

# BIBLE AND SCIENCE

## EPISODE 2: THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

### look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

#### Follow Up on Last Episode's Assignment

- How did your prayers and reflections about faith and science conversations go this week?
- Did you have a chance to ask questions or listen to someone's perspective on science and faith?
- What stood out most to you about reading Genesis as a hymn of praise rather than a science book?

### look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God's Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” If you haven't already, watch this week's video: “*The Sufficiency of Scripture*.” Then use the “What Do You Think?” and “What Does God's Word Say?” sections to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Part 2: The Sufficiency of Scripture**

#### Episode Summary

Dr. Bob reminds us that Scripture is not outdated—it's astonishingly accurate and far ahead of its time. Long before modern science discovered the universe had a beginning, that the earth is round and suspended in space, and that elements are governed by natural laws, the Bible had already declared these truths. Through divine revelation, Moses and the prophets recorded insights no human could have known apart from God. Even ancient sanitation laws given to Israel were medically sound thousands of years before modern medicine. Science may describe how the universe works, but only Scripture explains why.

Creation ex nihilo—God bringing everything into existence from nothing—breaks the chain of infinite regression that naturalistic evolution cannot resolve. Genesis begins with the decisive, foundational claim: “*In the beginning, God created.*” Science still cannot explain why human beings are unique—why we possess moral awareness, creativity, worship, and love. These qualities are not products of evolution but of humans possessing the **imago Dei**—being made in the **image of God**.

*Only a creator who revealed these things to ancient prophets and apostles could have known what scientists are still trying to figure out.*

#### HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you're studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

#### ABOUT THIS STUDY

This series helps believers engage conversations about faith and science with humility, curiosity, and confidence in God's truth. Each episode explores how Scripture and genuine scientific discovery can complement rather than contradict one another. The goal is not to win debates, but to listen well, ask good questions, and show the harmony between God's Word and God's world. The final study guide in this series includes **Discussion Starters** designed to help you share these videos and discuss faith and science with your children, grandchildren, and friends.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What's one example from the video that surprised you about the Bible's scientific accuracy?
2. How does knowing that ancient Scripture anticipated modern discoveries strengthen your trust in God's Word?
3. When Genesis declares, “In the beginning, God created,” how does that reshape the question of origins—especially the idea that the universe somehow produced itself out of nothing?
4. How does human exceptionalism deepen your appreciation for being made in God's image? And how does this exceptionalism pose problems for naturalistic evolution?
5. What makes humility and tone just as important as accuracy when discussing faith and science?

## WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**

Everything has a beginning—except God. The Creator is the First Cause that science cannot explain.

### SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**1Job 26:7 “He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.”**

Thousands of years before telescopes, Scripture described an earth hanging in space.

**Isaiah 40:22 “He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.”**

The Bible described a round planet nearly three millennia before Galileo.

**Psalm 8:3–9 “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”** This verse teaches that we are not a product of evolution but uniquely created and superior to all other creatures.



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, “What does Jesus want us to do?” Commit to practical steps for living out this week’s lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and move forward together in faith and hope.

### THIS EPISODE’S ASSIGNMENT

This week, choose one specific truth or scientific example from the video—such as the universe having a beginning, the earth suspended in space, or the uniqueness of human beings—and explore how it strengthens your confidence in God’s Word. Reflect on what this reveals about the sufficiency of Scripture, then share that insight with a family member, friend, or grandchild in a humble and conversational way.

**For a deeper dive:** Here are two books that explore the issue of Bible and science further: *The Science of God* by Gerald L. Schroeder and *Amazing Truths: How Science and the Bible Agree* by Dr. Michael Guillen.

### PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach NextGen loved ones?

### SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories. Close in prayer, asking Jesus to give you wisdom, humility, and courage to reflect His truth with grace as you engage a skeptical world.

