



How Old is the Universe?

And other easy theological questions


Analogy

- ▶ What is the puzzle picture?
- ▶ Each puzzle piece is a small unit of knowledge
- ▶ Which feature of the piece helps us guess at the larger puzzle picture?
- ▶ Biblical, scientific, logic, and philosophical pieces
- ▶ Different size pieces
- ▶ We use pieces to guess what nearby pieces look like.
- ▶ Missing pieces



What can we
know?





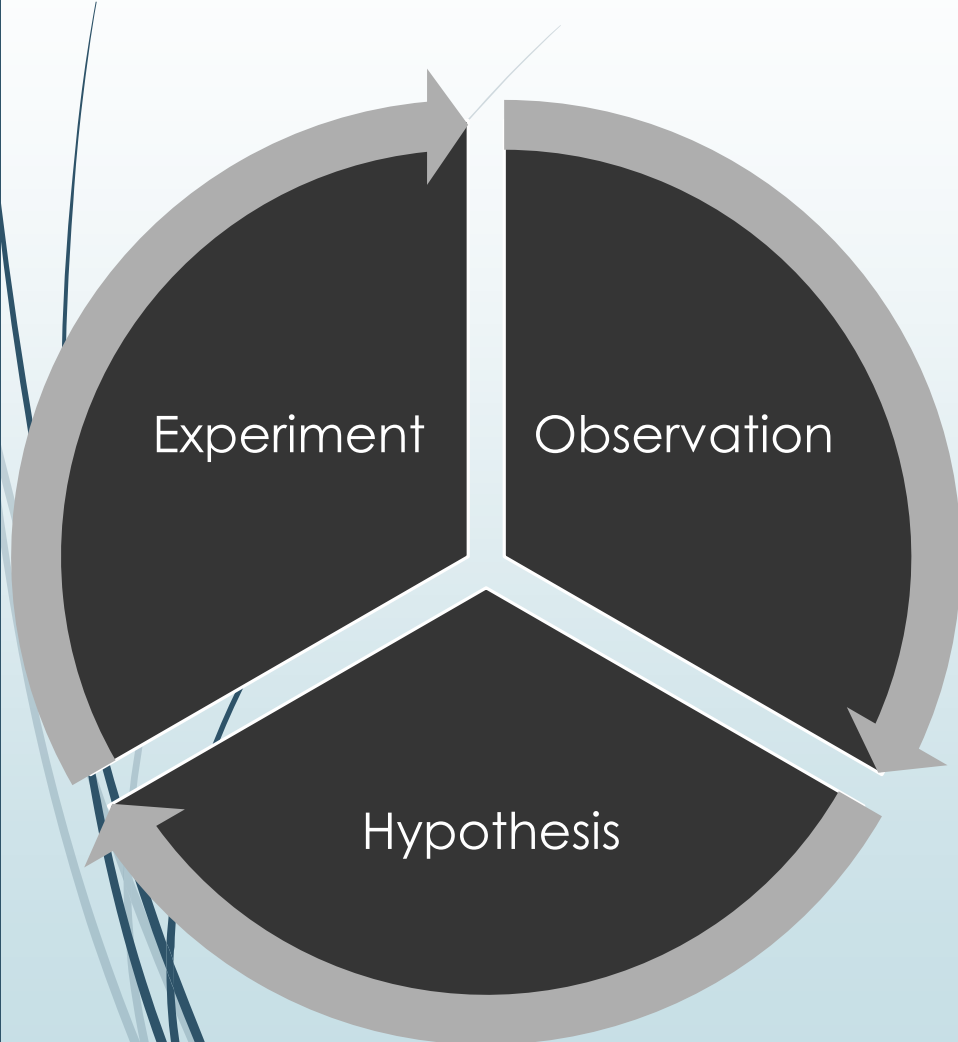
Any apparent contradiction between the Bible and science is a misunderstanding of one or the other.

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What is Science?

The intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment

We are ALL Scientists



- Observation: My cell phone is plugged in, but isn't charging
- Hypothesis: The lightning cord I spent \$3 on stopped working
- Experiment: Try a brand new cord
- Observation: My cell phone still isn't charging
- Hypothesis: The charger block is faulty
- Experiment: Try a charger block that you know works
- Observation: My cell phone still isn't charging
- Conclusion: Apple products are overrated



Be a Scientist... Carefully

- ▶ Experimental results need to be trusted
- ▶ Experimental results need interpretation
- ▶ Experimental results need wisdom
- ▶ Experimental results need to be cautious



Be a Scientist... Carefully

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Is there a God?

- ▶ Maybe
- ▶ Misconception: Old earth = we don't need God
- ▶ Misconception: Natural creation must be Godless
- ▶ Misconception: Thinking more like a scientist will eliminate faith






I graduated from High School



I graduated from High School in 2017

A hand is shown in a dark space, pointing towards the Earth. The Earth is visible on the left side of the frame, showing its curved horizon and some landmasses. The background is a deep blue-black space with some faint stars. The hand is positioned on the right side, with the index finger pointing towards the Earth. The text is overlaid on the image.

God created the heavens
and the earth *6,000 years ago*



Does the Age of the Universe Matter?

- Our views are not equally valid. There is an objective truth.
- What happens when we are confronted with new information?
- How does my belief affect those around me?

How “true” is the Bible?

Literal

Inspired Poetry

Fiction

TRUE



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Bible

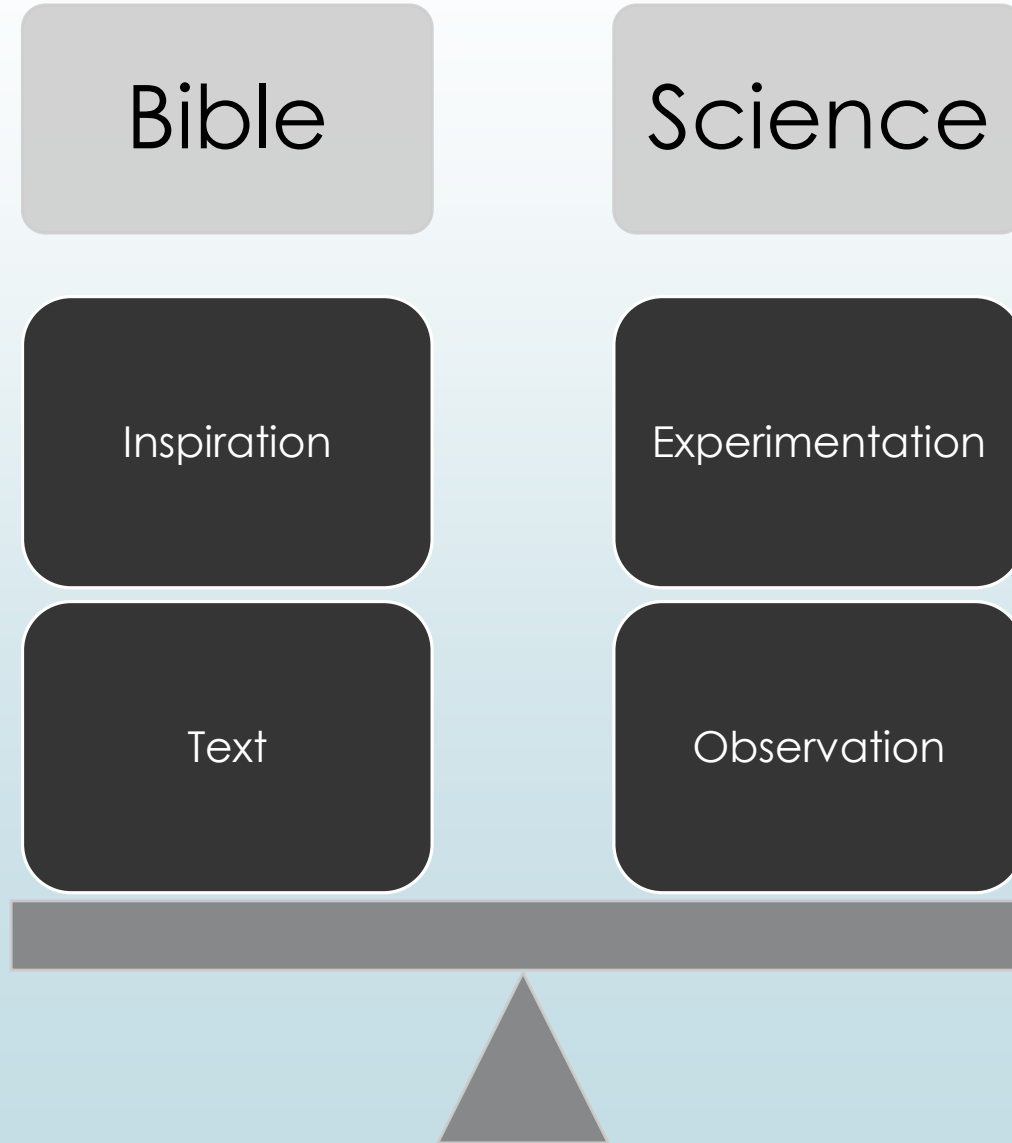
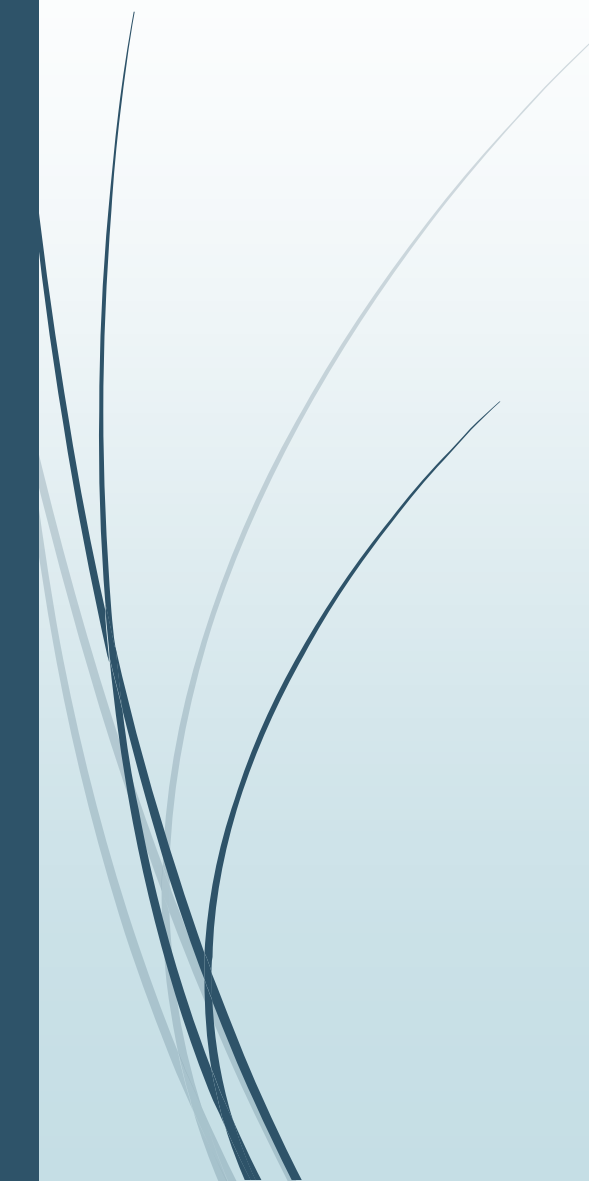
Science

Inspiration

Experimentation

Text

Observation




A silhouette of a person standing on a rocky cliff with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with scattered clouds. The overall mood is one of awe and wonder.

What CAN God do?

A man with a beard and short hair is shown from the chest up, looking upwards and to the left with a thoughtful expression. His right hand is resting on his forehead. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image has a dark, semi-transparent overlay.

What DID God do?



“I would rather have questions that
can't be answered than answers
that can't be questioned”
- Richard Feynman

- Brent Mundie