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Appendix A

THE COSMIC MODEL OF ARISTOTLE

*All bodies move according to their nature.*

— Paraphrase of Aristotle, *On the Heavens*.

According to Aristotle, there are “only these two simple motions: the circular and the straight.” The former applies to the heavens and the latter to the Earth.

### *The Heavens*

The simple motion of the Moon, Sun, planets, and stars is circular. Everything in the heavens is made up of a fifth element: aether.

### *Within the Sublunary Sphere*

The sublunary sphere is everything below the Moon and its circular orbit. This region includes Earth at the center of the universe. All simple motion in this region is straight.<sup>1</sup>

All things within the sublunary sphere are made of the four elements: earth, water, air, and fire. In various combinations, these elements make up all earthly matter.<sup>2</sup>

The motions of earth and water are naturally downward toward the center of the Earth. The motions of air and fire are naturally upward away from the center of the Earth.<sup>3</sup>

## Aristotle’s Nested Crystalline Spheres

Aristotle writes that “the motion of heaven [is] continuous and regular and eternal.”<sup>4</sup> He gives us a caveat:

*This applies only to the first heaven and the first movement; for the lower spheres exhibit a composition of several movements into one.*<sup>5</sup>

If I interpret Aristotle correctly, the “first heaven” refers to the stars, which are contained on a single sphere. The “lower spheres” carry the planets, Sun, and Moon, respectively. They exhibit *compound motion*, thus requiring several interlocked spheres to produce that motion.

How does Aristotle justify this? “Nature makes matters equal and establishes a certain order,” he writes, “giving the single motion [the stars] many bodies and to the single body [a planet, the Sun, or Moon] many motions.”<sup>6</sup> One can almost feel the master struggling to explain here.

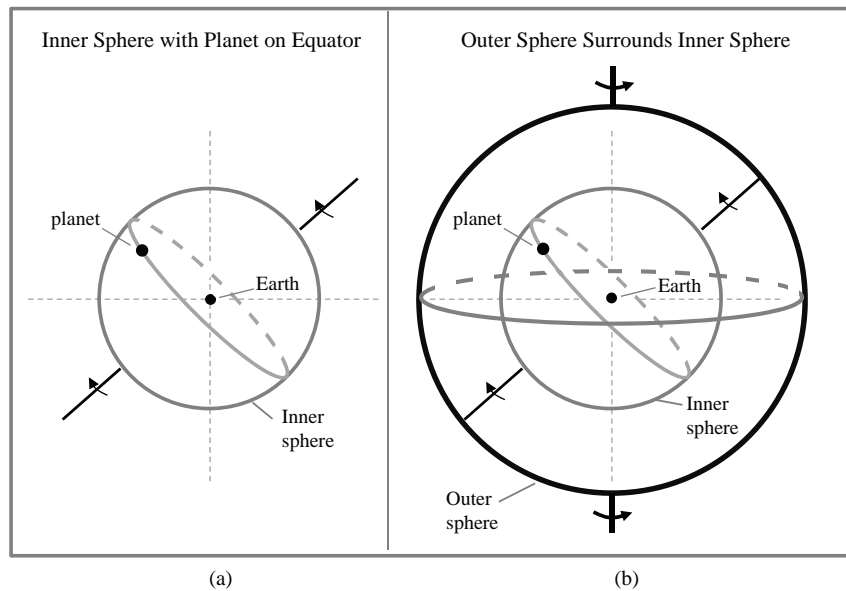


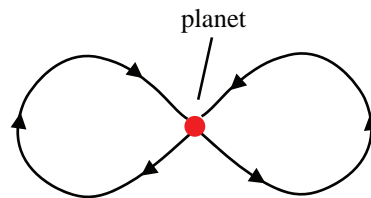
Figure A.1. Aristotle's Two Concentric Spheres Model.

### *The Planets and Interlocking Spheres*

Aristotle's model for planetary motion uses a series of interlocking spheres. For simplicity, let's first look at a two-sphere model. Earth is at the center of the inner sphere (Fig. A.1(a)). This inner sphere rotates at a constant speed on a *tilted* axis.

The inner sphere is placed inside and concentric with an outer sphere (Fig. A.1(b)). Concentric means both spheres have the same center, in this case the Earth. The outer sphere rotates in the *opposite* direction at constant speed on a *straight up-and-down* axis.

Note in the figure that the axis of the inner sphere is attached to the outer sphere. Thus, when the outer sphere rotates, the inner sphere rotates as well. But, because the inner and outer spheres rotate on different axes and in opposite directions, the inner sphere precesses like a rotating top. As a result, the planet attached to the inner sphere makes a kind of figure eight pattern, as seen from Earth. This is shown in Fig. A.2.



**Figure A.2. Figure Eight Motion.** The rotation of two nested spheres about different axes produces a so-called Hippias motion for the planet attached to the inner sphere.

Do you see it? Imagine you are hanging onto a certain point on the surface of a great hollow ball. When it rotates, you go around with it. Now an even larger hollow ball is placed over the first one. The two poles of the inner ball are bolted to the outer one. The outer one is made to rotate in the opposite direction along a different axis.

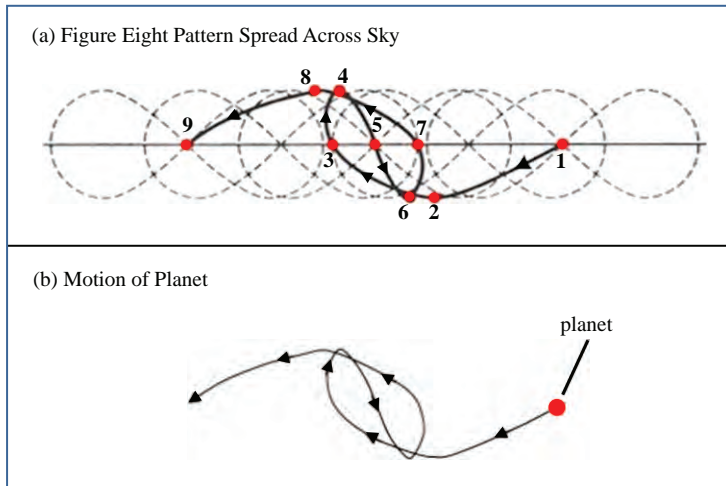
You are the planet in Aristotle's model. You find yourself tossing to and fro from the double-rotation of the two balls.

Let us now add a third outermost ball or sphere (not shown in the figure). I know this is convoluted, but we are almost done. The third outermost sphere contains the outer and inner sphere within it. And like them, it too is centered on the Earth. (Remember, for Aristotle, the Earth is the center of the universe.)

We now have three spheres. The first sphere, the innermost, is the smallest. The second, the so-called outer sphere, is larger. The third sphere, the so-called outermost, is larger still.

Again, the axes of the first and smallest sphere are attached to the second and larger sphere. And the axes of this sphere are attached to the third and largest sphere. When the third and largest sphere rotates, it affects the motion of the other two.

The rotation of the third and largest sphere makes the figure eight pattern of the *planet* attached to the surface of the first sphere "smear across the sky," again as seen from Earth. Thus the planet undergoes a kind of pseudo retrograde motion. This is shown in Figure A.3.<sup>7</sup>



**Figure A.3. Pseudo-retrograde Pattern Produced by Addition of a Third (Outermost) Sphere.** (a) Hippopede pattern spread across sky as seen from Earth. (b) Resultant motion of planet attached to surface of inner sphere is roughly retrograde. Figures by Craig Sean McConnell, Associate Professor of Liberal Studies at California State University, Fullerton.





Appendix B

THREE KEYS TO THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION





## The Base Ten Counting System

Ancient India: Birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism. Home of magnificent art, glorious architecture, and mystical literature. Land of karma, dharma, and reincarnation. Source of ground-breaking discoveries in science and mathematics.

It is said that here the base-10 numerical system was born.<sup>1</sup> The truth is historians do not know exactly where this history-making concept originated.<sup>2</sup> What is certain is that by the seventh century (600s) AD, a “base 10 numeral system with nine symbols was being used in India.” The nine symbols represented the numerals one through nine. There was no zero\* yet.<sup>3</sup>

The first sign that Indian numerals were moving west is from “Severus Sebokht, a Nestorian bishop who lived in Keneshra on the Euphrates River,” according to O’Conner & Robertson.<sup>4</sup>

In 662 AD, Sebokht, wrote:

*I will omit all discussion of the science of the Indians. . . of their subtle discoveries in astronomy, discoveries that are more ingenious than those of the Greeks and the Babylonians, and of their valuable methods of calculation which surpass description. I wish only to say that this computation is done by means of nine signs.*

Note the *nine signs*. The system still lacked a zero digit.<sup>5</sup>

It was not until the late 800s that we find Muslim mathematicians using a base-10 numerical system\*\* with the *zero digit*. It seems “mathematicians in India took the same step at essentially the same time. The two groups apparently derived” their systems independently.<sup>6</sup> Thus the name: “Hindu-Arabic numerals.”

\*The Mayans of Central America and their neighbors “had independently developed the concept of zero by at least as early as 36 BC.” Their counting system used “only three symbols: zero, represented as a shell shape; one, a dot; and five, a bar.” Source: “Mayan Mathematics” [storyofmathematics.com](http://storyofmathematics.com). <https://www.storyofmathematics.com/mayan.html>. Retrieved Feb 28, 2021.

\*\*This is a *base-10 system* because there are ten and only ten symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Numbers from ten and above require two combinations of these ten symbols; e.g., 37. Until one hundred and above, which require three combinations of these ten symbols; e.g., 721. Until one thousand and above, which require four combinations of the ten symbols; e.g., 2502. Etc. In more formal mathematical language, numbers are represented in powers of ten. One is  $1 \times 10^0$ . Ten is  $1 \times 10^1$ . One hundred is  $1 \times 10^2$ . Etc.

									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0

**Figure B.1.** Numerals from Islamic Astronomer and Mathematician Abu Sa’id al-Sijzi’s *Treatise of 969 AD*. Modern number symbols shown below Arabic ones. Note the similarity of symbols for one, two, three, four, six, nine, and zero.<sup>9</sup>

“Calculation with the Indian symbols had become fairly widespread in the Arabic world” by the beginning of the eleventh century.<sup>7</sup> An example is shown in Figure B.1.

Another major breakthrough occurred in the early twelfth century (1100’s). “Arab mathematicians in North Africa extended this numeral system to include *decimals*.”<sup>8</sup>

#### To Europe and Beyond

The *Codex Vigilanus* — copied by a monk in Islamic Spain in 976 — represents the “first surviving example” of Hindu-Arabic numerals in Europe. Still, it wasn’t until the twelfth century (1100s) that the counting system made inroads into Christian Europe. This was facilitated by translations of works in Arabic of mathematicians al-Khwārizmī, al-Kindī, and others into Latin.<sup>10</sup>

Italian mathematician Leonardo Bonacci of Pisa (1170–1250) had lived in North Africa. Also known as Fibonacci, he further spread Hindu-Arabic numerals among European mathematicians. In the beginning of his famous book *Liber Abaci* (Book of Calculation) of 1202 AD, he wrote<sup>11</sup>:

*There are nine figures of the Indians: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9. With these nine figures and the symbol 0, which in Arabic is called zephyrum, any number can be written . . .*

Acceptance of the new counting system was slow in Europe. Suspicion of “Muslim mathematics” was one factor.<sup>12</sup>

The invention of the printing press in c. 1440 changed everything. It accelerated the acceptance of the Hindu-Arabic numeral system as nothing before had — particularly in mathematics and science. European “trade, printed books, and colonialism helped popularize the adoption of Arabic numerals around the world.”<sup>13</sup>

We tend to take the ease of use of the Hindu-Arabic counting system for granted. Consider long division. The speed of light is some 670,616,629 miles per hour. In Roman numerals that is  $\overline{\text{DCLXX}} \overline{\text{VI}} \overline{\text{XVI}} \text{DCXXIX}$  miles per hour. (I looked it up.) To convert that to kilometers per second, please divide by MMCCXXXVII. Good luck!<sup>14</sup>

The adoption of the base-ten counting system, along with paper and the printing press would be key to the Scientific Revolution in the West.

### The Paper-Making Process

The history is a bit muddy. Tradition says the invention of paper occurred around 105 AD in Luoyang, China. Here Ts'ai Lun or Cai Lun was a court eunuch and/or director of the Imperial Workshops. Lun cut some plant fibers and boiled them in water. He cast the resulting pulp in a mold and pressed it flat. He then dried it in sheets on screens or wooden frames. The paper-making process was born. (See Figure B-2.)<sup>15</sup>

Not so fast. Recent archeological evidence “unearthed in the ancient Silk Road cities of Dunhuang and Khotan” in Western China and in Tibet suggests paper “was being made in China as early as c. 200 BC.”<sup>16</sup> This from history teacher, writer and self-professed nerd Dr. Kallie Szczepanski. It seems that Ts'ai Lun improved an already existing process. His approach is said to have shortened production time by several months.<sup>18</sup>

Whatever its history, the Chinese paper making process would reverberate around the world.

Writing on paper replaced heavier and more expensive writing mediums such as “bark, silk, wood, leather, and bamboo sticks.” Lightweight and inexpensive, “rolled into scrolls or folded in to booklets,” paper would become ubiquitous in China.<sup>19</sup>

It would be used for hats, fans, umbrellas, packaging, and money. Artisans combined paper with varnish to produce exquisite “lacquer ware, storage vessels, and furniture.” Its most important role was in the recording of the written word. This included calendars, funeral and wedding guides, educational material, dictionaries, almanacs, official records, documents on agriculture and farming practices, the first printed newspaper in 740 AD — and books.<sup>20</sup>

By the Tang dynasty beginning in the seventh to ninth centuries, “thousands of books, religious and secular, were produced,” New York Times art critic Holland Carter tells us. They would play a “huge role in

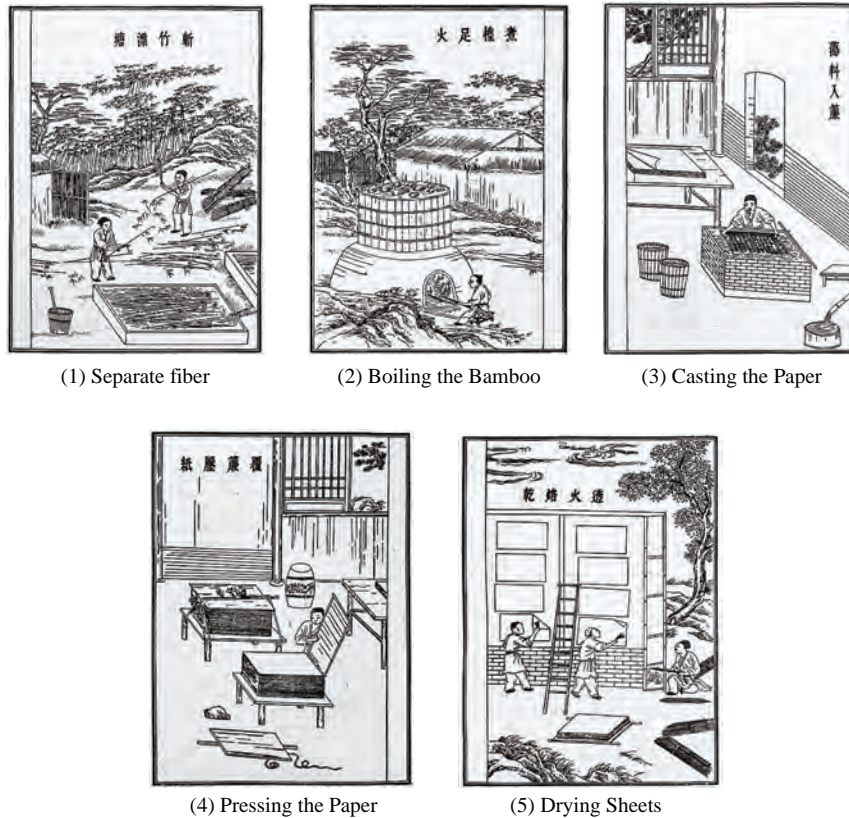


Figure B.2. The Ancient Chinese Paper Making Process. *Cai Lun woodcuts*.<sup>17</sup>

the cultural advancement of China and the World in terms of literature and literacy."<sup>21</sup>

Like silk, China tried to keep its paper-making process a secret. Nonetheless, paper-making technology would find its way to Korea in the 500's, Japan in 610, and Tibet and India in the mid-600s AD.<sup>22</sup>

#### To the Islamic World

Paper-making made its way west to the Islamic Empire in the eighth century (or perhaps earlier.) It appears that the Battle of Talas in Central Asia was pivotal. In 751 AD, Tang Dynasty forces faced an alliance of Arabs of the Abbasid Caliphate, the Tibetan Empire, and Uighurs. The story goes that

after the alliance's victory, Arabs took a group of Chinese paper makers prisoner.<sup>23</sup>

By 793, Muslims had set up a paper mill in Baghdad. Paper-making soon found its way to "Persia, Syria and North Africa." Egypt replaced its difficult to make papyrus with paper in the early 900s.<sup>24</sup>

Paper would be key to the Golden Age of Islam in the 8th to 12th centuries and its advances in science and mathematics. It would become the medium for books in "physics, chemistry, astronomy, optics, biology, agriculture, medicine, geometry, trigonometry, algebra, engineering, and more."<sup>25</sup>

By 1120, Moors had set up a paper mill in Valencia, Spain. The process soon spread to Italy and Germany.<sup>26</sup> Another invention would make the use of paper ubiquitous throughout Europe.<sup>27</sup>

## The Printing Press

China had invented block printing on paper using hand-carved wood panels in 868 AD. This was replaced by moveable type printing in the eleventh century (1000s). In the 1440s, goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg invented a European version of movable type printing in Mainz, Germany.<sup>28</sup>

Paper was now of enormous importance. Together with the Gutenberg printing press, it would allow "the mass production of books and pamphlets" in Europe for the first time in history.<sup>29</sup> As discussed in Chapter 18, this would be a major factor in the spread of the Scientific Revolution (1543–1687) — and the Protestant Reformation,

It was not until the 16th and 17th centuries AD (or perhaps somewhat earlier) that Western cosmological ideas reached China. They were introduced by Jesuit missionaries who translated western astronomical and mathematical books into Chinese. These books were printed on paper.<sup>30</sup>



Appendix C

THE CANNONBALL AND THE MOON — SOME CALCULATIONS



The mathematical details for Newton's orbiting cannonball and the Moon are given below. They are based on lectures by Michael Fowler, Professor of Physics at the University of Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

### Cannonball Orbiting Earth

The cannonball orbiting the Earth travels at a horizontal velocity of 8000 meters per second. It drops towards Earth 5 meters in that same second, due to Earth's gravity. Due to its curvature, Earth's surface falls away from a horizontal line at a rate,  $R_E$  of about:

$$R_E = 5 \text{ meters} / 8000 \text{ meters.}$$

This means that in one second:

- The orbiting cannonball travels 8000 meters and falls **5 meters** towards Earth.
- Over that same 8000-meter distance, Earth's surface drops off **5 meters**.

Thus the cannonball never strikes the surface of the Earth. (8000 meters a second, or some 18,000 miles per hour is about the speed at which satellites in low Earth orbit travel today.)

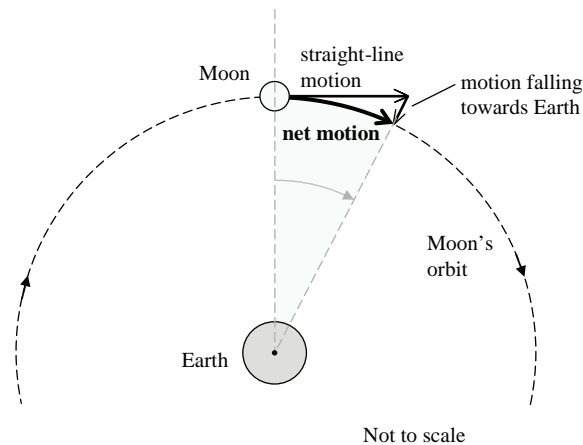
Isaac Newton had proposed (as did Robert Hooke) that an object orbiting the Earth is both moving tangentially with respect to the Earth and falling towards the Earth. It is the combination of these two motions which gives the object (in this case the orbiting cannonball) its net motion.

### Moon Orbiting Earth

The Moon is also in orbit around the Earth. It too possesses two motions 1) straight line motion tangential to the Earth, and 2) accelerating motion (falling) towards the Earth. The combination of these two motions results in its net motion around the Earth.

In other words, the Moon is constantly falling towards the Earth, but its motion tangential to the Earth is so great that it orbits the Earth rather than plunging into it. (See Figure C.1).<sup>2</sup>

From the size of the Moon's orbit and the time it takes to complete one revolution, Newton estimated that the Moon travels in its orbit around the Earth at a speed of about 1 km per second. From this, Newton also



**Figure C.1. The Moon Continually Falls Towards Earth as it Orbits.** The Moon's net orbital motion is a result of two components, (1) straight-line motion tangential to the Earth and (2) acceleration (fall) towards Earth due to Earth's gravity. Note: The net motion of an orbiting body is termed gravitational acceleration.<sup>3</sup> Recall that acceleration is a change in speed and/or a change in direction. In this case, the Moon is continually changing direction as it orbits the Earth. (Note that the Moon's orbit is actually slightly elliptical. Its rotation speed also varies. Earth and Moon revolve around a common center of gravity slightly displaced from Earth's center.)<sup>4</sup>

determined that the Moon is falling towards the Earth at a rate of about **1.37 mm per second**.

Now, as noted, the orbiting cannonball falls towards the surface of the Earth at a rate of **5 meters per second**. Why is the orbiting Moon falling so much more slowly towards the Earth than the orbiting cannonball?

Because the Moon is so much farther away. This confirms that gravity weakens as distance becomes greater.

#### Comparing Cannonball and Moon Orbiting Earth

Newton guessed that the rate of the Moon and cannonball's fall depends on their respective distances from the *center of the Earth*.<sup>5</sup> He compared the two rates of fall to determine how much gravity weakens with distance. Newton calculated that:

- The orbiting Moon is some **60** times further away from the *center* of the Earth than the orbiting cannonball.



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- The orbiting Moon falls towards the Earth a factor of **3600** times slower than the orbiting cannonball. This means that the *force* of Earth's gravity is 3600 weaker at the Moon.

Now 60 times 60 (or 60 squared) equals 3600. This confirms that gravity weakens as the *square* of the distance!

#### Calculation Details

The ratio of the *rate of fall* close to the Earth's surface to the orbiting Moon's rate of fall is:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Fall ratio} &= 5 \text{ meters per second} / 1.37 \text{ mm per second} \\ &= 5000 \text{ mm per second} / 1.37 \text{ mm per second} \\ &= \text{about } \mathbf{3600}\end{aligned}$$

The ratio of the *distance* from the center of the Earth to the Moon and the center of the Earth to the orbiting cannonball close to the surface of the Earth is about:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Distance ratio} &= 384,000 \text{ km} / 6,350 \text{ km} \\ &= \text{about } \mathbf{60}\end{aligned}$$

#### Historical Note

As mentioned in Chapter 24, Newton made his first attempt at this calculation in the 1660's. It missed the mark. The "data available to him at the time was not accurate enough," Christie tell us. Instead of a fall ratio of 3600, he derived a value of over 4000.<sup>6</sup>



Appendix D

# NEWTON BEYOND SCIENCE



There was much more to Isaac Newton's life than what is revealed in the *Principia* and his other scientific publications. His life outside the world of physics encompassed alchemy, personal feuds, politics, civil service, and more. None was more important to the Great One than his religious investigations.

### Secret Writings

*Of the trinity to reason  
Leads to license or to treason*

— Adam of St. Victor, 12th century.<sup>1</sup>

We now know that Isaac Newton's primary passion was religion. His private papers on the subject — released by Cambridge University in 1888 — were greater in size than all his scientific writings combined.<sup>2</sup> With his obsessive work ethic and exacting rational approach, the great one had attained a mastery of the Old and New Testaments matched by few theologians.

Over endless hours, Newton tried to ferret out the precise meaning and timing of obscure Hebrew Bible prophecies, and to determine the exact date for the second coming. Oddly, in all his investigations of the Old Testament, it seems he never recognized its flat-earth cosmology.<sup>3</sup>

Anti-Catholic to the core, Newton attacked the papacy, the invocation of saints, and the veneration of the Virgin Mary.<sup>4</sup> His primary objection was the Christian Doctrine of the Trinity — which he saw as heresy and a challenge to monotheism itself.

Recall that according to the Trinity, Jesus the Son of God is equal in substance and nature to God the Father. Newton saw this as a violation of God's First Commandment: *Thou shalt have no other gods before me*. Like the Arians of the fourth century, Newton argued that Jesus, though divine, was a “lesser and therefore subservient being.”<sup>5</sup>

He blamed the Roman Catholic church for the “blasphemy” of the Trinity. He argued that it had “manipulated Emperors Constantine and Theodius to introduce the false doctrine of the Trinity into Scriptures.” This was later adopted in error by the Church of England.

Newton kept his heretical belief a closely guarded secret, sharing it only with his most trusted friends, e.g., John Locke. If revealed to the public, it would threaten his professorship and status in English society. Denial of the trinity remained against the law in Britain until 1813.<sup>6</sup>

Newton's rejection of the Trinity is why he refused to take the oath to the Church of England when appointed a fellow at Cambridge in 1667. It is why he refused appointment as Master of Trinity College in 1700, as it required taking holy orders in the Church. And it is why the great scientist refused the Last Rites on his deathbed in 1727.<sup>7</sup>

Newton's friend and successor to the Lucasian chair, William Whiston had come out publicly against the Trinity in 1708. He was charged with promoting doctrines contrary to the established creed of the Church of England. Whiston refused to disavow his beliefs. He was summarily stripped of his professorship and banned from the University. At least they no longer burned you at the stake.

Newton said nothing in defense of his friend.

## The Calculus Wars

Among his enemies, Isaac Newton counted the great German mathematician Gottfried Leibniz. Why? Because he had dared to invent calculus around the same time as Newton.

The two scholars and their supporters engaged in ugly fights over precedence. In 1712, Leibniz appealed to the Royal Society of London to settle the disagreement. As president, Isaac Newton surreptitiously wrote its "Report of Findings," in which he declared himself as first inventor.<sup>8</sup>

*Second inventors have no rights.*

— Isaac Newton.<sup>9</sup>

Today we know from private papers and historical records that both geniuses developed calculus *independently*. Leibniz made the discovery in 1674 and published in 1684. Newton developed it in 1664–1666 but withheld publication until 1704. It is the notation of Leibniz which is commonly taught and used in calculus today.<sup>10</sup>

Calculus would go on to become arguably the "most important branch of mathematics." Its use in science and engineering would become ubiquitous. We see its use today in physics, astronomy, cosmology, chemistry, biology, climate science, computer science, medical science, and much more.<sup>11</sup> Calculus is also found outside of science in such diverse fields as economics, finance, statistics, and actuarial work, to name a few.<sup>12</sup>

We conclude with a brief highlight on the Great One's effort in a science other than physics.

## Unification

Newton performed extensive experiments in *alchemy*.<sup>\*</sup> Among other things, he hoped this would lead to a theory which would unite the microscopic world of chemistry with the macroscopic world of gravity. This attempt to find a single scientific paradigm for both worlds — in the modern case, quantum mechanics and general relativity — continues to elude physicists to this day.

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<sup>\*</sup>“Alchemy included much that we now label applied and industrial chemistry,” Thony Christie argues, “. . . alchemy of the seventeenth century [was] not so much a pseudo-science as a proto-science.” Source: Christie, “The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XV,” [thonyc.wordpress.com](http://thonyc.wordpress.com).



## Appendix E

# GEOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

*Given enough time and enough accumulated changes, natural selection can create entirely new species . . . [It] is what turned dinosaurs into birds, amphibious mammals into whales, and the common ancestor of apes and humans into the people, chimps and gorillas we know today.*

— Science writers Ker Than and Ashley P. Taylor.<sup>1</sup>

Modern geological developments have explained and resolved a number of key issues regarding Darwinian evolution. They include the age of the Earth, tectonic plates, the fossil record, mass extinctions, and the current geological age — the Anthropocene. A brief overview follows:

### *The Age of the Earth*

It was thought in Darwin's day that the Earth was some 100 million years old. This was seen as insufficient time for slow, gradual evolution to have produced all known extinct and existing species.<sup>2</sup>

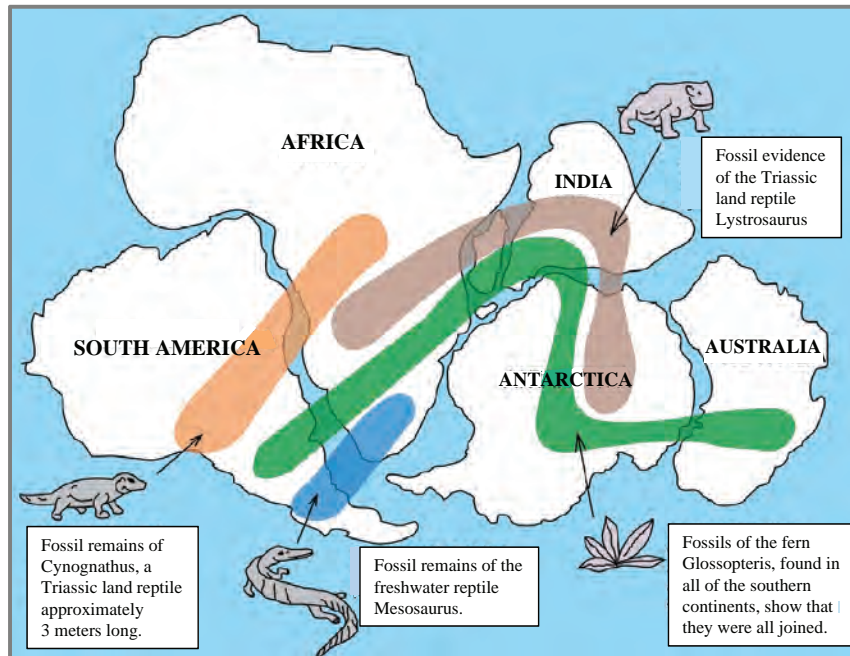
Radioactive dating of primeval rocks and mineral grains since have established a value for the age of the Earth at some 4.5 billion years. The earliest life forms yet found on our planet date to some 3.4 to perhaps 4 billion years old. "Molecular clock" and other biological analyses confirm that this is sufficient time for evolution by natural selection to produce the organisms we see today.<sup>3</sup>

### *Tectonic Plates*

The movement of tectonic plates extending deep into the Earth was discovered in the 1960s. This was the root cause of many geological changes which Darwin had come across on his *Beagle* trip — likely including the earthquakes he experienced in Chili.<sup>4</sup>

According to plate tectonics theory, these rigid plates — massive slabs of Earth's crust and uppermost mantle — are typically about 60 miles (100 km) thick.<sup>5</sup> Our continents rest on these tectonic plates, which in turn move on a "moldable, partially molten layer called the asthenosphere," write Stanford geo-archaeologist Tjeerd H. van Andel and Brendan Murphy, Professor of Geology at St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia. "[The moving plates] converge, diverge, or slip past one another along their boundaries."<sup>6</sup>

There are "seven very large continental-and ocean-sized plates, six or seven medium-sized regional plates, and several small ones," Van Andel and Murphy tell us. They move ever so slowly "relative to each other, typically at rates of 5 to 10 cm (2 to 4 inches) per year," — causing entire continents to drift across the globe over time. (See Fig. E.1.)<sup>7</sup>



**Figure E.1. Gondwana — part of Supercontinent Pangaea.** Centered on the equator, Pangaea began to form some 335 million years ago and broke apart some 175 million years ago. It was surrounded by superocean *Panthalassa*. Other supercontinents “have formed and broken up over the course of the Earth’s lifespan. These include Pannotia, which allegedly formed about 600 million years ago, and Rodinia, which existed more than a billion years ago. “Present-day plate motions are bringing continents together again.”<sup>8</sup>

The movement of tectonic plates is chiefly responsible for mountain formation, earthquakes,\* and volcanoes. Riding on these plates, continents experience gradual changes in climate as they move across the globe. This movement of continents at times connects and at other times isolates countless life-forms. Plate tectonics and resultant continental drift are key drivers of “long-term climate change, the composition of Earth’s atmosphere and oceans” — and evolution.<sup>9</sup>

\*“Earthquakes happen when plate margins (edges) move past, or bump into each other.”  
Source: “Highest Elevation: Mount Everest,” extremescience.com. Retrieved Mar 22, 2020.  
<http://www.extremescience.com/everest.htm>.



Continental drift explains in part why Darwin found such different animals in Australia and South America than in Europe. In the “continuing breakup of the continents that began some 200 million years ago, Australia and South America were isolated from other continents,” vertebrate paleontologist Michael Novacek writes. “Marsupial mammals thrived and diversified in both Australia (kangaroos and koalas) and South America (opossum), while placental mammals took over similar roles on the other continents.”<sup>10</sup>

### The Fossil Record

“We as yet have found only an exceedingly small fraction of the species buried in the crust of the earth,” Darwin wrote in his *Essay* of 1844. Over the nearly 180 years since, paleontologists working on all seven continents have filled in the fossil record to a remarkable degree. Their findings provide overwhelming evidence of the evolution of species through natural selection.<sup>11</sup>

The discovery in 1994 of the fossil remains of *Ambulocetus natans* is one of countless examples. (See Fig. E.2) The “name literally means ‘swimming-walking whale,’ writes Ker Than. “Its forelimbs had fingers and small hooves but its hind feet were enormous given its size. It was clearly adapted for swimming, but it was also capable of moving clumsily on land, much like a seal. When it swam, the ancient creature moved like an otter, pushing back with its hind feet and undulating its spine and tail.”<sup>12</sup>

### Mass Extinctions

Global catastrophes have had a major effect on species destruction and the subsequent evolution of new species. Geological examinations coupled with



**Figure E.2.** *Ambulocetus natans*. “Walking whale that swims.” Existed about 49 million years ago. Note the five digits on hands and feet, like us.

fossil finds across the planet confirm five big mass extinctions with some 75 to 96% off all species lost. The first four events occurred:

- (1) at the end of the Ordovician period 444 million years ago;
- (2) in the late Devonian 375 million years ago;
- (3) at the end of the Permian 251 million years ago; and
- (4) at the end of the Triassic 200 million years ago.

Suspected causes range from climate change, disruptive new life forms, and cataclysmic volcanic eruptions.<sup>13</sup>

The fifth and most recent mass extinction occurred at the end of the Cretaceous period some 66 million years ago. A six to nine mile (ten to 15 kilometers) wide Asteroid or Comet struck the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. The impact formed the Chicxulub crater, estimated to be some 93 miles (150 km) wide and 12 miles (20 km) deep.<sup>14</sup>

Scientists have reconstructed the likely aftermath: A “cloud of hot dust, ash, and steam and excavated material broiled the Earth’s surface.” This was followed by wildfires, colossal shockwaves, global earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. The resultant mass of debris filled the atmosphere and blocked the Sun for decades. This disrupted the food chain and starved most survivors.<sup>15</sup>

This cataclysmic event wiped out an estimated 75% to 80% of all species on our planet, including all non-avian dinosaurs. Some ancient mammal species, mostly tiny shrew-like animals, managed to survive. Their “numbers and diversity exploded” in the now nearly unoccupied lands. They are the progenitors of all mammals on Earth today, including we humans.<sup>16</sup>

*The Anthropocene* — A number of scientists argue that we are now undergoing a sixth great species mass extinction — this one caused by us.<sup>17</sup> It is dubbed the Anthropocene Epoch or “Age of Man.”<sup>18</sup>

*We have met the enemy, and they are us*

— Pogo<sup>19</sup>

Our species has had a profound deleterious effect on Earth’s surface, oceans, atmosphere, and ecosystems. Since the days of Sumer some 5000 years ago, an estimated “83% of wild mammals, 80% of marine mammals, 50% of plants and 15% of fish have vanished worldwide.”<sup>20</sup>

More recently, we have seen an exponential growth in human population — from some 1.6 billion in 1900 to 7.8 billion in 2020.<sup>21</sup> The result: *human-induced* extinction of other species is “currently running 100 to 1000 times faster than” extinctions from natural causes. This according to Earth science professor Will Steffen of the Australian National University.<sup>22</sup>

Human behaviors which have eliminated and continue to threaten the future existence of other species include fossil fuel burning and subsequent global warming. This has led to ocean acidification, sea-level rise, more frequent and more devastating wild fires, heavier rainfall events, more intense heat waves, more severe droughts, and more intense storms. Added to this are industrial farming practices, pesticide use, plastic pollution, deforestation, overfishing, overhunting, habitat destruction, soil erosion, meat consumption, spread of infectious diseases, and “rain forest converted to oil palm plantations.”<sup>23</sup>

If we continue on this path, an estimated “75% of species will become extinct within the next few centuries,” not to mention major increases in human deaths, mass migrations, and property destruction.<sup>24</sup>





Appendix F

## QUANTUM UNCERTAINTY EXAMPLES



Uncertainty lies at the very heart of quantum theory. It tells us that nature at the microscopic level is inherently random.

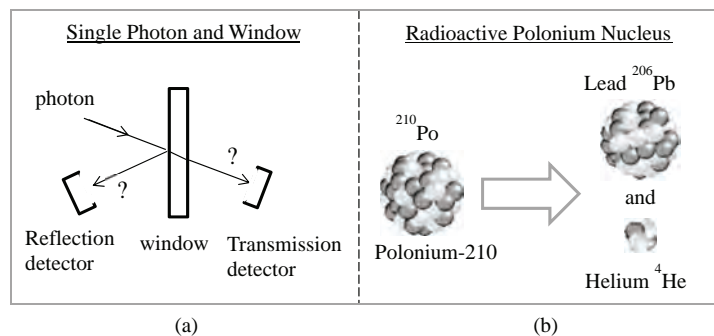
### Photon and Window

You can see out the windows in your home or office. This is because the window glass transmits visible light. At night with inside lights on, you can also see a reflection of the interior of the room. This is because the window glass also reflects some of the light.

Consider a window which transmits 95 percent of light of a certain frequency and reflects 5 percent. (We ignore absorption, scatter, and back-reflection of light for simplicity.) If we send a beam of this light containing billions of photons towards the window, it will transmit 95% of the photons and reflect 5%.

What if we send a *single* photon. Will it transmit through the window? Will it reflect?

We don't know. No one knows. "Mother nature" doesn't know. According to Quantum Mechanics, all we can say is that the photon has a 95% *probability* of being transmitted and a 5% *probability* of being reflected. What it actually does is an unpredictable random quantum event. (See Figure F.1(a).)



**Figure F.1. Two Random Quantum Events — Light Transmission/Reflection and Radioactivity.** (a) A window transmits 95% of a light beam and reflects 5%. Will a single photon be transmitted or reflected? No one knows. It is random. (b) The nuclei of a pellet of Polonium-210 decay into Lead and Helium with a half-life of 138.376 days. When will a single nucleus decay? No one knows. It too is random. (The nucleus of polonium-210 contains 84 protons and 126 neutrons. It decays into  $^{206}\text{Pb}$  and  $^4\text{He}$ . Note that  $^{206}\text{Pb}$  has 82 protons and 124 neutrons, and  $^4\text{He}$  has 2 protons and 2 neutrons. Thus proton and neutron counts are conserved.)

### Polonium-210 Decay

Similarly, let us consider the element polonium-210, discovered by Polish physicist Marie Curie and her husband Pierre in 1898. It is radioactive. That means it is unstable. Its nucleus spontaneously decays or breaks apart into a lead and helium nucleus.<sup>1</sup> (Please see Figure F.1(b).)

To understand this, we need to consider its “half-life.” The so-called half-life of a particle is the time it takes for half the particles to transform (decay) into other particles. Polonium-210 has a half-life of 138 days.<sup>2</sup>

Imagine we have **1000** freshly created Polonium-210 nuclei in our laboratory. After 138 days, only about **500** would still exist. The rest would be lead and helium nuclei. If we wait another 138 days, there will only be about **250** Polonium-210 nuclei left, and so on. In other words, the population of Polonium-210 nuclei is cut in half every 138 days.

We can predict the *probability* of decay for a large number of polonium-210 nuclei to great accuracy. (More precisely, they have a half-life of  $138.376 \pm 0.002$  days.)<sup>3</sup>

What about a *single* polonium-210 nucleus? When will it decay or break apart into a lead and a helium nucleus? Again, nobody knows. For a single nucleus, the process is random, unpredictable. All we can know is the *statistical* prediction that half of a large number of nuclei will decay in 138.376 days.

The same is true for all quantum events. We cannot know what an individual particle or constituent will do. This includes all radioactive decay, diffraction, the double-slit experiment, ferromagnetism, solid/liquid/gas phase transitions, superconductivity, superfluidity, lasers, Bose-Einstein condensates, and quantum tunneling.<sup>4</sup>

The notion of determinism ala Laplace is dead. Experiments and tests verify that there is an inherent uncertainty in nature itself — one which no measurement can overcome. No one knows why.

### Quantum Mechanics and Evolution

As we learned, mutation is the primary driver of evolutionary variation in all living organisms. Again, exposure to ultraviolet light, chemical carcinogens, natural radiation in rocks or soil, drugs, viruses, or muons in the atmosphere can cause one or more DNA base molecules to transform into another.

These are *quantum events*. So are DNA copying errors. They are all unpredictable as whether a single photon reflects or transmits through a window, or exactly when a single polonium-210 nucleus decays into lead and helium.

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“The fact that mutation and variation are inherently unpredictable means that the course of evolution is, too,” writes Kenneth R. Miller in *Finding Darwin’s God*. “Evolutionary history can turn on . . . the quantum state of a single subatomic particle.”<sup>5</sup>

Though he was one of its founders, Albert Einstein famously had great difficulty accepting the randomness in nature espoused by quantum mechanics. In the fifth Solvay Conference in 1927, he argued over this issue with Niels Bohr:

“God does not play dice,” Einstein said.

“Stop telling God what to do,” Bohr is said to have answered.<sup>6</sup>





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Nicholas Gier, Professor Emeritus in Philosophy at the University of Idaho argues that for “the generation in (Persian) exile and 400 years following, (the Judeans) lived under strong Persian dominion and influence.” Thus a number of biblical ideas and beliefs derive from the religion of Persia at the time; Zoroastrianism.

Its supreme God *Ahura Mazda* gave “humans free will so they could choose between good and evil.” The first to “speak unequivocally in terms of *individual* moral responsibility was Ezekiel, a Bible prophet of the Babylonian exile.” (My italics.)

“Late Bible books like Daniel developed their angelology” from the Persian religion. The concept of “heaven and a fiery hell” also comes in part from Zoroastrianism. Its “*Angra Mainyu*, the Evil One ... is the prototype for late Jewish and Christian ideas of Satan.”

However, Gier points out, Zoroastrianism is not the source of Hebrew monotheism. By the time of the Judean exile, "Zoroaster's strict monotheism had been compromised by polytheistic practices."

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Aristotle offers a solution grounded in the "goodness" of nature. He suggests the stars and planets ought to be regarded as living beings "possessed of goods and of action for the sake of those good." He compares these celestial objects to animals. "And just as among terrestrial animals there is not a strict proportion of the simplicity of action to the nobility of good, so among the stars and planets." Source: Baumer, academic.csuohio.edu.

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Alexander faced the Persian army of king Darius II in two epic battles: Issus in northern Syria in 333 and Gaugamela in northern Mesopotamia in 331 BC. In both instances, Alexander out-maneuvered and out-fought an army two to three times the size of his forces.

Famously, Alexander placed his vaunted infantry in a wedge formation armed with 18 to 20-foot-long pikes and short swords for close combat. The Macedonian phalanx, as it was called, attacked Darius's center at an oblique angle — augmented by mobile light infantry and archers. Mounted on the right of his infantry, Alexander personally led lightning cavalry attacks on the flank. The Persian king fled the battle field on both occasions — the first time leaving his mother, wife, and daughter behind.

As the new king of Asia, the young Macedonian king showed a wisdom beyond his years. He treated the royal family of Darius with great respect and kindness, fostering admiration from Persian troops and populace alike. Sources: Wasson. "The Army of Alexander the Great," [wordlhistory.org](http://wordlhistory.org); "Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World," [timemaps.com](http://timemaps.com).

9. "Alexander's Self-Deification," [livius.org](http://livius.org); Martin & Blackwell, p. 159.
10. "Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World," [timemaps.com](http://timemaps.com); Popovic, [1stmuse.com](http://1stmuse.com). Historians disagree on the date of Alexander's death.
11. "Alexander's Self-Deification," [livius.org](http://livius.org); Martin & Blackwell, p. 2.
12. Wasson, "Alexander the Great as God," [wordlhistory.org](http://wordlhistory.org).
13. The number of casualties during Alexander's war of conquest: "It's hard to say as most primary sources present vastly different numbers; scholars predict the number to be in or around 200,000 killed and doesn't include Alexander's troops (which were comprised of Greek, Persian, Indian and other ethnic troops). The largest number of deaths were recorded during the Battle of Gaugamela — anywhere from 50,000–90,000." Source: Chase, Greg, "Quora," [quora.comhttps://www.quora.com/What-is-the-death-toll-of-the-Alexander-the-Greats-campaigns](https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-death-toll-of-the-Alexander-the-Greats-campaigns).
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15. Atsma, [thoi.com](http://thoi.com).
16. "Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World," [timemaps.com](http://timemaps.com).  
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18. Pingree, D. "History of Mathematical Astronomy in India". *Dictionary of Scientific Biography*. (1978) 15. pp. 533, 554f.
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20. Boardman, [jstor.org](http://jstor.org); Cambon, Pierre; Jarrige, Jean-François. "Afghanistan, les trésors retrouvés: Collections du Musée national de Kaboul." [Afghanistan, the treasures found: collections of the Kabul national museum] (*in French*). Réunion des musées nationaux, 2006. p. 269. <https://library.soas.ac.uk/Record/715924/Description>; Pingree, D. (1978).

21. Green, pp. 29–34; Martin & Blackwell, p. 168; “History of Greece: Hellenistic,” [ancient-greece.org](http://ancient-greece.org); “Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World.” [timemaps.com](http://timemaps.com).
22. Among these were Alexandria at the mouth of the Tigris, Alexandria by the Caucasus, and Alexandria Eschate (“The Furthest”) in modern Tajikistan. He also founded Alexandria Arachosia and Alexandria of the Aryans, now modern Kandahar and Herat in Afghanistan, respectively. In addition, he established two cities in the Punjab: Alexandria Nikaia (Victory) commemorating his defeat of Indian King Poros and Alexandria Bucephalus honoring his beloved horse. Sources: Popovic, [1stmuse.com](http://1stmuse.com); Arrian, p. 111.
23. Werner, [britannica.com](http://britannica.com).
24. Mark, “Alexandria, Egypt.” [worldhistory.org](http://worldhistory.org).
25. Ibid; Mason, [moyak.com](http://moyak.com).
26. Mason, [moyak.com](http://moyak.com).
27. Rowlatt, Mackie, and Reimer, [britannica.com](http://britannica.com); Krystek, [unmuseum.org](http://unmuseum.org).
28. Rowlatt, Mackie, and Reimer, [britannica.com](http://britannica.com); Lowe, [jstor.org](http://jstor.org).
29. “Timeline of Egyptian History and Culture,” [cemml.colostate.edu](http://cemml.colostate.edu).
30. Martin & Blackwell, pp. 20, 87, 145.
31. Mason, [moyak.com](http://moyak.com); Rowlatt, Mackie, and Reimer, [britannica.com](http://britannica.com); Martin & Blackwell, p.169.
32. Rowlatt, Mackie, and Reimer, [britannica.com](http://britannica.com); Dunn, [touregypt.net](http://touregypt.net); Mason, [moyak.com](http://moyak.com).
33. Mason, [moyak.com](http://moyak.com); Timeline of Egyptian History and Culture,” [cemml.colostate.edu](http://cemml.colostate.edu).
34. Martin & Blackwell, p.169.
35. Dunn, [touregypt.net](http://touregypt.net).
36. Norton, [pitt.edu](http://pitt.edu).

Pythagoras is likely the author of most of Euclid’s book I. His book II is “probably a Pythagorean adaptation of Babylonian algebra to Greek geometric methods.” Hippocrates of Chios is considered author of book III. It is generally accepted that Eudoxus is author of Euclid’s books V and XII (epsilon-ics). Book “VII is an anonymous Pythagorean textbook of number theory.” Archytas is the author of book VIII (“closely related to musical theory”), and Theaetetus author of books X (classifications of irrationalities) and XIII (regular bodies). Other Pythagorean or Athenian mathematicians are likely the sources of Books IV, VI, XI, and XII. Sources: Freudenthal, Hans. Book Review of *Science Awakening* by B. L. van der Waerden. (New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 1961) <https://www.ams.org/journals/bull/1962-68-06/S0002-9904-1962-10833-7/S0002-9904-1962-10833-7.pdf>. Retrieved July 26, 2021.; Ball, Walter William Rouse. *A Short Account*

- of the History of Mathematics (4th ed.)*. (New York: Dover, 1908) p. 38. As cited in en:wikipedia.
37. Aristarchus primarily used observation of Earth's shadow on the Moon and the Moon's coverage of the Sun's disk during a solar eclipse. He calculated that (1) "the distance from the Earth to the Sun is 19 to 20 times larger than the Earth to the Moon, (2) the diameter of the Sun is between 19 and 20 times larger than the diameter of the Moon, (3) the diameter of the Earth is between  $108/43$  and  $40/19$  times larger than the diameter of the Moon, and (4) the distance from the Earth to the Moon is between 30 and  $45/2$  times larger than the diameter of the Moon." Source: Weinberg, Steven. p. 68.
  38. Aristarchus' proposal that the Earth goes around the Sun is found in statements by Archimedes and Plutarch, who indicated it was the great size of the Sun relative to the Earth. Unfortunately ... the original writings of Aristarchus were "lost in the destruction of the great Library of Alexandria in 415 AD." Sources: Weinberg, Steven. p. 70; "Classical Astronomy." atnf.csiro.au.; Van der Waerden, articles.adsabs.harvard.edu.
  39. Riebeek, earthobservatory.nasa.gov.
  40. "The Aristotelean Universe Emerges" University of Oregon, homework.uoregon.edu.
  41. Evans, britannica.com.
  42. The "actual polar circumference of Earth is just a bit over 40 thousand km (about 24,860 miles)." At the time of Eratosthenes, there was no universal standard for the unit of length, the *stadion*. Source: Russell, windows2universe.org.
  43. O'Conner & Robertson, groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk; Jones, britannica.com. See these references for details on how Hipparchus arrived at his outstanding astronomical calculations and conclusions.
  44. Ibid. The system Hipparchus developed for star magnitudes is similar to the one used today.
  45. Jones, britannica.com.
  46. Ibid.
  47. Ibid. Hipparchus determined the precession to be 45 to 46 arc-seconds per year, remarkably close to the modern value of 50.26 arc-seconds per year. (An arc-second is one 60<sup>th</sup> of an arc-minute, which in turn is one 60<sup>th</sup> of a degree.)
  48. Ibid.
  49. Crawford, Amy. smithsonianmag.com.
  50. Rowlatt, Mackie, and Reimer, britannica.com.
  51. The war machines of the Roman legions army included mobile catapults, huge two-man crossbows, and onagers that could "lob a 60-pound missile a half a mile." Source: Hadas and Eds. p. 95.

52. Sørensen, [britannica.com](http://britannica.com).
53. Hadas and Eds. pp. 122–118; Gibbons quote as cited in Haggard, Howard W. *From Medicine Man to Doctor: The Story of the Science of Healing* (New York: Dover, 2004) p. 182; Wasson, “Pax Romana.” [wordlhistory.org](http://wordlhistory.org).
54. Written toward the end of the first century B.C. As cited in Morris, [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com).
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56. Ibid, pp. 81–82.; Argyrid, [eu.greekreporter.com](http://eu.greekreporter.com).
57. Erskine, [jstor.org](http://jstor.org).; Weinberg, Steven. p. 88.
58. Crowe, pp. 29, 38.

## Chapter 8

1. This epigram appears “in some manuscripts of the *Almagest*. Attribution to Ptolemy is plausible, but not certain,” Steven Weinberg tells us. It is “from the Greek Anthology, verses compiled in the Byzantine Empire around 900 AD. This translation is from Heath, Thomas L. *Greek Astronomy* (Mineola, NY: Dover, 1991), p. ivii.” Sources: “Ptolemy’s Exposition of Mathematical astronomy,” [astronomyclub.xyz](http://astronomyclub.xyz).; Weinberg, Steven. p. 347, endnote 19.
2. Weinberg, Steven. p. 100; Jones, “Ptolemy: Egyptian astronomer, mathematician, and geographer,” [britannica.com](http://britannica.com).
3. “Almagest,” [britannica.com](http://britannica.com). Ptolemy also did pioneering work in optics, including “measurements which verified the equal-angles rule of Euclid and Hero . . . (and) applied this to reflection by curved mirrors . . . Ptolemy also studied refraction.”
4. Grasshoff, G. *The history of Ptolemy’s star catalogue* (New York: Springer, 1990). As cited in O’Conner & Robertson, “Claudius Ptolemy,” <https://mathshistory.st-andrews.ac.uk>.
5. Weinberg, Steven. p. 88.
6. Ibid, pp. 72, 88; Jones, “Ptolemy: Egyptian astronomer, mathematician, and geographer,” [britannica.org](http://britannica.org).”
7. Ptolemy, *Almagest*, Book I, 1. (Preface). As cited in Crowe, pp. 50, 51, 52.
8. Ibid, p. 62.
9. Milton, John (1608–1674). *Paradise Lost* (1667). As cited in Crowe, p. 186.
10. Van der Waerden, [articles.adsabs.harvard.edu](http://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu). Van der Waerden tells us a “primitive epicycle theory” is said to have been invented by the Pythagoreans. “It was quite good for the Sun, Mercury, and Venus, but not for the outer planets.”
11. Weinberg, David. [astronomy.ohio-state.edu](http://astronomy.ohio-state.edu).

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12. Ibid.
13. "Ancient Greek Astronomy," phas.ubc.ca.  
Steven Weinberg writes: "Ptolemy's work is "strikingly modern in its methods. Mathematical models are proposed for planetary motions containing various free numerical parameters, which are then found by constraining the predictions of the models to agree with observations . . . Nothing in the apparent motions of planets tells us how far away they are. Hence, in the theory of Ptolemy, the apparent motion of any planet does not depend on the absolute sizes of the epicycle and deferment; it depends only on the *ratio* of their sizes." Source: Weinberg, Steven, pp. 88–89.
14. Crowe, p. 38.
15. Hanson, homepages.uc.edu.
16. A simulation of Ptolemy's epicycle model is given in "Ptolemy to the Rescue?" homework.uoregon.edu.
17. As attributed in Keller, John Esten. *Alfonso X, El Sabio* (1967) Preface. <https://todayinsci.com/P/Ptolemy/Ptolemy-Quotations.htm>.
18. "Classical Astronomy." atnf.csiro.au.; Weinberg, David. astronomy.ohiostate.edu.
19. Sort of like modern day Quantum Mechanics. See endnote 21.
20. "Plato's Homework Problem," astronomynotes.com.
21. The issue as to what is real and what is mathematical artifice plagues modern day quantum mechanics. The so-called "wave function" gives the statistical *probability* of how a subatomic particle will behave. It does so with extraordinary accuracy. Is the wave function real? Or is it just a computation device? Physicists continue to argue over this issue in numerous scientific papers.

## Chapter 9

1. Shalem, biu.ac.il.; Magness, p. 50.
2. Magness, pp. 47–53; Conder, p. 24.; Zank, bu.edu.  
The principal Council of seventy-one members — the *Sanhedrim* — sat in Jerusalem. Men of all classes were eligible, "qualified by reputation for sagacity and knowledge of the Law. Smaller councils of twenty-four members sat in country towns." Source: Conder, p. 25.
3. Conder, p. 28.
4. Ibid, p. 55.
5. Fisk, westmont.edu.; "Nehemiah: Jewish Leader," britannica.com.; Magness, p. 52.
6. Shalem, biu.ac.il.

7. Magness, p. 66; Hooker, jewishvirtuallibrary.org.
8. First century AD Jewish historian Josephus wrote that Alexander had come to Jerusalem to pay his respects to *YHWH* and high priest Jaddua (*Antiquities* 11: 325-31). This story “was fabricated to show that even Alexander the Great acknowledged the omnipotence of the God of Israel,” writes American archeologist and religious scholar Jodi Magness. Source: Magness, p. 67.
9. Potok, p. 211.
10. Laomedon of Mytilene had initial control of Judea under the province of Syria. Ptolemy 1 Soter of Egypt seized it from Laomedon in 320. Five years later, the Antigonids of Macedonia gained control. Ptolemy recaptured the province in 312. A year later it was again in the hands of the Antigonids. Ptolemy retook it from the Antigonids in 301 — this time for good. Sources: Hooker, jewishvirtuallibrary.org.; Siculus, Diodorus. *Bibliotheca*, xviii. 3; Photius, *Bibliotheca*, cod. 82, cod. 92 [http://www.tertullian.org/fathers/photius\\_03bibliotheca.htm](http://www.tertullian.org/fathers/photius_03bibliotheca.htm); Justin, *Epitome of Pompeius Trogus*, xiii. 4 <http://www.forumromanum.org/literature/justin/english/trans13.html#4>; Curtius Rufus, *Historiae Alexandri Magni*, x. 10. <http://remacle.org/blood-wolf/historiens/quintecurce/dix.htm>; Appian, *The Foreign Wars*, “The Syrian Wars”, 52. <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=App.+Syr.+9.52&redirect=true>. As cited in en:wikipedia.
11. Fisk, westmont.edu.
12. Ibid.
13. Gottheil, “Josephus, Flavius,” jewishencyclopedia.com.

1 Maccabees was written in Hebrew by an unknown Jewish author in the late 2nd century BC. 2 Maccabees is a synopsis of a five-volume history written by Jason of Cyrene. It was written in Koine Greek between 150 and 120 BC. It was likely “directed towards the Jews of Alexandria to enlist solidarity for their Judean brethren in Jerusalem.” Source: Branon, Marlon. “One of the People” JerusalemPost, jpost.com. <https://www.jpost.com/blogs/one-of-the-people/-436009>.

Scholars do not know why 1 and 2 Maccabees are not included in the Hebrew Bible. They are included in the Catholic and other versions of the New Testament. An interesting discussion in this issue can be found in: Turkienicz, Rachel. “Why the Maccabees Aren’t in the Bible: The books that tell the Hanukkah tale didn’t make it into the Hebrew Bible — but they are in the Catholic one.” myjewishlearning.com. <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/omitting-the-maccabees/>. Retrieved Feb. 1, 2021.

Gary William Poole, associate editor of *Encyclopædia Britannica*, writes on Josephus: Like “most ancient writers: his analyses are superficial, his chronology faulty, his facts exaggerated, his speeches contrived . . . Yet he



unites in his person the traditions of Judaism and Hellenism, provides a connecting link between the secular world of Rome and the religious heritage of the Bible . . . for his toadyism he well deserved the scorn heaped upon him by his countrymen . . . [Nonetheless] he remained true to his Pharisee beliefs and, being no martyr, did what he could for his people.” Source: Pool, Gary William. “Flavius Josephus.” Encyclopedia Britannica, britannica.com. Jan 1, 2021. <https://www.britannica.com/editor/Gary-William-Poole/2346>.

14. Arrian & Roos.
15. “Seleucid empire,” britannica.com.; Tanner, Paul, paultanner.org.
16. [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Seleuco\\_I\\_Nicatore.JPG](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Seleuco_I_Nicatore.JPG).
17. “Angelic Conflict,” cgrtruth.org.
18. Jona, ancientbattles.com.; Magness, p. 68.
19. Zank, bu.edu.
20. Conder, p. 13.
21. Smitha, “Hellenism and Jews.” fsmitha.com.; Potok, pp. 240, 252; Gilan, haaretz.com.
22. Potok, p. 243.
23. Tanner, paultanner.org. The rival — a usurper named Heliodorus — in turn had killed the new king’s brother, the son of Antiochus III, to gain the throne.
24. From the speech of December 8, 1941 by United States President Franklin Delano Roosevelt regarding the surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii by the naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan the day before: “A date which will live in infamy.” Source: “A Date which Will Live in Infamy: FDR Asks a Declaration of War” George Mason University, historymatters.gmu.edu <http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5166/>.
25. Volkman, britannica.com; Tanner, paultanner.org.
26. Volkman, britannica.com; Gilan, haaretz.com.; Shalem, biu.ac.il.; Potok, p. 246.
27. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.  
 Impoverished from his failed Egyptian expeditions, Antiochus then looted the sacred Temple. He absconded with its “golden candlestick, the altar of incense, the sacred vessels, and even the veils and crowns of the sanctuary.” Sources: Shalem, biu.ac.il.; Potok, p. 246; Conder pp. 16–17.
28. Gilan, haaretz.com.; Potok, p. 246; Shalem, biu.ac.il.
29. Magness, p. 94.
30. Potok, p. 247; Barry, scribd.com.; Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu/electrum.; Tanner, paultanner.org.
31. Fisk, westmont.edu.
32. Potok, p. 247.
33. Ginzberg, “Antiochus IV., Epiphanes.” jewishencyclopedia.com.; “Hellenism and Jews.” fsmitha.com.; Conder, p. 81.

34. Conder, p. 81.
35. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.; Potok, p. 247, Magness, p. 94; Conder, pp. 83–84.
36. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.
37. This included a “company of Hasideans, mighty warriors of Israel, everyone who offered themselves for the law (of Torah).” (1 Macc 2:42.) Who were the Hasideans? Their name is *Chasidim* in Hebrew — from *chasid* which means “kind, pious.” I find this association between “kind” and “pious” noteworthy. It connects belief in *YHWH* with compassion, a core value of ethical monotheism. Little is known of these “pious ones.” They are mentioned three times in 1 and 2 Maccabees, and then only briefly. Some scholars propose it was this Puritan sect which led the earlier Jerusalem uprising, and were the main reason for Antiochus’ ban of Judaism. Maccabees texts indicate that when the Hasideans joined with Mattathias, it turned the tide of the rebellion. Sources: “2623. Chasid,” biblehub.com. <http://biblehub.com/hebrew/2623.htm>; Henriques, getd.libs.uga.edu.
38. Gilad, haaretz.com.; Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu/electrum.; Condor, p. 87.
39. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.
40. Conder, p. 85; “Avaran” Net Bible, net.bible.org (dictionary entry). <https://net.bible.org/#!search/avaran>.
41. Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu/electrum; Shalem, biu.ac.il.
42. Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu/electrum. \*This is one version of the story. Scholars are not sure whether the mass insurrection sparked Antiochus’s decree or the decree sparked the insurrection. Source: Shalem, biu.ac.il.
43. Josephus, *Antiquities*, Book XII, ch. 7; Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.
44. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.; Joshua 10:12-13.
45. Kantor, p.83; Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.; Conder, pp. 90–92.  
Seleucid troops in these battles were mostly residual forces and mercenaries. The best of Antiochus’s army was off fighting the Parthians in the east at the time. Source: JPS review of, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).
46. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.
47. Conder, p. 92.
48. Ibid, p. 93.
49. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.
50. Ibid; Conder, p. 95.
51. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.
52. Conder, pp. 96–97; Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.
53. Ibid.
54. Conder, p. 98; Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com. When Gorgias and the remnants of his forces arrived at the camp at Emmaus, it was in flames. The joined the Seleucid retreat to the Gezer fortress. Gezer was located on the

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northern edge of the Shephelah region, roughly midway between modern Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

55. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.; Conder, p. 100; Herman, Mark, "The Hammer of God: Part II. Yumpu.com. <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/24486991/the-hammer-of-god-part-ii-c3i-ops-center>.
56. Bar Kochva, Bezalel. *The Seleucid Army: Organization and Tactics in the Great Campaigns* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1976), JPS review of, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).
57. Gilad, [haaretz.com](http://haaretz.com).
58. Conder, pp. 101–104; Potok, p. 248.
59. In c. 163 BC, Judah received reports of Syrian forces assaulting Jewish civilians in Galilee to the north and Gilead across the Jordan river. He sent Simon with three thousand men to Galilee. Simon overpowered a small Syrian contingent, liberated Jewish prisoners, and returned with them to Jerusalem. Judah along with Jonathan led 8000 troops "through the Trans-Jordan desert to Gilead. They overwhelmed a series of "fortified Hellenic towns east of the Golan Heights." They then routed Seleucid and Idumean troop laying siege to the Dathema fortress. Turning northwest, Maccabean troops overpowered Syrian forces at the Hellenic city of Raphon and sacked the city. Judas led two other missions in the spring of 164 BC: (1) to Idumea in the Hebron Hills to the south against Arab harassment of border villages; and (2) to the highlands north of Heshbon, where he defeated the Amorites under Timotheus at the town of Jager 40 miles north of Jerusalem. Sources: Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.; Conder, p. 117.
60. Conder, p. 128.
61. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com.; Conder, p. 134.
62. 1 Macc 6.
63. Lev. 25:2–7; comp. Ex. 23:10, 11, 12; Lev. 26:34, 35.
64. Easton's Bible Dictionary (1897).
65. Conder, p. 140. According to 1 Maccabees, on his deathbed Antiochus IV appointed his friend Philip "ruler over all his kingdom." (1 Macc 6:14.) This set up the conflict between Philip and Lysias for power. Source: Gera, Dov. *Judaea and Mediterranean Politics, 219 to 161 B.C.E.* (Leiden, Neth: Brill's Series in Jewish Studies, Vol 8, 1998) pp. 255–6.
66. Gilad, [haaretz.com](http://haaretz.com).; Conder, p. 140.
67. Conder, p. 146; Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com. Demetrius then appointed Alcimus, an avid Jewish Hellenizer, as High Priest in Jerusalem. The new Seleucid king sent an army under General Bacchides to Jerusalem to enforce his selection. Once installed in the Holy City, Alcimus had sixty of his critics executed. When Bacchides left, civil war broke out again — this time

- between Hellenists and Chasidim. Judas came to their rescue, overcame the Hellenists, and forced Alcimus to flee back to Antioch. Sources: Smitha. "Hellenism and Jews." fsmitha.com.; "Bacchides," jewishvirtuallibrary.org.
68. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com; Conder, p. 146.
  69. Conder, p. 150.
  70. Conder, p. 157. 1 Macc 9.1.
  71. Conder, p. 157.
  72. Bell, warfarehistorynetwork.com; Conder, p. 158.
  73. Conder, p. 126.

## Chapter 10

1. "Daniel's Son of Man." livius.org.; Yale Course: "RLST 152" oyc.yale.edu.
2. Yale Course: Yale Course. "RLST 152" oyc.yale.edu.
3. Ehrman, "Heaven and Hell, Part One." ehrmanblog.org.
4. Smitha, "Hellenism and Jews," fsmitha.com.
5. Ehrman, "The First Apocalypse: The Book of Daniel." ehrmanblog.org.
6. "Son of Man," encyclopedia.com. "The phrase 'son of man' is a literal rendering of the Hebrew *ben 'ādām* (Aramaic, *bar 'ēnās*; Greek, *υἱὸς ἀνθρώπου*), an expression that more exactly means 'a man,' or 'a human individual' (see adam). It is not the common expression for man, but is used especially in poetic parallelism with more usual words for 'man' (e.g., Nm 23.19; Is 51.12;56.2; Ps 8.5)." This "one like a son of man" is "a celestial being rather than a mortal; the clouds of heaven 'on' or 'with' (Aramaic '*im*) which he comes are commonly the vehicle of *YHWH* and an element of divine theophanies."
7. Yale Course, oyc.yale.edu.
8. "Saoshyans" britannica.com.; "Yasht," xix. 89–93; Bundahis, xxx. 1–33.
9. Ehrman, "Heaven and Hell, Part One." ehrmanblog.org.

In Zoroastrianism, "perfection will come with the establishment of the Good Kingdom (Avesta, "Vohu Khshathra"), the Wished-for Kingdom (Avesta, "Khshathra Vairya"), or the Kingdom of Desire (Avesta, "Khshathra Ishtōish") . . . the world will become regenerate (Avesta, "Ahūm Frashem Kar"; or "Frashōkereti"). A final battle between the powers of good and evil will take place. Ahriman and his hosts will be routed and good shall reign supreme ("Yasht," xix. 89–93; Bundahis, xxx. 1–33). The advent of the Messiah (Saoshyant) will be accompanied by the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment of the world, which thenceforth will be free from evil and free from harm. Source: Kaufmann; Jackson. jewishencyclopedia.com.

Earlier Hebrew prophets also envisioned “an utterly transformed cosmos, extending from the heights of heaven to the depths of She’ol.” Isaiah termed it “new heavens and new earth,” (Isa. 65:17-25, 66:22-24). Total peace would reign among all nations (Isa. 2:4; Mic. 4:3). Death itself would be “swallowed up forever” (Isa. 25:7-8). This apparently includes the “resurrection” of the righteous dead of the past (Isa. 26:19). If so, Isaiah 26:19 is the only reference to resurrection of the dead in Hebrew Bible outside of Daniel. Sources: Tabor, uncc, edu.; “Jewish Resurrection of the Dead, myjewishlearning.com.

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21. Smitha, “Hellenism and Jews.” fsmitha.com.
22. Stegemann, p. 130; Potok, p. 256; Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu; Smitha, “Hellenism and Jews.” fsmitha.com.; Ginzberg, jewishencyclopedia.com; Josephus. as cited in “The Onias Dynasty,” lost-history.com.
23. “Seleucid empire,” britannica.com. Appian, *Syriaca* VIII 49, Justin, *Historiarum Philippicarum T. Pompeii Trogi* XL 2.2.
24. “Julius Caesar and the Jews,” jewishhistory.org.
25. Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu. Hyrcanus had made an alliance with Aretas, king of the Nabataean. Together they laid siege to Aristobulus in Jerusalem. Pompey then sent part of his army under M. Aemilius Scaurus to Palestine. (Jos. *BJ* 1.127; *AJ* 14.29–32) Aristobulus bribed Scaurus with 400 talents of silver for his support. The Roman quaestor accepted the money and ordered the siege of Jerusalem be stopped. Aristobulus then proceeded to attack the withdrawing troops, inflicting heavy casualties. (Jos. *BJ* 1.130; *AJ* 14.33) According

to Josephus, "Aristobulus, with a great army, made war with Aretas and Hyrcanus, and fought them at a place called Papyron, and beat them in the battle, and slew about six thousand of the enemy." (Jos. *Ant.* XIV 2.) Sources: Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu; "Marcus Aemilius Scaurus," theodora.com.

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In 40 BC, Antigonus rebelled once again. At the time Rome was caught up in a civil war between Octavian and Marc Antony. With the help of the Parthians, Antigonus seized Jerusalem and declared himself King and High Priest. He managed to hold the Judean crown for three years. (Jos. *Ant.* XIV 12:1)

The infamous Herod, son of Antipater and tetrarch of Galilee, fled to Rome. There he convinced the Roman Senate to elect him "king of the Jews." They sent him back to the Holy Land with legions under General Gaius Sosius to reconquer the land of the Jews in the name of Rome. Herod and Sosius crushed the forces of Antigonus in 37 BC. The last Judean king was beheaded in Antioch that same year. Source: Smallwood, Mary E. *The Jews under Roman Rule: From Pompey to Diocletian: A Study in Political Relations* (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2104 (reprint edition).

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31. Jos. *BJ* I.34-69, *AJ* XIII ww8-300; Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu; Crown, pp. 32-33; Singer, Isidore. Eds. *The Jewish Encyclopedia: A Descriptive Record of the History*, Vol. 6, p. 516; The Onias Dynasty: The Maccabee Revolt," lost-history.com.

Archeological and numismatic evidence indicates that Judean rulers had been particularly "ruthless toward captured cities in Idumea and Samaria." These cities were "completely or almost completely razed." In comparison, destruction in cities in Galilee, Transjordan, and the Mediterranean coast was "small to imperceptible." This shows the particular hatred by the Jews for Samaritans and Idumeans. Source: Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu.

32. In Herod's "monumental reconstruction project, the Temple Compound was double its original area." Source: Reznick, Leibel. "The Riddle of the

Shushan Gate” jewishaction.com. <https://jewishaction.com/jewish-world/history/riddle-shushan-gate/>. Retrieved Feb 1, 2021.

33. Myers, pbs.org; Perowne, britannica.com.
34. Wray, p. 34.
35. Tabor, “What the Bible Says About Death Afterlife, and the Future,” uncc.edu; Fredriksen, “Jews and the Roman Empire.” pbs.org.; Myers, pbs.org.; Coogan, p. 357; Potok, p. 263; Perowne, britannica.com.

In addition to the rebuilt Temple, Herod’s building projects included a “magnificent fortified palace”; a vast amphitheater and harbor in Caesarea Maritima; “whole cities with Greco-Roman theatres and baths”; military fortifications, including the famed fortress at Masada; and a “massive 1,700-foot-high butte overlooking the Dead Sea.” Sources: Tabor, “The Jewish World of Jesus: An Overview” uncc.edu.; Fredriksen, “Jews and the Roman Empire”; Myers, pbs.org.; Potok, p. 263.

36. The Hasmonean period (c. 150 to 67 BC) saw the generation of additional messianic literature beyond that of the Book of Daniel. Some called for independent rule of Judea by a messiah-king; others by a messiah-king and messiah-priest. Scholars see a number of these appeals for the restoration of the Davidic monarchy as veiled criticism of the legitimacy of Hasmonean kings, who were not of the line of David.

Messianic texts included the “*Book of Jubilees*, *Testament of Levi* and the *Testament of Judah*, as preserved in the Greek book *Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs*. While of Jewish origin, the collection contains an accumulation of many later additions, especially Christian, which obscure the original version.”

“The expectation for David’s monarchy to be restored by a royal messiah is further reflected in at least over a dozen texts in the Dead Sea Scrolls, most of which are considered among the principal doctrinal documents of the Qumran community. Their number includes the *Damascus Document* (CD), the *Rule of Community* (1QS), and the *Rule of Congregation* (1QSa). The figure of the royal messiah is concealed under various designations: the “Prince” or the “Prince of the Congregation,” the “Branch of David,” the “Scepter” . . . The Qumran texts feature one more eschatological figure, a priestly messiah . . . the dating of respective documents and their subsequent redactions still remain the subject of scholarly dispute. Sources: Dąbrowa, ejournals.eu; Toy, jewishencyclopedia.com.

## Chapter 11

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5. "Behind the Name: John." <https://www.behindthename.com/name/john>.
6. White, L. Michael. "John the Baptist: John the Baptist and the Ritual of Baptism." pbs.org.
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14. Recognitions, i. 60, ii. 8: *ib.* Homilies, ii. 23, Acts 2:41. As cited in Kohler, Kaufmann "John the Baptist" <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/8733-john-the-baptist>.
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19. Aslan, p. xxviii.
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22. Fredriksen, "What Are the Gospels?: Religious Advertisements." pbs.org.; Will Jerom on Dydimos. J. Thomas. Review of Bart Ehrman book: *Misquoting Jesus*. August 22, 2008. <https://www.amazon.com/Misquoting-Jesus-Story-Behind-Changed/dp/0060859512>.  
 "We don't have any of the original manuscripts from the New Testament," Dydimos writes. "the earliest complete versions we do have are hundreds of



years removed from the originals. There are thousands of discrepancies in the manuscripts that are available to us . . . Some of these errors were unintentionally made by inexperienced scribes who mis-copied the texts. Other changes were made by well-meaning scribes who ‘corrected’ the texts they thought were in error. Still other scribes changed words and added passages to further a specific doctrine or to combat teachings they viewed as heretical.”

On the dating of the Gospels between 70-100 A.D. John Stevenson points out that “Acts is an obvious sequel to Luke and this would mean that Luke would have to be composed at an earlier date. Since Luke is thought by many to have segments where it quotes from both Matthew and Mark, this would push them also to an earlier composition. The problem grows in enormity when we have apostolic fathers quoting from the gospels just a few years later . . . this was before the era of . . . the printing press, so these works needed to have time to be hand copied and distributed around the ancient world so that they could be quoted.” Source: Stevenson, John. “Review of Cosmic Roots draft”, email to author, Aug 23, 2020.

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25. Aslan, pp. xxxiii, 36.; Losch, *All the People in the Bible.*; “Did Jesus have any brothers, sisters, or siblings?” bibleinfo.com. <https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/did-jesus-have-any-brothers-andor-sisters>. According to Scriptures, Jesus may have worked as a carpenter (Mark 6:3).
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27. Ehrman, “Do Paul and Jesus Represent Different Religions?” ehrmanblog.org.

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31. Sheehan, pp. 37, 64. Torah Law consisted of forty-one laws in the Covenant Code, seventy-eight additional in Deuteronomy, plus myriad regulations on sacrifices, feasts, and sex in Leviticus. (Exodus 20:3-23:33; Deut. Ch. 12-26; Lev. Ch. 17-26.) There were also extensive interpretations and regulations of "oral law," as emphasized by the Pharisees.
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33. Aslan, p. 97.
34. *Ibid*, pp. 97-8
35. *Ibid*, pp. 97-8
36. Ehrman, "Jesus' Claim to be the Messiah," [ehrmanblog.org](http://ehrmanblog.org).
37. "The Disciples," [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk); Aslan, pp. 97-8; Jacobson, [classroom.synonym.com](http://classroom.synonym.com).
38. Sheehan, p. 78.
39. Ehrman, "The Jewish Messiah," [ehrmanblog.org](http://ehrmanblog.org).
40. "Messianic Secret," [oxfordbiblicalstudies.com](http://oxfordbiblicalstudies.com); "Messianic Secret," [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org). "The literary explanation theory has it that Mark made a conscious effort to identify Jesus with Odysseus, a Greek hero with whom Mark's gentile audience would certainly have been familiar. Odysseus, on his return home, has to disguise his identity to avoid his enemies, and in Mark the messianic secret could serve the same purpose for Jesus."
41. *Berian Study Bible*, Bible Hub, [biblehub.com](http://biblehub.com). <https://biblehub.com/jeremiah/20-9.htm>.
42. Aslan, p. 3.
43. *Ibid*, pp. 73-76.
44. *Ibid*, p. 74.
45. *Ibid*, p. 230.
46. Taylor, [blogs.thegospelcoalition.org](http://blogs.thegospelcoalition.org).
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49. Josephus, p. 303. In "The Jewish War," Josephus gives us an eyewitness description of the Sanctuary: "The Sanctuary itself, the Holy temple, situated in the middle . . . seen from the front it was the same height and width, 150 feet each way . . . The first gate was 105 feet high (10 stories) and 37½ feet

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wide, it had no doors, this revealing . . . the vast expanse of heaven. The face was covered with gold all over . . . The Sanctuary was two stories high . . .”

50. John 2:14; Aslan, p. 74. According to the Book of Exodus (Exodus. 30:13), every Jewish adult male (over 20) must give a half-shekel to the Temple annually. Money changers are needed at the Temple outer court, as no foreign money is allowed in paying this Temple tax. Source: “Who Killed Jesus of Nazareth? The Money Changers.” [easy2surf.com](http://easy2surf.com).
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54. Ehrman, *How Jesus Became God*, p. 123; “Roman Crucifixion Methods Reveal the History of Crucifixion: Crucifixion in Antiquity,” [biblicalarcheology.org](http://biblicalarcheology.org).
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56. Geggel, Laura. “Jesus Wasn’t the Only Man to Be Crucified. Here’s the History Behind This Brutal Practice.” [livescience.com](http://livescience.com). Apr 19, 2019. <https://www.livescience.com/65283-crucifixion-history.html>. Retrieved Jun 25, 2021.;" Roman Crucifixion Methods Reveal the History of Crucifixion: Crucifixion in Antiquity,” [biblicalarcheology.org](http://biblicalarcheology.org).  
Flogging is a severe whipping which causes “severe pain, deep wounds and bleeding.”
57. Rabbi and writer Martin Lockshin questions whether “Jews” actually turned Y’shua in to Roman authorities to be killed. See: Lockshin, Martin. “Who Killed Jesus: From the Gospels to Nostra Aetate, how Jews were accused of deicide.” [myjewishlearning.com](http://myjewishlearning.com). <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/who-killed-jesus/>.  
“It is probably the case that the plaque that was nailed to the cross is one of the few clear pieces of historical evidence that we have, writes L. Michael White. “Precisely because it reflects a legitimate charge upon which the Romans would have called for execution . . . The plaque which sarcastically names him as Jesus, the *king* of the Jews, suggests that the charge on which he was executed was one of political insurrection — a threat to Pax Romana.” (My italics.) Source: White, “Arrest and Execution: Evidence of Crucifixion.” [pbs.org](http://pbs.org).

58. New International Bible. biblegateway.com. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2027%3A38&version=NIV>. Other versions of the Christian Bible refer to the two others crucified as “thieves.”
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60. “The Dating of the Gospels,” bc.edu.
61. “The Many Messiahs in Jerusalem,” [delancyplace.com](http://delancyplace.com).
62. Aslan, p. 174.
63. Ibid, p. 176. “Modern research on visions has shown that visions are almost always believed by the people which experience them.” Source: Ehrman, “Did Some Disciples Not Believe in the Resurrection?” [ehrmanblog.org](http://ehrmanblog.org).
64. As cited in Reno, R. R. “The Christian Passover” Review, *The Wall Street Journal*, April 15–16, 2017. Believed to be composed somewhere between the fifth and seventh centuries AD. Source: “Exultet” *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, catholic.com. <https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/exultet>.
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66. Aslan, p. 163. The first written story of a resurrection is attributed to the Sumerians: “*Inanna’s* Descent into the Nether World” — where *Enki* revives *Inanna’s* impaled corpse to life. Source: Kramer, *History Begins at Sumer*.
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68. Ehrman, “From Jewish Sect to Gentile Church,” [ehrmanblog.org](http://ehrmanblog.org).  
According to Christian tradition, the Apostles in particular paid a heavy price for their beliefs. Of the twelve, only one died a natural death. Others are said to have been crucified, flayed alive, sawn in pieces, slain with arrows, hung, or killed with a spear. Source: “Who were the 12 disciples?” [bibleinfo.com](http://bibleinfo.com).
69. Sheehan, p. 180; Aslan, pp. 136–7.
70. Long, [readingacts.com](http://readingacts.com).
71. Aslan, pp. 170, 263; Ehrman, “Do Paul and Jesus Represent Fundamentally Different Religions?” [ehrmanblog.org](http://ehrmanblog.org).  
“Matthew 13:55-56 names Jesus’ brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas and sisters (plural), so He had at least six siblings. “James is always named first when Jesus’ brothers are listed, which in his day likely meant that he was the eldest of the four.” Source: Myers, Jeannie. “Who Was James, Jesus’ Brother?” [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com). <https://www.biblestudytools.com/>

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73. White, "The Jesus Movement. The Resurrection," pbs.org.

## Chapter 12

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2. Aslan, p. 48. About 40 AD, half-mad Roman emperor Caligula declared himself a god and ordered a statue of himself be set up in the Jerusalem Temple. Herod Agrippa, then puppet king of Judaea, persuaded him to stay the order out of respect for the Jewish religion. Pious Jews realized the whims of a Roman emperor could desecrate the House of *YHWH* at any time. Their sense of powerlessness fed a growing revolutionary zeal. This from the writings of Philo. In Josephus' version, Caligula did not rescind the order, but Rome's Syrian Legate Publius Petronius delayed its implementation. Caligula's death ended the threat. Smallwood points out this is a "fairly-tale ending, chronologically incompatible with demonstrations in the early summer (since Gaius [Caligula] did not die till January 41)." Source: Josephus, *The Jewish War*, chapter 7, endnote 37, p. 429.
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5. Ibid, p. 51.
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7. Aslan, pp. 51-52; "Sicarii" jewishvirtuallibrary.org.; Horsley, jstor.org.
8. Jos. *BJ* 2. 254-56.; As cited in Horsley. A parallel account is found in Josephus, *Antiquities* (20.164-165).
9. Aslan, p. 52; Horsley, jstor.org.; Roth, commentarymagazine.com.
10. Josephus, *The Jewish War*, Ch. 8, endnote 2, p. 431.
11. Potok, pp. 278-9.
12. Josephus, *The Jewish War*, p. 149.
13. Ibid, p. 152. Was this vile act by Florus a ruse? Josephus argues that Florus had intended to drive the Jews to war to "divert attention from his own crimes." If so, it worked. Source: Josephus, *The Jewish War*, p. 150.
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16. Goldberg, josephus.org.
17. Ibid.
18. Gottheil & Krauss, "Gallus, Caius Cestius" jewishencyclopedia.com.; Goldberg, josephus.org.
19. Josephus, *The Jewish War*, p. 178.
20. Goldberg, josephus.org.; Lennartz, prezi.com.
21. Josephus. (War 2.20.1 556); Goldberg, josephus.org.
22. Tabor, "The Roman World of Jesus: An Overview," uncc.edu; McGoodwin, mcgoodwin.com.; "Timeline of the First Jewish-Roman War," Mansfield, gospelassembly.files.wordpress.com.
23. The Sicarii seized the "Herodian Fortress of Masada on a cliff overhanging the Dead Sea." They exterminated all the Roman troops there. In addition, Jews were slaughtered in Caesarea and killed in Syria. Anti-Jewish purges were conducted in "Scythopolis, Ascalon, Ptolemais, Tyre, etc." Jews also attack Jews. Sources: Roth, commentarymagazine.com.; McGoodwin, mcgoodwin.net.
24. Roth, commentarymagazine.com.
25. Josephus, *The Jewish War*, pp. 189, 194.
26. "Vespasian," jewishencyclopedia.com.
27. "Gamla – The Masada of the Golan," biblewalks.com.; Josephus, *The Jewish War*, p. 236.; "Chronology of the Jewish War, 66-74," livius.org.; Green, haaretz.com.
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29. Josephus, *The Jewish War*, pp. 242-243.
30. Tabor, "The Roman World of Jesus: An Overview," uncc.edu.
31. Josephus, *The Jewish War*, pp. 267-8.  
     The Romans opened their "campaigning season of 68 AD" with an attack on Gadara, capital of Peraea, in the Spring. Source: Josephus, *The Jewish War*, Ch, 15, endnote 20, p. 443 (text p. 267).  
     Vespasian then reconquered eastern areas, including Atipatris, the toparchy of Thamna, Lydda, Jamnia, Emmaus, the toparchy of Bethleptepha, and Idumaea. He also constructed camps in Jericho and Adida. "The encirclement of Jerusalem was complete." Source: Josephus, *The Jewish War*, p. 271, 3.
32. "Vespasian," jewishencyclopedia.com.
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45. According to Josephus, Simon was born in "Gerasa, a large Hellenistic city in Transjordan — a city of mixed population." Some modern scholars argue he was from "the village of Jerash in the neighborhood of Hartuv (Press, Erez, 1 (1951<sup>2</sup>), 174, S.V. *Geresesh*)." Others suggest "Kefar Jorish near Shechem. Since the word *giora* means proselyte in Aramaic, many scholars hold that his father was a convert to Judaism." Sources: "Simon Bar Giora," jewishvirtuallibrary.org.; Roth, commentarymagazine.com.
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70. Ibid; The Siege of Jerusalem (70 AD) — Romans at the Gates (Part1)," youtube.com.
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mid-May. Sources: Josephus, *The Jewish War*, Ch. 17, endnote 4, p. 446; "Chronology of the Jewish War, 66–74" livius.org.

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. . . [However] Paul certainly did not think that people should go about 'breaking' the law (committing adultery, or murder, or false witness, etc.)."

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 Pagan mystery religions featured secret initiations, a "mystical communion with their Deity, membership in a close-knit community, and a promise of immortality" — all similar to Christianity. There is "no clear direct influence of the mystery religions on early Christianity," writes scholar James Tabor, ". . . many non-Christians would have perceived Christians as members of an oriental Jewish mystery cult." Source: Tabor, *The Roman World of Jesus: An Overview*," uncc.edu.
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Post-second temple Pharisee leadership did not help the situation. In synagogues near the end of the first century, they read the following curse:

*For the apostates let there be no hope . . . Let the nozerim (Hebrew for Nazarene, i.e., Christian) and the minim (Hebrew for heretic) be destroyed i n a moment . . . Blessed art thou, O Lord, who humblest the arrogant.”* —  
Recited in synagogues c. 90 AD

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- Some Platonic Gnostics saw the dual aspects of Jesus as human and divine as mirroring Plato’s transient material world and the eternal realm of Forms. They also believed it was the Demiurge — Plato’s divine craftsman — who wrote Torah Law in ignorance.
50. Grant, p. 6.

51. Vermebrand, Mordechai and Ruth, Betzalel S. "The People of Israel - the history of 4000 years - from the days of the Forefathers to the Peace Treaty," 1981, pg. 95). As cited in en.wikipedia; Schiffman, myjewishlearning.com.
52. Here in Alexandria lived the great Hellenist Jewish philosopher Philo in the first century AD. He wrote dozens of books which attempted to reconcile Jewish faith with Greek philosophy. Source: "Philo Judaeus" *Encyclopedia Britannica*, britannica.com. Mar. 14, 2021, <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Philo-Judaeus>; <http://strangeside.com/philo-jewish-philosopher/>.
53. Conder, p. 59.
54. Hooker, jewishvirtuallibrary.org.
55. Naffziger, bustedhalo.com.; "The Origin of the Septuagint," biblearchaeology.org.
56. Smitha, "Hellenism and Jews." fsmitha.com.
57. Bart Ehrman writes: "a lot of ancient people believed there were multiple layers to the heavens [like the Sumerians] — not just Aristotelians, but also middle Platonists, Jewish apocalypticists, Christian Gnostics, and so on — with the highest being reserved for God himself." Source: Ehrman, "The Invention of Heaven and Hell" ehrmanblog.org.
58. Simanek, lockhaven.edu. According to Schadewald, flat Earthers included "Theophilus of Antioch, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Methodius, Theodore of Mopsuestia, John Chrysostom, Cyril of Jerusalem, Ephraim Syrus, Athanasius of Alexandria, Diodorus of Tarsus, Epiphanius of Salamis, Hilary of Poitiers, and Severianus of Gabala." Source: Schadewald, Robert. 1999 (Oct. 24, 16:15). "Re: Wells speech at Burlington Edison High School," USENET post to talk.origins, Message-Id <3.0.1.32.19991024161523.01174958@gold.tc.umn.edu>.

Followers of "eccentric English sectarian Lodowick Muggleton" reconstituted the idea of a flat earth in the 18th century. Some religious fundamentalists have since supported the notion. The Flat Earth Society, founded in 1956, proposes, amongst other things, that NASA's Apollo moon landings were a hoax. They're out there. Source: Science writer Robert J. Schadewald. As cited in "Flat Earth" by Donald E. Simanek; "On the Level?" *New York Times*. June 12, 1960. p. 2.

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1. The Roman Colosseum was built between 71 to 80 AD by emperors Vespasian and Titus. The massive oval amphitheater, the largest ever built in ancient times, is situated just east of the Forum. Its construction was funded

by plunder taken from the Jewish Temple during the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. It had four tiers of seats which could hold an estimated 50,000 people. In its prime, it held staged naval battles, animal hunts, death by beast, and gladiator contests. Source: Claridge et al., pp. 276–282.

2. Adams, Cecil. straight-dope.com.
3. Animals used in Roman amphitheaters included “rhinoceros, hippopotamuses, elephants, giraffes, aurochs (extinct species of large wild cattle), wisents (European bison), Barbary lions, panthers, leopards, bears, Caspian tigers, crocodiles, and ostriches.” Source: Claridge, pp. 276–282.
4. “Were Christians really thrown to the lions?” straightdope.com; Aptowicz, livescience.com.
5. Hopkins & Beard, p. 103; Mueller, smithsonianmag.com.

Most Christian executions were carried out at the Circus Maximus. Source: Brockman, Norbert C.). *Encyclopedia of Sacred Places [2 volumes]*. ABC-CLIO. September 13, 2011, p. 108.

Other “criminals” were condemned to the beasts in the Colosseum, as well as other amphitheaters across the empire. They included those captured in war, army deserters, poisoners, counterfeiters, those convicted of committing political crimes, instigators of uprisings (executed by beast or crucified depending on social standing), and kidnappers of children for ransom. It was common for those condemned to the beasts to attempt suicide rather than face being eaten alive. Sources: *The Civil Law* sps11, 15; Aptowicz, livescience.com.

6. Moss, p. 129; Bigsby, Melinda. Review of Moss, Candida. *The Myth etc.* in Amazon.com; Malik, theconversation.com. Nov. 21, 2016.
7. Moss, p. 15. “Recent scholarship has shown” that over the first three centuries or so centuries of Christianity’s existence, martyrdoms were “relatively rare.” Christian theologian Origen of Alexandria (c. 184–c. 253), “one of the best-travelled” Christian scholars, wrote: “Only small number of people, easily counted have died for the Christian religion.” Source: *Against Celsus* 8; trans. Henry Chadwick, Origen: *Contra Celsum* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1953). As cited in Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 157.
8. Moss, pp. 14,16. Beginning in the early seventeenth century, the Society of Bollandists and subsequent generations of Dutch, German, Italian, and French scholars spent the next three centuries studying a “sixty-eight volume collection of texts and commentary about the saints.” They determined that “only a handful of stories were historically reliable. The rest had been thoroughly edited or simply made up.” Source: Moss, pp. 16, 88.

9. "The myth of constant persecution largely stems from two works written in the early fourth century A.D., *On the Deaths of the Persecutors* by Lactantius, a Christian professor of Latin, and the *Church History* of Eusebius, bishop of Caesarea, now in modern-day Israel." Sources: Malik, [theconversation.com](http://theconversation.com).; Moss, p. 216.
10. Tacitus. *Annals*, 15.44. As cited in Lendering, [livius.org](http://livius.org).
11. "Religion: Public Display and Private Practice," [romansinfocus.com](http://romansinfocus.com).
12. Moss, Candida. pp. 175, 180. As for the post-second Temple Jews, archeological evidence indicates that "although they did not participate in imperial processions," Jews did "accord the emperor certain honors — inscriptions dedicated to the well-being of the emperor, for instance." Source: Moss, Candida. Ch. 5, endnote 12, p. 286.
13. Moss, pp. 166, 174.
14. Jackson, Dean. Review of Candida Moss, *The Myth etc.* in [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). June 23, 2014.
15. Moss, pp. 144, 181–2.
16. Tertullian. *Apology*, Ch III. [earlychristianwritings.com](http://earlychristianwritings.com).
17. Dio, Epitome of Book LXVIII (68). [uchicago.edu](http://uchicago.edu).
18. Ferguson, [christianitytoday.com](http://christianitytoday.com).
19. Pliny, [georgetown.edu](http://georgetown.edu).
20. Ferguson, [christianitytoday.com](http://christianitytoday.com).; Pliny, [georgetown.edu](http://georgetown.edu).; Moss, pp. 140–143.
21. Dio, Epitome of Book LXIX (69), [uchicago.edu](http://uchicago.edu).; "Ancient Rome: The Fall of Rome," [ducksters.com](http://ducksters.com).
22. Frend, [christianhistoryinstitute.org](http://christianhistoryinstitute.org).; Ferguson, [christianitytoday.com](http://christianitytoday.com). "This order of Hadrian was attached by the Christian apologist Justin Martyr to the end of his *First Apology*, c. 155."
23. Salah, [historum.com](http://historum.com).
24. *Ibid.*
25. *Ibid.*
26. *Ibid*, Hartwell, [hauburn.tripod.com](http://hauburn.tripod.com). His source: Mitchell, S., 'Legio VII and the garrison of Augustan Galatia' *CQ* 26 (1976), pp. 298–308.
27. Salah, [historum.com](http://historum.com)
28. *Ibid.*
29. Cassius Dio wrote that the Bar-Kokhba revolt was sparked by Hadrian's decision to remake Jerusalem into a pagan city with a temple to Jupiter constructed in the Holy City on the site of the Second Temple. Eusebius, on the other hand, claimed that this Hadrian's decision was the "result of the war rather than the cause." Source: Kerstein, [worldhistory.org](http://worldhistory.org).

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30. "Ancient Jewish History: The Bar-Kokhba Revolt," jewishvirtuallibrary.org.; Kerstein, worldhistory.org.
31. "Ancient Jewish History: The Bar-Kokhba Revolt," jewishvirtuallibrary.org.; Kerstein, worldhistory.org. In 1960's, several letters from Bar-Kokhba were found in a cave in the Judean desert (the "Cave of Letters") which it seems "houses refugees from the revolt." His name appears as Shimon Ben-Cosiba.
32. Spiro, aish.com.
33. Kerstein, worldhistory.org.
34. Ibid.
35. Ibid.
36. Mishnah Taanit 4:6; Dio, Epitome of Book LXIX (69), uchicago.edu.; Kerstein, worldhistory.org. According to Eusebius, Aelia Capitolina was "colonized by foreigners," though small communities of Jews continued to live in the region.
37. Herodian. *Roman History*, vi.7.10.
38. Dio, Epitome of Book LXXX (80), uchicago.edu.
39. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*. p. 17; Mark, "The Crisis of the Third Century," worldhistory.org.
40. Hekster, p. 31; Le Bohec, p. 196.
41. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 17.; Mark, "The Crisis of the Third Century," worldhistory.org.
42. As cited in Johnkansas. Review of Moss, *The Myth etc.*, Amazon.com. Nov. 25, 2014
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44. Moss, p. 147.
45. Frend, p. 319.
46. Moss, p. 148.; Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 203. According to Moss, persecutions were particularly intense in the North Africa area. A number of Christian reneged to save their lives. When they later tried to rejoin Christian churches, there was significant "friction and tension in Carthage."
47. Moss, p. 151.
48. Moss, pp. 152, 258.
49. Regarding the martyrdom accounts of deaths from 257 to 259, the "content is of dubious origin." Moss, p. 153.

The Crisis of the Third Century threatened the survival of the Roman Empire. The Sassanids under King Shāpūr I routed emperor Valerian at the Battle of Edessa in 260. The Persians took Valerian captive — the first time in Rome’s military history an emperor had been taken prisoner. That same year, Rome’s western provinces of Gaul, Britannia, Germania, and (briefly) Hispania broke off to form the Gallic Empire. Seven year later, Queen Zenobia of Palmyra conquered Rome’s eastern provinces of Syria Palaestina, Egypt, Arabia Petraea, and large parts of Asia Minor. What remained of the Roman Empire was confined to southern Europe, North Africa, and a part of Asia Minor. (See Fig. N15.1.) Sources: Kerrigan, *britannica.com.*; Aurelius Victor (c. 320–c. 390 33.8; Eutropius (Later half of fourth century) 9.9.1.



**Figure N15.1.** Break-up of Roman Empire around 271 AD.

Emperor Aurelian (270-275) reunited the Roman Empire. In a series of brilliant campaigns, he defeated the Vandals, the Visigoths, and Zenobia and her Palmyrene Empire. He then vanquished the Sassanids, and finally the forces of the remaining Gallic Empire at the battle of Battle of Châlons in late 274. Source: “Aurelian,” *britannica.com.*

50. Nakamura, *jstor.org.*; Wasson, “Diocletian,” *wordlhistory.org.*
51. Wasson, “Diocletian,” *wordlhistory.org.*
52. Bissel, *nytimes.com.*; Sherrard, p. 16.

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53. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 205. Diocletian may have been spurred on by “neo-Platonic philosopher Porphyry” and his “vitriolic polemic” in his book *Against the Christians*.
54. Eusebius wrote that “no buildings were destroyed at all.” Source: Moss, p. 156. According to Moss, “the dating of the ‘Great Persecution’ depends a great deal on the evidence provided by later Christian writers. See Moss, Ch. 4, endnote 3, p. 278.
55. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 205.
56. Moss, p. 157.
57. The first edict also denied Christians “the right to either petition the courts or respond to legal actions brought against them,” making them potential subjects for judicial torture Sources: Moss, pp. 155–157; Eusebius, *Historia Ecclesiastica* 8.6.10; Barnes, p. 24.
58. Moss, p. 158. “Curiously, the fourth edict is not discussed by Christian writers in Lactantius, or Eusebius *Church History*. Eusebius does mention it in *Martyrs of Palestine*. Source: Malik & Davenport, theconversation.com.
59. “Bible things in Bible Ways, 2000 years of Christianity: what happened?” biblethingsandbibleways.com.

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1. Eusebius of Caesarea. Book 1, Ch. 1 Preface.
2. Wasson, “Diocletian,” wordlhistory.org.
3. Sherrard, p. 17.; Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 21. A brief summary: In April of 307, Maxentius defeated Severus, who he later executed. Constantine moved up to emperor in the West with Maxentius as his vice-emperor. A year later, Galerius convinced Diocletian to name Maxentius as a usurper. Galerius then proclaimed his friend Licinius emperor of the West. Constantine refused demotion to vice-emperor. Galerius died in 311, as did Diocletian. A year later, Constantine defeated Maxentius at the Battle of Milvian Bridge. Maxentius drowned in the Tiber. Licinius in turn defeated Maximinus Daia in April of 313. Daia died that August. Constantine would be victorious over Licinius in 324 AD, as we shall see.
4. Drijvers, pp. 9, 15–17.
5. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 217–18.; Barnes, pp. 73–74; Lenski, p. 60.; Odahl, pp. 72, 301.
6. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 23.; Ferguson, christianitytoday.com.
7. Ferguson, christianitytoday.com.
8. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 28.

9. "Constantine's heavenly vision before the battle of Milvian Bridge in 312 as found in *Lactantius Liber Mortibus Persecutorum XLIV*" earlychurchtexts.com. [https://earlychurchtexts.com/public/lactantius\\_constantine\\_heavenly\\_vision.htm](https://earlychurchtexts.com/public/lactantius_constantine_heavenly_vision.htm).
10. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 25, 28.
11. Eusebius, *Life of Constantine*, 1:28. As cited in Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 26–7.
12. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 25.
13. Zosimus. *Historia Nova*. Translated by R.T. Ridley. (Canberra: Byzantina Australiensia, 1982) pp. 2.16.2–4.; Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 21.

Renowned eighteenth-century English historian Edward Gibbon argued against the miraculous cross in the sky story (chapter XX. P. 649, footnote 48). He points out that Eusebius tells the tale in his *Life of Constantine* but not in his *History*. The bishop wrote that the cross appeared some eleven years later in Constantine's campaign against Licinius. In addition, Gibbon notes, "Ecclesiastical writers of the 4th and 5th century were unaware of the story." Source: Sullivan, Terry. "The Church of the Empire versus the Christian church of North Africa: 312–430 AD" 2008. <http://www.radical-christianpress.org/Pages/ConstantinesMiracle.aspx>; Gerberding R. and J.H. Moran Cruz. *Medieval Worlds*. (New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004) p. 55; cf. Eusebius, *Life of Constantine*; Sherrard, p. 93. In 310 AD, an anonymous orator told of a recent vision where the sun god Apollo — Sol Invictus ("Unconquered Sun"), the official sun god of the later Roman Empire — appeared to Constantine. Some scholars suggest this vision some two years before the Battle of Milvian Bridge later came to be "remembered" by Constantine as a vision of Christ. Source: Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 29.

14. Kipfing, persee.fr.
15. From Lactantius, *De Mort. Pers.* Ch. 34, 35. Opera, ed. O. F. Fritzsche, II, p. 273. (Bibl. Patt. Ecc. Lat. XI, Leipzig, 1844.) As cited in Halsall, Sourcebooks, fordham.edu.
16. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 245; Sherrard, p. 18; Malik & Davenport, theconversation.com.

The only extant copies of the edict are "those posted by Licinius in the eastern part of the empire." Source: Nicol & Matthews, britannica.com.

17. From Lactantius, *De Mort. Pers.*, Ch. 48. opera, ed. O. F. Fritzsche, II, p 288 sq. (Bibl Patr. Ecc. Lat. XI). As cited in Halsall, sourcebooks.fordham.edu.

The Edict of Milan was actually a letter written in Bithynia after the meeting in Milan between Licinius and Constantine. The former published the



- letter and sent it to “provincial governors in the East.” Source: Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 219.
18. Drake, Harold A. *Constantine and the Bishops: The Politics of Intolerance* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins, 2002), p. 194. As cited in Ehrman. *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 220.
  19. *Lactantius, Venantius* (1871), “De Mortibus Persecutorum” [Of the Manner in Which the Persecutors Died: Chapters XLV–XLVIII], *The Works of Lactantius*, translated by William Fletcher. As cited in en:wikipedia.
  20. DiMaio, roman-emperors.org.; Chisholm, p. 587.
  21. Sherrard, pp. 18, 93; Gerberding, p. 55; Nicol & Matthews, britannica.com.; Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 35.; Ehrman, “Constantine and Christianity,” ehrmanblog.org.
  22. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 14, 277.
  23. Sherrard, p. 94.
  24. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 37, 227.
  25. Constantine letter cited in Eusebius, *Life of Constantine* 1.64-72. As cited in Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 226.
  26. Ehrman, “The Controversies about Christ: Arius and Alexander,” ehrmanblog.com.
  27. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity* book, p. 223. Ehrman on the Arian view: “In eternity past. God existed alone. He then, prior to the creation of the universe, begot a Son, a second divine being, who, since he was begotten of God, was secondary and subservient to him, as a son to a father.” Alexander, on the other hand, argued that God the father and Christ, his co-equal the Son, had both existed for eternity past.
  28. Schaff, Philip, earlychurch.org.uk; Schaff, David Schley, Section 120; “Who Killed Jesus of Nazareth? Easy2surf.com.
  29. Despite Constantine’s attempts at unity, Arianism continued to attract converts after the Council of Nicaea — including later emperors. Source: Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 227.
  30. “Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Christianity and its Persecution of Heretics,” heretication.info.
  31. Ehrman. *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 269. Constantine’s laws decreed that any Jew who attacked another Jew for converting to Christianity was to be burned to death; and to confiscate the property of any Christian who converted to Judaism. (Theodosian Code 16.8.1 and 16.8.8). Source: Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 269, 276.
  32. “Who Killed Jesus of Nazareth?” easy2surf.com.; Constantine also forbade Jews from proselytizing and barred them from circumcising their slaves. They were not allowed in Jerusalem except on the anniversary of the destruction of Herod’s Temple in 70 AD (*Tisha B’Av*). Source: Lazare, p. 72.

33. Nicol & Matthews, *britannica.com*.  
 “Ostensibly, gladiatorial games were prohibited by Constantine in AD 325 (*Theodosian Code*, XV.12) and the remaining schools closed by Honorius in AD 399. They continued, in one form or another, until AD 404, when Honorius finally abolished [them] altogether, prompted, says Theodoret (*Ecclesiastical History*, V.26), by the death of a monk, Telemachus, who had entered the arena, endeavoring to stop the fight, and was stoned to death by the indignant crowd.” Source: “Essays on the History and Culture of Rome: The Roman Gladiator,” *penelope.uchicago.edu*. [https://penelope.uchicago.edu/~grout/encyclopaedia\\_romana/gladiators/gladiators.html](https://penelope.uchicago.edu/~grout/encyclopaedia_romana/gladiators/gladiators.html). Retrieved Jun 28, 2021.
34. *Ibid*; *Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae*, archived from the original on 20 July 20, 2012, retrieved 5 February 2016; Carrié & Rousselle, *L’Empire Romain*, p. 659.
35. Britain, *biblehub.com*.; Nicol & Matthews, *britannica.com*.: Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 238, 9.
36. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 6.
37. For a counter-argument on Christian versus pagan charity, see Carrier, Richard. “Christians Did Not Invent Charity and Philanthropy.” *richardcarrier.info*. May 24, 2017.
38. Sherrard, p. 18.
39. Nicol & Matthews, *britannica.com*.; Wasson, “Constantinople,” *worldhistory.org*.; Odahl, p. 180; Sherrard, p. 18.
40. Sherrard, pp. 31–2.
41. *Ibid*, p. 33.
42. *Ibid*, p. 37; Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 229.
43. Sherrard, pp. 34, 96; Wasson, “Constantinople,” *wordlhistory.org*.; Simons, *nytimes.com*.
44. Wasson, “Constantinople,” *wordlhistory.org*.; Lendering, “Greek Byzantium,” *livius.org*.
45. Nicol & Matthews, *britannica.com*.; Wasson, “Constantinople,” *wordlhistory.org*.; Odahl, p. 180; Sherrard, p. 18.
46. Cohen, “Legitimization Under Constantine: The Path to Victory,” *pbs.org*.  
 The Protestant reformation came too late. There was no more room for their denominations inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Anglican Protestants believe the Tomb of Jesus to be in the Garden tomb outside the Old City near the Damascus gate.
47. “St. Helena,” *britannica.com*.; Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 232.
48. Lazare, p. 72; Cohen, “Legitimization Under Constantine: The Path to Victory,” *pbs.org*.

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49. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 32–35, 76.
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51. Barnes. *Constantine and Eusebius* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1984). As cited in Albert Noyer, Amazon Review, April 11, 2000.
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54. Ibid, pp. 38, 135, 242; Sherrard, pp. 55–6.
55. “Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Christianity and its Persecution of Heretics,” heretication.info.
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Hannam writes: “When Constantine made Christianity the official religion, the Roman Empire remained just as much of a military despotism as it ever was. It was not until Theodosius was reprimanded by Archbishop Ambrose that some of the Emperors’ megalomaniac proclivities were to be at all circumscribed by Christianity and even then, not by much.” Source: Hannam, James. “Did Early Christians Destroy Pagan Literature?” jameshannam.com. 2007. <https://jameshannam.com/literature.htm>. Retrieved Oct 15, 2020.
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58. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 270.
59. “Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Christianity and its Persecution of Heretics,” heretication.info.
60. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 242.
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68. Ibid, p. 283.
69. Ibid, p. 253. Ehrman argues that, given the relentless rate of growth of Christianity, it would have come to dominate the Roman Empire even without Constantine's conversion.
70. Ehrman, "The Conversion of Constantine and Beyond," ehrmanblog.org.
71. Ibid,; Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, pp. 4, 5.
72. Ehrman, *The Triumph of Christianity*, p. 177.
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74. "The Islamic Empire did not begin to appropriate Greek knowledge until the eighth century CE. Their first sources of Greek scientific and philosophical works were those that had been translated into Syriac by Nestorian Christians, within the Persian Empire. Their second, and major, source was Byzantium, the Eastern Empire, which was Christian. By the eighth century there began the first low level returns of Greek astronomical knowledge into Europe during the Carolingian Renaissance in the form of calendrical and computus studies." Source: Christie, "The Copernican Revolution 101" thony-nyc.wordpress.com.

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6. Crone, [opendemocracy.net](http://opendemocracy.net); Stewart, p. 15.; "Muhammad — Script," [pbs.org](http://pbs.org).
7. Stewart, p. 14.
8. Lambert, p. 287.

The Qur'ân originated with the first Caliph, Abu Bakr, who "ordered scribes to write down the story of Mohammad as told to them by his followers." Source: Nicolle, p. 61.

"The Qur'an was a living text during the lifetime of Muhammad. Certain verses revealed to Muhammad were later repudiated by him as 'satanic' verses revealed not by Gabriel but by Satan. These verses were expunged from the text that so many had memorized." Source: "The Rise and Development of Islam," [iun.edu](http://iun.edu).

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Muhammad's father Abdullah — a man of modest means — had died shortly before his birth. He lost his mother when he was six years old. An impoverished orphan, he was taken in and raised by his maternal uncle, Abu Talib, leader of the clan of Hāshim. Source: Stewart, p. 14.; “Muhammad — Script,” pbs.org.

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It "today bears the *title Nicolai Copernici de hypothesibus motuum coelestium a se constitutis commentariolus* (roughly translated: *Nicolas Copernicus' short commentary on his hypothesis about the movement of the celestial bodies*) . . . three manuscripts are known to exist today. None of them, however,

in Copernicus's own handwriting. There is almost no direct evidence for the existence of this document in the sixteenth century and almost everything that we can say about its origin, its distribution and its impact is based on reasonable, speculative interpretation of indirect evidence." Source: Christie, Thony. "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part VI," [thonyc.wordpress.com](http://thonyc.wordpress.com).

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## Chapter 22

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 "Tartaglia applied mathematics to the problem of projectile motion . . . his [student], Giambattista Benedetti (1530–1590) . . . wrote and published in total three works on the subject that went a long way towards the theory that Galileo would eventually publish . . . He argued that . . . two objects of the same material but different weights would fall at the same speed . . . In Italy the Dominican priest Domingo de Soto (1494–1560) correctly stated that a body falls with a constant, uniform acceleration. In his *Opus novum* . . . (1570), Gerolamo Cardano (1501–1576) demonstrates that two balls of different sizes will fall from a great height in the same time. The humanist poet and historian, Benedetto Varchi (c. 1502–1565) in 1544 and Giuseppe Moletti (1531–1588), Galileo's predecessor as professor of mathematics in Padua, in 1576 both reported that bodies of different weights fall at the same speed . . . as did Jacopo Mazzoni (1548–1598), a philosopher at Padua and friend of Galileo, in 1597. However, none of them explained how they arrived at their conclusions. . . . Girolamo Borro (1512–1592), one of Galileo's teachers in Pisa, [reported] experiments in which he threw objects of different material and the same weights out of a high window to test Aristotle's theory . . . Borro's work is known to have had a strong influence on Galileo's early work in this area . . . In 1586, Simon Stevin (1548–1620) "dropped lead balls of different weights from the thirty-foot-high church tower in Delft" in the Netherlands. He "determined empirically that they accelerated 'at the same speed, arriving at the ground at the same time.'"
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Four European astronomers observed the transit of Mercury across the Sun on November 7, 1631; Johann Rudrauf, Johann Baptist Cysat, Pierre Gassendi, and an unknown astronomer who "observed it from Ingolstadt." Using Kepler's Rudolphine Tables, amateur astronomers Jeremiah Horrocks and William Crabtree observed the transit of Venus across the Sun on November 24, 1639. That same year, "Italian Jesuit astronomer Giovanni Battista Zupi observed the orbital phases of Mercury." Source: Christie, "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXXI," [thonyc.wordpress.com](http://thonyc.wordpress.com).

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The complaints were regarding Galileo's Letter to Castelli (1613), which was "the basis of his subsequent letter to Grand Duchess Christina." Source: Finocchiaro, Maurice (1989). *The Galileo Affair*. (London, England: Univ. of California Press.1989). As cited in en:wikipedia.

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Controversy surrounds the unsigned injunction of 1616. It was discovered in Vatican archives in 1870. Richard J. Blackwell, emeritus professor of philosophy at St. Louis University, and others argued that the injunction of 1616 is perhaps not real. The late Thomas. F. Mayer Professor Emeritus of History at Augustana College, refuted this claim. He argued (in my opinion correctly) that it is "most probability" that the decree was very much real. And that "Galileo did receive the precept, probably in the strongest form." The issue has been called out by some historians as critical in the subsequent trial of Galileo in 1633. Sources: Blackwell, nd.edu.; Mayer, jstor.org.; "Galileo Trial:1616 Documents," douglasallchin.net.; Jauch, cds.cern.ch.

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 On October 2, 1611 at a banquet at the court of Cosimo II, "Galileo debated floating bodies with a philosophy professor from Pisa." Cardinal Maffeo Barberini was in attendance. He "publicly took Galileo's side."
24. Hawking, *A Brief History of Time*, p. 179.
25. Blackwell, nd.edu.; Mayer, [jstor.org](http://jstor.org).
26. Crowe, p. 158.
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 In *Dialogo*, "there were frequent disclaimers throughout the text of the hypothetical nature of Copernicanism." Source: Scotti, p. 242.
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 Galileo's *Dialogo* was "a four-day discussion set in Venice between Filippo Salviati, Geovanfrancesco Sagredo, and an Aristotelian professor called Simplicio. The first two were friends of Galileo now long dead. . .



- Simplicio was a fictional character most likely named after the Greek philosopher and commentator on Aristotle of the sixth century AD, Simplicius of Cilicia.” Source: Scotti, p. 231.
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  33. Scotti, p. 242.
  34. Quote from Scotti, p. 243.
  35. Galileo, *Dialogo*, pp. 113–14. As cited in Scotti, p. 244.
  36. Sobel, pp. 7, 145 Through Salviati, Galileo also described the behavior of sunspots over the seasons. Sunspots appear to move in an annual pattern, curving upward for half the year and curving downward for the other half. This, Galileo explained is due to the tilt of the Earth’s rotational axis with respect to its orbit around the Sun; causing the apparent path of sunspots. Thus additional evidence for a Sun-centered solar system.
  37. Hannam, p. 37.
  38. Why don’t we feel the change in direction of a spinning Earth? Look at the sky on a clear night. That oh so slow wheeling of the stars around the pole star is really the earth spinning. Let’s calculate it: Earth’s surface rotation speed at the equator is given as about 1000 miles per hour relative to its center. The circumference of the Earth is about 24,900 miles at the equator. The change in direction over one hour is: (1000 miles – 360 degrees) divided by 24,900 miles. This equals some 14 degrees. And 14 degrees in one hour is about 0.004 degrees per second of time — a change in direction at the surface of the Earth that is so slow we don’t feel it.
  39. Hannam, pp. 186–7. Nonetheless, Oresme rejected the idea of a moving Earth because of Psalm 93:1: “Yea, the World is established, that it cannot be moved.”
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in helping Galileo trick the censors and had read the manuscript of the *Dialogo*, telling Barberini that it fulfilled his conditions. His banishment was a major disaster for Galileo." Source: Christie, Thony. "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXVII," thonyc.wordpress.com.

42. Ohanian, p. 51.
43. Sobel, pp. 191–196, 225.
44. Blackwell, nd.edu.
45. "Galileo Galilei," pbs.org.
46. Gaul, Simon. *Malta, Gozo, and Comino*. (Wahroonga, Au: New Holland, 2007) p. 325.
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52. Linder, "Trial of Galileo (1633)," famous-trials.com.
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79. Jauch, [cds.cern.ch](https://cds.cern.ch).
80. Sobel, pp. 191–280, 317; Brody & Brody, p. 339.  
Christie: "The impact was much more minimal than is usually implied in all the popular presentations. Outside of Italy these actions of the Church had almost no impact whatsoever, even in other Catholic countries." Source: Christie, "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXVII," [thonyc.wordpress.com](https://thonyc.wordpress.com).
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"The work summarized in the *Discorsi* was mostly carried out in the middle period of Galileo's life between 1589 and 1616." Source: Christie, "Galileo's the 12th most influential person in Western History — Really?" [thonyc.wordpress.com](https://thonyc.wordpress.com).
84. "Galileo Galilei," [st-andrews.ac.uk](https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk).  
Galileo rolled balls "down a smooth, wooden channel in an inclined plane that had been oiled to remove friction. He argued by analogy the results that he achieved by slowing down the acceleration by using an inclined plane were equivalent to those that would be obtained by dropping the balls

vertically . . . He released one ball at a time and timed them separately thus eliminating the synchronicity problem. Also, he was able with a water clock to time the balls with sufficient accuracy to make the necessary mathematical calculations. He put the laws of falls on a sound empirical and mathematical footing." Source: Christie, Thony. "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXIX," thonyc.wordpress.com.

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## Chapter 24

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2. Sobel, p. 89.
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4. Christianson, p. 36.
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 Though his scientific methodology was steeped in metaphysics, Descartes advocated science based on observation and experiment, For a comprehensive discussion of the physics of Descartes, see: Slowik, Edward, “Descartes’ Physics”, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2017 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2017/entries/descartes-physics/>.
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16. Brody & Brody, p. 41.
17. Christianson, pp. 5, 6.
18. *Ibid*, p. 7
19. Hatch, “Newton Timeline,” [ufl.edu](http://ufl.edu).; “Isaac Newton,” [gap-system.org](http://gap-system.org).
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23. Christianson, p. 13.

24. "Newton's Life and Work at a Glance," newtonproject.ox.ac.uk.; Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton," ufl.edu.; "Isaac Newton," gap-system.org.
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Newton suffered from an apparent mental breakdown in 1692–93. Some have argued it may have been mercury (or lead) poisoning in his alchemy investigations. Christianson tells us that "researchers . . . obtained samples of Newton's hair (and) spectrographic analysis revealed . . . high concentrations of lead and mercury." Yet other symptoms of mercury poisoning were not present. "Most important of all, perhaps, is Newton's exceedingly rapid and seemingly complete recovery . . ." The only other mental disturbance to be documented with certainty occurred in 1664, well before alchemy had entered his life."

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From 1664 to 1669, Newton spent roughly the first two and a half years on mathematics and last three and a half on physics. He was home at home in Woolsthorpe for two periods: 1) some eight months from early July 1665

to March 1666. and 2) ten months from July 1666 to April 1667. He returned to Trinity in the interim. Sources: Christie, Thony. "Annus Mythologicus," thonyc.wordpress.com.; Levenson, newyorker.com.; Christianson, pp. 72, 3.

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45. This was Newton's *De Analysi per Aequationes Infinitas* (On Analysis by Infinite Series), published in 1711. Source: Christianson, p. 122.
46. Newton also "performed experiments to measure gravity's pull." Source: Levenson, newyorker.com.

As noted, the Great One also made breakthroughs in mechanics in the 1660's. He studied the principle of inertia of Descartes and derived what we now call the law of conservation of momentum (as did Huygens). He also investigated the dynamics of rotating motion. Source: Westfall, jstor.org.

47. Christie, "Annus Mythologicus," thonyc.wordpress.com.

Newton's full statement: "*In the beginning of the year 1665 I found the Method of approximating series & the Rule for reducing any dignity of any Binomial into such a series. The same year in May I found the method of Tangents of Gregory & Slusius, & in November had the direct method of fluxions & the next year in January had the Theory of Colours & in May following I had entrance into ye inverse method of fluxions. And the same year I began to think of gravity extending to ye orb of the Moon & having found out how to estimate the force with wch [a] globe revolving within a sphere presses the surface of the sphere from Kepler's rule of the periodic times of the Planets being in sesquialterate proportion of their distances from the center of their Orbs, I deduced that the forces wch keep the Planets in their Orbs must [be] reciprocally as the squares of their distances from the centres about wch they revolve: & thereby compared the force requisite to keep the Moon in her Orb with the force of gravity at the surface of the earth, & found them answer pretty nearly. All this was in the two plague years of 1665–1666.*" Source: University Library Cambridge, Addendum Manuscript, Cambridge, England. 3968.41, f. 85<sup>r</sup>. As cited in Christianson, pp. 73, 4.

48. Newton, Isaac. "A Letter of Mr. Isaac Newton ... containing his New Theory about Light and Colors" *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, No 80 (19 Feb. 1671/2), pp. 3075–3087. Published online: Jan. 2003. <http://www.newtonproject.ox.ac.uk/view/texts/normalized/NATP00006>.
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52. Fowler, physics.virginia.edu.; *The Correspondence of Isaac Newton*. Eds. H. W. Turnbull, J. F. Scott, A. R. Hall, and Laura Tilling. 7 vols. Cambridge, England, 1959–77. 1:53–54. As cited in Christianson, p. 151.
53. Fara, royalsocietypublishing.org.
54. Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton," ufl.edu.
55. Christianson, p. 172.
56. *Ibid*, p. 94.; Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton," ufl.edu.
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Under Newton's guidance, J.T. Desaguliers of the Royal Society repeated several of his optical experiments in 1715 to "a distinguished company of French savants." The first truly independent experiments were conducted by "Sebastien Tucket, a Carmelite brother and honorary member of the Académie Royale" in 1721. Source: Christianson, p. 559.

58. Wilson, Raymond N. *Reflecting Telescope Optics: Basic Design Theory and Its Historical Development* (Berlin: Springer, 2004); Fara, royalsocietypublishing.org.

Christie writes: "Although the theory that a curved mirror can focus an image was already known to Hero of Alexandria in antiquity and also discussed by Leonardo in his unpublished writings; as far as we know, the first person to attempt to construct a reflecting telescope was the Italian Jesuit Niccolò Zucchi . . . He was very disappointed with the result as the image was just a blur . . . Zucchi had stumbled on a problem that was to bedevil all the early attempts to construct a reflecting telescope. Mirrors that don't distort the image are much harder to grind and polish than lenses. . . The first to solve this problem was Isaac Newton, proving that he was as skilled a craftsman as he was a great thinker. Source: Christie, "The Jesuit Mirror Man" thonyc.wordpress.com.

59. Fowler, physics.virginia.edu.; "Isaac Newton," gap-system.org.  
Scientists did not yet know of the coupling of lenses of different glass materials (thus different refractive indices) to minimize chromatic aberration.
60. Christianson, p. 147.
61. Soffar, Heba. "What are advantages & disadvantages of Refracting Telescopes?" online-sciences.com. April 6, 2019. <https://www.online-sciences.com>.



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ences.com/technology/what-is-advantages-and-disadvantages-of-refracting-telescopes/.

62. Fara, royalsocietypublishing.org.
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64. Christianson, p. 152.
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66. When Newton declared "his intention to resign from the Royal Society, Henry Oldenburg (c. 1619–1677), secretary of the Royal Society, offered to waive Newton's membership fees if he would stay. Newton stayed but had little or nothing more to do with the society till after Hooke's death in 1703." Source: Christie, Thony. "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXXIX," thonyc.wordpress.com.
67. "Isaac Newton," gap-system.org.; Newton, Isaac. *Opticks* (1704).
68. Christianson, p. 445.; Hall, newton.ac.uk. Hall writes: "The book was still imperfect: the colours of diffraction defeated Newton."
69. "Opticks, Isaac Newton's Theory of Light and Color . . ." historyofinformation.com. <https://www.historyofinformation.com/detail.php?id=1724>. Retrieved Jan 23, 2021. Newton wrote his two mathematical treatises "to establish his priority over Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz in the invention of the calculus."
 

"Other earlier work in mathematics began to appear in print, including a work on algebra, "Arithmetica Universalis" in 1707 and "De Analysisi" and a tract on finite differences, "Methodis differentialis" in 1711." Source: "Isaac Newton," plato.stanford.edu.

"In an effort to give calculus a more rigorous explication and framework, Newton compiled in 1671 the *Methodus Fluxionum et Serierum Infinitarum*." It was not published until 1736, nine years after his death in 1727. Source: Eves, Howard. *An introduction to the history of mathematics, 6th ed.* (Independence, KY: Cengage Learning, 1990) p. 400.
70. Smith, William *et al.* "Isaac Newton: Math and Calculus," storyofmathematics.com. [https://www.storyofmathematics.com/17th\\_newton.html](https://www.storyofmathematics.com/17th_newton.html). Retrieved Jan 23, 2020.
71. Review of draft chapter by Paul Heckert, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy at Western Carolina University, June 5, 2021.
72. Christianson, p. 82.
73. Brody & Brody, p. 42.
74. Brody & Brody, p. 46.
75. Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton," ufl.edu.
76. Christianson, p. 80.
77. "Isaac Newton," gap-system.org.

78. Newton's estimate for the size of the Earth was also incorrect. According to physician Henry Pemberton, editor of Newton's Third edition of the *Principia*, "(Newton) took the common estimate . . . that 60 English miles were contained in one degree of latitude on the surface of the earth. But . . . each degree containing about 69½ of our miles . . ." Some twenty years later, the measurements of French astronomer Jean-Félix Picard provided an accurate measure for the size of the Earth. Source: Christianson, pp. 78–79, 294.
79. As cited in Christie, "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXXIX," [thonyc.wordpress.com](http://thonyc.wordpress.com).
80. Egdall, p. 193.
81. Christie, "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXXIX," [thonyc.wordpress.com](http://thonyc.wordpress.com).; Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton" [ufl.edu](http://ufl.edu).  
 Hooke realized that "the shape of a planet's orbit is determined by an attractive force from the sun varying with the distance," but lacked the skill to prove this mathematically. In a letter to Newton in January 1680, he wrote ". . . my supposition is that the Attraction always is in a duplicate proportion to the Distance from the Center Reciprocall to the Distance." Hooke later cited this letter as "proof that credit for setting forth the inverse square law defining planetary motion was due him as well." Source: Christianson, pp. 272–3.
82. Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton," [ufl.edu](http://ufl.edu).; Fowler, [physics.virginia.edu](http://physics.virginia.edu).; Christianson, [pbs.org](http://pbs.org).
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84. Fowler, [physics.virginia.edu](http://physics.virginia.edu).; Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton," [ufl.edu](http://ufl.edu).
85. Prentis *et al.*, [ui.adsabs.harvard.edu](http://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu).  
 Christie points out that "Kepler's third law being strictly empirical should have been immediately accepted and should have settled the discussion once and for all because it only works in a heliocentric system . . . it was Isaac Newton who first recognized its true significance as the major game changer." Christie, Thony. "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXXVI," [thonyc.wordpress.com](http://thonyc.wordpress.com).
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87. "Isaac Newton solved these problems in his *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*, published in 1687. Newton's Recipe is based on a hidden gem in Newton's *Principia* — the 'PQRST Formula,' which is a simple geometric version of  $F = ma$ . Given any kind of orbital curve (elliptical, spiral, etc.), this formula allows one to deduce the force simply by measuring the lengths of three line segments — the "shape parameters" of the orbit." Source: Prentis *et al.*, [ui.adsabs.harvard.edu](http://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu). See chart below.

Orbit Shape:	Location of "Sun":	Force Law:
Circle	Circumference	$1/r^5$
Spiral	Pole	$1/r^3$
Ellipse	Center	$r$
Ellipse	Focus	$1/r^2$

88. Newton discovered that "a body moves in a conic section, sweeping out equal areas in equal times about a focus, if and only if the motion is governed by an inverse-square centripetal force directed toward this focus." Source: Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.
89. "Enlightenment: Newton," britannica.com.; Heckert, *Understanding Kepler's Laws: An Astronomy 1010 Tutorial*, amazon.com.
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## Chapter 25

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4. Hatch. "Newton Timeline," ufl.edu.
5. Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.
6. "Isaac Newton," gap-system.org.
7. Williams, E. Neville. *The Eighteenth-Century Constitution. 1688–1815*. (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1960) p. 26.
8. Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.
9. Christianson, pp. 313–314.
10. Christianson, p. 285.
11. To his friend the reverend Dr. Derham. Source: Christianson, p. 290.

[The *Principia*] abounds in contradictions and inconsistencies . . . and gaps in logic where Newton simply guessed what he could not prove." Some of the errors appear to have been "deliberate attempts to mislead." Source: Ohanian, p. 70.

12. Changes in the second edition of the *Principia* (1713) included the results of improved "vertical-fall experiments to measure resistance forces versus velocity" along with a "forcefully stated rejection of all vortex theories"; a major upgrade to "the treatment of the variation of surface gravity with latitude" based on new data "from near the Equator"; a revised "treatment of the wobble of the Earth producing the precession of the equinoxes to accommodate a much reduced gravitational force of the Moon on the Earth"; and "several further examples of comets" reflecting Halley's latest work. The third edition (1726) presented additional "refinements and new data," including "the variation of surface gravity with latitude, where Newton now concluded . . . the Earth has a uniform density." Source: Smith, George, "Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*," plato.stanford.edu.
13. Fowler, physics.virginia.edu.
14. Christianson, pp. 281–3.
15. Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton" ufl.edu.; Christie, "The man who inverted and squared gravity," thonyc.wordpress.com..
16. Smith, George, "Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*," plato.stanford.edu.
17. While in college at Cambridge, Newton "read classical Greek mathematics: Euclid, Archimedes and Apollonius. He became convinced that this ancient geometrical approach was more appropriate for describing the physical world." Source: "Isaac Newton: Development of Calculus and Recalculation of  $\pi$ ," math.hawaii.edu. [http://math.hawaii.edu/~mchyba/documents/syllabus/Math499/Calculus/MI314\\_08\\_Newton.pdf](http://math.hawaii.edu/~mchyba/documents/syllabus/Math499/Calculus/MI314_08_Newton.pdf). Retrieved Jan 24, 2021.
18. Whiteside, D. T. "The mathematical principles underlying Newton's *Principia Mathematica*," *Journal for the History of Astronomy*, vol.1 (1970), 116–138, especially p.120.; Smith, George, "Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*," plato.stanford.edu. Smith tells us Newton's approach involved the "use of mathematical theory to cover a full range of alternative theoretical possibilities, enabling the empirical world to select among them — not just to derive testable conclusions from hypotheses, as Galileo and Huygens had done." Source: Smith, George, "Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*," plato.stanford.edu.
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- "Aristotle believed that things only moved when something moved them," Thony Christie writes, "people pushing things, draught animals pulling things. As soon as the pushing or pulling ceased so did the motion . . . when a stone left the throwers hand or the arrow the bowstring, they should automatically fall to the ground but of course they don't." Aristotle's muddled theory said "that the projectile parted the air through which it travelled, which moved round behind the projectile and pushed it further."
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25. Egdall, p. 21; Salam, Abdus. "Islam and Science -Concordance or Conflict" speech at UNESCO House, Paris, 1984. In Lai. C. H. *Ideals and Realities: Selected Essays of Abdus Salam*, 2nd ed. (Singapore: World Scientific, 1987), pp. 179–213.
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26. "Galileo sort of got halfway there" on Inertia, Christie writes, "Still under the influence of the Platonic axioms, with their uniform circular motion, he argued that a homogenous sphere turning around its centre of gravity at the earth's surface forever were there no friction at its bearings or against the air. Because of this, Galileo is often credited with provided the theory of inertia as later expounded by Newton but this is false.
- "The Dutch scholar Isaac Beeckman (1588–1637) developed the concept of *rectilinear* inertia, as later used by Newton but also believed (falsely), like Galileo, in the conservation of constant circular velocity. For a time he was Descartes teacher . . . Descartes learnt the principle of inertia from Beeckman and it was . . . [Descartes'] writings that were Newton's source." Source: Christie, "The emergence of modern astronomy — a complex mosaic: Part XXIX," thonyc.wordpress.com.
27. Heckert, "Understanding Newton's Laws" Ch. 2, amazon.com.

As noted, Johannes Kepler was the first to define the physical concept of “mass” as the quantity of matter in a body. Newton adopted this definition in the *Principia*, Source: Hecht, [aapt.scitation.org](http://aapt.scitation.org).

Newton also defined “quantity of motion” — what we now call “momentum” — as a body’s mass times its velocity. From change in momentum of a body, he then introduces the concept of forces. Source: Smith, George, “Newton’s *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*,” [plato.stanford.edu](http://plato.stanford.edu).

28. Christianson, p. 293.; “Action = Reaction,” [weebly.com](http://weebly.com). <https://clarkscience8.weebly.com/action--reaction.html>.

Newton also examined centripetal force in the *Principia*. Kepler lacked Newton’s understanding of centrifugal force . . . as well as a complete understanding of the law of inertia — as Kepler’s *Astronomia Nova* of 1609 shows . . . because of his lack of an action/reaction law, Kepler did not realize that gravity involves “two forces in an interacting pair always equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.” Source: Hecht, [aapt.scitation.org](http://aapt.scitation.org).

29. Newton’s second law “represented a fresh way of thinking about motion. The third was “well supported by recent work on collisions by Dutch mathematician Christiaan Huygens and others.” Source: “Enlightenment: Newton,” [britannica.com](http://britannica.com).

30. Heckert, “Understanding Newton’s Laws” Ch.4, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).  
 31. Newton, Isaac. “General Scholium.” Essay appended to the *Principia*. As cited in Snobelen, [newtonprojectca.files.wordpress.com](http://newtonprojectca.files.wordpress.com).  
 32. Aiton, Eric J. “The Cartesian vortex theory,” chapter 11 in *Planetary astronomy from the Renaissance to the rise of astrophysics, Part A: Tycho Brahe to Newton*, eds. R Taton & C Wilson, (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1989) pp. 207–221. As cited in en: wikipedia.  
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34. Descartes had proposed that interplanetary space was filled with invisible “whirling *fluid* vortices.” These whirlpools “carried the planets along with them,” reminiscent of Aristotle’s celestial spheres. Here Descartes envisioned large circling bands of minute material particles which circle the Sun. Somehow they form a series of “separate, interlocking vortices” — each of which orbit the Sun at various speeds. Each planet, including the Earth, is lodged within a particular vortex. Sources: Aiton, Eric J. *The Cartesian vortex theory*, chapter 11 in *Planetary astronomy from the Renaissance to the rise of astrophysics, Part A: Tycho Brahe to Newton*, eds. R Taton & C

- Wilson, Cambridge (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University press, 1989) pp. 207–221.; Slowik, plato.stanford.edu.
35. Smith, George, “Newton’s Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica,” plato.stanford.edu.
  36. For example, Smith points out, Newton’s “analysis of the vortex generated around a rotating cylinder or sphere involves fundamentally wrong physics. It defines steady state in terms of a balance of forces instead of torques across each shell element comprising the vortex.” Source: Smith, George, “Newton’s Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica,” plato.stanford.edu.
  37. Newton had initially composed his book “in a popular method, that it might be read by many.” Then, to “prevent the disputes” by readers who could not “lay aside the[ir] prejudices” he “reduced” it “into the form of propositions (in the mathematical way) which should be read by those only, who had first made themselves masters of the principles established in the preceding books.” Source: Newton, Sir Isaac (1729). “Introduction to Book 3” *The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*, Volume II. (1729) p. 200. This “simpler” version can be read in English as *A Treatise of the System of the World*.
  38. Book III is presented in four parts: “1) derivation of the law of gravity; 2) implications of the law of orbital and rotating bodies; 3) quantitative derivation of select linear inequalities and precession of the equinox from the law of gravity; and 4) a solution for comet trajectories.” Source: Smith, George, “Newton’s Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica,” plato.stanford.edu.
  39. Greene, *The Elegant Universe*, p. 61.
  40. Newton, Isaac, *Principia*, Book III. As cited in Hatch, “Sir Isaac Newton,” ufl.edu.
  41. Smith, George, “Newton’s Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica,” plato.stanford.edu.
  42. Jenkins, forbes.com/quora.; Newton, Isaac. *The principia: mathematical principles of natural philosophy*. [S.l.]: (Plano, TX: Snowball Pub., 2010) p. 10.  
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  43. Smith, George, “Newton’s Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica,” plato.stanford.edu.
  44. As cited in Christie, “What Isaac actually asked the apple,” thonyc.wordpress.com.
  45. Fowler, physics.virginia.edu.

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47. Brody & Brody, p. 42.
48. Christianson, p. 294.
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51. Hatch, "Sir Isaac Newton" ufl.edu.
52. Alexander, Amir. Review of *The Universe Speaks in Numbers* by Graham Farmelo. Wall Street Journal, June 8–9, 2019.
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55. Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.; Newton, Sir Isaac. "Proposition 12, Corollary." *The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*, Volume II. (1729) p. 233.
56. Christianson, p. 296.
57. Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.
58. *Unpublished Scientific Papers of Isaac Newton*, eds. A. R. Hall and M. B. Hall, (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1962.) "Contains several manuscripts associated with the *Principia*." As cited in Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.
59. "Enlightenment: Newton." britannica.com.
60. Newton's "expressed in the 'Copernican scholium,' that the phenomena of orbital motions are inordinately complicated and hence open to multiple competing descriptions . . . [This] opened the way to pursuing the true motions in a sequence of successive approximations." Source: Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.
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 "As Newton was fully aware, and Huygens and a few others realized, these are the only results in the *Principia* that depend on universal gravity — that is, inverse-square gravity directed toward every particle of matter forming the Earth." Source: Smith, George, "Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*," [plato.stanford.edu](http://plato.stanford.edu).
63. Smith, George, "Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*," [plato.stanford.edu](http://plato.stanford.edu). Newton could not establish the mass of the Moon — and thus its gravitational force on Earth — the way he did for the Sun, Jupiter, and Saturn; as the Moon had no bodies orbiting it. Newton estimated the Moon's force as 6 and 1/3 times the Sun's force from the "difference in heights of the tides when the Sun and Moon are in conjunction and opposition." From this he arrived at a "value for the rate of precession" which "was in good agreement with the known value." He reported this in the first edition of *Principia*. In the second edition, he revised the Moon's force to 4.4815 that of the Sun's. This was still "a factor of two greater than the correct value."
64. Hecht, [aapt.scitation.org](http://aapt.scitation.org).
65. Smith, George, "Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*," [plato.stanford.edu](http://plato.stanford.edu). Newton "ignored the rotation of the Earth, and worse he considered only the radial component of solar and lunar gravitational forces" in his tidal analysis. The trans-radial component (perpendicular to the radial component) has a much greater effect on Earth's tides." Newton's tidal analysis was later rectified by Laplace in his 1770's "mathematical theory of tidal motion."
66. Christianson, p. 369.
67. This so-called "three-body problem" is also an issue in modeling the behavior of Saturn, which is influenced by the Sun and nearby and very massive Jupiter.
68. The three lunar inequalities are called: 1) Axial Precession — the precession of the spinning Moon's axis over time; 2) Inclination Changes — the tilting back and forth of the plane of the Moon's orbit. Also called the recession of the nodes; and 3) Variation — the systematic departure of from Kepler's area rule; Newton's mathematical treatment of the three lunar inequalities introduced the idea of successive approximations to attack "the problem of the true lunar orbit, an entirely new approach." This "perturbational approach" would "dominate all of celestial mechanics from the middle of the eighteenth century until late in the twentieth . . . Computers now allow the orbital

- motions to be computed by means of numerical integration of the equations of motion." Source: Smith, George, "Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," plato.stanford.edu.
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71. Christianson, pp. 286-7.
72. *Dictionary of National Biography* Ed. Leslie Stephen, Vol XIX, Finch-Forman (New York: Macmillian and London: Smith, Elder, 1889) p. 244. (Palo Alto Library) John Flamsteed (1646-1719) was appointed England's first Astronomer Royal in 1675. In some forty years of meticulous observations at the new Royal Observatory at Greenwich, Flamsteed tracked nearly 3000 stars to unprecedented accuracy. His observations tripled the entries in Tycho Brahe's star catalogue. He was first to sight the planet Uranus, though he mistook it for a star. Source: Christianson, p. 366.
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Astronomers who had seen Uranus before Herschel include John Flamsteed, Tobias Mayer, James Bradley, Pierre Le Monnier, and J.J. Lalande. Sources: Rines; Krajnović; Leverington.

The planet Uranus is visible to the naked eye (in ideal conditions). So why had no one discovered that it was a planet? Recall that an object appears to move slowly across our line of sight the further away it is. Uranus is 1.6 to nearly 2 billion miles (2.6 to 3.2 km) from Earth. Because the Sun’s gravity is so weak that far out, it moves at a relatively slow speed. Due to this and its great distance from us, it appears to move very slowly across the sky. Thus no one noticed its movement against the “fixed stars.” Those who spotted it thought it was a star.

Uranus moves at 15,290 miles per hour (26,607 km/hr) with respect to the relative to the Sun — some four times slower than the Earth.

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Herbert writes: “Once filled, Notebook B gave way to Notebooks C, D, and E, and to at least one other notebook known only from fragments . . .” as well as “a new set of notebooks, labelled M and N, devoted in large part to the study of behavior . . . It is of course possible, even probable, that other notebooks from the post-*Beagle* period await discovery and reconstruction.” Source: Herbert, Sandra. ed. *The Red Notebook of Charles Darwin*, p. 16.

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Herbert writes on page 107, note 152: "The extinct llama is the *Macrauchenia patachonica* as described by Richard Owen. See Owen, *The Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle. Part I: Fossil Mammalia*, pp. 10–11, 35–56 and plates VI–XV. Darwin collected the fossil specimens in January 1834 at the port of San Julián, having 'no idea at the time, to what kind of animal these remains belonged.' (Darwin, Charles. *Journal of Researches* (1839), p. 208.) Owen's earliest known comment on the specimens occurs in a letter to Charles Lyell dated 23 January 1837 where he described them as follows: RUMINANTIA, Fam: *Camelidae*. 2 cervical vertebrae, portions of femur, & fragments of a Gigantic Llama! as large as a Camel, but an *Auchenia* (from the plains of Patagonia)."

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Darwin is saying that if a species somehow transforms into a new species, it does not do it gradually as Lamarck had argued, but as a sudden one. "Lamarck held that species graded indistinguishably into one another," Herbert writes. Darwin felt that there are notable "differences between even the most closely related species." This has since been "confirmed by taxonomic authorities."

The two South American ostriches are the common rhea (*Rhea americana*) and the lesser rhea (*Rhea darwinii*). They represent spatial succession. The extinct "Llama" or "Guanaco" (Darwin uses the terms Llama and Guanaco interchangeably) is the *Macrauchenia patachonica* and the

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