

Science in the Bible

The Paths in the Seas

Psalm 8 is a beautiful psalm (worship song) in the Bible, written by King David, about 1,000 BC. It is a song that praises God for creation and that God has given man a special place in His world. Part of that psalm says, ***“You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands...even the...fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas” (Psalm 8:8).***



That last phrase especially grabbed the attention of oceanographer, Matthew Maury. He told his son, *“If God said there are paths in the sea, I am going to find them.”* And he did. He consulted old ships’ logs, floated ‘drift bottles’ from which he was able to detect ocean currents, kept detailed records of wind activity (inspired by Ecclesiastes 1:6, in the Bible) and soon worked out *the Gulf Current* (from the Gulf of Mexico), *the Japanese Current*, and *the California Current*, to name a few. With this information he wrote pioneering textbooks on sea navigation and reduced long journeys by several weeks. Today, a monument in Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia credits him as, *“...the genius who first snatched from the oceans and atmosphere the secret of their laws. His inspiration, Holy Writ, Psalm 8:8; Ecclesiastes 1:6.”* So again, the Bible has been proven to be scientifically accurate!