THE UNIQUENESS OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL WORDS GLOSSARY

The Fall:

the introduction of sin and death into humanity through Adam's act of disobedience against God. God created man as an innocent being, but the disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden has caused alienation from God. As a result, all people are born as sinners *(Romans 5:12-21)*. Man has lost the God-given right of dominion in the world, and has yielded it to Satan instead.

Sin:

any thought, word or deed which is not in perfect harmony with God's character *(Romans 3:23)*. Sin is repulsive to God *(Hab 1:13)*. The term 'sin' means a coming short of God's standard.
Other words about sin: evil, trespass, iniquity, wickedness, disobedience, impurity, unbelief.

Righteousness:

that which is right, just and equitable; conformity to the holiness of God *(1 Tim 6:11)*. Righteousness cannot be attained by good works; it is only attributed to those who put their faith in God *(Romans 4:5)*. A Christian should be righteous in practice.

Condemnation:

the passing of a judgement sentence. Sin results in a condemning sentence; those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are condemned already *(John 3:18-19)*.The condemnation is that light (truth in Christ), came into the world but mankind rejected this light in favour of evil *(Romans 5:18, Romans 8:1)*.

Repentance:

a change of mind leading to a change of direction. (Not to be confused with the conviction of sin). Repentance is a deliberate choice to change one's mind about God and about self. Repentance is towards God acknowledging that God is right *(Acts 20.21)*. It is a change of mind about self: "I am a guilty sinner". The Holy Spirit convinces of sin, particularly unbelief *(John 16:9)*. Repentance is the result of responding to this conviction of sin and acknowledging one's guilt. The goodness of God leads to repentance *(Romans 2:4)*.

Faith:

complete and total reliance, on Jesus Christ alone. Faith and repentance are simultaneous; they are the means of obtaining salvation. Faith begins at salvation and continues, for "the just shall live by faith" *(Gal 3:11)*. Faith can rest only in one being; it cannot be in two opposing beings, e.g. man and God.

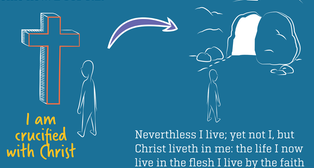
Justification:

declared just, right. No charges can be made. A legal term, justification conveys that the one accused has nothing to answer for; it is proven that there is no condemning evidence. The 'charge sheet' has been cleared by the Lord Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice for sin. Man can be justified freely by God's grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus *(Romans 3:24)*.

Regeneration:

being made a new creature in Christ. The life of a sinner is useless to God *(Romans 8:7)*. When regenerated, it is deemed crucified with Christ and put to death. God gives new life, bringing new desires towards God. He gives the ability to live in the power of the Holy Spirit *(Phil 4:13)*, to the glory of God and to the blessing of those who have been regenerated.

A new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **2 Cor 5:17**



Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himslef for me. **Gal 2:20**

Reconciliation:

brought back into a right relationship with God. Sin separated mankind from God. With sin removed and the sinner justified, the barrier to fellowship with God is removed. Additionally, because of repentance, faith and eternal life, the mind of the sinner is now brought into harmony with God *[2 Cor 5:17-21]*.

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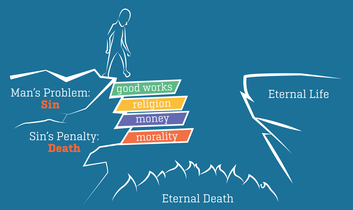
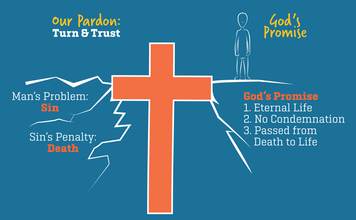
Christ Bridges the Gap



The problem : SIN SEPARATES



The answer : THE CROSS OF CHRIST

WONDERS OF THE BIBLE

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE AUTHORSHIP: GOD REVEALS THE INTRICATE WONDERS OF HIS CREATION

10 Facts to Consider!

The Bible is a book full of facts. A few have been highlighted here to demonstrate convincing proof as to the authenticity and scientific reliability of God's word.

Fact 1: Energy cannot be created or destroyed

The first law of thermodynamics is clear: energy cannot be created or destroyed. It can only be transferred or converted. How then did energy come into existence? Energy must have been created by an external power, independent of the natural universe. God created all of existence. The total amount of energy has never changed as God is finished creating; God alone creates and gives life. Life only comes by reproduction – life from existing life. Synthetic life is not creation; it is a manipulation of DNA, inserting it into an already existing cell.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" – *Genesis 1:1* (written down 1500BC).

The five elements of existence – time, force, action, space and matter have been fulfilled by Genesis 1:1.

Fact 2: The Earth sits upon nothing

In early culture some peoples believed the earth sat upon a mythical, physical element. We now know that the earth rests by itself, constantly moving yet resting on nothing, exactly as stated in one of the Bible's oldest books: *Job 26:7*. **"He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing".**

Fact 3: Man is made of dust

There are 59 different elements found in a human body. Every one of these elements (e.g. O, C and H) is found on the Earth's crust. God literally formed man from dust. The Hebrew word 'âphâr means clay, earth, mud, ashes, ground. 3200 years before chemistry started to even explore the elements, the Bible gives clues about the chemical composition of the human body: *Genesis 2:7*: **"and the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground".**

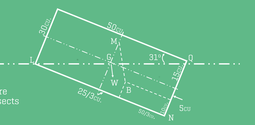
Fact 4: The Bible states the optimum dimensions of a ship.

When God judged the world by a great flood (2500 BC), He provided a means of salvation. God gave Noah the instructions to build an Ark to contain people and land animals from every category. In 1993, South Korean Doctor Seon Hong used world-class ship research facilities to compare vessels of different proportions. None could significantly outperform the 4300 year-old biblical design.

Gen 6:15: **"And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits."**

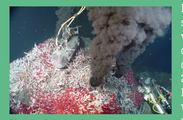
Stability Analysis of Noah's Ark

W = weight of the ark acting through centre of gravity G
B = buoyant force acting through the centre of gravity of water displaced
M = metacentre, where line of action B intersects central axis, above G



The Ark ratio/ dimensions (6:1) are the same as used by cargo ships today. Was Noah just lucky with his dimensions, or is this further evidence of the divine authorship of the Bible?

Fact 5: The Bible first makes first mention of deep sea springs



Pictures of an ocean hot spring, once more demonstrating the veracity of the Bible.

In 1977 scientists used a submarine [Alvin] capable of withstanding 6000 pounds of pressure to explore the sea depths. They found hot springs 2.5 km beneath the Galapagos Rift. Scientists realised that it wasn't just rain and rivers that ran into the ocean. However, God told Job about these springs over 2000 years ago:

Job 38:16: **"Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? Or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?"**

Fact 6: The Bible first explained sea currents

Matthew Maury joined the navy in 1825. However, after a leg injury, much of his time was spent studying naval meteorology and navigation. Maury knew that the Scriptures spoke of the "paths of the sea" and the wind circuits and thus began his search. Maury extensively documented much of the world's oceans' currents. His work is unchanged and used today in modern meteorology and navigation. Maury's findings matched biblical descriptions of *Psalm 8:8* and *Ecclesiastes 1:6*:

"Man – Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands...and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea" – Psalm 8:6-8.

"The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come thither they return again"– *Ecclesiastes 1:6-7*.

(Note the reference to the water cycle in Ecclesiastes 1:7 – long before humanity documented it!)

Fact 7: Pleiades fixed, Orion moving apart

The Pleiades star cluster, commonly known as the Seven Sisters, is a group of stars found in the Taurus constellation. This star cluster is gravitationally bound together, as noted in *Job 38:31*: "bind the sweet influences of Pleiades".

The stars contained in Orion are slowly moving apart due to low gravitational hold and although to the eye they remain stationary, modern telescopic measurement has proven this. Thus the "bands of Orion" are loosed *(Job 38:31)*. God told Job thousands of years ago about Pleiades' bonds and Orion's movement, yet science has only discovered this recently. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? - *Job 38:31*.

Fact 8: Light can separate

In 1662 AD Isaac Newton began experiment with light. By shining light through a particular clear prism shape, Newton discovered that light is comprised of different rays, each with its own colour. Newton realised that the light, shone through the prism, deviated a different amount per colour. Thus, light is parted into different colours by means of their deviation on the light spectrum.
Over 2000 years before Newton made this discovery, God asked Job if he, a mere man, could know **"by what way is the light parted?"**–*Job38:24*.

Fact 9: The sun has a circuit

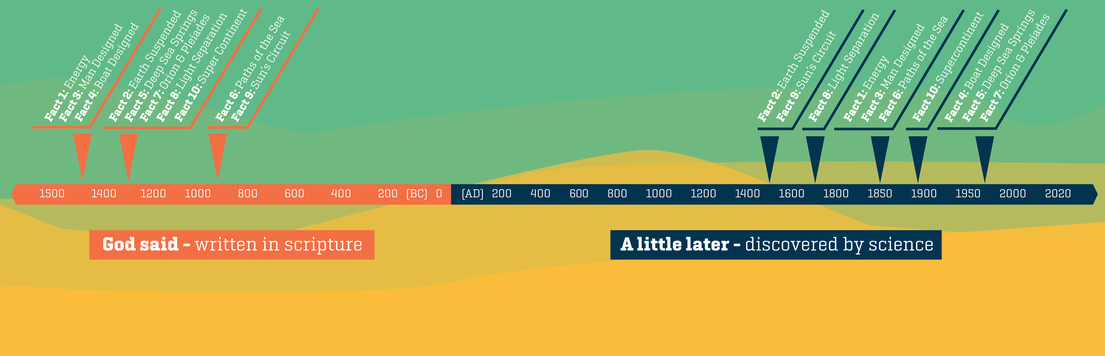
The orbits of the planets around the sun are common knowledge, but the sun's own movements are lesser known. The sun is constantly moving along its own circuit and very slowly orbits around the centre of our Milky Way galaxy at a speed of 7 kilometres per second.

Psalm 19:6 – "His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it".

With reference to this verse (*Psalm 19:6*), some researchers suggested that the Bible taught geocentricity- an astronomical model claiming the earth is the centre fixed point of the universe. Looking at its context, this verse clearly does not teach geocentricity, but rather science now confirms what God said around 3000 years ago–the sun has its own circuit.

Fact 10: Prior to Creation, land was one supercontinent

A century ago, Alfred Wegener proposed that all land had at one time been a supercontinent. He named it "Pangaea." Wegener's research also found that the stratigraphy of different rocks and mountain ranges lined up, confirming the Creation scenario of *Genesis 1:9*: "let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so".

These 10 facts were undiscovered scientifically until recent times. How then were they recorded in the Bible, over 2000 years ago? The only explanation of this incredible scientific insight can be divine inspiration. The God of the Bible reveals the wonders of His creation!

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