INFORMATION FROM THE BIBLE'S 'CREATION' VERSES:

**GENESIS 1:1**

earth the and heaven the — God created beginning the In

**JOHN 1:1**

in (the) beginning was the Word, and the Word was

with - God, and God was the Word.
The calculation of two prominent universal constants from these biblical data

Pi (\(\pi\)) from Genesis 1:1

Hebrew is written from right to left. Since around 200 BC each letter has also functioned as a number. Here is the Hebrew scheme:

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The Hebrew alphabet and scheme of alphabetic numeration

These values are written above each letter of Genesis 1:1. Each word represents a number obtained by summing the letter values. Details of the following calculation may be found on the Internet at http://homepage.virgin.net/vernon.jenkins/Pi_File.htm

\[
\frac{\text{Number of letters (28) } \times \text{ Product of the letters } (2.3887872 \times 10^{34})}{\text{Number of words (7) } \times \text{ Product of the words } (3.0415353 \times 10^{17})} = 3.14155 \times 10^{17}
\]
i.e. the number \( \pi \) (= 3.1415926…) correct to 5 digits!

Genesis 1:1 was written 3500 years ago; long before the value of ‘pi’ was known to this degree of accuracy, and long before the Hebrew letters were assigned numeric values.

**Euler’s Number \((e)\) from John 1:1**

This same equation also works for John 1:1 written in Greek, whose letters also have numeric values, thus:

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The Greek alphabet and scheme of alphabetic numeration

The end result does not equal ‘pi’; it equals ‘e’ correct to 5 digits. This number (2.718281828…..) has only been known since the mid-18th century. There is no way that the apostle John knew the number ‘e’.

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\frac{\text{Number of letters (52) x Product of the letters (8.4362514 \times 10^{75})}}{\text{Number of words (17) x Product of the words (9.4930224 \times 10^{35})}} = 2.718313 \times 10^{40}
\]

i.e. the number \( e \) (2.7182818…) correct to 5 digits!

[Calculation detailed here: http://homepage.virgin.net/vernon.jenkins/evaluation.htm]
Observe that these universal constants are *transcendental* numbers. This means that the sequences of digits used to represent them is interminable; it follows that for all practical purposes they are only available as *approximations*.

There are 90,000 possible 5 digit numbers from 1.0000 to 9.9999 that could have occurred from the above equations. The chance that the digit sequence 3.1415 occurs by coincidence is therefore $1/90,000$. The chance that Euler’s number ($e$) is calculated from the Gospel of John 1:1 by the same equation to 5 correct digits, is also $1/90,000$. The probability that both occur by random chance in these textually related verses is thus $1/90,000 \times 1/90,000 = 1/8,100,000,000$ !

These encrypted codes in Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1 have only been discovered in the past 10-15 years, but these writings are 3500 and 2000 years old respectively. It is difficult to believe that this ‘1 in 8 billion’ coincidence of events is fortuitous. So, the fact that these numbers have been encoded in ancient writings which claim to be inspired by God, should make people pause and consider: what if it’s true? In either case, the Bible is a book that everyone should read to make that decision for themselves. Both ‘$\pi$’ and ‘$e$’ are constants that have never changed and never will, and they go on forever; they are infinite. It is interesting to consider that God also possesses both of these characteristics and that He chose to use these as encrypted signatures to His Word.

**WHY CHRISTIANITY?**

Some say that religion and believing in God are only for those who are weak and need a crutch. I don’t know of one person who is strong enough to save themselves from death. Death happens to everyone, rich or poor, strong or weak, good or bad. Even the healthiest and most fit people will die. We are all weak. There is a day coming for each of us when we will be lying motionless, weak, barely breathing and only moments away from death. No one can stop that day. Death will take all of us. Do you know where you are going when you die? What if you died today?

Only one person ever claimed that He could raise Himself from the dead. He was born approximately 2014 years ago. He is the person after whom we date our calendars. He was publicly executed by Roman crucifixion, which we still commemorate every year on Good Friday. It is claimed, and believed by some that He rose again on the third day, which we still celebrate every year on Easter Sunday. He claimed to be the Son of God. Some say He was just a good man. This is not possible. If He was not the Son of God then He was just a normal man who tried to deceive people into believing that He was the Son of God. Good people do not intentionally try to deceive other people. He was crucified for claiming to be the Son of God. Nobody would undergo death, especially by crucifixion, just to keep up a lie. On the other hand, if He was just a man
who actually believed that He was the Son of God, when in fact He was not, this would qualify Him as being insane. Jesus was either the Son of God or a lunatic.

It is claimed that He did rise again from the dead, and that he was seen by His followers and also by large crowds of other people. Many of His followers were executed as a result of proclaiming their belief in Him as the Messiah, the Son of God, and that they saw Him alive again after His crucifixion. Why would these men and women go to their deaths proclaiming that they saw Him alive again after He had been publicly executed if it was just a lie they made up?

Jesus Christ, the only one who was strong enough to overcome death, offers this same free gift to anyone who believes in Him. He offers eternal life. No other religion in the world proclaims that their leader is the Son of God. No other religion claims that their leader has risen from the dead and now offers eternal life to others. It would be ridiculous to claim that someone rose from the dead if it was not true. Just dig up the body and the hoax would be over. Jesus’ execution was public and the tomb was guarded. Claiming that his corpse was secretly buried elsewhere would be unreasonable.

Some say that Christianity is for those who are weak and need a crutch. Numerous Christians have been martyred for their beliefs over the past 2000 years. How is that weak? How is that a crutch? What is true, however, is that everyone is weak. We are all going to die. But eternal life is a free gift for everyone. Salvation is for those who recognize this and accept God’s free gift before it’s too late.

There are so many religions to choose from. How do we know which is the right one? Christianity is the only religion that believes in someone who claimed to be the Son of God. It is the only religion who believes that their Saviour conquered death by rising from the grave. It is the only religion that teaches that eternal life is a free gift that cannot be earned by good works. Christianity is the only religion that believes that anyone and everyone can be saved, good or bad, so that nobody can boast that they were good enough, and nobody needs to worry that they are too bad to receive salvation.

Other religions follow books of teachings written by one person. The Bible consists of 66 books written by 40 or more authors over the course of more than 1 500 years (from 1500 BC to approx. 90 AD) in three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek). The Bible is the only book in the world ever written like this. In spite of this, the message throughout the Bible is the same. It is the message of salvation through God’s Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible itself claims to be the inspired Word of God. It is certainly different from all other books in the world, but how can we know that it is the inspired word of God?
What if God encoded the value of ‘pi’ (3.1415927…) in the very first verse of the Bible? Well He did. What if God also encoded another mathematical constant in the New Testament, long before this number was even known, using the same mathematical equation? Well he did – the number ‘e’ (2.71828…), famous in mathematics and physics. These are just a couple of examples of codes that God placed in the Bible as proof of its authenticity. No other religious writing can claim this.

The Bible is a book that everyone should consider and check out for themselves. What if it actually is the very Word of God that it claims to be?

**WHY NOT RELIGION?**

Many people have been turned off from believing in God and his Son Jesus Christ because of religion. Christianity is not about joining a church or a religious organization. Christianity is not about following religious rules and ceremonies and man-made rituals. It is not about religion. Christianity is about having a personal relationship with God Himself, made possible because of Jesus Christ and what happened at the cross. People are turned off because of all the extra man-made rules and rituals that have been added by so many churches. God is turned off too. He is so turned off by them that he gave a strict warning to anyone who adds to, or takes anything away from his Word.

Proverbs 30: 5-6
Every word of God proves true. Do not add to his words, or he may rebuke you and expose you as a liar.  

Galatians 1: 8
Let God’s curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you.  

Revelation 22: 18-19
And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.  

Some will read this and scoff and mock it because they don’t want to humble themselves and believe in God. Did you ever consider; what if they are wrong? What if there is a God. What if the Bible is the Word of God and he gave us proof by encoding in it, among other things, the value of pi and e. Here are two more warnings from God, written in that same Book:

Proverbs 3: 34
The L ORD mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble.  

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Revelation 20: 11 And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. 12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. 14 Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. 15 And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. NLT

We are all weak. We will not be able to hide from God’s throne any more than we are able to hide from death. Understand that essentially, nobody ends up in the lake of fire because of their sins. Jesus already took the punishment for everybody’s sins. The lake of fire is for those who reject Jesus Christ as God’s Son and as the sacrifice for their sins. By doing this they are rejecting his offer of forgiveness and his free gift of eternal life.

There is a choice: to believe that either by a one in 8.1 billion chance, both the numbers for ‘Pi’ and ‘e’ occurred by coincidence in Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1 respectively, or that the Bible is actually the inspired Word of God as it claims to be, and that the ‘Word’ (Jesus Christ), was with God in the beginning, and is God.

Everyone needs to come to a decision about this on their own. The decision is too important to leave to ‘popular opinion’. It’s too important to ignore and just ‘believe what you want to believe’. Not only does that not change the truth, it would be dangerous. Everyone needs to work this one out before they die. The Bible is a book that everyone should read in order to be able to make an informed decision about Christianity for themselves.

THE BIBLE

The 66 books of the Bible were written over the course of 1500 years by 40 different authors in 3 different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek). Collectively they claim to be the inspired word of God, who, it appears, created humanity with the sole purpose of showing us His love and revealing Himself to those who choose to believe in Him. From before time began when God said, “Let there be light” (Genesis 1:3), God already knew you. Before God ‘separated the light from the darkness’ (Genesis 1:4) which we now see as mottled ‘cosmic microwave background radiation’ (Google it to see a picture), God intended for you to know Him and live with Him forever.

These 66 books, together, tell of God’s creation of humanity, made in His image, with a free will to choose. The pages of these books are filled with the history of people from 6000 years ago to 2000 years ago. We are created in His image (Genesis 1:26, 27) and
the Bible refers to us as God’s ‘masterpiece’ (Ephesians 2:10) with a physical body (which angels do not have), an eternal spirit and a soul that has a sense of right and wrong (which other creatures lack) and a free will to choose between them. It would seem that this makes us God’s unique masterpiece of creation. Because of this it would appear that He loves us more than anything else that He has made and as such was willing to go to unimaginable lengths to save us from death. The pivotal point then, of the history of all of creation, occurred when The Creator did not even spare His only Son in order to save humanity, but let Him be falsely accused, beaten, mocked, and spit on by the very people He created, and then forced to carry a Roman cross on which He was crucified. Many believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He carried the cross for us. He will bear the nail prints in His hands, the spear hole in His side and the scars on His back from the Roman flogging for all of eternity. He did this to save us from death and judgement.

Where is God? How come He doesn’t show Himself to us? If God is able to create the whole universe, how come we can’t see Him? Olympic athletes make their abilities look easy. God is so able, that when He wants to, He can do anything and make it look like a coincidence. He only reveals Himself to those who believe in Him. Why? So that we can freely choose. That’s what Faith is. Believing in something you can’t see. The ability to choose freely is the option He wanted to leave open to each individual in spite of His incredible sacrifice.

The Bible as a whole is essentially a story of God, his creation, and of His sacrifice to save His masterpiece, the people created in His image. More copies of the Bible have been sold in the world than any other book. If it is fiction, it is the most incredible story ever imagined, pieced together over 1500 years, by 40 authors, in 3 different languages. That in itself sets it apart from any other book ever written. If it is true, then we all have something serious to think about. Whether to believe or not is a decision left open for everyone to make for themselves. In either case, everyone should read this book.

To get a quick understanding of the Bible, here is a suggested order to start reading: Luke, John, Acts, Romans, Genesis, Exodus. Then read the rest of the New Testament starting with Matthew. Then continue with Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the rest of the Old Testament.

The following scriptures are from the New Living Translation (NLT) of the Bible, which has been translated from the original languages of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek into modern English.
The overall message of the Bible is that God has provided a way so that we can live forever.

**LIVE FOREVER**

John 1:12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn. NLT (New Living Translation)

*If we believe and accept Jesus Christ into our lives, we become God's children, ‘born again’ into His family.*

John 3:3 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” NLT

John 3:15 Everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. NLT

John 5:24 “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. NLT

*It gives God great pleasure to forgive us and give us eternal life. It gives God no pleasure to condemn us. He would far rather reward us and give us the Kingdom. But whether we believe and accept His free gift is a choice that everyone has to make for themselves.*

John 6:47 I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me has everlasting life.

John 12:42 Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. 43 For they loved human praise more than the praise of God. NLT

*It is possible to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he was crucified and rose again from the dead, and yet still not be saved. In order to receive God’s gift of eternal life we also need to confess in prayer to God, that we believe in His Son.*

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me.

*Understand that Satan is the enemy of God. He wants to ruin all that is good. Satan has provided many other options for us to choose from in order to confuse us. God’s Son, Jesus Christ, says that He is the only way.*
John 16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. 9 The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. NLT

John 17:3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. NLT

Acts 4:12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

Romans 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. 24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. NLT

No one will be rewarded with eternal life for being good. This is another great lie put out there by Satan. God wiped away our sin when Jesus died on the cross. Jesus paid the price for our sin. For anyone thinking that perhaps they are good enough to deserve eternal life outside of believing in God’s Son, Jesus Christ, makes a mockery of the sacrifice He made for our sins.

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. NLT

We are all sinners. Being crucified was the price that only Jesus could pay to free us from our guilt. Whether anyone decided to believe in Him or not, He still paid the price to give us the option to believe and be saved.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. NLT

Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. NLT

Ephesians 2:8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. NLT

If anyone could make it to heaven because of how good they are, then they would be able to brag about it. Pride is another stumbling block that keeps a lot of people from accepting God’s great gift of eternal life. By believing that God’s son, Jesus, is our Saviour, and confessing this to God, we are acknowledging that we are not good enough.
Colossians 2:13 He forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. NLT

1 John 1:8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. NLT

1 John 5:10 All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don’t believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don’t believe what God has testified about his Son. 11 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life. 13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. NLT

Revelation 3:20 “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. NLT

Jesus says that He is waiting outside the door of our hearts. If we believe in our hearts that He is the Son of God, who died on a cross and rose again to pay the penalty for our sins, and if we pray and confess this to God, we become born again into God’s family. We become His sons and daughters. He will come in and live with us. Here is a simple prayer that anyone can pray to God if they believe, and receive His gift of eternal life:

God, I believe that Jesus Christ is your Son and that He came and died for my sins and rose again to save me from death. Please forgive my sins and give me your free gift of eternal life. Amen.

If you believe in Jesus Christ and this has been your prayer, then the Bible says that your name will never be erased from the Book of Life which is in Heaven (Revelation 20:12-15). Welcome to the family of God.

Welcome to eternal life

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