

A close-up, slightly angled view of a stack of several old, thick books. The pages are yellowed and worn, and the spines are visible. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the binding. The text is centered over the books.

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- Use the Bible for the purpose for which God intended it to be used
  - 2Tim. 3:14-17 - “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
  - Rom. 15:4 - “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

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- God never intended it to be a science textbook
- Brethren do us a disservice when they attempt to stretch verses to have contemporary scientific applications.
- At best it appears contrived; in truth it is misleading and makes the advocate look foolish

# The Bible Is About Truth

- The Bible asserts that God made the heavens and earth in six days and rested on the seventh
  - Gen. 1-2:3
- This creation was done through the word of God
  - Psalm 33:6-9
- God alone created the world and only He understands its intricacies
  - Job 38-41
- God can be perceived in His creation
  - Rom. 1:20

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- The Bible has been quoted to try to establish scientific claims that are in error
  - Psalm 104:2 cited to show that the Earth is flat
  - Leviticus appears to claim that bats are birds when they are currently classified as mammals
  - Sunrise and sunset in Numbers 34:15 and Joshua 8:29 appear to prove that the sun rotates around the earth

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- The difficulty is not with the Bible but in how the Bible is being used
  - One cannot impose his current, limited world view on a Book that is timeless and infinite
  - The Bible is not a science textbook; it was never intended to be

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- Eph. 3:8-11 - “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord”

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- John 20:30-31 - “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

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- 1John 1:1-4 - “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.”

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- The Bible is complete to equip man for every good work
  - 2Tim. 3:16-17 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

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- This does not mean, however, that the Bible has every answer to every question man can imagine
- It is not within the purview of the Bible to provide all truths regarding every subject, including all human languages, history, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, etc.
- It is true that we can learn some general principles about the creation from the Bible, but its purpose is to save man's soul, not satisfy his intellectual curiosity

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- In the end, the things of the Bible are the things of God, and God is wiser than men
  - Isa. 55:8-9 - “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. 9 for as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

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- There is a spiritual reality we cannot perceive with our physical senses
  - 2Kings 6:15-17 - “And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

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- Matters of spirituality and the faith transcend the physical plane, and therefore comparing science to faith is like comparing the earthly with the heavenly
  - 2Cor. 4:19 - “While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

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- 2Cor. 5:7 - “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
  - We live by faith in God, not by the shifting sands of the scientific method
  - Contemporary science cannot disprove the word of God; it cannot even impact it
  - It will change again, probably in your lifetime; it has done so often in the past; what was scientific fact yesterday will be laughable fiction tomorrow
- God’s word doesn’t need conventional science to agree with it in order for it to be truth; the question is, why do you need it to?