

BONES – GOD’S TRUTH REVEALED

INTRODUCTION

A bone speaks a spiritual word more aptly than one at first thinks. Like the spiritual realm, bones are invisible but they make their presence felt. Bones provide strength, protection, serve as a storage reservoir for minerals, and most importantly are the site of production of blood cells in the marrow. The Bible says “the life is in the blood”, but the life of the blood is in the bones. If bones are so essential to life it should not surprise that much spiritual wisdom is present in the bones. In addition, if man is made in the image of God, then the bones of man have a great deal to say about the mystery of God.

The approach we take in this paper is to compare and contrast three things: the scientific knowledge we have of bones, what Scripture plainly teaches us regarding bones, and the meaning of spiritual numbers as they apply when we count the bones. God speaks both in word and in number. When he created living things his design was harmonious with the meaning of spiritual numbers we discover in the Bible. Thus we understand that the author of Scripture and the creator of the Universe are one in the same: the Lord God Almighty. Just as Scripture has a message for us, Creation also reveals God’s truth. The authority for interpretation of Bible numbers is taken from www.biblenumbersforlife.com where the spiritual meaning of Bible numbers has been validated many different ways.

HUMAN BONES

The table below shows the counts of bones in the various body parts of man:

BONE GROUPS	TOTAL	BONE GROUPS	APIECE	TOTAL
HEAD	28	ARMS	3	6
Cranium	8	Humerus, Radius, Ulna	3	6
Facial	14	HANDS	27	54
Middle Ears	6	Wrist	8	16
NECK & SHOULDER	12	Palm	5	10
Throat Bone	1	Digits	14	28
Cervical Vertebrae	7	PELVIS		4
Clavical, Scapula	4	Sacrum, tailbone, etc.		4
TORSO	37	LEGS	4	8
Breastbone	1	Thigh	1	2
Ribs	24	Patela, Tibula, Fibula	3	6
Thoracic Vertebrae	12	FEET	26	52
LOINS	5	Ankle bones	7	14
Lumbar Vertebrae	5	Metatarsus bones	5	10
		Digits	14	28
		GRAND TOTAL ALL BONES		206

MAN WAS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

There are 206 bones in man: 2 x 103. The number 103 means "Image of God" or "Word of God". The number 2 means "Division" or "Witness". The highest purpose of man is to express in his thoughts, words, and deeds the nature of God. In that sense man '*divides*' the Word of God: he makes it plain.

Man sinned and so it was necessary for Jesus to come to fulfill the purpose of man to divide the Word of God. In a deeply mysterious way, it is almost as if within Jesus there were two (2) copies of the Image of God (103), one image Jesus would manifest in the flesh, and one image we who believe in Jesus would manifest in the flesh. "This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called Woman for she was taken out of man" (Gen. 2:23) The term 'bone of my bone' means "my family: part of me". In the same way Eve came out of Adam, believers came out of Christ. DNA contains two copies of all the information that defines who we are in the flesh. In order for new life to come in the human cell, it must 'die' or *divide itself*. Jesus died so that we might live: not to ourselves but to the glory of God.

Psalms 103 verse 1 says "Praise the Lord, O my soul, praise his holy name." That is what man was intended to be, a worshipper not just with the lips but with one's whole life. This is also what the total count of the bones in man tells us.

BONES IN THE HEAD – THE SEAT OF THE MIND

There are 28 bones in the head of man. The number 28 means "Christ in You" or "God in You". This brings to mind the subtle distinction that was missed by Adam and Eve in the clever deception of the Serpent in the garden of Eden. The Bible says "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom. 10:9) When a person is saved the Spirit of God lives in us, his power dwells in us, and we begin an inner transformation into the likeness of Christ. This is what Paul meant when he wrote "God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col.1:27)

The deception of the Devil is "You will not surely die...For God knows when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:4) Desiring to be like God, Adam and Eve disobeyed. They relied on their own thinking rather than on believing the truth of God. In other words, they made the thoughts of their head the ruler of their lives.

The Bible says believe in your heart that God raised Christ from the dead and you will be saved. The Devil says trust the vain imaginings of your mind and you will be like God. When we follow God, he births in us a new spirit in the likeness of Christ. When we follow Satan our hearts become darkened and we set ourselves up as God, incurring God's wrath and judgment.

BONES IN THE TORSO – THE SEAT OF THE SPIRIT

Psalms **103** says “**Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise his holy name**” (verse 1). The torso contains the internal organs of man. The issues of life depend on these organs performing their function. Which are the most vital internal organs? The answer to that would be the lungs and the heart. Without breath we perish within a few minutes. The lungs extract oxygen from the air and make it available to the blood cells. The heart then transports the oxygen laden blood cells throughout our flesh. The Bible says “**the life is in the blood**”, and that is a scientific truth also.

The Greek word for ‘spirit’ is *pneuma*, which means “breath” or “movement of air”. We cannot see the air we breathe yet it sustains us. Our spirit and God’s spirit are invisible, yet they are just as real as the invisible air we swim in every day.

NECK AND SHOULDER – THE WILL OF MAN

We have discussed the mind (head) and the heart (torso) of man: what of the will? The neck is the middle ground between the head and the heart. The posture of the neck tells us which seat of our soul has control. When we bow our head in prayer to God, we are signifying that we are setting aside our mind as ruler of our life and we are acknowledging God and his Word as ruler of our life.

There are twelve bones in the neck and shoulder. We include the shoulder because it supports the neck as it rests on the torso. The number **12** means “**Government**”. The neck of man in the Bible is symbolic of the will: “For I know **how rebellious and stiff-necked you are**” (Deut. 31:27) Once a person has made the choice to ignore God and follow their own way, they brace their will against him. The result is defiance and rebellion. The will follows mind (for the unbeliever) and the will follows heart or spirit (for the believer). Whichever triumphs in the battle of supremacy: faith and submission to God or hardness of heart and rebellion to God, the will reflects.

When the head has control of the neck there are a total of **40** bones: **28** (head) plus **12** (neck). The number **40** has the meaning “**Severe Test**”. When we set our will against God, we declare war against a spiritual power that is in control of the Universe and who is untouchable. It is a plan and a direction bound to end in defeat and destruction.

When the torso has control of the neck there are a total of **49** bones: **37** (torso) plus **12** (neck). The number **49** has the meaning “**Father’s Love**”. Although submission to God may sound to carnal ears as the ultimate ignominy, it puts us securely under his protection and blessing. This direction in life will only result in our blessing and honor.

BONES IN THE ARM - STRENGTH

There are **3** bones in each arm. The Bible number **3** means “**Strength**”. No surprise then the Bible describes the strength of God as “**the arm of the Lord**” (Exodus 6:6, Exodus 15:16). A company of warriors is called an ‘army’ and weapons of war are called ‘arms’.

BONES IN THE HANDS – THE TRUTH

There are **27** bones in a hand. The spiritual number **27** means “**Holy Truth**”. Paul wrote to Timothy “**present yourself to God as one approved who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth**” (2 Tim. 3:15) and “**devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching. Do not neglect your gift which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you**” (1 Tim. 4:13-14). Paul describes the apostles as marked by “**truthful speech and in the power of God, with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left**” (2 Cor. 6:7). **The hand holds the weapon of truth: “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God”** (Eph. 6:17).

The handshake is the traditional gesture of welcome into fellowship. The Bible says “**how can two walk together unless they agree?**” (Amos 3:3). When we shake hands we are saying ‘your truth matches my truth, on this basis I welcome you.’

BONES IN THE FEET – THE GOSPEL

There are **26** bones in a foot. The spiritual number **26** means “**The Gospel**”. The number **26** is equal to **2 x 13**. The number **2** means “**Division**” and the number **13** means “**Rebellion**”. Satan is leading a rebellion against God. The wisdom of God is to provide a way for man to repent of his sins and be forgiven. The Gospel is the truth of the sinless atonement of Jesus Christ on the cross: a sacrifice acceptable to God which man can appropriate by faith simply by confessing personal sin and believing in Jesus. In this fashion people obtain peace with God and are released from the power of sin, the penalty of sin, and at the end of all things the presence of sin. The word gospel means ‘good news’!

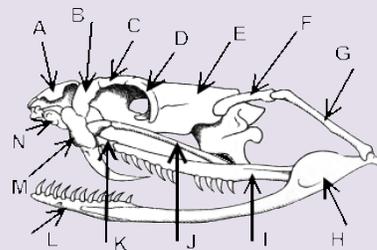
Again, in Paul’s description of the Christian warrior he writes: “**having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace**” (Eph. 6:15). This calls to mind the prophecy of Isaiah “**how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him that bring good news who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation**” (Isaiah 52:7). We notice the last verse occurs in the **52nd** chapter of Isaiah. The number of bones in both feet is **52** and the spiritual meaning of the number **52** is “**Gospel Worker**” or “**Gospel Witness**”.

For the ancients, the feet were considered a filthy part of the body. Being in daily contact with dust, dirt, and human sweat, the feet were smelly objects of dishonor. The power of the gospel to transform our standing with God is so great that even our most objectionable parts become beautiful in his eyes. Having experienced the cleansing of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our desire is to share that with others.

BONES IN THE SNAKE'S HEAD

After Adam and Eve sinned the LORD said to the serpent "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; **he will crush your head** and **you will strike his heel.**" (Gen.3:15) The head of a viper, or biting snake, has 35 bones. The spiritual number **35** means "**Suffering Servant**" and points to the cross of Christ, the place where Jesus was struck by Satan. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The number 35 is composed from the root meanings: "**The End**" (7) of "**Life**" (5) or 7 x 5. The number of bones in a man's foot (which is how he crushes the snakes' head) is **26**. The Bible Number **26** means "**The Gospel**" and is composed from the root meanings: "**Division**" (2) of "**Rebellion**" (13) or 2 x 13. Thank you Jesus for suffering for me on the cross; Good bye Satan: you don't rule here any longer. The graphics below show the bones in a viper's head: **35 = 9 'Judgement'** of **26 'Gospel'**!

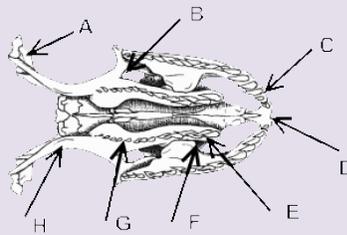
VIPER



N Premaxillary	2
A Nasal	2
B Prefrontal	2
C Frontal	2
D Postorbital	2
E Parietal	2
F Supratemporal	2
G Quadrate bone	2
I Pterygoid	2
J Ectopterygoid	2
L Dental	2
M Maxillary	2
H Rear manible	2

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UPPER JAW



Palantine	2 extension of ectopterygoid
Vomer	1 a single bone
Basisphenoid	1 a single bone
columella auris	2 carries vibration usu. To the ear.
prootie	2 back of the brain case?

9

Total Viper **35** 'Suffering Servant'
"Biting Snake"