Colossians interlaces science and faith by proclaiming Jesus as Savior, Creator, and Sustainer. This dual revelation portrays Jesus as our kinsman-redeemer; he is the Son of Man. As the creator and sustainer of all things, he is the Son of God. As stated in Colossians 1:16, the purpose of all creation is for him. The gift of knowledge through special and general revelation is the gospel of the kingdom of God from origin to eschatology, which is the most extraordinary story ever told.

The great story of creation, redemption, and renewal has eternal witnesses of truth as Jesus proclaimed as needed to affirm his authenticity. A changed life of a true Christian is an eternal witness of the spiritual work through Christ. General revelation of how creation works is an external witness of the Bible’s foreknowledge of creative phenomena. The declaration in Isaiah 40:26a to use the aperture the eye infers the light of the cosmos is God’s truthful messenger and a source of the directive to obtain knowledge to ascertain who the creator is. The Hubble telescope embodies the intent to behold the heavens. Psalms 19:1–3 suggests the voice of light speaks in the only universal language known to all, the language of mathematics. The glory or weight of God is not fully conveyed by a general reference of awe and wonder. Only by the scale of the universe and its specific phenomena can the weight of God be communicated. Cosmic light affirmed its biblical assertion as a pipeline of information in the revelation of the visible size, development, composition, age, and many dynamic properties of the cosmos.

Jesus demonstrated the need for evidence after his horrific beatings and crucifixion, which left his body mutilated. A few days after his resurrection, he meets with his disciples and Thomas was not there. Jesus first demonstrates the evidence of a new body by entering the room without using a door. Knowing their concerns, he shows these silent doubters the proof of his nail-scarred hands and the scar of his pierced side intentionally left on the new body for that purpose. Jesus’s resurrection was divine. This evidence facilitated the regeneration of the disciples’ faith. Thomas later demanded to witness the crucifixion evidence after the others told him they had met with Jesus.

Days later, Jesus offered Thomas the same dual evidence demonstrated to the others by entering a room Thomas occupied without using a door and offered to show and allow Thomas to touch him to affirm they were genuine scars. Asking for evidence, Thomas gains the unfair reputation of the doubting disciple while the other silent doubters also needed the evidence Jesus wisely provided. The dual evidence came from the same body, one portraying the promise of a new resurrected body and the other a testament of the crucifixion. The silent doubters of this modern scientific era seek evidence for the big questions of origins, existence, life, and creation. These
seekers are speaking with their feet to look to other sources for the truth. Evidence can mitigate an eroding confidence in the scriptures. Dual evidence also resides in God’s Word. God has spoken to the ancients based on their knowledge, and within the same scriptures, he speaks to this era based on the advanced knowledge humanity has attained.

A dialogue between God and Job is an example of delayed general revelation. Due to the lack of general revelation in this matter, Job could not answer God’s question of the spreading of the cloud and thunder. No one understood the sound of thunder until the phenomenon of the sonic boom shown in the above picture became known. For over 3,000 years, God displayed the answer in plain sight but humanity could not understand what he was declaring. In 1947, USAF Major Chuck Yeager, an intelligent and daring test pilot exceeded the speed of sound and opened the door of knowledge to the phenomenon of a sonic boom and the subsequent ability to grasp the cause of thunder. The sound of thunder occurs when lightning heats the air so fast, resulting in a rapid expansion of superheated air/moisture that forms a shock wave to produce the sound of thunder. Ironically, the very answer to the question is the question itself, the spreading of the clouds. This is one of many examples the Bible is still relevant today in the natural world.

REFLECTION:
Jesus proclaimed and demonstrated the need for an external witness to establish his truth. Shouldn’t we follow his example? If all truth is God’s truth, how can the reality of affirmed science cannot be separated from the truth of the scriptures?

PRAYER:
Thank you, Heavenly Father, for giving us the gift of knowledge we have of you and your universe. Please give us the courage to continue to follow the evidence of your glory where it leads, to an even more mature faith and truth. Amen.

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