

## Miracles versus Science

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### Introduction

In this article the main focus is miracles versus science. Miracles do not mean anything to most scientists today. They look at those who promote miracles as if they are primitive. They feel that there is no tangible reason for holding on to miracles. And more than that miracles have no room for experimentation. You cannot prove a miracle, thus why most scientists would not spend a dime to know what makes them happen and for why? On the other hand, those who believe in miracles are somewhat negative about science. They believe that science has nothing to do with God. They shun paying attention to scientific findings, even when the findings are valid and helpful. They condemn everything that is scientific.

However in this article I want to tackle the topic with balance. Is there room for miracles in people's existence on earth? Are miracles helpful or do they have something that is beneficial? Are there times miracles can shade light on the puzzles of this world? Is it morally right to ignore miracles totally? What about science? Is it all wrong? Who says it is wrong, and why? Are all scientific findings to be put in a trash, or there is something even a miraculous believer can benefit? These and many issues will be addressed in this article. It is not my intention to side with one side at the expense of another. The goal is to strike the balance so that miraculous believers can benefit from science and vice versa.

### The Meaning of Miracles

What is a miracle? What is science? Do these words mean the same thing or they are different? Research will tell us whether they are different or the same. To start with let us define miracle. Miracle is something that happens outside man's capability but by super natural power or some higher power. Crundence defines it as "an even impossible to explain by natural causes."<sup>2</sup> What this means is that a miracle is something that happens and when it happens it is impossible for any humans to explain. Why? It is because humans being have no idea when and how it happens. They just see the effects of it. At this moment everyone who witnesses a miracle is speechless because they do not know what to say. Those who believe that miracles come from God will simply start to praise Him for his ability to intervene in the affairs of man which themselves are not able to perform them.

Another definition of miracle which Crundence gives is worth examining. It goes like this: "God working in the world without using means to bring about the results he wishes."<sup>3</sup> There are two statements embedded in this definition that are crucial in understanding how God works. The first one is "without using means." What does this mean? It means that God did not use preexisting materials to create anything he created. There was nothing and this world for example we know was not there. God created from nothing. The Bible tells us in Genesis 1 & 2 that he used his words to command the existence of this world. These acts God did are the ones that show humanity that God is not man but God. The second phrase is "the results he wishes." This reveals to us that God knew alone what he wanted to bring in this world. He did not just create from nothing, but he also knew what he wanted to create. For example he knew that he was creating a mountain and not something else. Everything he created he knew how they would appear or be after.

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<sup>2</sup>Crundence, Systematic Theology.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid,

Henry Clarence Thiessen came up with another definition of miracle that is insightful as follows: “A genuine miracle is an unusual event in that it is not a mere product of so-called natural laws.”<sup>4</sup> What is he writing about? He is stating that miracles are different from the happenings of things naturally. Miracles do not obey natural laws and they do not depend upon them to take place. For example a miracle can cause rain to fall in seasons when it is not rain season. Scientist would not believe that because with them they are simply studying for example the forms of rain and may be the effects on vegetations, but they do not know where it comes from. In short every human being whether he believes in miracles or upholds science, they are always some limitations beyond the scope of humans.

George P. Fisher also defines miracle as follows: “A miracle is an event which the forces of nature-including the natural powers of man-cannot of themselves produce, and which must, therefore, be referred to a supernatural agency.”<sup>5</sup> According to Fisher man or any human being cannot produce a miracle. It does not matter whether he is educated or not, whether young or old, whether scientist or not, he has no capacity to cause a miracle to happen. All miraculous events or activities, belongs to the supernatural being, who is believed to be God himself. Man has no share in the happenings of miracles. He is always surprised when they happen.

Jackson Wayne came up with this definition of miracles that takes another angle as follows: “A supernatural display of divine power is not arguable proposition; it is a dramatic, demonstrable fact.”<sup>6</sup> This seems true about miracles. Miracles do not plan when to happen and how to happen. No one human being is involved in their original state as they happen, they cannot be argued. This is more true to the eyewitnesses; they cannot explain how they happen. For example the way creating this world took place, man though scientific, knowledgeable, experienced, intelligent, cannot explain how it came into existence, especially with the belief that both scientists and creationists hold that everything there is has been caused by something unknown.

### **The Meaning of Science**

Now, let me define science. What is science? Science is a branch of knowledge that studies nature and its composition. The Academic Press Dictionary of Science & Technology defines science as “the systematic observation of natural events and conditions in order discover facts about them and to formulate laws and principles based on these facts.”<sup>7</sup> In this definition, what are “natural events”? These are things that scientists do not make. They do not manufacture them. They find them the way they are. They simply use systematic scientific knowledge to discover facts about them. The facts are known are not created by scientists, no, they are already found in nature, except it is science that discovers them. Science is good therefore because it will discover knowledge which those who believe in miracles and science could not have known.

Dr. Sheldon Gottlieb defines science in his lectures as follows: “Science is an intellectual activity carried on by humans that is designed to discover information about the natural world in which humans live and to discover the ways in which this information can be organized into meaningful patterns. A primary aim of science is to collect facts (data). An ultimate purpose of science is to discern the order that exists between and amongst the various facts.”<sup>8</sup> Scientists do not make intellects; they are using the intellect they discovered they have in themselves. They are putting to use what they already have in form of intellect.

Scientists also study humans how they live and productions. Why do they live in certain places and avoid others. How do they multiply themselves? Scientists focus on those issues and try to systematize the knowledge they discover. Their primary focus is to collect facts. Those facts are organized and further studies on them are undertaken. This approach to science is good and profitable to humans because for example the destruction of nature causes negative effects to weather pattern, therefore humans must not deforestation their areas to preserve weather patterns. At Vanderbilt University, another definition was coined which states: “Science involves more than the gaining of knowledge. It is the systematic and organized inquiry into the natural world and its phenomena.

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<sup>4</sup> Henry Clarence Thiessen & Vernon D. Doerken. Lecturers in Systematic Theology. (Grand Rapids, Michinga:William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1979), P. 11

<sup>5</sup> George, Fisher. Manual of Christian Evidences (New York, NY: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1900), 9.

<sup>6</sup>Jackson, Wayne. “What Does the Bible Say About Miracles?” Christian Courier.com.Access date: January 25, 2017.

<sup>7</sup>Academic Press Dictionary of Science & Technology.

<sup>8</sup>Dr. Sheldon Gottlieb in a lecture series at the University of South Alabama.

Science is about gaining a deeper and often understanding of the world.”<sup>9</sup>It would be a serious flow in our world without scientists. How would we know the world around us without science? There is a lot that science has discovered that are beneficial to our existence. For example scientists have developed from nature fertilizers that manure crops farmers grow. Agriculture has been greatly improved over the years as a result of science. It does not make sense for one because of his belief in miracles to reject science. In fact miracles are aided by the knowledge of science.

Robert H. Dott and Henry L. Batten came up with another definition worth noting. They write: “Science consists simply of the formulation and testing of hypotheses based on observation evidence; experiments are important where applicable, but their function is merely to simplify observation by imposing controlled conditions.”<sup>10</sup>In other words scientists take time to observe nature and how it responds to different situations. For example why is that grass is green in rainy season and dry when there is no rain. What causes this? They come up with theories such as that in rain season there moisture from the rain whiles it dray season there is not moisture. They do not end here, they attempt to test the theories until they are proven right or wrong. This is where experimentation comes in.

### **Analysis of Biblical Miracles**

In this section I want to analyze few Biblical miracles. The first one is the miracles surrounding the creation story found in Genesis 1 and 2. The intriguing thing in the creation story is the way God created. He used his voice to command things to come into existence and they did without any struggle. For example in Genesis 1:3, the Bible says: “And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” In Genesis 1:6, “And God said, ‘Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.’” In verse 7, the last part says, “And it was so.” The same format is repeated in verses 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26 where God made man, the Bible says: “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’” In verse 27, the creation of man wounded like this, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”<sup>11</sup>

The main point in this creation story is the fact that God used his voice to create what we see with our eyes, and what we step on with our feet, and what we touch with our hands. The human beings were not there before God created them. We cannot fully understand how this world and everything it was created. We cannot experiment because God miraculously created this world. Science and scientists were never there before this world was created. Science and scientists came after God created them. In fact God is the very source of science and scientists scattered all over the world.

The second Biblical miracles to analyze are about God’s deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptian bondage they were in for about 400 years. The process of delivering them from the Egyptian bondage was humanly impossible. It took God himself to use his divine abilities to deliver them. Briefly let us observe how he delivered them in accordance with what is recorded in the scriptures. The first miracle was that of Aaron’s staff which when thrown down became a snake. Moses and Aaron performed this miracle before King of Egypt Pharaoh with the hope that he would allow the Israelites to leave. But Pharaoh refused and later on summoned his wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians who performed the same miracle Moses and Aaron performed. Each of them threw their staff and they became snakes. But Aaron and Moses’ staff swallowed up their snakes. However, Pharaoh did not allow the Israelites to leave just as God had said earlier to Moses and Aaron that he would harden his heart. This miracle is found in Exodus 7:8-13, NIV.

Moses reported to God the matter of Pharaoh’s refusal to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt. God does not run out of ideas, he came up with another strategy of informing Pharaoh that he meant business. Therefore, he came up with the second miracle, which had to do with Aaron’s staff struck on the Nile water by him and it turned into blood. Every water in Egypt whether in the lakes, rivers, etc., were turned into blood as a result of the miracle God told Moses and Aaron to perform before Pharaoh by the river Nile itself in the morning. Pharaoh was not alarmed by this miracle because when he called his magicians, they also performed the same miracles.

<sup>9</sup>Multicultural History of Science pate at Vanderbilt University.

<sup>10</sup>Robert H. Dott, Jr., and Henry L. Batten, *Evolution of the Earth* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition).

<sup>11</sup> All Biblical references on Creation are from the New International Version of the Holy Bible, Published by Zondervan.

This miracle is recorded in the Bible in Exodus 7:20-25. This miracle is unexplainable, because a walking stick does not have the ability on its own to turn water into blood. The only thing to understand here that it was God who commanded Moses and Aaron to strike the water with the staff and it turned into blood. It was God who caused the staff to turn water into blood. In this sense God performed the miracle. It was not to surprise anyone because God is the one who created also the waters we see and use in this world. He cannot fail to control what he himself created. Without him, waters in the rivers, lakes, dams, seas, etc., would not have existed. What explanation can we give to the magicians who performed the same miracles? The magicians were enabled to perform the same miracles by the Devil. The Devil was not created by God but by himself at the time he became disobedient to God. God created Lucifer, the obedient Angel, but through his rebellion he became the devil. He went away from God with some powers he was given by God when he was an obedient Angel to him. Since then he has been working to destroy the work of God on earth. Ellen White tells us the Devil's strategy in the similar miracle he caused the magicians to perform as follows: "By the work that he wrought through the magicians he made it appear to the Egyptians that Moses and Aaron were only magicians and sorcerers and that the message they brought could not claim respect as coming from a superior being. Thus Satan's counterfeit accomplished its purpose of emboldening the Egyptians in their rebellion and causing Pharaoh to harden his heart against conviction."<sup>12</sup>

The third miracle God performed through Moses and Aaron as he was to prove to Pharaoh that he was serious about delivering the Israelites from the Egyptian bondage was to cause the frogs from the rivers of Egypt to cover the entire land. There was a swarm of frogs everywhere on the surface of the land including in the houses. Life was becoming unbearable among the Egyptians to the point that Pharaoh had to humble himself by asking Moses and Aaron to ask God to stop the frogs from being everywhere in the land. Moses cried to the Lord about the frogs and the Lord heard his prayers. God caused the frogs to die everywhere they were found on the surface of Egypt. But after the miracle was performed by God to the frogs, Pharaoh again hardened his heart. This story of this miracle is found in Exodus 8:1-15.

It is amazing how a staff could cause the frogs from the rivers to move on the surface of the earth. Humanly speaking it was impossible to perform this miracle, but God performed the miracles through Moses and Aaron using the mere staff. God is able to use ordinary things in order to achieve extraordinary things. God is the one who caused the frogs to come out of the rivers of Egypt. Why? It is because he is the one who created this world. He can do anything to his creation. There is no way what God created can all of a sudden start doing things which he did not do himself. Everything in this world is subject to God and cannot accomplish anything without his control.

The fourth miracle is that of turning dust of the earth into gnats throughout the land of Egypt. How was this miracle performed? The Lord told Moses to tell Aaron to stretch out his hand with the staff to strike the dust of the earth, and immediately there were gnats on man and beast everywhere in Egypt. The magicians tried to perform the same miracle but they failed. When Pharaoh asked why they could not perform the same miracle they said, "This is the finger of God". The magicians also performed three first similar miracles like the ones Moses and Aaron did. But when it came to the fourth, they could not perform. This miracle is found in Exodus 8: 16-32.

It is amazing that the magicians saw God's finger at work. All of a sudden they switched goal posts; they were all along against God, but now in support of Him. They were in darkness, but now in the light. This is like what I experienced in Maamba, a mining town in Southern Province in Zambia. I was conducting an evangelistic effort for three weeks every night. One night a witch doctor through struggles gave his life to Jesus Christ. I welcomed him to the front where he came to as he was giving himself to the Lord. I prayed for him and gave him words of encouragements. Before he departed, he invited me to his house the following day at 08:00 hours. I did not go alone, I went with other believers. When we approached his home, he was very happy and requested us to witness the destruction of the gadgets he was using in witchcraft. We made fire and burnt them one by one. There was a mental plate which even if it was burnt into the fire, it did not get destroyed completely. He was not happy with that instead we broke it in pieces and threw the remaining into the pit latrine.

An amazing story indeed! The man who was a magician the whole of his life, he forsook that and became a Christian. The God whom he despised for many years, he was now praising him. The God whom he did not worship, he was now worshipping him.

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<sup>12</sup> Ellen G.White. Patriarchs and Prophets

What a change of life? What a change of allegiance? God enabled him to change suddenly because he yielded his life to him. Miracles happen when we surrender our lives to God. Miracles do not happen in a vacuum, they happen when there is harmony between God and human. The fifth plague is on the Egyptian cattle dying miraculously. How did they die? As a result of Pharaoh's refusal to allow the Israelites to leave Egyptians bondage to the Promised Land, God told Moses to inform him of the destruction he would bring on livestock, horses, donkeys, and camels of the fields. The account reveals that "the hand of the LORD will come with a very severe pestilence" on Egyptians livestock and they died. But among the Israelites' livestock, none of them died from the severe pestilences caused by the hand of the Lord. The definite time was set and God let the pestilences inflict death on the livestock. This incident though did not convince Pharaoh enough to allow the Israelites to leave, instead it hardened his heart. This story is taken from Exodus 9:1-7.

How did God's severe pestilences cause death on the livestock? It is unexplainable; it was a miracle. A miracle does not need explanation because it is beyond human explanation. God, in his infinite wisdom, enabled the Egyptians animals to die and not of the Israelites. The miracle happened the way the Lord had tailored it. It made a distinction between Egyptians livestock and Israelites. The animals of the Egyptians were inflicted to death while among the Israelites it was harmless. Science cannot explain; experiments will not work because there will be no apparatus to use.

Since the fifth plague did not make an impact on Pharaoh, God brought another plague, the sixth one. What was the sixth plague? It was fine dust over all the land of Egypt which caused boils breaking into sores on every person and beasts of Egypt. Where did this fine dust come from? Moses and Aaron were asked by God to collect a handful of soot from a kiln and to throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh. The soot miraculously changed into fine dust which caused boils and sores on people and animals. The magicians who were helping Pharaoh could not help him at this moment because they were also inflicted by the boils themselves. The story of this plague is found in Exodus 9:8-17.

This was another miracle! It was a painful experience on those who were inflicted by it. There were no solutions to this tragedy that befell the Egyptians. The magicians who were challenging God with the first few plagues at this moment could not help. They were equally in great pain like the rest of the people of Egypt. God is supreme, cannot be compared to any human being whom he created. The magicians had no other way but to give reverence to God, who is the Creator.

Another plague, the seventh one was the plague of hail. God told Moses to stretch out his staff towards the sky, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail and heavy rains on the land of Egypt. And as a result of this, hail and rain struck every person and beast and then shattered every plant and tree of the field. But the land of Goshen where the Israelites were living was spared. When Pharaoh saw that the destruction was great on his people and the beasts, he called for Moses and confessed his sins to the Lord and asked Moses to ask God to stop the hail. Moses in turn asked God to stop the rain and hail but Pharaoh still did not allow the Israelites to leave the land of Egypt. The story of the hail is found in Exodus 9:18-35.

This indeed was another miracle. God used Moses' staff to perform another miracle with it. Heavy rains with hail descended on both humans and animals that were not in the houses, they died. The magicians were nowhere near to help Pharaoh on this destructive rain with hail. Pharaoh did not consult them because he knew they were helpless. He ended up depending upon Moses whom he had despised before.

The eighth plague was a swarm of locusts everywhere on the land of Egypt. Moses was told by God to stretch his hand over Egypt and locusts came. They were to eat every plant that remained in the fields from the rains and hail. The locusts were so great that it covered the whole land of Egypt. The Egyptians had never seen anything like this before. Everything green was eaten by the locusts. Pharaoh again when he saw that there was terrible destruction; he hurriedly went to Moses and again confessed his sins and asked Moses to ask God to stop the locusts. He asked forgiveness and asked Moses to pray to God so that his sins could be forgiven. Moses again made supplication to the Lord and the Lord drove the locusts away from the land of Egypt. There was no locust that remained on the land every locust was removed. However, God again hardened the heart of Pharaoh; he did not allow the Israelites to go. This story is found in Exodus 10:1-20.

Science could neither perform this miracle nor explain how it happened. God again, used Moses as a means to perform the miracle. God, who created everything, was able to perform these plagues one after another. This eighth plague like other ones were very destructive. The facial appearance of Egypt was defaced and the Egyptians urged Pharaoh to allow the Israelites to go, otherwise nothing would remain in normal condition.

But God still hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he could use this opportunity of falling plagues to reveal himself to Pharaoh and the rest of the Egyptians that he was in charge. The ninth plague is dense darkness throughout Egypt except in Goshen area where the Israelites dwelt. How did this darkness come about? God told Moses to stretch out his hand toward the sky, and after doing that there was thick darkness for three solid days. The darkness was so thick that they could not see one another and they could feel it. They stayed in their houses for three days without getting up.

As a result of this, Pharaoh ordered Moses to leave Egypt with his people minus their flocks. But Moses refused this partial permission to leave Egypt minus their flocks. He needed the flocks so that as he travelled with his people on the way they could offer sacrifices to God. Pharaoh also insisted that they would not go with their flocks. The Israelites too did not want leave without their flocks. The two opposing scenarios could not be compromised. Despite what was going on, God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Pharaoh therefore did not permit them to travel. This story is found in Exodus 10:13-29.

The tenth plague was the death of the first born both among humans and animals. Instructions were given in the way they were to protect themselves from this plague. They were to smear the blood of the unblemished lamb on the door posts so that when the destroying Angel would come, would not destroy anybody whose door posts were smeared with blood, but those who did not, were destroyed. As a result of this there was great mourning in Egypt for loss of their loved ones and their animals. This story is found in Exodus 11: 1-11; 12: 1-32.

Death in this situation was selective; it was among the Egyptians but not among the Israelites. The effects of this plague on Egyptians were so great that Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to leave Egypt. It was the last plague and the Israelites left Egypt as soon as they were given permission to leave. God's plan of liberating the Israelites from the Egyptian bondage was finally accomplished. They left with everything of their own including the heads of flocks.

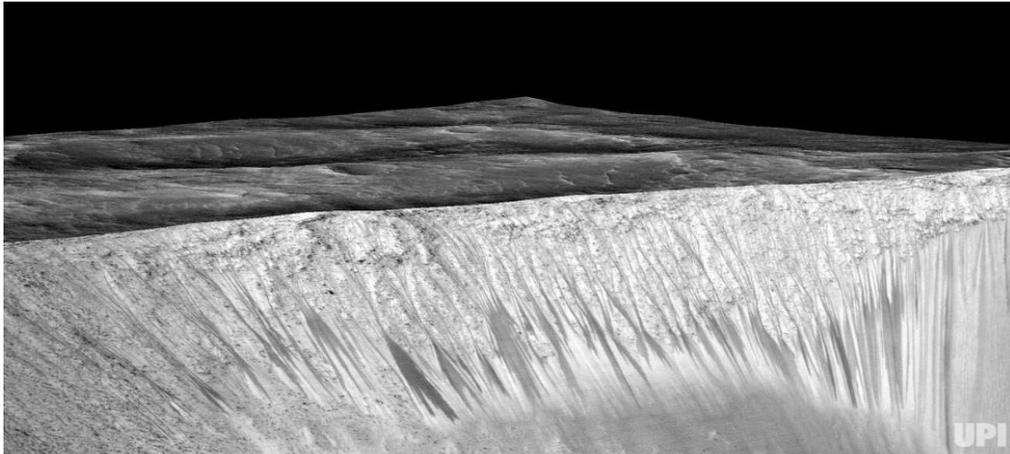
### **Analysis of Some Scientific Findings**

Scientists using the knowledge of science have come up with a number of findings through their research that are helpful in the areas of medicine to tackle many diseases that affect both humans and animals, agriculture in improving quality of crops and determining suitability of soils for them, education by raising more scientists who are research oriented for purposes of continuity, by studying climatic changes that might improve or destroy the economy of nations and by solving psychological problems that might be detrimental to society. Dacher Keltner, one of the scientists discovered that humans though weird in their behavior were inherently created good. His discovery were not based on the knowledge of the Bible which in Genesis 1 and 2 do point out that humans were created good without any trace of sin. Here is Keltner's research findings which is amazing as follows: "we are primed to respond positively to altruistic and compassionate behavior through neural structures like the vagus nerve and circulating neuropeptides, such as oxytocin, that help us experience a warm, fuzzy feeling when we do something kind for another person-a sort of build-in reward system for doing good."<sup>13</sup>

Another amazing discovery of scientists is the presence of water on planet mars. Mars was one of those planets which were not known much by scientists. They endeavored to do more research on it and discovered that the water flows and have some living organisms in it. Here is the picture of water at mars and the amazing discovery by scientists:

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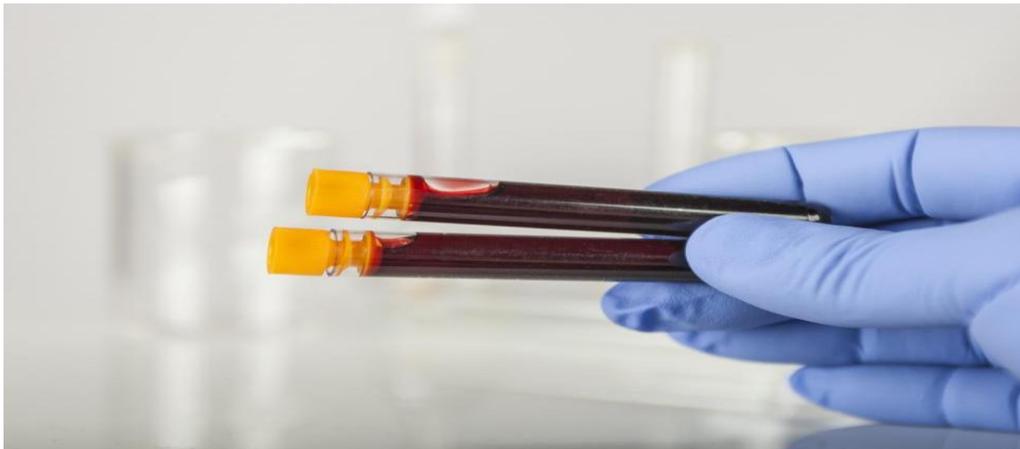
<sup>13</sup>Dacher Keltner. *Born to Be Good-The Science of Meaningful Life* (W.W. Norton & Company, 2009),



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In September, NASA scientists presented what they said was the strongest evidence yet of the presence of water on Mars: flowing salty streaks of water that vary with the seasons. Scientists were also able to detect the presence of waterlogged molecules, called perchlorates. This discovery makes the presence of living organisms on the planet more likely.<sup>14</sup> The Bible tells us that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). The heavens are many, but scientists through their research are able to discover like what they have discovered on Mars that there is water and in it are living organisms. Is this not God’s power? Who else is able to create this entire vast universe? We do not need to be troubled, God in the beginning the Bible reveals that he created the heavens and the earth. Through science we are to learn more of God’s creation. Science does not create; scientists just discover what has already been created by God. In this sense there is nothing wrong with science, in fact revelation and science complement each other.

Scientists continue to research in the area of diseases and how they can be prevented. For example with scientific knowledge and technology, with one drop of blood, they are able to discover some traces of cancer in person’s life. A person with traces of cancer can be a Christian or not. Scientific findings do not segregate anyone whose traces of cancer is able to be seen in the blood can be helped. This is one important reason why Christians should not despise the work of science and scientists should not despise the teachings of the Bible. Here below is the discovery of science on this:



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<sup>14</sup> [www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...)

Researchers in Sweden developed a blood test that can detect cancer at an early stage from a single drop of blood. The test can accurately detect the disease 96 percent of the time and classify the type of cancer correctly 71 percent of the time. Differences detected with the test can also be used to help doctors determine the best course of treatment.<sup>15</sup> The goodness with this discovery is that the individuals with traces of cancer can start doing certain things to avoid the spread of the disease and medical doctors can start researching both prevention measures and to cure the cancer in systems of the body to prevent premature death to the victims. Who would not appreciate this scientific knowledge? Everybody would appreciate this information unless there is something fundamentally wrong with that individual. Therefore, it is not good to despise science and Bible knowledge because they complement each other. Biblical knowledge too can guide an inquisitive learner to avoid certain lifestyles such as drinking alcohol that disturbs the normal function of the body, for example it is advisable not to drive when drunk. The chances of being involved in an accident is higher than when someone is not drunk.

One of challenges medical doctor's face is that the drugs they make for curing diseases are at times becomes ineffective. The body system resists those drugs and in the process they stop curing the diseases. But now scientists are discovering ways of enabling the drugs to continue being effective. The antibiotic they are discovering is able to cure multiple bacteria diseases. Scientific information on this line of thought is as follows: Early this year, scientists discovered a new antibiotic, the first in nearly 30 years, that may pave the way for a new generation of antibiotics and fight growing drug-resistance. The antibiotic, teixobactin, can treat many common bacterial infections, such as tuberculosis, septicemia, and *C. diff*, and may be available in the next five years.<sup>16</sup>

In 2015 geneticists undertook the research "on how genes control the characteristics of plants and animals."<sup>17</sup> Scientists have been studying how "series of processes in which unorganized cell masses differentiate into organ systems."<sup>18</sup> This study though is still going on, but scientists have been able to come up with some amazing conclusions as follows:



*A DNA gel. Photo by gopixa/Shutterstock | Permalink*

In February, a team of geneticists from across the country finished building the most comprehensive map of the human epigenome, a culmination of almost a decade of research. The team was able to map more than 100 types of human cells, which will help researchers better understand the complex links between DNA and diseases.

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<sup>15</sup> [www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...)

<sup>16</sup> [www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...)

<sup>17</sup> Merriam Dictionary

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Another interesting research discovery is that of causing the part of the body such as an eye which can be made stronger by “more capable by special electronic devices.” The surgery they do in order to cure the disease for example of an eye is done only in about eight minutes. This discovery is stated below as follows:

A new bionic lens



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Ocumentic Technology Corp. has spent \$3 million toward eight years of research and development and, finally, in May, promised an eight-minute surgery to provide patients with bionic lenses that can improve eyesight to three times better than 20/20 vision.<sup>19</sup> Scientists through more technology are discovering that there are more galaxies in the universe than what was known for many years. This means that God’s creation is vast and there is still more scientists themselves do not know. As technology advances, there will be more discoveries which can help us to understand that God is not man and he means what he says. Here is an amazing discovery on the galaxies worth noting:

**There are ten times more galaxies in the universe than we thought**



<sup>19</sup>[www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2015/12/04/Top-10-scientific-discov...)

Getting an idea of how many galaxies there are in the universe has always been limited by the technology of our telescopes. But now, new mathematical models and points of analysis have allowed researchers to infer more about the number of galaxies in our universe, even far beyond what our telescopes can see. Thanks to the Hubble telescope, we now know that there are significantly more galaxies in the observable universe than we thought—and not just because the universe is constantly expanding.

“These results are powerful evidence that a significant galaxy evolution has taken place throughout the universe’s history, which dramatically reduced the number of galaxies through mergers between them—thus reducing their total number.” says Christopher Conselice of the University of Nottingham. “This gives us a verification of the so-called top-down formation of structure in the universe.”<sup>20</sup>

One of main issue in overpopulation is insufficient food to go around everybody in the world. Many people die from starvation. Scientists have done research and their findings can increase the production of wheat 40% more than the normal grains. If more farmers are encouraged to grow more wheat using this technology, there will be enough wheat for every person in the world and overpopulation problems would be solved. The findings are amazing as follows:

### **Super wheat could help solve future overpopulation problems**



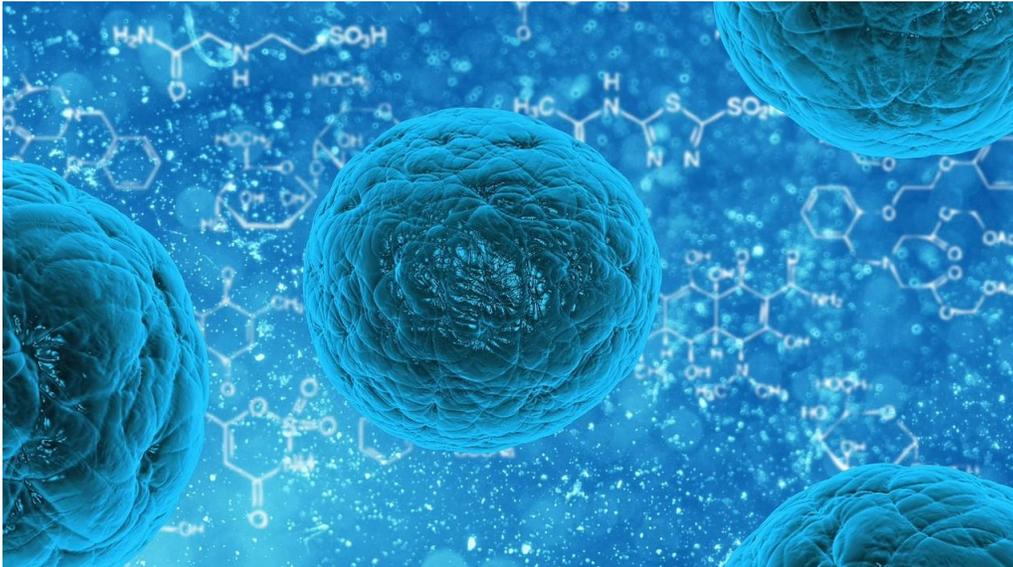
In the popular zeitgeist, GMOs still don’t have a great reputation. However, GMOs have been on the up and up in the science world. The newest finding is something scientists are calling “superwheat,” which performs photosynthesis far more efficiently than regular old wheat. The result is a wheat that could yield up 40 percent more crop and help solve the future overpopulation problem we’ll eventually have in a significant way.<sup>21</sup> It is again amazing how scientists are able to use stem cell in the body to cure patients with stroke in matter of days. Using stem cell according to scientist stroke patients are to be healed. What is stem cell? It is a simple cell in the body that is able to develop into any one of various kinds of cells (such as blood cells, skin cells, etc.)<sup>22</sup> Consider the discovery of this below:

<sup>20</sup> [www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/12/the-10-best-s...](http://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/12/the-10-best-s...)

<sup>21</sup> [www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/12/the-10-best-s...](http://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/12/the-10-best-s...)

<sup>22</sup> Merriam Dictionary.

### Stem cells safely healed stroke patients



Though it was just a small trial<sup>23</sup> releases/2016-06/sumc-scs052616.php, researchers have successfully used stem cells to help chronic stroke patients see significant improvements. The patients had each suffered a stroke and had permanently lost some kind of motor skills, including not being able to walk at all. Not only did patients see substantial improvements (including allowing people in wheelchairs to walk again), there were no serious side effects and had patients going home the very next day. Clinically, it's an incredible triumph and has even led researchers to be able to rethink the permanence of brain damage.<sup>23</sup>

#### Summary and Conclusion

Discoveries and research findings of science is inexhaustible, but a few analyzed in this article are enough to drive the point home for this purpose. The purpose is demonstrated that science is not an enemy to Christian's teachings and Christianity and the teachings of the bible is not an enemy to the science and its findings. To view science and revelation as enemies is to miss the point. Science does not create at all and will never do that. Science is simply the study of what scientists do not know where they came from. Even they themselves they do not understand where they came from you. They are however able to study the reproduction system for example of how a human being is formed in the womb of the mother. But the original of life itself they do not understand. They have tried to speculate but to no avail.

Christians too should not be negative about good science that is in harmony with the teachings of the Bible. They should not dismiss anything scientific unless it is totally off the limits of science. They should study and learn from science because scientific findings will help them to understand the Bible and the God it exalts. Ellen White's admonishing is worth consideration: "All created things, in their original perfection, were an expression of the thought of God. To Adam and Eve nature was teeming with divine wisdom. But by transgression man was cut off from learning of God through direct communion and, to a great degree, through His works."

Fanaticism by Christians must not be cherished. Fanaticism is bad because it focuses on one source of knowledge and understanding. It avoids the idea of always learning. Learning is a way of life and will not come to an end. Every life experience that comes has a purpose and those that are wise will learn from it. It is not good to think only one way and look at sources of knowledge as if it is useless. It is dangerous to believe and think that way. God is the source of all knowledge. There is nothing he does not know. All knowledge that is in the world including science comes from him. Therefore Christians must be open minded and learn from many sources of knowledge including the Bible itself. This way Christians will be well balanced and properly shaped for any calamity that might face them in this life.

<sup>23</sup>[www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/12/the-10-best-s...](http://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/12/the-10-best-s...)