

Knowledge of the evidences of Christianity is essential for each of God's children. Without knowledge of the reasonable credentials of the Gospel, our faith will lack conviction and reality, and our ministry will not carry the necessary zeal and diligence. As small children we accept unquestioningly our parents faith, as do young children of all faiths. Now, our God demands that we be ready always to give answer to the unbeliever that asks us a reason concerning our hope of eternal life. (1 Peter 3:15)

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# Has God Spoken?

If there is a God who is supreme over our universe, and IF the Bible is a revelation from that God, then there is one essential that must be inherent within that revelation. It must be constituted solely of TRUTHS! It is an absolute necessity, then, that statements of Bible writers, when prophesying concerning national events, or when the writers relate to physical laws of the universe, all must coincide perfectly with accepted facts of science and history, but not necessarily theories. Furthermore, Bible statements must do this regardless of the accepted theories and level of scientific knowledge of the age in which they were written.

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Proverbs 8:27 Soloman (1033-975 B.C.)

When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep

Isaiah 40:22 (745-695B.C.)

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth

The Hebrew word *khug* is translated “circle.”

A more exact connotation would be “sphere” or “roundness.”

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**True or False**

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(384 – 322 BC) Early arguments set forth for a spherical earth were by the famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle.

(200 BC) Under Roman rule the flat earth belief was mostly held.

By the Middle Ages, there was a widespread belief among the educated that the Earth was a globe.



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Job 26:7

And hangs the earth on nothing (2000-1000 BC ?)



Pre 1543 AD

The belief was the earth was supported and was the center of the heavens.

1600s AD

The invention of the telescope gave scientists the tool that would unlock secrets of the earth's position in space.

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Three heavens

The first is the atmosphere common to life.

Acts 14:17

He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.



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The second is the starry firmament.

Ezekiel 32:7-8

And when I extinguish  
you, I will cover the  
heavens and darken their  
stars; ..... All the shining  
lights in the heavens  
I will darken over you



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The third is the place of God's throne.

Acts 7:55-56

he gazed intently into  
heaven and saw the  
glory of God, and Jesus  
standing at the right  
hand of God



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Expanse              From the Hebrew word “*rekah*” meaning from the “spreading out” of something being pounded... carries the meaning of continuous action, with the implication that no limit has been reached. Only used in reference to the “second heaven.”

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Moses statement is the visible heaven (sun, moon, stars, planets, etc.) is made up of a continuously spreading expanse.

(True or False) ?????

1835-1901 Leading astronomer Simon Newcomb, believed the most distant star only 3,260 light year away.



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1917

Albert Einstein wrote his General Theory of Relativity in which he conceived the universe as finite, unbounded, and static.



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1928

Edwin Hubble and Milton Humason discovered the phenomenon called Hubble law. This is the observation in physical cosmology that galaxies are moving away from the earth at speeds proportional to their distance.

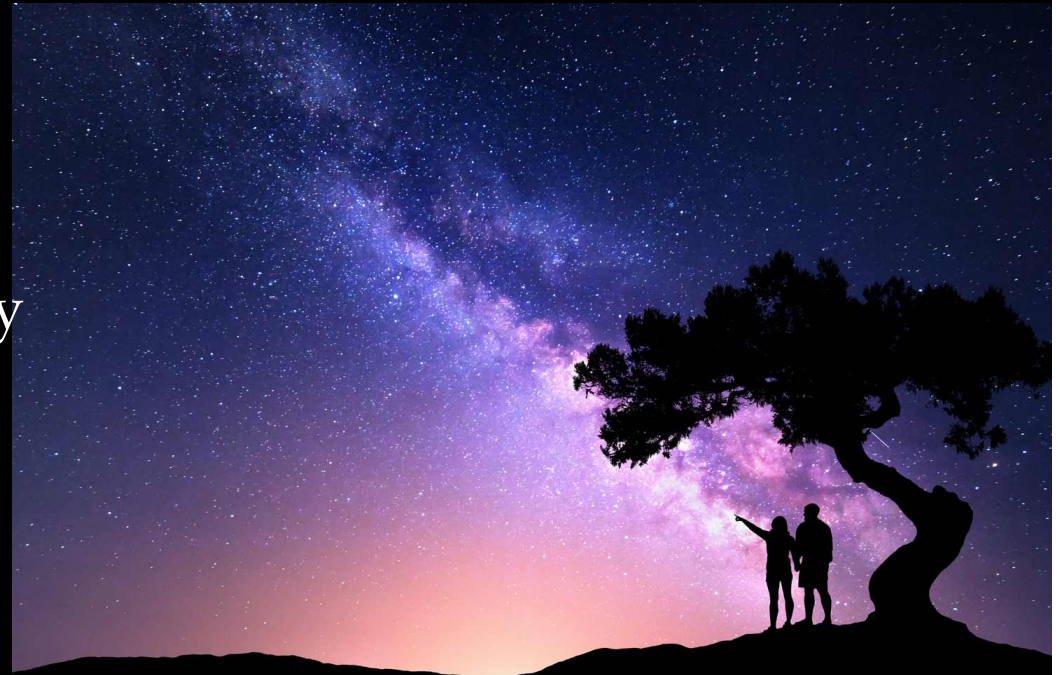


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How was Moses able to make that statement?

2 Peter 1:20-21

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.



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1 Peter 3:15

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

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