

## The Game of Numbers

40 years ago, "scientists" estimated that there are over **100 billion** galaxies in the universe.

Since 1996 the number has increased to over **200 billion** galaxies.

Now the estimates are over **2 trillion** galaxies.

Are we going to be told next year there are really  $10^{\text{googol}}$  (**googolplex**) galaxies?

Materialistic atheists could no longer support their erroneous claims of a static, unchanging, "infinite" universe after the discovery through Edwin Hubbles' telescope of an expanding cosmos moving at increasing velocity, so they moved the other way. Now they promote the claim that the universe is infinite in size, by speculation of "extrapolating", an *educated guess* about something unknown by extending or projecting from what they think they know, to infer or estimate new conclusions, such as trillions of galaxies, or even an infinite number of universes. In effect, they're promoting the illogical hypothesis that there are "multiples of everything". Can we all agree; this is utter nonsense?

On the other hand, the intelligent designer, a God of all, teaches through His Church, that God is a God of order, not chaos, reflected in creation, the moral code God gave directly to Moses 3500 years ago on Mt. Sinai with the Ten Commandments, and through the teachings and structure of the universal Catholic Church. This divine order is established through God's rational intellect, a hierarchical structure in the universe with God as supreme authority, and the organization of the Church through apostolic succession. This order God established is immutable and does not change one iota. (James 1:17) Scientists can't change a thing or claim God has.

### **ORDER revealed through numerology in scripture:**

Scripture mentions many fixed and symbolic numbers, referring to the duration of events, the size of a group, or specific measurements. These numbers are used both literally in historical narratives and symbolically in prophetic or poetic passages, to name a few.

**40 years:** A period of testing or judgment. Examples include the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:2) and the 40 days and nights of rain during the great flood (Genesis 7:4).

**7 days:** This number signifies completion or divine perfection. The creation of the world was completed in seven days (Genesis 2:2), and the city of Jericho fell after the Israelites marched around it for seven days (Joshua 6:15).

**12 tribes:** The 12 sons of Jacob became the 12 tribes of Israel (Genesis 49:28).

**666 talents:** The amount of gold King Solomon received annually (1 Kings 10:14).

**153 fish:** In the book of John, the disciples caught 153 fish in a miraculous catch (John 21:11).

## **Fixed numbers in the New Testament**

**12 apostles:** Jesus chose 12 apostles to establish his church (Matthew 10).

**144,000 sealed:** Mentioned in Rev. 7:4, from the tribes of Israel, which is symbolic since the nation of Israel ceased to exist in the first century by Christ's own words. (Matthew 23:36-39)

**40 days:** Jesus appeared to his disciples for 40 days before ascending to heaven (Acts 1:3).

**666:** In the Book of Revelation, 666 is described as "the number of the beast" (Rev. 13:18).

## **Philosophical and metaphorical numbers**

Beyond historical events, the Bible uses numbers to convey deeper theological concepts.

**Determined days:** Man has a limit of 120 yrs to live by divine decree. (Genesis 6:3) Science cannot change this no matter how much they try.

**Counted hairs:** (Matthew 10:30).

**Counted stars:** The prophet Isaiah notes that God brings out the starry host by number and calls them each by name, so that "not one of them is missing" (Isaiah 40:26). There's no indication there are trillions or even billions of galaxies, or even stars, as much as the materialistic atheists claim. Scientists can only hypothesize, speculate and extrapolate.

The writing of Moses goes back to 15<sup>th</sup> century B.C., and along with all the rest of the Old Testament and were completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. The New Testament was completed around 100 A.D., and finished being compiled and translated along with the Old Testament in the fourth century A.D. by St. Jerome, from Greek to Latin remaining intact until the 15<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

Why is this important? Essentially for 3,500 years the words Moses, and all the rest of Bible writers wrote words inspired by God and none have changed, aside from Protestant translators.

## **Sooner would heaven and earth pass away than one word of God. (Matthew 5:18)**

Yet these abstinent "anything but God" materialistic atheists keep changing their words year after year with their undying hope to find a way to disprove God's words to gather a larger following of unbelievers. Unfortunately, tragically, according to AI, atheism is growing, especially in "developing" countries, part of a larger trend of growing "religiously unaffiliated" groups that include atheists, agnostics, and those who identify as having "no particular religion". In other words, when people take their eyes off the ball, God's word, and get enamored by the lore of fanciful "scientism", they turn away from God, stop attending Mass, stop listening to Christ teachings, and as a result become indifferent to God, become atheistic. (Romans 16-18)

The world was warned in 1907 by St. Pope Pius X in his encyclical, "Pascendi Dominici Gregis", that "modernism" and its associate ideologies are misleading and dangerous aimed to deceive and undermine faith in God. History since then has seen fulfillment in the Church, politics, and in philosophy and science. Each must decide what they believe. (Malachi 3:18) Malachias.