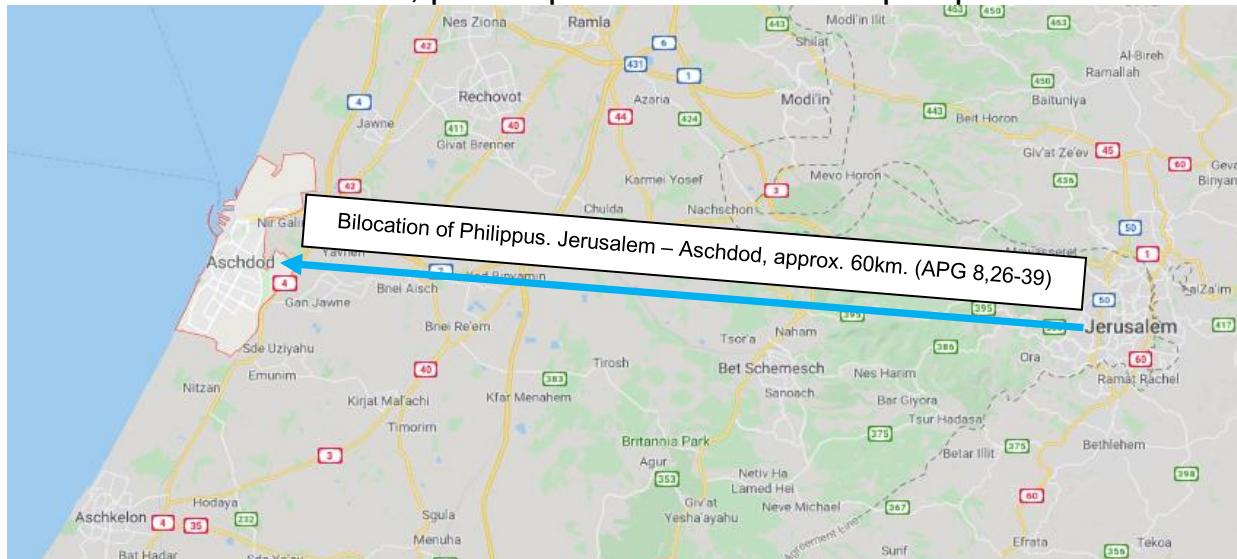


Bilocation from a biblical, philosophical and scientific perspective



Picture 1: Map section of Israel to show the bilocation of Philip.

Philip and the Ethiopian

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus (Aschdod) and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea. *Ref.: Bible APG 8,26ff*

Note: Time is what prevents everything from happening at the same time. Fortunately, time travel contradicts the causality principle, because if a time-like curve could be closed, then cause and collapse can occur and in the worst case the effect occurs before cause. Therefore the more or less problem-free time travel and/or bilocations like Philippus with the "Warp Drive" in Star Trek and "The Last Ark" by Stephen Baxters are a real phenomenon. Or is it because we only use 10% of our brain?

Physics Nobel Prize winner Werner Heisenberg was intensively involved with the philosophical implications of quantum mechanics. For Heisenberg, physics and philosophy were inseparable. He was philosophically convinced that modern physics proved Plato right: "For the smallest units of matter are indeed not physical objects in the ordinary sense of the word; they are forms, structures, or in Plato's sense, ideas, about which one could speak unequivocally only in the language of mathematics". He sees the symmetries in the basic equation of his unified field theory in Plato's sense. For him, the search for the deepest source of all understanding was the common origin of religion and science and can be aptly summarised in his following quote: "The first sip from the glass of science makes you an atheist, but God is waiting for you at the bottom of the glass." - Werner Heisenberg.