

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

How would we know?

Only if God chose to reveal
Himself to us!

How would we know if God
revealed Himself to us?

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.

I. Meaning of Revelation

The Bible claims that the scriptures are “God Breathed” or inspired and that they did not come from human impulse or human wisdom.

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is
God-breathed and is useful for
teaching, rebuking, correcting
and instructing in righteousness,
17 so that the man of God may
be thoroughly furnished for every
good work. (NIV)

2Pet 1:20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Revelation – Man*s limitations constitute the main problem

Isa. 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

God is infinite - (without limitation).

He is omniscient; he knows
everything

Heb. 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

He is omnipotent, he has all power
Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at them
and said, "With man this is
impossible but not with God; all
things are possible with God."

He is omnipresent, he is everywhere

Ps. 139:7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens you are there; if I make my bed in the depths you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Man is finite (having bounds or limitations as to space, time, circumstances, etc.).

Ja 4:14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

The Necessity of a Revelation

We cannot know God by nature. Nature demonstrates His existence but not His will.

We cannot know God by intuition. That comes from man.

We cannot know God by human wisdom. That too comes from man.

The Possibility and Probability of a Revelation

If for the sake of argument, we grant the premise that there is a God who created the earth and man in his image, the following propositions should be evident:

1. It was possible for God to reveal his will to men
2. It was probable that He would do so.

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

Scientific Accuracy
Pre-scientific knowledge
Morals
Style

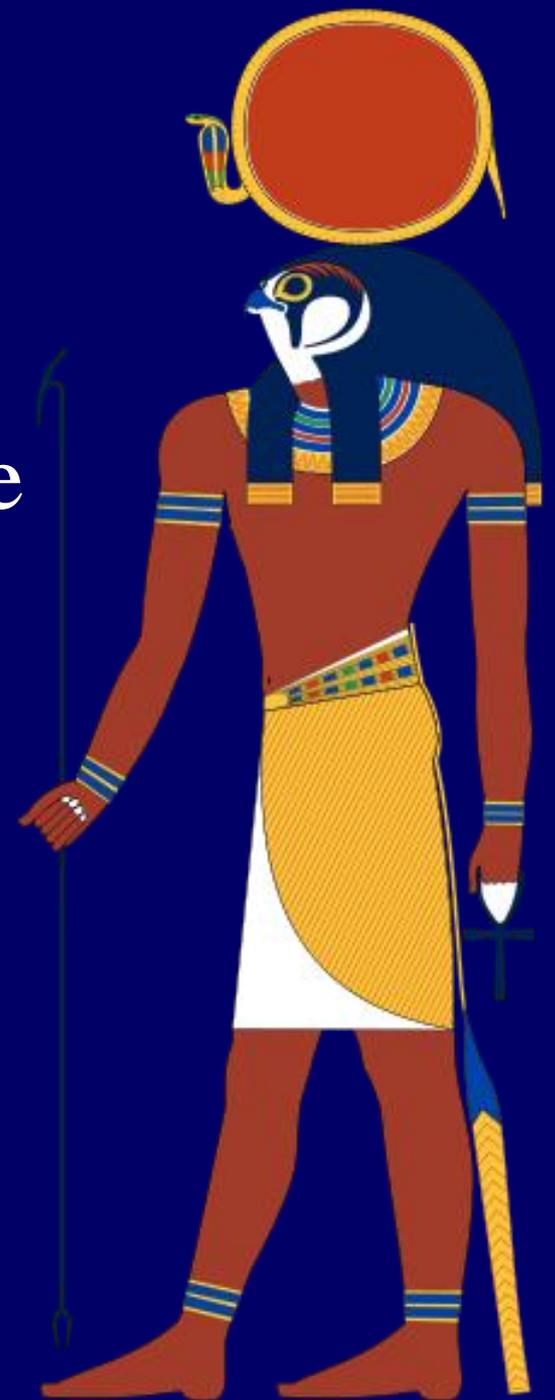
Scientific Accuracy as a Proof of Inspiration.

The Bible contains none of the geographical, historical, and scientific mistakes and inaccuracies that characterize the writings of men. Books of medicine, astronomy, geology, etc., even 50 or 100 years old are usually outdated because of mistakes.

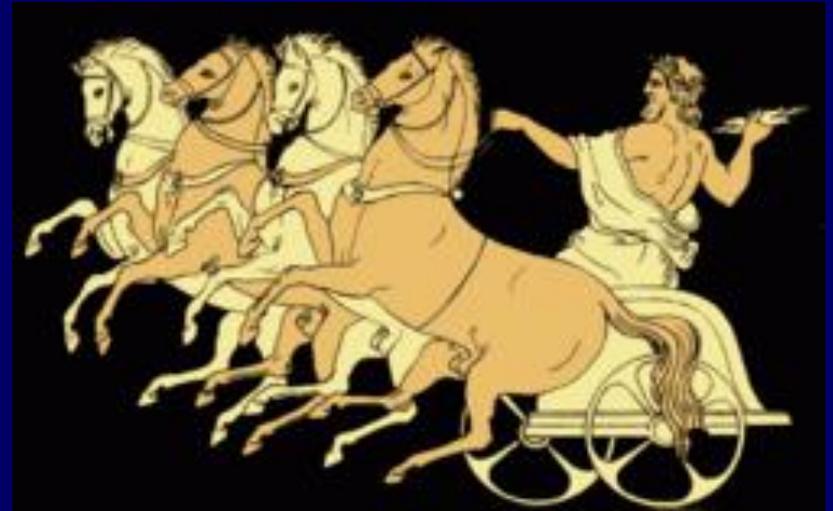
Let us examine some alternative
theologies.

African traditions - a cosmic egg
hatched to release spirits called Nommo,
who then set about the creation of
mankind.

Egyptian mythology - elemental energies were personified by four divine couples who fused to form the cosmic egg, from which the sun god was born. Later the sun god became identified with the figure of Ra, a deity who gave rise to the Nine Gods of Heliopolis. through self-fertilization.



In Greek mythology,
Zeus (self-
fertilization by a
creator deity) begets
offspring by many
goddesses and
mortals.



In Norse mythology, the primal giant Ymir is killed by Odin and his brothers, who then make the sky from his skull, the earth from his body, and the sea from his blood.



A widespread Native American myth tells of the descent into the depths of the ocean of an earth-diver, an animal - often a turtle - who brings back mud from which the world is fashioned.

In the biblical account, God created the heaven and the earth. “The Big Bang” Out of nothing came all that we know! The only “creation myth” that does not violate science.

Pre-Scientific Knowledge as a Proof of Inspiration.

Scientific truths that were undiscovered by man with all his wisdom and resources are stated as facts hundreds of years in advance of the discovery of these truths by men.

The Bible does not set out to prove that it is the revelation of God, that is assumed!

At the same time, there are bits of information given in passing which show this “pre-scientific knowledge.”

Rotundity of the earth - flat earth
believed in 1492 –

Isa 40:22 He sits enthroned
above the circle of the earth,
(NIV)

Suspension of the
earth in space -
Job 26:7 He stretches
out the north over
empty space, And
hangs the earth on
nothing. (NASB)



Sanitary Engineering - latrines for sewage Deut 23:12

Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself.

13 As part of your equipment have something to dig with, and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement. (NIV)

Until the 1800's, the water intake in the Thames river for the city of London was below the sewage outfall, resulting in the rapid spread of typhoid.

The contagious nature of disease -
Lev 11:24 "You will make
yourselves unclean by these;
whoever touches their carcasses will
be unclean till evening. 25 Whoever
picks up one of their carcasses must
wash his clothes, and he will be
unclean till evening. (NIV)

Robert Koch identified the anthrax bacteria as the agent causing the disease in 1875.

Louis Pasteur confirmed the germ theory of disease in 1881 by killing 25 sheep by injecting anthrax.

Quarantine in treatment of infectious diseases –

Lev 13:7 But if the rash does spread in his skin after he has shown himself to the priest to be pronounced clean, he must appear before the priest again. 8 The priest is to examine him, and if the rash has spread in the skin, he shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infectious disease. (NIV)

Lev 7:21 Anyone who touches something unclean--whether human uncleanness or an unclean animal or any unclean creature that moves along the ground--and then eats any of the meat of the fellowship offering belonging to the LORD must be cut off from their people."

The Earth is round – not much now
but in 2500 BC it was unknown.

The Earth is hung on nothing – not
much now but until the 1400's it was
not believed.

Sanitary sewer systems – not much now but until the 1850's in London they drank water containing sewage.

In Rwanda at the present the infant mortality rate is 124 per 1000 and another 202 die before reaching 18 because latrines are not used.

Koch and Pasteur are honored as the founders of microbiology, with hospitals and movies made about their lives.

Moses wrote about 1400 BC things which were unknown until the 1800's.

Can you believe that Moses, Job
and Isaiah just guessed all of
these truths?

The only explanation is that God
gave them this information.

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

Does God Exist? – Yes

Does God Reveal Himself to
Man? – Yes