

Fresh Facts from the Fishers

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Why Didn't the Flood Suffocate Noah?

Mountain climbers need oxygen tanks when they climb the heights. So how could Noah breathe in the ark, at a level above the mountains? How could such thin air keep him alive?

Sandra wrote from Mexico, "How is it that Noah, his family and the animals survived the conditions involved in being at a height above Mount Everest?" (Actually Mt. Ararat). "There is something that makes me think that atmospheric pressure changed as the earth was covered with water. I apologize if it is a bit silly question, but I have searched everywhere on the Internet and I can't get over it."



The essence of our 15-minute answer: The elevated water level would also **elevate the atmosphere!** As the water rose higher, it produced a new "sea level."

The atmosphere was not absorbed into the water as the water rose. Instead, the air that had occupied the first few kilometers above the ground, would rise to become the first kilometers above the **new water level**. So the air in the ark would be as dense as the ground-level air had been. Noah and his family were at "sea level" atmospheric pressure when the sea rose to a new level. So they could breathe as comfortably aboard the ark as they had on dry land.

Another Improvement

For several years, Dave had injections for his prostate every 3 months. Now the problem has stabilized enough that his doctor says we can **merely test**, then inject only when the numbers say so.

How Clean Is Clean Enough?

How clean do our hands have to be, when we eat a meal? How much cleaner must they be, when we perform surgery? And how pure do we need to be, to get into heaven?

If you have a cell phone, a computer, or other electronic device, it probably contains components manufactured in a "clean room" – an enclosed space extremely free from dust and other contaminants.

To **qualify** as a clean room, dust and pollutants must be kept within strictly controlled limits. There are several officially-recognized levels of "cleanness," based on the purpose for which the room will be used.

Wikipedia says, "The...outdoor air in a typical urban area contains 35,000,000 particles for each cubic meter in the size range 0.5 micro-meter and bigger..." The cleanest room permits **no** particles in that size range and just 12 particles for each cubic meter of 0.3 micro-meters and smaller. If a particle even that small gets into a chip while it is being manufactured, it can keep your cell phone from working. Worse yet, it can **kill a patient** if it makes hospital equipment malfunction.

How Clean Is Heaven?

One website points out, "The greatest threat to clean room contamination comes from **the users themselves.**" That's true of heaven, too. Romans informs us, "There is no one righteous, not even one..." The "specified limit" of contamination for entering heaven – is **zero!** God holds us accountable, not just for sinful actions, but also for sinful **thoughts.**

By that standard, none of us can be allowed into heaven, God's ultimate "clean room."

Warren Wiersbe asked, "If our **righteousness** is [as] filthy [rags], what must our **sins** look like in His sight? ...God has planned for His people wonderful things beyond their imagination, but their sins prevent Him from sharing His blessings."

He asks, "...Is there any hope?" He answers, "Yes, because God is a forgiving Father... He can cleanse us and make us anew if we will let Him have His way."

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Mr. Rogers Said It Well

One reviewer called the film about him (*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*), “a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism.”

One line in the film said Mr. Rogers aimed to “**change a broken world with our words.**” That's a good summary of what we're trying to do. Except we use something more powerful than “our words” – applying **God's Word** to answer current questions.

For Example...

- **Mexico:** “Never heard anyone talk with the science of the Word of God and confront the lie of ‘scientific atheists’ with...the existence of God and the truthfulness of His Word. ...Now I see that God has allowed science for our good; the bad [use of it] is our hard heart that has occupied it for evil. May God have mercy and open the understanding and heart of every man to recognize Him as the creator and...leave the evil ways. ...May the grace of God in Christ Jesus continue to operate in you...”
- **Czech Republic:** “It much strengthens my faith and relationship with God.”
- **Guatemala:** “It is a great blessing...to have found you on the Internet... I thank God for it especially because Freud's psychology speaks against the Bible, and unfortunately many Christians go to the psychologist before the Bible.”
- **Colombia:** “As a professional psychologist, [I reason that] if investigating the natural world created by God confirms what the Scripture says, that same logic could be done with the soul. ...It is created by God... and would [also] confirm what was written in the Word.”

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Targets for Praise & Prayer

- **Thank God that listeners consider us a trustworthy source, where they can send even questions that they think might be “a bit silly,” like how Noah could breathe.**
- **Thank God that Sandra assumed the Bible was right, including in this instance. She simply asked us to help her figure out *how* God could have achieved it.** _____
- **Pray for wisdom in dealing with both the usual and unusual topics.**
- **Dave is doing another round of physical therapy. He's using a walker more and a wheelchair less. Please pray for continued progress.**
- **Someone has expressed tentative interest in possibly using the program in Farsi and other Middle Eastern languages. Please pray for God's will in this possibility.**
- **That each grandchild will follow God's will in every decision.**

Serving with Trans World Radio

Worrisome Idea – Wrong Solution

Late astronomer Carl Sagan said humanity had made so many mistakes that humans were heading irreversibly for extinction. Our only hope would be to contact intelligent extraterrestrials. Supposedly they would have solved the problems we face and could teach us how to survive, from their *Encyclopedia Galactica*.

Christian astronomer Hugh Ross reacts, “The tragedy is that **we already have an ‘Encyclopedia Galactica,’ the Bible, and millions of people think of it as an outdated, unscientific collection of legends and myths.** So, like Dr. Sagan, they turn toward a desperate and futile search for answers ‘out there.’”

Pray that God will give us wisdom, to guide some **from futility to faith!**