Is the Bible as God’s Word Trustworthy: Scientific Proof?

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**Foundational Scripture:** 2 Tim. 3:16-17

**Intro**:

* The bible is still the most copied and sold book in the world! Yet that statement is not without controversy. Many renewed authors, scientists, atheists and professors have questioned the authenticity of the scriptures by bringing up a number of arguments which seek to diminish and discredit the bible as God’s word. How can we be sure the bible as God’s word is trustworthy?

**The External Evidence**

1. **Scientific Proof**
   1. **Old Testament**
      1. ***“Life is in the blood”* (Lev. 17:11).** God declared to Moses in the book of Leviticus that the life of the flesh came from the blood.
      2. Prior to recent years, it was popular practice for doctors to perform bloodletting or “bleeding” in order to prevent or cure illnesses and diseases.
      3. In more recent years, a single blood test can tell us the state of our hearts, kidneys, livers etc. It can give us information on what illnesses we have and how bad they are. Now, we don’t do bloodletting, but we do blood transfusions which replenish or replace the blood.
      4. **Free Hanging Earth (Job 26:7).** It was discovered during the 16th -17th centuries that the earth hung on nothing.
      5. The bible affirmed this was the case long before any modern discovery was made. For centuries many cultures believed that the earth was founded on something or someone.
      6. Hindus believed that the earth was held on the back of four elephants standing on the back of a cosmic turtle, Akupara.
      7. In Greek mythology, it was believed that the god Atlas held the earth upon his back, written by the poet Hesiod.
      8. The Norse mythology exclaims the earth; along with 8 other worlds are held up by a giant ash tree, Yggdrasil.
      9. On December 24, 1968, the three-man crew aboard Apollo 8 was able to capture a remarkable image of the earth (Earthrise) which showed the planet hanging on nothing! *“They went to the Moon but ended up discovering the Earth.”*
      10. **The earth is a globe (Isa. 40:22).** For centuries many people believed that the earth was flat (some still do).
      11. The image captured by Apollo 8 on December 24, 1968 clearly shows otherwise. But long before we had tangible evidence, the bible affirmed the earth was spherical.
   2. **New Testament**
      1. **Fierce Galilean Storms** (Matt. 8:23-27; Mk. 4:35-41; Lk. 8:22-25). Many try to discredit the account of Jesus calming the storm claiming it wasn’t as bad it the bible makes it out to be etc.
      2. It is, however, scientifically proven that the Sea of Galilee was prone to violent storms. Set in the hills of northern Israel, the Sea of Galilee is nearly 700 feet below sea level.
      3. *“Such storms result from differences in temperatures between the seacoast and the mountains beyond. The Sea of Galilee lies 680 feet below sea level. It is bounded by hills, especially on the east side where they reach 2000 feet high. These heights are a source of cool, dry air. In contrast, directly around the sea, the climate is semi-tropical with warm, moist air. The large difference in height between surrounding land and the sea causes large temperature and pressure changes. This results in strong winds dropping to the sea, funneling through the hills. The Sea of Galilee is small, and these winds may descend directly to the center of the lake with violent results. When the contrasting air masses meet, a storm can arise quickly and without warning. Small boats caught out on the sea are in immediate danger. The Sea of Galilee is relatively shallow, just 200 feet at its greatest depth. A shallow lake is “whipped up” by wind more rapidly than deep water, where energy is more readily absorbed”* (DeYoung, *Weather and the Bible*).
      4. **Jesus’ lack of geographical knowledge** (Lk. 10:30). Skeptics and atheists seek to discredit Jesus and by extension the gospel accounts with the use of this argument.
      5. Jesus speaks of “going down” to Jericho from Jerusalem. Jericho is situated northwest of Jerusalem; thus, many argue Jesus got his facts wrong in this story.
      6. We usually speak this way: “going down” means going down south and “going up” means going up north. Jesus however spoke of the altitude of Jerusalem rather than the geographical direction.
      7. Jerusalem sits 2,500 feet (geographically proven, fact) above sea level and thus regardless of the destination, when one would leave Jerusalem they would be “going down.” Thus, the text is completely accurate and once again the bible affirms what that which has been scientifically proven.

**The Evidence Shows:**

1. The bible contains the objective truth.
2. The claims of both Old and New Testaments are well attested to by science.
3. The Bible can be trusted as God’s word!