Science and Scripture...

mass and energy) and the universe is wearing out and running down (Psalm 102:26; Isaiah 51:6; Hebrews 1:11; the second law of thermodynamics – the law of entropy).

Biology: life comes from life; non-life cannot give rise to life (Genesis I-2; the law of biogenesis and the law of genetics) and four kinds of flesh – men, beast, bird, and fish (1 Corinthians 15:39).

Medicine: the life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11-14) and rules concerning hygiene (Leviticus 7:4; 11:1 – 57; 14; 17:12).

Astronomy: the earth hangs on nothing and the northern sky is empty (Job 26:7), the sun is the source of the earth's energy (Psalm 19:5-6), the earth is circular or spherical in shape, not flat (Isaiah 40:22), and the stars cannot be numbered (Genesis 15:5; Jeremiah 33:22).

Geology: the ocean springs (Proverbs 8:28; Job 38:16), ocean currents (Psalm 8:8), and ocean trenches (Job 38:16).

Meteorology: the earth's wind and water cycle (Job 37:27-28; Ecclesiastes 1:6-7; 11:3; Amos 9:6).

Yes, true science and scripture are in agreement! This should comes as no surprise since both science and scripture come from God. - Chris Reeves

Sentence Sermons

- If we alter our lives to conform to God's word, others will be altered by our influence.
- If your religion leaves your life unchanged, it's time to change your religion.
- Beauty is more the result of how you make up your mind than how you make up your face.
- Buy the truth and sell it not.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Is There A Conflict Between Science and Scripture? - Part 2

Let us now turn our attention to a positive case for science and scripture. What agreement is there between true scientific fact and a proper interpretation of the Bible? Consider the following six areas of science.

Astronomy

Scientists studying astronomy, including Stephen Hawking (A Brief History of Time, 1988), believe the universe to have a beginning. Scripture also teaches a beginning (Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning...")

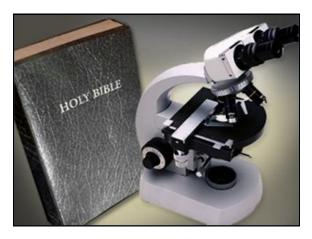
Physics

Scientists studying physics believe that the total energy of the universe is constant and that all time and space are contained within the material universe made up of five fundamental elements (time, energy, force, space, matter). No independent space or time exists. Scripture also teaches the same five elements of all things in the universe: "In the beginning (time), God (energy), created (force), the heavens (space) and the earth (matter)" (Genesis I:I).

Chemistry

Scientists studying chemistry believe that within atoms and molecules there are enormous numbers of quantities that must have extremely precise values to lead to nucleo-synthesis. Life requires highly com-

plex atomic structures that do not simply spontaneously appear. This was proven by Louis Pasteur in 1862. Scripture also teaches complexity of life (Genesis 1; Psalm 104). [Note: God gave man the ability to work with chemical compounds (Genesis 4:22; Exodus 30:25) and chemical reactions (Proverbs 25:30) within the natural world].



Biology

Scientists studying biology believe in limits to biological change and they believe that the basis of all life is the cell with all its complex parts. Scripture also teaches biological limitation (Genesis 1:12,21,24) and biological complexity (Psalm 139:14).

Anthropology

Scientists who study the history of mankind believe that we came from a common ancestor. Scripture also teaches common ancestry (Genesis 1:26-27; 4:2,22; Acts 17:26).

Geology

Scientists who study the fossil record have failed to find a gradual evolution of animal life from primitive forms to complex forms (one species of animal evolving into another). No transitional forms between major classes has ever been found. Scripture also teaches the same. There are no transitional forms from primitive to complex. God created all plants, sea creatures, birds, and land animals "after their kind" (Genesis 1:12,21,24).

Even after such agreements as stated above, there are still those skeptics, agnostics, and atheists who would say that the Bible contains many scientific errors and inaccuracies. While it is true that the Bible is not a textbook on science (you won't find quantum mechanics, the kinetic theory of gases, or the wave theory of electrons in the Bible), when the Bible speaks, it does not contain anything that is scientifically false. The Bible writers always speak truth, not error on matters of geography, history, nature, etc. Consider a few examples from various fields of science.

Physics: the formation of matter is finished (Genesis 2:1 [Heb. past definite tense]; Hebrews 4:13; the first law of thermodynamics — the law of conservation of