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## Creation Answers

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### Who does this newsletter?

This newsletter is produced by Wayne Spencer of Creation Education Materials on a Quarterly basis. Its purpose is to bring creationary research within the reach of Christian families and provide up-to-date reliable information on the creation issue. Wayne Spencer is a creation researcher and former teacher who has presented papers at the International Conference on Creationism and contributed to radio programs for the Institute for Creation Research.

This newsletter is especially for Christians in the DFW Metroplex. It is meant to help people plug into creation resources and get informed about creation and evolution. This newsletter is provided free of charge on request. It is provided as an Adobe Acrobat file or a plain text e-mail. The Adobe Acrobat Reader, available for download on the internet, is the best way to view the newsletter.

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### A Personal Note from Wayne Spencer

Many Christian parents would like their children exposed to scientific and Biblical creationism, but their own limited knowledge of the issues involved make it difficult to equip their children on the issue of origins. Christian high school and college students may also find their faith challenged over questions about the Bible and science. This newsletter is my attempt to provide some answers. I endeavor to keep abreast on current research from creationists and am experienced in creation ministry. There is a need for something to help Christians evaluate various creationist sources with discernment and balance. I hope this newsletter will help accomplish this. I can also be available to speak at your church or to your home school group. I do not claim to have all the answers, but I will work to offer the best content I can find available on an understandable level. I welcome anyone's honest feedback. I pray this will provide some helpful insight and encouragement to you and your family.

Wayne Spencer

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## Can science prove the Bible?

Before answering this question, first understand that there are two types of science, experimental science and origins science. What is experimental science about? It's about measuring and watching what happens in nature so that we know exactly what nature does.

When you observe or measure nature in experiments, you are always using the five senses in some way. You might measure the time it takes for a ball to drop to the ground in order to learn about gravity, for example. This is something you can repeat over and over and get the same result so you know you are right. Sometimes we help our five senses using special equipment. For instance, a microscope helps us see things much smaller than we can see with the naked eye. If one scientist wants to be sure another scientist is right, in experimental science he can do the same experiment someone else did to make sure he gets the same result. If a certain result has been verified many times by many experimenters we may say that it has been "proven."

But, in origins science, scientists are studying something in nature that only happened once a long time ago. God was there in the beginning; no human was there videotaping what was happening. Events of the past like creation can't be repeated again today. So, this means that experimental science can prove things in a way that origins science never can. So, if you talk about scientific proof in experimental science that is a stronger kind of "proof" than in the study of how life got here.

Now, let's get back to the question of can science prove the Bible. Experimental science

deals with things in nature that scientists can measure today. Experiments can't measure things in the past.

The Bible is not written to give the scientific details of a science textbook, but it does describe some things in nature. Some things the Bible describes about nature can be seen in the Earth today, such as in Ecclesiastes 1 where Solomon describes the water cycle. Other things the Bible describe tell about how Earth was in the past or about what happened to the Earth in the past. It tells, for example, that there was a world-wide Flood in the time of Noah.

Science gives us facts about the world that agree with what the Bible says happened in the past. This is not experimental science since we can't repeat the past, it is origins science. Science can't prove everything the Bible says, but it doesn't need to really.

There are facts about the Earth that agree with there being a world-wide Flood in the past, but they do not really prove it. There are facts about biology that agree very nicely with what Genesis chapter one says regarding living things. These things show us that God's word is plausible and realistic regarding nature, in matters that do not involve God's supernatural intervention. But, there may be plenty of reason to believe God was involved, even though science cannot make it conclusive that He was involved.

Learning about what God made and how it relates to Biblical Christianity encourages our faith in the Bible and shows that Christian faith makes sense. But it does not prove the Bible in the sense that experimental science proves things. As human beings, we do not have to have

everything literally proven to us in order to have plenty of reason to believe it.

Science can only verify or confirm certain kinds of information in the Bible such as descriptions of nature or details about how some event affected the Earth for example. But science cannot confirm or deny spiritual truths. It is our lives and character that should confirm those truths.

There are also lots of reasons to believe the Bible other than what science tells us. There are objective truths and subjective truths in the Bible. Science and archeological research can confirm many of the objective truths in it. The Bible has stood up to challenges very well over the years. Science can be one of several things that confirm our Christian faith and give us confidence in the Bible.

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### **Are there planets around other stars?**

Do you sometimes wonder what to make of news reports about scientific discoveries? In the past five years or so there have been a number of reports of astronomers discovering extra-solar planets, which are planets orbiting other stars. Christians of a young-age creationary viewpoint rightly question many conclusions from modern astronomy. Should Christians who believe Biblical creation believe these reports of extra-solar planets or not?

In researching this question for a technical paper I am writing, I came to the conclusion that these planets are real, at least some of them. The evidence for their existence is stronger than I expected. It is possible some of them could be another kind of object

known as a brown dwarf, which would be nothing new. However, the existence of these planets does not mean life could evolve on other planets. Astronomers who do not allow for supernatural creation want very much to find many of these planets around other stars. This allows them to say there are many planets in the universe and so life must have evolved on other worlds.

However, the possible planets that have been discovered are far from being habitable planets. A planet must have a number of special properties to be suitable for life. Our planet Earth is very special. The Bible says in Isaiah 45:18 that God “did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited.” Even if millions of planets like Earth were found in space, life could not come about on even one of them apart from the supernatural hand of God. Modern biological science has shown that even the simplest possible living cell is almost unimaginably complex. No natural processes known are sufficient to explain where life could come from, on any planet!

Astronomers and physicists have also been thoroughly challenged by the discovery of these extra-solar planets. These planets have led scientists to revise their theories on how solar systems and planets form. Many of these extra-solar planets are found so close to their star that there is no natural means by which they could possibly form there since it would be too hot. So, scientists have suggested that they formed farther away from the star and then they moved closer to the star after they formed. This requires some scientific “fancy footwork” if you will that seems implausible to me. Naturalistic origins models for planets have a number of scientific difficulties. Furthermore, all of the naturalistic models of the origin of planets

would require time periods of hundreds of thousands to millions of years. So, I prefer to believe the God of the Bible supernaturally created these planets along with all the other vast variety He made in the not too distant past.

Even with our modern science and technology we still have not reached the limits of what God made. In the young-age creationist point of view, we can deal with discoveries of experimental science in a manner that follows standard scientific methods. But in matters of origins, we must reject evolutionary theories that in the final analysis are attempts to justify unbelief.

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### **Disney's *Dinosaur* Movie**

This new movie takes computer animation to a new level of sophistication and detail. Today some Christians have chosen to boycott Disney Corporation because of various causes they support which run very contrary to Christian family values. I can certainly understand this concern and I would not blame any Christian for participating in this boycott.

On the other hand, I think this movie is very healthy for the whole family. I cannot find anything to object to in this movie. I would believe that dinosaurs were created with all the other animals in the beginning. They were saved on Noah's Ark in the global Flood event and they became extinct after the Flood. This movie does not mention dinosaurs living millions of years ago to my knowledge and it does not kill all the dinosaurs from the impact of a large asteroid. So, the evolutionary agenda that is usually found in many dinosaur programs was pleasantly missing from this

program. A lot of good science about how dinosaurs lived has been incorporated into the movie also, giving it real educational value.

Though a large impact from space happens in the movie, it does not render the whole Earth uninhabitable. I was very glad to see this. This is very consistent with research I have done on impacts. The movie is not attempting to show everything evolutionary science says about dinosaurs. It is just a nice story for kids.

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### **Area Resources**

Two monthly creation meetings take place in the DFW Metro area. One is organized by Geologist Don Patton, called Metroplex Institute for Origins Science or MIOS. MIOS takes place on the first Tuesday of each month in Dallas (7:30 PM). For information contact Don Patton by e-mail at [DPATTON693@AOL.COM](mailto:DPATTON693@AOL.COM). Another meeting, known as COSMOS, takes place from 1 to 5 PM on the last Saturday of each month. For more information contact myself or Lee Valerius by e-mail at [leebo@attglobal.net](mailto:leebo@attglobal.net). More information about these meetings is found at the **DFW Creation Net** web site.

The DFW Creation Net web site has a number of articles on Biblical and scientific creation. Topic areas include Astronomy, online presentations, Other Science, Biblical World View, and Teaching Helps. There is a page called "Creation Resources" which lists addresses and phone numbers of creation organizations. There are also web links to many other creation web sites and a list of materials available from Wayne Spencer.