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THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

by William Blake 1794, from *Europe: A Prophecy*.

*When he prepared the heavens, I was there:
when he set a compass upon the face of the depth. . .*
Proverbs 8:27 (KJV)

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To my mother,
the bravest person I know

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P R E F A C E

A million lightning-white stars above me, a fragrant summer pasture beneath me, I lay there and gazed quietly. Full of wonder and questions at the age of seven, I did not wish to interrupt the night-music of the creatures whose Canadian home I shared. Inside myself, though, the questions whispered, then shouted, “How far is the farthest star? Can anyone count them? Who made all this?”

Today as a scientist with some answers, I am still thrilled to discover more. With a Master's degree in mathematics, and thirty years of leading children from the multiplication tables to the calculus, it is a privilege to share here my gleanings from God's mighty Works and magnificent Word.

To reach this point, however, I had wandered far from those open skies into the dark caves of the earth — seeking power, and rebelling against God and His ways. My ways were not His ways; my thoughts were not His thoughts. This was a long journey over tortuous terrain.

I needed proof before faith. Eventually I found it in the symbols, numbers, and designs of the Bible. In particular, the ancient and almost forgotten science of gematria. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, the New Testament in Greek. Neither language had number symbols; instead, they used letters of their alphabets for counting. Adding up the numerical values of the letters in a word and interpreting its meaning is called gematria.

For example, in old Greek manuscripts the number 99 was often written at the end of a benediction or a prayer. For centuries the meaning of this was a tiny mystery, until the 1900s. But consider: the sum of the numerical values of the Greek letters for *amen* is precisely 99. What could be more natural? Significantly the last word in the entire Bible is *Amen* or 99. More important, this topic unlocks the startling symbolism of the world's most holy name, *Jesus Christ*. Yet, gematria is only one thread among many.

Like a traveler from a subterranean world, I had found a path, a way out of the labyrinth of agnostic humanism, into God's light. Emerging from the earth, I realized that every day is Easter Sunday.



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FOREWORD TO THE ELECTRONIC EDITION

— IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ —

Life is a stream in which you only bath once. Looking back on *The Pattern & The Prophecy: God's Great Code* after a decade and a half since it was written, we are pleased at how well it has stood the test of these turbulent times.

The river of life is long, cascading in its beginnings like a mountain stream, but it should be tranquil as it approaches the sea. We *seem* to have passed the millennial waterfall without incident! No computers crashed, the stock market didn't tumble, the Antichrist didn't come, and the survivalists have sheepishly crawled out of their bunkers. We are still alive. But look more closely at the state of the world. We may be downstream from the millennium and still afloat, but the river of life has changed dramatically. The landscape is forbidding, the currents tumultuous, the rocks menacing, the rapids formidable, and the whirlpools are deadly. For us there will be no serene approach to the welcoming sea! We have endured 9/11 and are combating rising worldwide Islamic terrorism. Our economy is in a tailspin and oil prices are skyrocketing to record highs. We are seeing famines, hurricanes, tornadoes, melting icecaps, tsunamis, earthquakes — really bizarre weather patterns. Truly, man never baths in the same stream twice.

The current is too swift. We can't go upstream ever again for we are held fast by the tumult of events that our Lord spoke of in Matthew 24 as the *End of the Age*:

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ, and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains."

The millennium may have passed quietly for you, but a butterfly flapped its wings over Jerusalem and it is causing anarchy around the world! To scientists this is an instance of Chaos Theory. *The Pattern & The Prophecy: God's Great Code* will explain these events with an irresistible power and logic that no atheist, skeptic, agnostic, or other unbeliever can deny.

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Amen / 99

CHAPTER — 1

THE TRINITY

*Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?
Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed
the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?*

Isaiah 40:12

All the universe is divided into three parts: length, width, and breadth; past, present, and future; proton, neutron, electron; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our very existence tells us that at least once, God stepped out of eternity into time and created His Word and His Works. Both bear the imprint of The Trinity.

For centuries scientists have been on a quest seeking the mathematical meaning and structure of nature. At the smallest scale imaginable, they have detected a triangular grouping of quarks. In the other direction — the grand form of the universe — recent discoveries have shown a similar triad arrangement of the galaxies themselves.

Yet God has put as much mathematics into His Holy Word, the Bible, as scientists have found in His Holy Works, the earth and the heavens. It can be found from the first verse of Genesis to the last of Revelation. It can also be found in the relationship between these two sentences. Science and religion are coming to the same conclusion: both God's creations are threefold and reflect The Trinity. "Everything comes in threes" declares an ancient proverb, an old saying even in the days of King Solomon.

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OLD TESTAMENT TRINITIES

To learn more about the Bible, I had been reading a modern author's commentary on Genesis. His preface contained the following disturbing statement: "In the Old Testament, God is treated as a single entity." At that point I stopped reading this book and opened *The Book*, to let it speak for itself. Genesis 1:1 proclaims:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the original Hebrew, the word used for God is *Elohim*, the plural form of Eloah. It is notable that this plural subject, *Gods*, is written with the singular verb, *created*. This act effectively prohibits any thought of polytheism (belief in many gods). More importantly, it **implies The Trinity of the Godhead in the very first sentence**. In the second verse of the King James Version (KJV), *The Word* declares:

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Here, the Bible introduces The Holy Spirit. (The word *waters*, in this context, means chaos, the opposite of cosmos or order.)

I propose to take a brief tour through the Bible in this chapter to show the ever-present "threeness" of our Lord. Later chapters will expand this inventory with deeper and richer examples. For now, consider the following.

Authorities differ over the identity of the 3 persons Abraham met in Genesis 18:2. Many scholars believe them to have been the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit, yet others feel they were the Lord and two angels. Remarkably, however, Abraham addresses them as both 1 and 3 like The Trinity. We read, "he said" and then "they said" and "the Lord said."

In Isaiah 6:3 (KJV), the great prophet wrote a famous verse that became the inspiration for a celebrated hymn:

*And one cried unto another, and said,
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts.*

Three times the angels cried “holy,” once for each Being in the coequal, coeternal, and indivisible mystery we call The Holy Trinity. These angels correspond to the “living creatures” of Revelation 4:8 who chant the identical phrase.

Isaiah 9:6 records one of the most transcendently prophetic passages in all Scripture. Not only is Jesus predicted, but this passage affirms His equality with the First Person, the Father:

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Each time, these verses praise the Second Person in The Trinity by titles with exactly two elements (i.e., Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and so on). As a writer interested in the Bible’s numerical structure, I find that significant.

NEW TESTAMENT TRINITIES

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

Now that we have seen a few trinities in the Old Testament, let us look into the New Testament. Verses 10 and 11 (KJV) at the beginning of Mark’s Gospel are famous passages illustrating the threeness of God. Jesus listens:

*And straightway coming up out of the water,
he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit
like a dove descending upon him:*

*And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou
art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Of course, similar and equally beautiful passages exist in the other Gospels. In Chapter 11 we'll explore the deep symbolism of the dove and discover its many levels of meaning.

Certain words are striking for the number of times they arise concerning the same topic. "Fullness" is such a word. Relating to the Godhead, it is found exactly 3 times in the entire Bible — this implies His totality at that quantity. These are the passages (KJV):

The fullness of God — Ephesians 3:19.

The fullness of Christ — Ephesians 4:13.

The fullness of the Godhead — Colossians 2:9.

Even the word "Godhead" itself is found only 3 times.

Jesus told us how to pray in Matthew 6:9; He even stated 3 petitions, one to each part of The Trinity:

Give us today our daily bread — the Father.

Forgive us our debts — the Son.

And lead us not into temptation — The Holy Spirit.

The following verse from Matthew 28:19 explicitly states the threeness of the Godhead. Jesus speaks:

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

JESUS AND THE NUMBER THREE

Concerning the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit, 3 occurs a startling number of times. Consider the following examples, just about Jesus:

- During His 3-year ministry, Christ raised 3 people from the dead.
- Satan tempted Jesus 3 times.
- The Transfiguration of Jesus took place before Peter and the brothers James and John — 3 people in all.

- Peter denied Christ thrice.
- On Calvary 3 were crucified.
- Amazingly, it was at the 3rd hour that Jesus was crucified.
- And for 3 hours darkness shrouded the earth.
- On the 3rd day, like Jonah from the whale's belly, Jesus rose from the earth. Symbolizing this future Resurrection, the earth itself rose out of the waters (chaos) on the 3rd Day of Creation.

This list could be widely expanded, but let's be satisfied with 7 examples for the time being.

Some skeptical readers may still doubt the essential threeness of the Godhead. Perhaps they consider the above summary resulted only from long research. In that case, I would ask them to complete a similar list of equally important events based on any other number. Their choice, of course, is legion.

Every Christian knows that you only approach the Father through the Son under the inspiration and guidance of The Holy Spirit. To deny this fundamental threeness of the Deity is a basic misunderstanding of Him and our relationship to Him. **Threeness or triangularity is an ever-present element in God's Word, Works, and Being.** The Father sent the Son to shed His blood on Calvary so that we might have life eternal, and He left His Holy Spirit to dwell among us.

CHAPTER — 2

GOD AMONG THE SCIENTISTS

*Science without religion is lame,
religion without science is blind.*

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

*I believe that when I die I shall rot,
and nothing of my ego will survive.*

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

*Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead
dieth no more; death hath no dominion over him.*

Paul, Romans 6:9 (KJV)

GOD AND SCIENCE: PRESENT

Concerning men and women of science, there is a question every Christian has quietly asked: **Why are so many scientists unbelievers?** Statistics show that most scientists in North America do not accept the Christian faith. The situation is even darker in Europe and completely black in the former Soviet Union. Although in the latter case, this may be rapidly changing. A few quotations will forcibly show the attitude of most modern scientists.

Humanist philosopher/scientist **Bertrand Russell** said in his book *Why I Am Not a Christian*:

*I cannot myself feel that either in the matter of wisdom
or in the matter of virtue Christ stands quite as high as
some other people known to history. I think I should put
Buddha and Socrates above Him in those respects.¹*

Russell's influence has spread over most continents and persisted for at least seventy years.

Isaac Asimov (1920-1992) was an extremely popular science writer and for many years the leading editor of *The Humanist* magazine. This publication directs the flood of anti-Christian propaganda on abortion, removing school prayer, evolution, situational ethics, and so on. In a 1982 interview Asimov revealed:

I am an atheist, out and out. It took me a long time to say it. I've been an atheist for years and years.

This century's most vehement attack on Christianity occurred on the front page of the *New York Times*, 15 October 1980. A group of sixty-one prominent scientists placed an advertisement entitled *A Secular Humanist Declaration*. This statement expressed skepticism toward "supernatural claims," "traditional views of God," and the "divinity of Jesus." Some of the signers were **Francis Crick** (biologist), **Albert Ellis** and **B.F. Skinner** (psychologists), **Henry Morgentaler** (abortionist), and **Paul Kurtz** (writer of the Declaration and main Humanist representative). Such is our world in these latter days!

GOD AND SCIENCE: PAST

What were the attitudes and beliefs of past scientists toward God and His Word? The famous Italian scientist Galileo (1564-1642) was of quite a different mind than his modern counterparts. Despite his problems with the Roman Catholic Church he was a most devout Christian. **Galileo sincerely believed that by studying the natural world he was entering into The Works of God.** For that reason, he declared the study of nature to be as pious an act as reading the Bible. The following quotation comes from his book *The Assayer*:

Nature is written in that great book which ever lies before our eyes — I mean the universe — but we cannot understand it if we do not first learn the language and grasp the symbols in which it is written. The book is written in mathematical language, and the symbols are triangles, circles and other

geometrical figures, without whose help it is impossible to comprehend a single word of it; without which one wanders in vain through a dark labyrinth.

Galileo showed that the language of God in His Works is mathematics. I propose to show that the language of God in His Word is also mathematics.

The celebrated astronomer **Johannes Kepler** (1571-1630) believed space has 3 dimensions (length, width, and depth) because The Trinity has 3 parts. In his youth Kepler studied to be a minister and he remained extremely pious throughout his difficult life.

John Napier (1550-1617), a contemporary of Kepler, discovered logarithms and used them on the numbers in the Apocalypse. They change the more difficult operations of multiplication and division into the easier ones of addition and subtraction. Calculators in our time have done for dreary computation what logarithms did in theirs. Kepler welcomed them in his study of the Lord's heavenly handiwork, the stars and the planets.

But the true hero of the mechanical universe and the major source of our modern technology was born prematurely on Christmas Day, 1642. His discoveries are legendary in number and breathtaking in scope: the most important are his three laws of motion and *the* calculus. However, the modern writer Aldous Huxley once called him "a failure as a human being." If this hero had done for God's Word what he accomplished for God's Works, our present society would be an entirely different and better place. That man was **Isaac Newton**.

Sir Isaac was profoundly religious. He once defined God as "eternal, infinite, and absolutely perfect." As well as Napier, mentioned above, Newton wrote widely on biblical matters. This includes his largely forgotten *Observations upon the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John*. Like all the scientists of his day, **Newton knew that by studying nature's mathematical form he was dealing directly with God's Holy Works**. Since divine attributes were to be read in the book of nature, scientific study was, by itself, an act of devotion. At Proposition VI in his most famous book *Principia Mathematica* Newton wrote:

There exists an infinite and omnipresent spirit in which matter is moved according to mathematical laws.

As Newton noted, this passage is almost identical to Paul's speech in Acts 17:28.

Sir Isaac had a series of fifteen rules for the correct scriptural interpretation. His ninth rule has been my guide for this book:

It is the perfection of God's works that they are done with the greatest simplicity.

Newton thought the 6 Days of Creation were just that, and not some poetic part of an ancient myth. The great man's knowledge of the First Temple overshadowed that of all his contemporaries, and he believed Solomon constructed it on divine proportions. He read the New Testament in Greek and the Old Testament in Hebrew as easily as the Latin in which he wrote his scientific papers. Although no one of his time had such a deep knowledge of the Bible, his superficial use of that knowledge is strangely curious.

A FALLING AWAY

Yet every man falls short of the Lord, whether he is the grand Sir Isaac Newton or the most humble peasant. What was the outstanding error in the life of this emperor of science? Well, I think I know. And it was this error that prevented Newton from mathematically unlocking The Word of God in the same brilliant manner he had unlocked The Works of God. Simply put,

Newton intensely denied the reality of The Holy Trinity.

Because of the apparent subordination of Christ's Will to that of the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, Newton obstinately refused to believe They were coequal. The great man thought the doctrine of The Trinity had corrupted Christianity. So, in truth, he rejected the divinity of Jesus, not realizing that to be *anti-Trinity* is to be *anti-Christ*. This

spiritual error blinded Newton to the full implications of the Scripture's numerical patterns.

To become a full professor at Cambridge University in those days, each candidate had to be an ordained minister. If Newton's Unitarian views had been openly expressed, the college would have revoked his professorship. On ordination day he had to reveal his position or be a hypocrite. As luck would have it — just before that day arrived — he received a special exemption from holy orders, and so he kept his secret.

Such was Newton's passion for the Holy Scriptures that he wrote over one million words on them; unfortunately, most of it is still unpublished. Many of these writings, which he guarded in a black trunk in his private rooms, were anti-Trinitarian pamphlets. In 1888 the council of the University Library at Cambridge gave away the mathematical portion of these papers. Fifty years later, Sotheby's auctioned off the biblical writings, mostly on Daniel and Revelation. These are now dispersed around the world, never to be published.

With his mastery of ancient texts and his phenomenal memory, Newton knew huge sections of Scripture by heart and in their original languages. However, because he did not accept the reality of The Holy Trinity, he missed that indispensable *code word* for a deep understanding of the Bible. Without the pattern of The Trinity, as we shall see, it is impossible to discover the beautiful mathematical designs in God's Word.

By failing to uncover these forms and patterns, and by dismissing two persons from The Trinity, **Newton is partly responsible for the atheistic state of modern science.** It is significant that since Newton's time scientists have totally neglected any detailed study of the Bible.

The second major agent in the decline of faith was/is **Charles Darwin**. With the publication of his *On the Origin of Species* (1859) and *The Descent of Man* (1871), Darwin set the stage and prepared the materials for today's disbelievers. Most scientists claim we need billions of years in the earth's history for evolution to take place. Therefore Genesis is simply false, and the Creation Week, a childish myth. Furthermore, they insist, God did not create Adam and Eve, but instead, both descended from apelike ancestors.

Biologists call the driving force of evolution "natural selection" or "survival of the fittest." This dogma directly opposes the Golden

Rule of our Lord. How is it possible to love your neighbor as yourself and still be in savage competition with him? You cannot have both Christ and Darwin!

To be perfectly fair, it must be said that not all 20th century scientists have been, or are, godless. Some of the greatest were fervently devout. Newton's modern equal, **Albert Einstein**, was very fond of stating what God *could do*. So fond, that a colleague once reprimanded him for telling God what *to do*.

Scientific man started as religious and God-fearing. Yet, due to the diligence of anti-Trinitarians, the single-mindedness of Darwinians, and the predominance of Humanists, he has lost his true self. Now he "wanders in vain through a dark labyrinth."

Life has its bizarre and curious twists; yet few can be more strange than the following. Out of the many institutions at Cambridge University, Sir Isaac Newton taught and lived in *Trinity College*. In fact, every day when he left his private rooms, he walked straight out the Great Gate of the college and paraded up *Trinity Street*.

GOD AND SCIENTISTS: FUTURE

It is a commonplace to say we live in a scientific age. The mass of men respect and, yes, even worship the leaders of modern science. Everyone seeks their opinions and judgments. Whether we as followers of Christ like it or not, the public thinks that "religion without science is blind."

This angry divorce between science and religion has deeply harmed both camps. Still, Christianity need not fear the truths of science. How can God's Word and Works be at war? Hasn't modern archaeology fully supported the Old Testament?

In these special times we must endeavor to return scientists to their former reverential attitude toward the Lord's Word and Works. One possible way to do this is to take the methods of science and apply them directly to the Holy Bible. Mathematics is the basic tool for all scientific research. So, this is the central question: **Is it possible to discover a simple, beautiful structure — a great code — in the numbers and Words of God?** If so, then men of science will return and bring millions with them.

The **Book of Daniel (12:4)** has a striking passage implying that in the *end times* knowledge will grow:

*But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words
of the scroll until the time of the end.
Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.*

It seems meaningful that only *now* are we discovering the magnificent mathematical designs in God's Holy Word. I believe the book you are presently reading will show some *small part* of His glorious pattern. Armed with this design — revealed from Genesis to Revelation — everyone will give a hearing to Jesus' message. Then at last, we can completely carry out Christ's final commandment and Great Commission:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.

For future reference, here are the first 46 triangle numbers. As we explore the Holy Scriptures, you will have many occasions to use this table.

1.	1	2.	3	3.	6	4.	10	5.	15
6.	21	7.	28	8.	36	9.	45	10.	55
11.	66	12.	78	13.	91	14.	105	15.	120
16.	136	17.	153	18.	171	19.	190	20.	210
21.	231	22.	253	23.	276	24.	300	25.	325
26.	351	27.	378	28.	406	29.	435	30.	465
31.	496	32.	528	33.	561	34.	595	35.	630
36.	666	37.	703	38.	741	39.	780	40.	820
41.	861	42.	903	43.	946	44.	990	45.	1035
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FIGURE 3.2 **THE FIRST 46 TRIANGLE NUMBERS**

Triangle numbers are not common. Up to 1000, *only 4 percent* are such. When the numbers get even larger, these special ones become extremely rare. For example, in the first 2 million numbers, fewer than 2000 are triangular — on the average that is only 1 in 1000.

Instead of individual triangles, we can picture these quantities as the infinitely large pattern of FIGURE 3.3. Different triangle numbers are formed by cutting off top portions of the figure. To produce the triangles 10, 66, and 153, draw lines as illustrated. The number **1** is the crowning triangle quantity. Accordingly, the point at the summit of this arrangement shows God’s position, while the first 3 points represent The Trinity.

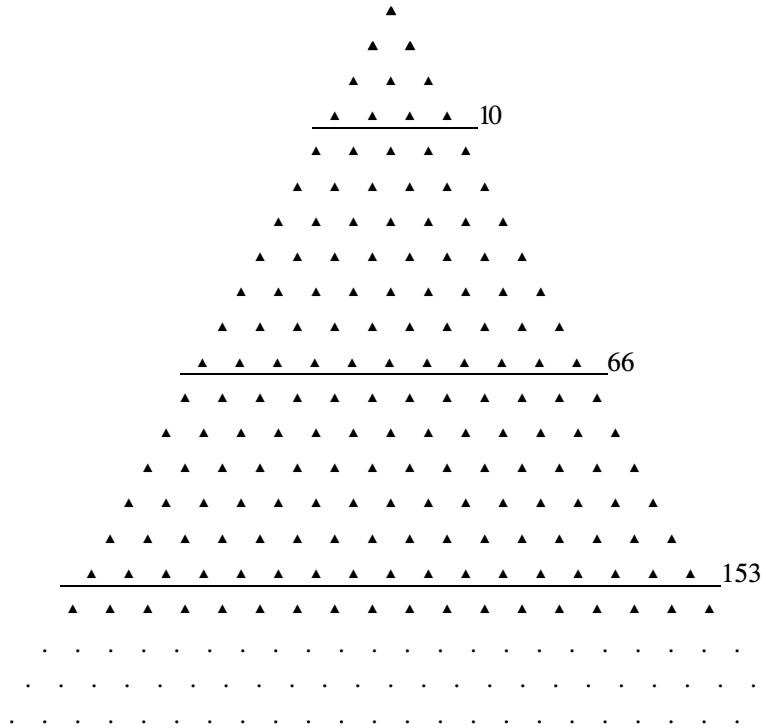


FIGURE 3.3 INFINITE PATTERN OF TRIANGLE NUMBERS

To find the Bible’s favorite quantities, however, it is not necessary to draw diagrams or add up long lists of numbers. If you wish to produce the 6th triangle number, say, just do the following:

- STEPS
1. Multiply 6 by itself (i.e., 6×6).
 2. Add 6 to your answer from STEP 1 (i.e., $36 + 6$).
 3. Divide your answer from STEP 2 by 2 (i.e., $42 \div 2$).
 4. Congratulations, you have found 21, the 6th triangle.

Try another example, say the 10th triangle number:

- STEPS
1. Multiply 10 by itself (i.e., 10×10).
 2. Add 10 to your answer from STEP 1 (i.e., $100 + 10$).
 3. Divide your answer from STEP 2 by 2 (i.e., $110 \div 2$).
 4. Again congratulate yourself for finding 55, the 10th triangle number.

DOES GOD PLAY DICE?

I shall never believe God plays dice with the world.

Albert Einstein

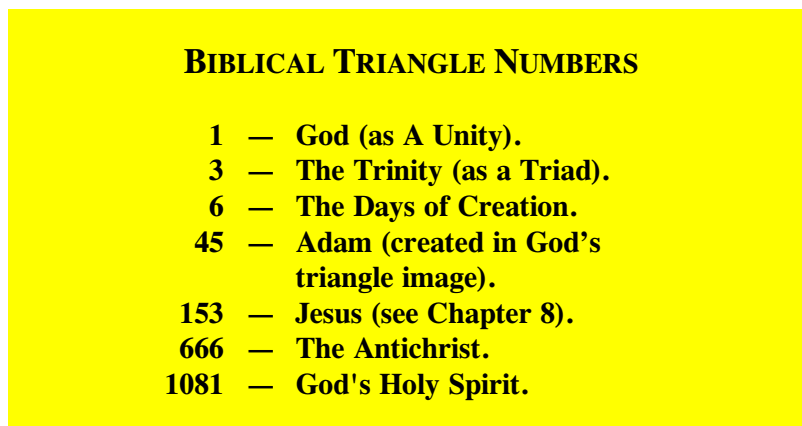


FIGURE 3.4

The reader must be wondering why 45 is Adam's number and 1081 is The Holy Spirit's. **I found these exact values by using the almost lost science of gematria.** *God's Word* provides the authority for gematria's use; the Apostle John explicitly mentions it. **From Genesis to Revelation, it links all outstanding biblical verses.** The very words of the Bible contain it. Simply stated, every character in the ancient Hebrew and Greek alphabets did double duty as both a letter and a number. **So, every word was also a number.** This practice is familiar from Roman numerals. The Romans, however, used only the letters I, V, X, L, C, and D as numbers. We will examine this fascinating, ancient topic in Chapter 6.

Consider the 7 triangle numbers in FIGURE 3.4. How do we know the authors of the Holy Scriptures put this pattern into the Bible under The Holy Spirit's inspiration? Couldn't it just be a mathematical accident? What are the odds favoring all the most prominent numbers in the Lord's Word being triangular?

Good questions are as important as good answers, and the previous ones can be rephrased as follows. If you randomly choose 7 numbers less than or equal to 1081, what is the probability they are all triangular? Because these calculations can be complicated, the details are in the Chapter Notes. The results, however, are given here:

By chance alone, the probability all 7 numbers are triangular is only 1 in 6,271,067,535 or roughly 1 in 6 billion.

FIGURE 3.5

Do we really know how large a billion is? How many hours, days, or even years must pass to have a billion seconds? The answer isn't obvious or intuitive. **Amazingly, it takes over 32 years to produce just 1 billion seconds.** Therefore, it would require more than 200 years (32×6.271) to have 6.271 billion seconds. So, the probability these 7 numbers are triangular — by luck alone — is the same as picking **one particular second from 200 years of seconds.**

Such results are inconceivable! Nevertheless, they are based on only a few of the extremely numerous triangle numbers in God's Word. For example, the number of books in the Bible is 66; the length of Noah's Ark, 300 cubits; the number of God's Commandments, 10; the number of disciples in the Upper Room, 120; the total number saved in Paul's shipwreck, 276; and so on. All are triangle numbers!

We should have expected to find a mathematical design in God's Word. After all, as Sir James Jeans said, "the Great Architect of the universe now begins to appear as a pure mathematician." Surely what is true of the Lord's *Works* must also be true of His *Word*! What surprises is the beauty and simplicity of this triangle structure. As Newton wrote "It is the perfection of God's works that they are done with the greatest simplicity."

Our God is all-knowing. For that reason, it is almost blasphemous to say He would give us His Holy Book without any underlying design. After all, if numbers were not important, why is The Holy Trinity a major tenet of our relationship with God? Naturally, we will not understand all the mathematics involved. We can only hope to

comprehend a tiny needle point on the mighty garment of His Creation. We do what we can; God does what He pleases.

HOW ACCURATE ARE THE SCRIPTURES?

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*

John 1:1

Gematria is only as accurate as the text on which it is based. Can we trust the words and numbers found in our present versions of the Testaments? Has the original inspired Word been added to, deleted from, or altered somehow?

At life's plummeting pace today, it is impossible for us to truly understand an ancient culture. Yet we can achieve some knowledge of the fantastic dedication of the early copyists by studying the Masoretic texts. The Masoretes were the traditional Jewish scholars concerned with the correct copying, interpretation, and pronunciation of the Holy Scriptures. Original Hebrew texts often contain their detailed marginal notes.

Several years ago I had dinner with a biblical scholar who has a thorough knowledge of Hebrew and Greek. From him I learned about the extreme care and devotedness of these Masoretes. After supper we were discussing the accuracy of the copied (not translated) Hebrew Holy Scriptures. To illustrate Masoretic exactness, my friend opened an edition of the Old Testament in Hebrew. He turned to a certain page and pointed out two words. **According to the marginal note, these were the middle two words (Leviticus 10:16) of the entire Pentateuch!** I was impressed, but my friend wasn't finished. Again he flipped to a nearby page and indicated a single letter as the *middle symbol* (ו = vau) of these same books. Such dedication by copyists and commentators seems incredible in our hurried world.

The priests allowed the scribes a single error; of course, it had to be corrected. If a second mistake was committed, then they burned the entire manuscript, and the unfortunate copyist had to start over at Genesis 1:1. With this kind of devotion, who can truly say additions,

omissions, or errors have crept into the Lord's Holy Word? I believe the Bible, in its original manuscripts, is the inerrant Word of God! As 2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV) says:

All scripture is given by inspiration of God.

BLAISE PASCAL

Pascal (1623-1662) was a famous French scientist, mathematician, and religious writer. In his short life, he produced a wealth of inventions and discoveries, including the hydraulic pump and the first mechanical computer. Yet he did not discover the triangular pattern of FIGURE 3.6 named after him. Poets and writers knew it six centuries earlier. Yet he was the first to prove many of its intriguing properties.

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1	1	0										
1	2	1	0									
1	3	3	1	0								
1	4	6	4	1	0							
1	5	10	10	5	1	0						
1	6	15	20	15	6	1	0					
1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1	0				
1	8	28	56	70	56	28	8	1	0			
1	9	36	84	126	126	84	36	9	1	0		
1	10	45	120	210	252	210	120	45	10	1	0	
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FIGURE 3.6 PASCAL'S TRIANGLE

If you inspect the third column (highlighted) of the above figure, you will notice it contains nothing but triangle numbers (1, 3, 6, ...). By expanding this design downward, any triangle can be found.

New rows are easily produced by adding the two quantities directly above and to the left. For example, consider the highlighted trio **21**, **7**, and **28** (i.e., $21 + 7 = 28$). Strikingly, you can generate the entire design in this fashion except the 1 at the apex. Those interested may find the next row; the answer is in the Chapter Notes.

Nothingness, represented by the zeros, surrounds the triangle. So it is possible to view “0” as the *first* triangle quantity.

The full, glorious significance of this figure will be obvious only after Chapter 7, “The Triangle of Creation.” In the fourth column are all the 3-sided pyramid numbers — really just 3-dimensional triangle quantities. They can be constructed by stacking tennis balls on a three-sided base. And the fifth column represents all the 4-dimensional triangle numbers, which only God can see. The remaining columns include all the triangle numbers in every higher dimension. So, remarkably, each entry is a triangle. Therefore, **Pascal’s pattern represents all triangles in all dimensions.** Its very shape mirrors The Trinity itself, which also contains all things.

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