

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.

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.

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

Scientific Accuracy
Pre-scientific knowledge
Morals

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."

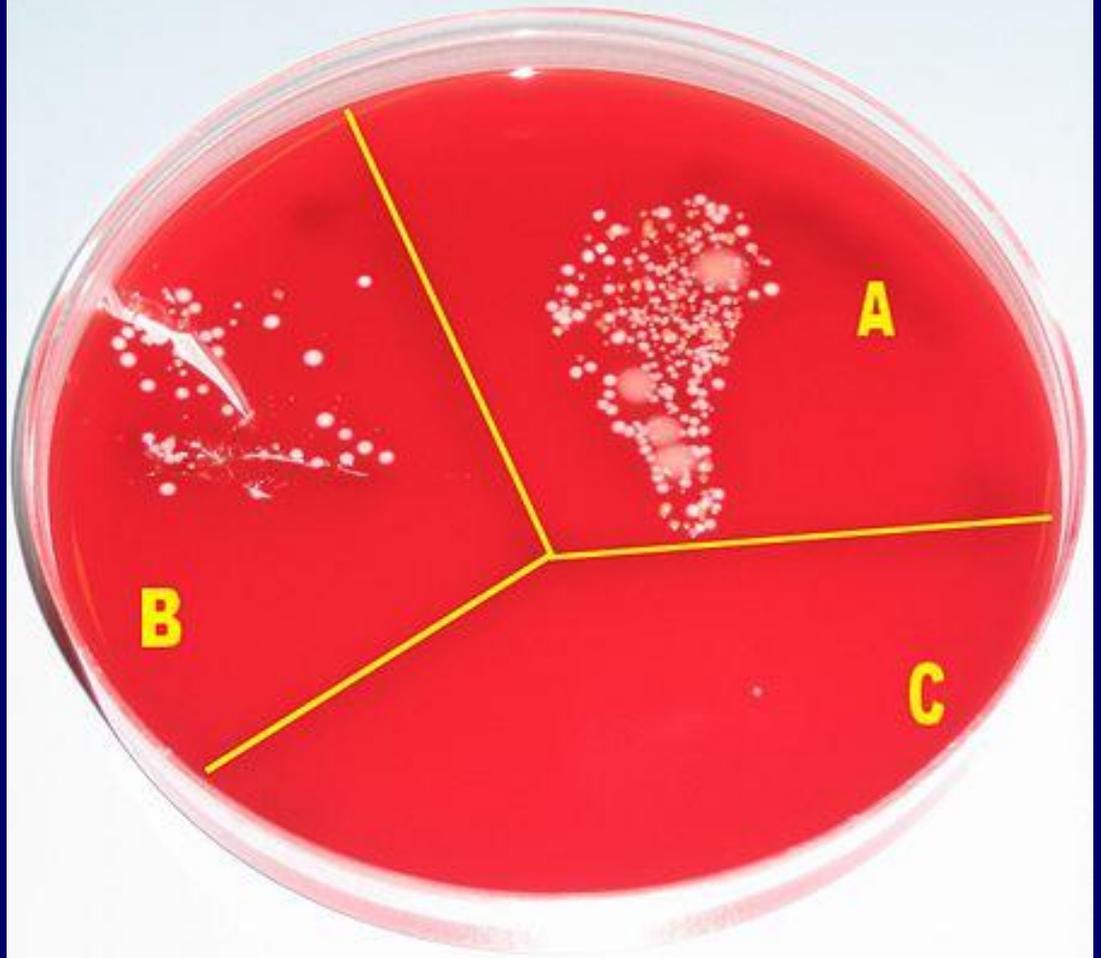
Lev 15:8 "If the man with the discharge spits on someone who is clean, that person must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be unclean till evening.

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.

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.

Num 19:5-6 While he watches, the heifer is to be burned--its hide, flesh, blood and intestines. (6) The priest is to take some cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet wool and throw them onto the burning heifer.

Num 19:9 "A man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and put them in a ceremonially clean place outside the camp. They are to be kept by the Israelite community for use in the water of cleansing; it is for purification from sin.

What does he get from this? Lye, caustic soda, -- what my wife's father used to clean the floors in the milk barn to get rid of the germs (bacteria) dropped or tracked in by the cows during milking.

What we put over dead bodies today to stop transmission of disease.

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, and I have given it to you on
the altar to make atonement for your
souls; for it is the blood by reason of the
life that makes atonement.'

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 even dogs.

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 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.

Emperors Titus Domitian (81-96), and Commodus (180-192) 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

Sexual intercourse – not confined to marriage

vs. the Bible – a life long holy estate instituted by God

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

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.

Does God Exist? – Yes

Does God Reveal Himself to
Man? – Yes

Are you willing to obey that
revelation?

Act 2:38 And Peter said to them,
"Repent, and let each of you be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins; and
you shall receive the gift of the Holy
Spirit.