

## Science and the Bible: Partners in Revelation

### Next Step

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#### What is science?

The systematic study of the nature and behaviour of the material and physical universe, based on observation, experiment and measurement, and the formulation of laws to describe these facts in general terms. -- Steve Mountain, PBC

#### Why study science and the Bible?

1. It ultimately points to the Creator
2. To have answers for people with legitimate questions (2 Peter 3:15,16) but don't waste your time with the uninterested (Luke 20:1-8)
3. Science often pitted against religion
4. It should increase our hunger for God's Word (Ps 19)
5. God uses nature to teach us about life (e.g. the ants in Proverbs 6:6-8)

#### So what are some of the supposed problems (urban legends)?

##### Science is rational, faith is not.

True, Christianity includes that which we do not comprehend and requires a step of faith (Heb 11:1-6). However, it is a step of faith not a leap of stupidity. Christianity has supporting evidences which make the required steps of faith **plausible** such as:

- First cause: Did the universe come forth from nothing? No.
- Nature: Symbiotic relationships (e.g. bees, pollen, flowers) and design
- Revelation: reliability of Bible

#### Flat Earth

*He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.* Isaiah 11:12 (NIV)

*After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.* Rev 7:1 (NIV)

The context of both verses clearly indicates that "corners" is figurative language for extreme distances.

#### The Reality...

*He sits enthroned above the **circle** of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.* Isaiah 40:22 (NIV)

#### Cain's Wife

She was one of his sisters – A&E presumably had many other children

Early generations would not have experienced the genetic deterioration that we have and the marriage restrictions of the Law were not yet in place.

#### Dinosaurs

What's the problem? There are plenty of other extinct animals.