia decreased from 30% to 2%.

He was dismissed from the hospital for such a ridiculous theory, driven from Vienna and later died in a mental hospital.

Lev 15:12 "'A clay pot that the man touches must be broken, and any wooden article is to be rinsed with water.

What's the difference in a clay pot and a piece of wood. Clay contains many microscopic channels and pores into which bacteria can survive.

Wood can be scraped after each use to remove the materials soaked into the surface (consider a butcher's block).

Oceanography - Ps 8:8

The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

As his son read this passage to him (1855), the “father” of oceanography, Matthew Maury , determined that he would find these “paths of the sea.” Such currents were unknown until that time.

Life is in the blood - George Washington
died in 1799 due to excessive blood
letting.

Lev 17:11'For the life of the flesh is
in the blood, ...

Moral Standards as Proof of Inspiration.

Let us examine the “Great Religions by
which Men Live”

Plato*s Republic (about 380 BC)
would give a rebirth to slavery
and the brothel as an accepted
institutions.

The Koran would replace a religion of love and care for others with cruelty (justification of suicide bombers) and the female half of the world*s population would sink to levels of slaves or dogs, always having to be the property of a man – father, husband, brother, cousin.

Islam counsels earthly war with all who oppose it.

Qu'ran 2.191 And kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from whence they drove you out, and persecution is severer than slaughter, and do not fight with them at the Sacred Mosque until they fight with you in it, but if they do fight you, then slay them; such is the recompense of the unbelievers.

Hinduism maintains an inequality based on skin color (those who are handlers of waste are the darkest in color) and a grinding poverty based on a belief that those who suffer deserve it because of sins in a previous life.

Compare the moral and social standards and freedoms of countries where the Bible is taught and has free course with countries like those in South America, Russia, China, India, Africa, etc., where the teaching of the Bible is stifled and restricted.

Compare the world in which men are encouraged to follow the Bible with that where men followed after gods they made up or no god.

In 18 BC, Caesar Augustus enacted *lex Julia de adulteriis*, which punished only the woman in an adulterous act.

The Romans saw marriage “detested as a disagreeable necessity”.

Emperor Tiberius (AD 14-37) had nude women wait on tables while he dined.

Emperor Caligula (AD 37-41) committed incest with all of his sisters.

Titus, Domitian, and Commodus kept eunuchs, committed incest and maintained harems of hundreds of concubines, respectively.

Greek and Roman homosexuality was primarily pedophilia – sexual relations between men and boys.

Christian values (Rom 1:28-32) influenced the world to change although such values are slipping.

Homosexuality was common among American Indians prior to their exposure to Christianity – documented among the Crows, Hopi, Sioux, Navajo, Zuni and many others.

Compare the morals of the Bible to those groups not acknowledging the Bible as God's revelation.

Marriage – A man-made custom devised for the good of the state
– a life long holy estate instituted by God

Sexual intercourse – not confined to marriage

Prostitution – no stigma; legal and widely
practiced

– condemned 1 Co 6:16-19

Homosexuality – no stigma; legal and widely
practiced

– sinful, unnatural, morally wrong Rom 1:24-
27

Pederasty (pedophilia) – no stigma; legal and
widely practiced

– sinful, unnatural, morally wrong Rom 1:24-
27

Lesbianism – no stigma; legal and widely practiced

– sinful, unnatural, morally wrong Rom 1:24-27

Group Sex – no stigma; practiced even by some emperors

– sinful, unnatural, morally wrong 1Co 7:2-3

Bestiality – no stigma; portrayed on artifacts,
– defined as immoral Ex 22:19 and
condemned 1Co 6:9

Style as a Proof of Revelation by God

The amazing calmness and brevity of the Bible in recording the most stupendous events and tragedies is unlike anything written by men.

Examples:

- (1) Creation of world and man - two chapters.
- (2) Death of Christ - about eight chapters.
- (3) Flood - three chapters.
- (4) Destruction of Jerusalem - three chapters.

The candid statement of the sins and frailties of even its great heroes is unique in the histories of the world. For instance, Noah*s drunkenness, Abraham*s lies, Jacob*s deceit, David*s adultery, Peter*s cowardice, Paul*s blasphemy, etc., do not indicate a book by men.

Does God Reveal Himself to Man?

We have seen Scientific Accuracy, Pre-scientific knowledge, Morals and Style revealed which only a supernatural intelligence could provide.

God has revealed Himself to man
as we find impossible knowledge
within the pages of His word.

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