

A Closer Look at the Evidence – Part 2

Sunday, 6/13 at 4:00 + Sunday, 6/14 at 9:00

2nd Sunday after Pentecost / 1st Sunday after Trinity – 2020

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: The Bible says, “...They perish because they refused to **love the truth** and so be saved” (2 Thessalonians 2:10). Therefore, let us **love** God’s truth – *which is written in His Word*, **know** God’s truth – *because it frees us from our sins*, and **live** God’s truth – *as a testimony to others!*



Today’s sermon is based on the Bible and on the daily devotional book, “A Closer Look at the Evidence!” More and more, *as people take a closer look*, they **see** God’s hand in nature and **realize** the Bible is His Word to us. But what will people do with such evidence? God is calling everyone to **study** His Word, **repent**, and **believe**! For those who refuse, *they are without excuse* (Romans 1:18-20)!

1. **Evidence from Biblical Accuracy – February 4:**

Prothrombin and Circumcision! God said to Abraham: “This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised... / He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised... / And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him (Genesis 17:10, 12; 21:4 ESV). // 4,000 years ago *God commanded circumcision on the eighth day*. Why? Since God designed us, He knew about a chemical in our bodies called prothrombin, *which is absolutely critical for blood clotting*. However, scientists

only recently discovered that “on the eighth day, a newborn male child reaches his lifetime maximum level of prothrombin.... / [So] the eighth day after birth would be the safest day for [circumcision] to take place.” God always knew, *and recently made it known to scientists!*

2. **Evidence from Earth’s Ecology – March 4: The Stink Bug and Protecting Crops!** God made a perfect world – *no sin, no disease, no death*, but when Adam and Eve fell into sin, “the creation was subjected to [brought under] *futility [frustration] [by God]*” (Rom. 8:20 ESV). Then, *since the fall*, crops have been eaten by various bugs. So, *in response*, herbicides (*substances that are deadly to plants*) and insecticides (*substances that are deadly to bugs*) have been developed to control the bugs. However, “God’s marvelous foresight included many natural ways of controlling pests, which modern science has only recently learned to copy.” For example: “The spined soldier bug (also known as the stink bug)... eats over a hundred different pests... / Researchers have found that spraying crops with a natural chemical made by the stink bug attracts stink bugs to the fields. The stink bugs then devour the harmful insects without harming the crops.” *A wonderful and natural solution!* Paul used these words to describe God: “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable [*incomprehensible*] his ways! (Rom. 11:33 ESV).- 3. **Evidence from Biology – March 24: Spiders and Their Silk!** We may not like them, *but we have all seen spiders and their amazing webs!* God has given “the spider... the ability to produce different kinds of silk strands for its web.... / Some lines are sticky to catch prey, while other

strands are non-sticky so that the spider can approach its prey without becoming stuck to its own web. The dragline is a third kind of silk that the spider uses to lower itself from its web to the ground.... / The complexity of the spider and its ability to produce marvelously designed webs could not have happened by random-chance,” which is taught by those who deny God’s existence. Instead, *the complexity points to our awesome God!* Job wrote: God “does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number” (Job 5:9 ESV).

4. **Evidence from Astronomy – March 28: The Location of Earth in the Universe!** According to the best estimates of astronomers, there are at least one hundred billion galaxies in the observable universe. For those who hold to the big bang theory, they assume “there is nothing special about the earth or its location.” However, David wrote in Psalm 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork” (ESV). So God “placing the earth near the center of the universe would seem quite logical.” Is there any evidence for that? Yes, “...there are approximately the same number of galaxies in all directions from the earth.... / Even more significant are the concentric rings of galaxies at equal increments of distance from our galaxy... / In other words, during the formation of the universe, distinct bands of galaxies formed at uniform distances from the starting point like waves spreading out from a rock thrown into a pond.” In eight places, the Bible records that God “stretched out the heavens...”¹ and that “is exactly what we observe if our galaxy is at the center...” So let us look

¹ Job 9:8; Isaiah 42:5; 44:24; 45:12; 51:13; Jeremiah 10:12; 51:15; Zechariah 12:1

into the night sky *to see God's awesome work*, and then let us give Him our ✦trust, ✦thanks, and ✦praise!

5. **Evidence from Astronomy – April 11: *The Rings of Saturn and the Age of the Solar System!*** Astronomers say that Saturn is about 4.5 billion years old; however, based on that age, they struggle to explain Saturn's rings. **“When space probes passed Saturn late last century, they sent pictures of complex and intricately inner-woven rings made from billions of individual particles... assumed to be made from leftover debris after the formation of the planet.... / Known laws of physics dictate that the particles should have disappeared long ago.”** As research continues around the world, *the evidence keeps pointing more and more to a young earth and the accuracy of the Bible!* By the way, *based on the genealogies in the book of Genesis*, God is telling us that the earth is about 6,000 years old!

Conclusion: The evidence-statements I shared today are from a book entitled, *A Closer Look at the Evidence.*² The book is a daily devotional book, so you simply read one page each day. *If you are willing to do so*, please take home a free copy and read it together as a family – *one page each day!*

Let Us Pray: LORD God Almighty, Your fingerprints are all over Your awesome creation. So let us ✦see and marvel, ✦be ever-sorry for our sins, ✦constantly embrace Jesus as Savior and Lord, and ✦shine the light of Your Truth to others!

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² Richard L. & Christina E. Kleiss, Midland, MI: Search for the Truth Publications, 2003.