

Deliberately Suppressed Truths

The Bible describes three scientific issues which will be intentionally overlooked or suppressed, especially in the last days. The suppression of these issues obscures the truth.

1. What is eternal?
2. What is space?
3. What caused extinctions?

Goals for This Session

1. See the amazing accuracy of the Bible.
2. Be strengthened in your faith.
3. Be able to ask key questions to those who oppose God.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (ESV) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Science Examines the Physical Universe

1. Science usually gets issues right that can be tested repeatedly.
2. Science cannot test historical events (creation and the flood).
3. Science (naturalistic science) does not use “God” as an answer. Science separates itself from anything supernatural. For questions where ‘God’ is the correct answer, science gives wrong answers.
4. Science trusts logic. Logic is essential, but not flawless.

Proverbs 3:5 (ESV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

First Suppressed Truth

Romans 1:18-20 (ESV) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his **eternal power and divine nature**, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

First Key Question: **What is eternal?**

Biblical Answer: **God – with eternal power and divine nature**

Scientific Answers (best wrong answers):

Nothing is eternal. (Then how did you get here?)

The universe is eternal. (The Big Bang eliminates this answer.)

The multiverse is eternal. (There is no scientific evidence.)

What is the multiverse? Science acknowledges that something must be eternal for us to exist, as Romans 1 says. However, since naturalistic science cannot answer any question with ‘God’ they must find a physical answer. For many years they thought that the universe must be eternal. When they discovered the motion of the galaxies that showed that our universe had a beginning, they expanded their view and said there must be an eternally expanding space that continually gives birth to an infinite number of universes. They named this the multiverse.

The multiverse also solved another problem for scientists. Our universe is extremely fine-tuned for life. This is a problem for scientists because if our universe is the only universe, then this fine-tuning points to a fine tuner. That sounds like 'God'. However, if there are an infinite number of universes, then some of them should be fine-tuned, and their answer can omit 'God'.

What scientific evidence is there for the multiverse? None. It is accepted by faith because it is the only possible answer other than God.

What is eternal?

Multiverse

No beginning, no end
Infinite in size and number
Is not a person
Requires billions of years
Is a replacement for God

God

No beginning, no end
Infinite in wisdom and power
Divine nature (is a person)
Works at the speed He chooses

The multiverse **requires** billions of years.

Billions of years of cosmological evolution to produce our universe

Billions of years of geological evolution to produce our planet

Billions of years of chemical evolution to produce the first life

Billions of years of biological evolution to produce advanced life

In contrast, God's eternal power and divine nature created things quickly.

How old is the universe? If the multiverse is eternal, our universe is 13.8 billion years old. However, God is eternal. The Bible, His word, records the history of the universe as less than 10,000 years old.

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Second Suppressed Truth

2 Peter 3:3-5a (ESV) Knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they **deliberately overlook** this fact, **that the heavens existed long ago**. . .

2 Peter 3:5a (NIV) But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the **heavens came into being**. . .

The 'heavens' are what God created in the beginning and stretched out on day two of creation. On day four God placed the stars in the heavens. 'Space' is the modern term for 'heavens'.

Genesis 1:1 (ESV) In the beginning, God **created the heavens** (space) and the earth.

Genesis 1:7 (ESV) And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the **expanse Heaven** (space).

Genesis 1:16-17 (ESV) And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the **expanse of the heavens** to give light on the earth,

Isaiah 42:5 (ESV) Thus says God, the LORD, who **created the heavens and stretched them out**, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it.

Isaiah 40:22 (ESV) It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who **stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent** to dwell in;

For thousands of years scientists have debated whether space is the void or a substance. Many were convinced that space had to be a substance while others thought it was the void/vacuum.

“This book is about the simplest of all questions to ask: ‘What are time and space?’ This is also one of the hardest questions to answer. . . Newton’s theory was based on one answer to this question, general relativity on quite another. . . As we enter the twenty-first century, there is no more challenging problem in science than the completion of this theory. . . somewhere in our thinking there is at least one, and possibly several, wrong assumptions. At the very least, these assumptions involve our concept of space and time. . .” (Lee Smolin, *Three Roads to Quantum Gravity*, Pages 1-10)

While this debate continues, the way science measures space is only accurate if space is the void/vacuum. Science measures space with distance (length). This is not accurate if space is a stretchy substance as the Bible indicates.

Illustrate space as a stretchy fabric. . .

Second Key Question: **What is space?**

Biblical Answer: **Space is a stretchy substance/fabric.**

(Distance does not measure space accurately)

Scientific Answer:

Space is either the void or a substance ???

Distance measures space accurately

The Bible says that in the last days men will deliberately overlook the fact that God created the heavens (spaces). Many scientists today insist that space is the void/vacuum and not a created substance. Furthermore, all of science uses distance to measure space. Biblical space that is stretchy cannot be measured by distance.

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens (space) came into being. . .

How old is the universe? If space is the vacuum/void, then the Hubble constant calculates the age of the universe at 13.8 billion years. However, if space is a stretchy substance, that same data calculates that the age of the universe as less than 10,000 years.

Third Suppressed Truth

2 Peter 3:5-6 (ESV) For they **deliberately overlook** this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the **earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.**

The third overlooked issue is Noah’s flood. Even though people groups from all over the globe have flood legends, science says that there never was a global flood.

“The evidence creationists have presented in support of flood geology has been evaluated, refuted and unequivocally dismissed by the scientific community, which considers such flood geology to be pseudoscience. Flood geology directly contradicts current science in disciplines such as geology, physics, chemistry, molecular genetics, evolutionary biology, archaeology, and paleontology.” http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flood_geology, Feb. 2009

Third Key Question:

What caused extinctions?

Biblical Answer:

Noah’s Flood

Scientific Answer:

Mega volcanos, Meteorites, and
Climate Change.

Science acknowledges that there have been major extinction events in the past where thousands of species went extinct at the same time. One of the evidences for this is that there are sedimentary layers that are full of fossils, and many layers above this are totally devoid of fossils. They see multiple extinction events because they see sedimentary layers being millions of years apart, not all from Noah’s Flood.

One Reason why Noah’s Flood has been rejected by science is that few Christians have carefully evaluated what the Bible says about the flood. Pastor Bryan, Mike Oard, and I are writing a paper on this issue. It seems to us that scripture describes three events initiating the flood. Genesis 7:11-12 describes the events that initiated the flood.

On that day, all fountains of great deep erupted (volcanos), and
Portals to space were opened (meteorites).

These caused incessant, torrential rain for forty days and nights.

The context, grammar, related verses, and geological record all support this translation.

The most common interpretation of these verses is that fountains of water and rain initiated the flood. This interpretation is not supported by the context, grammar, related verses, or the geological record.

Wrong interpretations of scripture are not true. The geological record will not match a wrong interpretation. That is exactly what Adam Sedgwick found when he examined sites for evidence for the Flood in the early 1800’s. He did not find evidence for a global flood caused by fountains and rain and thus recanted his belief in the Flood. His assistant on these geological site evaluations was Charles Darwin. Once the flood was rejected, evolution was inevitable.

How old is the universe? If a global flood never happened, then it would take billions of years of slow erosion and deposition to lay down all the geological layers. If the Biblical description of Noah’s flood is accurate, then nearly all of the geological layers were laid down in one year, and the Earth is only thousands of years old.

Summary: The Bible accurately predicted three truths that will be deliberately suppressed and overlooked. Each of these truths points to a young universe. Naturalistic science does not answer any question with ‘God’. “Billions of years” is a replacement for God.