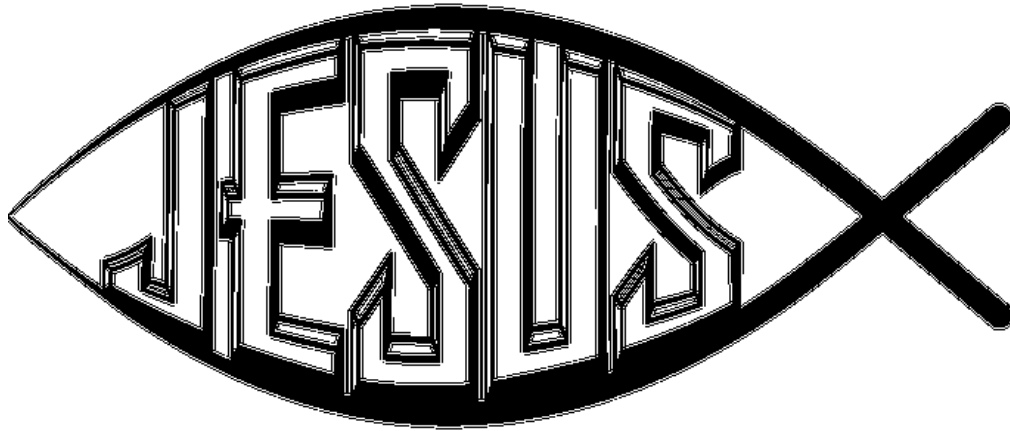


TOUCHING LIVES THROUGH APOLOGETICS, A COUNSELING PERSPECTIVE



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PREFACE

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I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN WALK IN THE TRUTH

Intended Audience – This document is written particularly for the use of those in ministry, namely for professional church workers, i.e., pastors, youth workers, teachers, etc. with the primary focus on apologetics following the biblical narrative of God’s six-day creation and his global Genesis Flood and defending the faith in Jesus Christ our Savior. Primary resource materials have come from Professor Joel Heck’s *From Atheism to Christianity* and from Answers in Genesis and the Institute for Creation Research websites. The basic focus of the writing has been to integrate theological, scientific and psychological perspectives.

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Introductory Matters

It is critically important for those in Christian ministry to understand that apologetics not only means to proclaim the Scriptural narrative, but also to refute the philosophies of evolution and humanism.



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Beginning with Martin Luther and continuing with the Brief Statement of 1932 and the Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles of 1973, our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) has consistently supported the Genesis narratives of God's six-day creation "out of nothing" and the global Genesis Flood. The LCMS rejects the philosophies of materialism and naturalism that undermine the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture. The secular world, along with a liberal media has had a laser focus on destroying the foundations of Scripture, calling them a myth. In this regard, Psalm 11:3 offers this warning, "If the foundations be destroyed, what will the righteous do?" As an outgrowth of 19th century Darwinism, Oswald Chambers, a Scottish preacher embraced naturalism and imposed an indefinite period of antiquity into the narrative of Genesis 1:1 thereby discrediting the six-day creation account. More recent old Earth creationists include the evangelist, Billy Graham whose undergraduate degree was anthropology and contemporary theologians including Allister McGrath, an Anglican theologian and Oxford professor and also Tim Keller, an apologist associated with the Presbyterian Church. Recently, young Earth publications have sounded the alarm. For example, Answers Magazine, a publication of Answers in Genesis (AiG) in its magazine article of May-June 2017 article, "Funding Darwinism in the Church" describes the John Templeton Foundation's efforts to introduce theistic evolution to pastoral candidates through their institutions of training. Additionally, the May 2017 newsletter from Creation Ministries International (CMI) addressed this topic with an article titled "Nice Theologians Leading the Church Away from the Truth." This CMI article voiced concern that old Earth creationism creates doubt in the minds of the faithful.

The Scriptural narrative was integral to my elementary education. My father, the principal and teacher in a two room elementary school, maintained an in-depth apologetic position of our almighty God creating the universe out of "absolutely nothing." Pastor John Spomer, in having his confirmands memorize the chief parts of Lutheran's Small Catechism and the answers to the questions, provided a foundation in Christian doctrine that placed his students in good stead. During my freshman year at Concordia Academy at St. Paul, MN, I had a biology class with Paul W. Stor. What a blessing that was! Professor Stor was a St. Louis Seminary graduate and "cut out of the same cloth" as Alfred Rehwinkel who authored *The Flood*, a pioneering apologetic work published in 1953. Yes, Rehwinkel did propose the "canopy theory" as an explanation for the massive deposits of oil and coal resulting as an aftermath of the flood; although this theory is no longer viable, nonetheless, these flood remnants are clear evidence of the inconceivably massive amounts of fish and plant life produced during the pre-flood world.

As a science major entering the Concordia College System in 1959, educational experiences there was a paucity of young Earth apologetic emphases. More disturbing was my daughter's experience in the Concordia System. A respected science professor privately counseled her friend that a belief in theistic evolution was actually adiaphora, essentially of little consequence. It is essentially heretical for a LCMS church professional to deny the authority of the Scriptural narrative. Such an approach to biblical interpretation is typically the result of succumbing to the voices of skeptics who claim that science has proved that the Earth is "millions

of years” old. If the skeptic’s claims are true, it is then necessary to align one’s theology with what evolutionary scientists approve. But science has not “proved” the Earth to be millions of years old! The purpose of this paper is to refute the philosophies of materialism and naturalism, basic to evolution, and offer tools to assist in understanding the depth of God’s love and the true theology of Holy Scripture.

The young Earth movement has merged only in the last half a century and leaders in our church support young Earth apologetics and refute the efforts of proponents of evolution. Within the Concordia University System (CUS), Professors Joel Heck and Gary Locklair founded the Society for Creation to provide an inservice arm in the pursuit of a scientific study of young Earth related topics which is directed particularly at CUS staff. Additionally, all the universities within the system have adopted the Lutheran Identity Standards (2014) for CUS Institutions meaning that all faculty members, part time and full time, pledge to perform their duties in harmony with Scripture, the Confessions and the Synods’ doctrinal statements. Within the Michigan District, President David Maier continues to provide conference speakers like Ken Ham (AiG) to pastoral and leadership groups featuring apologetic themes. As a result of examining voluminous written materials and DVD’s, this writer would recommend the Institute for Creation Research’s *Guide to Creation Basics* as an excellent source book and starting point for congregational/school professional in studying the issues surrounding this topic of apologetics.

CHAPTER 1

A Fine –Tuned Universe Speaks of a Creator

In the beginning God created a perfect universe for man, the crown of his creation.



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English astronomer and atheist Sir Fred Hoyle once stated: “a common sense interpretation of the facts is that super-intelligence has monkeyed with physics, as well as chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces in nature.” But Hoyle was not a friend of Darwinism; he instead believed that life came to Earth from outer space. The technical aspects of the fine-tuning of chemical, electromagnetic and gravitational forces may be beyond the scope of an average layman; however, there are basic practical aspects regarding this matter that make perfect sense. For example, our sun has the right color, mass and distance from the Earth to sustain life on our planet; any variation in any of these constants would doom Earth to the status of being a barren planet. One example of this is the Earth’s distance from the sun which is crucial in allowing water to exist in all three states (solid, liquid and gas) simultaneously. Many other factors contribute to making the Earth a place capable in sustaining life, i.e., gravity, axial tilt, rotation period, magnetic field, crust thickness, oxygen/nitrogen ratio, water vapor and carbon dioxide and ozone levels. The entire universe is fine-tuned with a level of complexity and delicacy that defies human comprehension. Given this realization, a Christian can point to a Creator while others suggest blind fate or claim that life came from outer space.

Advocates of natural theology contend that it is possible to discern the existence and nature of God through natural revelation. These natural evidences are based on the premise that man knows that there is a God even without the special revelation of Scripture; however, creation requires a Creator. This knowledge was inscribed in the heart of man at the time of creation. Examples of this natural theology are offered as follows:

- The cosmological argument, from the Greek word “cosmos” meaning world or universe, suggests that since the universe exists, it must have a cause. This proposal had its origins with Plato and Aristotle and was further codified by Thomas Aquinas. This argument is based on the premise that our orderly world cannot be the result of mere chance, but must have been the creation of an intelligent and omnipotent God.
- The teleological argument, coming from the Greek word “telos” meaning end or purpose, is based on the idea that design suggests a designer. Thomas Aquinas and William Paley used this argument whereas modern theorists rely on the proposition that only a “fine-tuned” Earth will support life with regard to this argument.
- The moral argument, originating with Kant in the 18th century, relies on man’s inborn sense of morality. Kant argued that since man is naturally moral, an original lawgiver was required.
- The aesthetic argument is based on the beauty within the universe which is considered the obvious product of a loving God.
- The ontological argument, from the Greek word “ontos” and meaning being, attempts to prove the existence of God by relying on sense experiences and reason. It was formulated by Anselm of Canterbury and is considered to be a highly hypothetical argument.

In contrast to these classical arguments, Luther in his Small Catechism offers this question and explanation for God’s existence, “How do you know that there is a God?” The responses include: 1) From the existence of the world for Psalm 19:1 states, “The heavens declare the glory

of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork;" 2) From the testimony of my conscience offering the proof text from Roman 2:15: "(The Gentiles) show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meantime accusing or else excusing one another; 3) Especially from the Holy Scriptures, in which God clearly reveals himself to us and applied this reference found in Jeremiah 10:10 "The Lord is the true God, He is the living God and an everlasting King." Concerning the evidences of God, one would be hard pressed to find clearer answers to this question.

Paleoanthropologists claiming that man descended from the great apes and with the "Out of Africa" model stating that Africa was the geographical region in which early man evolved and then dispersed throughout the world roughly 50,000 to 100,000 years ago. However, keep in mind that such speculations of Earth events are solely driven by the theory of evolution. However, contrary research involving carbon-14 dating of organic materials offers research data supporting the age of the Earth being within a biblical time frame. Evolution based on speculation about the unobservable and unrepeatable past must be contrasted to creationists' appeal to true scientific research. This quote from page 16 of Jonathan Sarfati's *Refuting Evolution* offers the reader an understanding of the assumptions held by proponents of evolution. He states evolutionists claim that "nothing gave rise to something at the alleged 'Big Bang,' non-living matter gave rise to life, single-celled organisms gave rise to many-celled organisms, invertebrates gave rise to vertebrates, ape-like creatures gave rise to man, non-intelligent and amoral matter gave rise to intelligence and morality, man's yearnings gave rise to religions, etc." However, not one iota of scientific evidence supports any of the foregoing assumptions.

The Bible narrative paints a completely different picture with God from eternity creating a perfect universe for man and giving him a free will so that he could choose to have a loving relationship with God, his Creator. Following Adam's rebellion, God promised a Savior from sin which was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Adam died approximately a century before Noah who, along with his family, witnessed God's judgment against the pervasive sinfulness of mankind resulting in the global Genesis Flood. In confusing the languages at Babel, God's command "to replenish the Earth" was carried out as mankind dispersed across the Earth. Within eight generations following the flood, God chose Abram to be the father of the Jewish nation which would ultimately be the vehicle in fulfilling God's promise of a Savior from sin. Five centuries following the Genesis Flood, God chose Moses as the leader of God's people. Given the longevity of Adam and Noah nearly a thousand years each, a little more than a handful of generations had transpired from Abraham to Moses. The history of God's people has been passed on from father-to-son, generation after generation, ensuring that the story of God's love would not be lost. It is from this collection of past events that Moses recorded in the Pentateuch the early history of God's people.

With the migrations from Babel, remnants of God's story including the creation and Genesis Flood events were retained in the folklore of many cultures. However, over time, new religions were born, e.g., Baal in Canaan, polytheism involving the gods and goddesses of the

Greeks and Hinduism in China. In western culture, starting in the 6th Century B.C., the Greeks developed the philosophy of materialism, the belief system that everything is composed of material and nothing else. This philosophy is a study of the nature, causes of reality and knowledge or values based on logic. When a philosophy deals with origins, it is a religion. The basic concepts found in most of the world's philosophies include the following: 1) whether the nature of man is good, neutral or sinful, 2) is man just another animal or does he have a soul/higher purpose, 3) whether man has a free will or is constrained by blind fate, 4) and the body-mind debate, i.e., the relationship between conscious thought processes and the brain. Additional issues deal with determining the origin of knowledge including: 1) the nature or nurture debate focusing on whether a person's development is predisposed by his genetics or is primarily influenced by life experiences and 2) with regard to reasoning, whether the basis of knowledge is inductive in which a premise is viewed as supplying strong evidence or deductive which involves linking a premise to a conclusion.

This brings us directly to our topic of apologetics. This term comes from the Greek word "apologia," meaning to defend. Holy Scripture directs us to defend our faith in Jesus Christ with all meekness and humility as stated in I Peter 3:15 "... always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." Furthermore, James 1:19-20 instructs us to use listening ears as follows: "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." The actual purpose of Christian apologetics is to remove impediments to the Gospel message and build bridges so that others understand, appreciate and come to faith in the omnipotent God of Scripture, their Savior Jesus Christ.

Apologetics has many facets as evidenced by the numerous religions, philosophies, denominations and approaches within Christianity besides the many permeations offered by various theologians. There are three branches of apologetics: classical, evidential and presuppositional. Classical apologetics is based on the historic proofs of God's existence. Here God and Christianity are proved by theistic arguments, e.g., natural law, rather than a biblical approach per se. Once the existence of God is established, emphasis shifts to presenting evidence from the fulfilled prophecies of Jesus, the historicity of Scripture and the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. This approach includes the historic figures of Augustine and Aquinas. In contrast, evidential apologetics is a one-step approach which is fact-based, beginning with the New Testament emphasizing Jesus' miracles and the resurrection and moving on to broader areas of investigation including science, law, and philosophy with one example being the Lutheran apologist, John Warwick Montgomery. Finally, the presuppositional approach presumes the truth of one's position, e.g., Christianity is assumed as being true, as it is based on the inspired and inerrant Word of God. It defends itself against objections by exposing the logical flaws of other philosophies. Unlike other worldviews, Christianity can actually account for logic, the uniformity of nature, morality and true science. The approach of this document is presuppositional and views Scripture as the inspired and inerrant narrative of God.

CHAPTER 2

The Dimensions of Apologetics

In 1 Corinthians 13:11 Paul made this profound observation, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” So it is with apologetics, for with children we share narrative, but in ministering to adults it is frequently helpful if not necessary to explain the philosophical underpinnings of both Scripture and evolution.



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Apologetics can be defined on the basis of three dimensions. This first dimension is the literal approach of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the context of offering instruction, i.e., within a classroom setting or a sermon, factual-based information is presented regarding the story of God's love for man. Although one may talk about God the Creator, it is possible that a person maintaining a belief in evolution or theistic evolution, due to their reasoned perspective, may not grasp the omnipotence and love of God. The incessant messaging of the secular world influences many individuals and denominations marginalizing the natural, literal understanding of Genesis 1 – 11. These foundational doctrines include the creation of the universe and all of life, man's rebellion in the original sin of Adam and Eve, God's judgment of sin resulting in death and disorder, God's enduring love for man in promising a Redeemer from sin and his promise of life everlasting in heaven.

Bob Gillespie, an Answers in Genesis presenter, contrasted the Acts 2 sermon of Peter to a Jewish audience on Pentecost to that of Paul in Acts 17 in Athens, speaking to a Greek audience. At the time of Christ Pentecost was a celebration by commemorating the hand of God in the creation, the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt and the conquering of the Promised Land by the Jewish people. Peter's audience, well acquainted with the Old Testament, was offered the Gospel, highlighting the risen Christ who was crucified and rose from the dead, as their Lord and Savior from sin. Because of the Jewish people's knowledge of creation, there was no need to clarify that concept. In contrast, Paul's pagan audience in Athens necessitated his beginning with God's creation of the universe and then transitioning into not venerating idols but instead repenting and worshiping the true God. Within his message, Paul also referred to Christ's resurrection and judgment day. Consequently, we see contrasting approaches to apologetics based on the needs of a specific audience. Of course, just as is the case today, God's message was sometimes rejected or even responded to with hostility.

Second dimension of apologetics offers both Scripture and scientific evidence refuting the nonsense of evolution by incorporating the modes of both preaching and teaching. With this approach, creation is defined as the beginning of time when an omnipotent God created matter, energy, time and space "out of absolutely nothing." Additionally, creation is described as occurring during six 24-hour days. It was during the creation week that God created plants and animals reproducing "after their kind" and culminated his creative act by making man "in his own image," i.e., perfect like himself and from the dust of the ground. God then made Eve, from Adam's rib, as a helpmate for Adam.

While proponents of evolution will argue against any possibility of the supernatural, i.e., the creation narrative, they have no true science to support their position. There are no scientific laws that explain the origin of the matter that supposedly exploded in the "Big Bang" event. Neither does science explain the origin of life. In all human experience, life only comes from life. In the fossil record, there are no undisputed evidences of transitional fossils; however, logic would require the record to be replete with examples of these intermediate life forms.

Others argue that the evidence of evolution is hard to observe because it was such a protracted process requiring "millions of years" for detectable changes to occur. If we assume the

Earth's history has extended over billions of years, comets should no longer exist since they are thought by astrophysicists to burn out in about 100,000 years. Additionally, why are there numerous examples of species that have not changed over these proposed eons of time? Valid theories cannot operate on the basis of contradictory mechanisms as is the case of progressive changes demanded by evolutionary theory as contrasted to no changes occurring. Careful examination reveals that evolution is based upon the following pattern of circular reasoning: Evolution is a fact. All available evidence supports the evolutionary interpretation. Since all evidence, as interpreted with an evolutionary bias, supports the theory, it must be true. In defense of their fallible position, proponents frequently develop false narratives and rescue devices to support their materialistic and naturalistic theories. In violating a variety of scientific laws, their only realistic response when questioned is, "Science hasn't figured that out yet!"

Historical records, Scripture and secular and biblical genealogies support the biblical narrative of a young Earth. The fossil record and the abrupt appearance of kinds, all of them complex and none of them with less advanced ancestors, demonstrate the creative acts of God. The geology of the Earth with its thousands of feet of fossil bearing water-laid deposits, high mountains, deep valleys and "grand canyons" on many continents and within the seas are direct evidences for the Genesis Flood account. With the secular world unremittently striving to discredit Scripture and deny the existence of God, a clear understanding of the contrary evidence for evolution is essential in undermining the power of the theory in the minds of those vulnerable to its message. The foundational nature of the Genesis narrative and how it relates to the entirety of Scripture's narrative of God's love in redeeming man from his sinful condition cannot be marginalized or dismissed as allegory.

This third dimension of apologetics deals with the arbitrary, contradictory, and internal inconsistencies of arguments supporting evolution. Jason Lisle explains this approach in detail in his *Ultimate Proof of Creation* available in both a book and also a YouTube format on the internet. This methodology strongly refutes the possibility of evolution by pointing out the fact that it is an arbitrary and contradictory philosophy. Evolution is actually based on the ancient Greek philosophy of materialism along with 18th century naturalism originating in the "Age of Reason." These philosophical perspectives require chance events to occur over extensive periods of time in ultimately creating the universe and life on Earth. Evolution, as a blind process, contradicts itself by relying both on order via the laws of nature and on chance events. Order and random events cannot logically co-exist within a philosophy. Advocates of evolution are actually depending on God's order in nature to support their unsubstantiated theory of chance occurrences. When a philosophy contradicts itself, as has occurred here, it proves itself to be false. Simply put, a cow cannot be in the field and the barn at the same time.

Additionally, evolution's dependence on chance events cannot possibly produce the logical thought processes essential in the production of language and required in the intellectual pursuits of mankind. Random events in molecule-to-man evolution do not enable man to reason or communicate. This type of constancy is the product of God's original perfect creation and is also evidenced in the revelation of the triune God as found in Holy Scripture. Lastly, biological

evolution has claimed to be a result of the “survival of the fittest;” however, there is no morality within such a system. When secularists invoke morality, they are borrowing from Scripture to buttress their non-Scriptural philosophy, contradicting their position and thus proving their theory is false. Their Darwinian position is devoid of any moral foundation and has frequently been associated with acts of massive genocide directed toward those deemed to be less than human.

In summary, God authored order, logic and morality; however, proponents of evolution reject the existence of the omnipotent God with their empty philosophies while they simultaneously use God and his creation to support their false perspective. Therefore, by their own admission, they are offering clear proof that they support a false theory. The same problem exists with theistic evolution, where in deference to pseudo-science, selected sections/doctrines of Scripture are either rejected, marginalized or ignored. Sharing the truth of God’s love is basic to Christian ministry. When others have concerns or questions regarding spiritual matters, the most basic of these relate to their accepting the narrative of creation, God’s love, man’s rebellion and its results in terms of original sin, a disordered world and the redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ as offered in Holy Scripture. Rebuffing the Scriptural narrative of Genesis 1-11 places understanding the love and will of our supernatural God in jeopardy.

CHAPTER 3

The Counseling Process

A counselor listens with respect and shares with integrity.



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Luther stated the purpose of our outreach rather succinctly as follows, “We are all mere beggars showing other beggars where to find bread.” Within this listening framework, it becomes possible to understand a person’s concerns/positions. The first rule of listening is to initially permit the counselee to talk without being interrupted. In addition to your silence, maintaining eye contact is also vitally important. Through this process the listener does not contaminate the counselee’s responses with their personal knowledge, feelings or values. Without accurate information from the counselee, there is no realistic starting point for ministry. The art of listening also involves building trust by offering reassurance. As the counselee shares, the listener may simply respond with “yes,” “uh huh,” “tell me more” and “that is interesting” etc., these essentially being non-directive comments which will permit a counselee to sense acceptance as he/she continues to share. Additionally, restating and rephrasing of the counselee’s concerns, thoughts and feelings will confirm that he/she has been heard and understood. Within this entire process, it is crucial that the counselee internalizes your respect for his/her basic concerns. Also realize that when a counselee is caught within the throws of an emotionally charged event, he/she is more open to problem solving regarding life events and possibly listening to the Gospel message.

Road blocks to the Gospel can occur on multiple levels. These may include traumatic situations in the life of the counselee which may cause obstacles to future spiritual growth. Such events are typically referred to as ‘baggage’ and often can be intertwined with misunderstandings regarding the actual story of man’s rebellion and God’s redemption. In this regard, a counselee may have grown up within a setting where this narrative was either twisted or rejected. Within the counseling process, it is well to remember Frank Tyger’s quote, “Hearing is one of the body’s five senses. But listening is an art.”

Given the goal of the secular/humanistic worldview to destroy Christianity, it is vitally important to know and also understand relevant concepts regarding the scientific laws and data which clearly refute the possibility of the process of evolution. Without this pushback and the related immunization that it offers, when evolution is presented as a fact as in the ongoing bombardment of media and the indoctrination occurring within public schools, the result is that Scripture is relegated to the status of allegory and therefore dismissed as myth. In this regard, keep in mind that approximately 90% of children from church homes attend public schools. Some of the most blatant examples of this ongoing media brainwashing is found in the National Geography magazine and films produced by Origins, Inc. Although their portrayals are beautifully choreographed, thematically they clearly present nature as god.

An insidious strategy used by skeptics to support evolution and create doubt in the authenticity of Scripture is claiming that evolution is a fact. In rejecting the inerrancy of Scripture, their tact typically is that selected sections of the Bible, e.g., God’s creation and the Genesis Flood, are allegory or myth since science/naturalism does not support the existence of supernatural events. Consequently, it is implied that no truly intelligent person could possibly believe such nonsense. The fact is that few individuals have the background to contest this type of confrontation. However, Jean Piaget, the Swiss clinical psychologist clarified this conundrum

by explaining that the cognitive processing of a 7 to 11-year-old is based factual events which he has defined by the term, “concrete operations.” Therefore, in the case regarding evolution a skeptic is saying “Believe me, think no further, I am right!” in attempting to leave one in the position of “thinking like a child” with no rational comeback. However, defending one’s faith and Scripture involves functioning on the cognitive level that Piaget labeled as “formal operations” which involves understanding and confronting the irrational/contradictory aspects of evolution.

It is commonplace for many people to have assimilated any number of false ideas which present roadblocks to their faith in Christ and a true understanding of God’s scriptural narrative. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Isn’t Genesis poetry/allegory, and not narrative or a descriptive of a real event?
- Hasn’t science already proved that evolution is indeed a “fact?”
- Didn’t it take “millions of years” of evolution for man to finally evolve from an ape-like creature?
- How can the God of the Old Testament be considered loving in view of the massive events of carnage he carried out against man, e.g., the global Genesis Flood and the children of Israel conquering Palestine and deposing the peoples that inhabited that country?
- How can a loving God allow all the carnage that has occurred in the world and is now occurring such as wars or the destructive forces of nature which cause such massive pain and hardship for man?
- If God is good, why do bad things happen to good people?
- Why doesn’t God control the natural disasters that occur on Earth?
- Why isn’t God answering my prayers and doing for me what I am asking of him?

A ploy typically used by hard core evolutionists is to say, “Why is the God of the Old Testament so vindictive?” In this regard, skeptics report that they could never believe in such a malicious God. With this perspective, there is a lack of understanding of the nature of God and his love. A pertinent passage in this regard is Isaiah 64:8 which states, “But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.” This passage clarifies God’s sovereignty over his creation. A key consideration in this battle is the fact that it was man who brought sin into God’s perfect world by his rebellion in the Garden of Eden, thus separating himself from God. With respect to the flood, God is a righteous judge of his creation, hence he sent the global Genesis Flood in judgment of a woefully sinful world. It is out of his love for sinful man that God sent his Son to redeem man from his lost condition.

Some who support evolution and hence, the “survival of the fittest,” would choose which of God’s children they designate as “less human” and therefore unfit to survive. This level of dehumanization is directly linked to abortion and eugenics. One example of the result of this philosophy is the death of the six million Jews and other undesirables in Germany who were exterminated during World War II. Other instances of man’s massive purging of his fellowman

include the Australian Aborigines, the Russian people under Stalin, and the Chinese by Mao Zedong. It is incredibly disingenuous for skeptics to accuse God of atrocities when their philosophy has historically supported this wholesale practice of genocide.

One of the keys in dealing with people is appreciating the variances of temperaments. When these differences are understood, a counselor is in a better position to respond to people's concerns by considering how they receive and process information. In this regard Hippocrates, the father of western medicine, first defined the concept of temperament around 400 BC. These differences can be described by using the following examples of personages from Scripture:

- Paul, the choleric, is characterized as being fast-paced and task-directed. Strengths include being strong-willed, independent, visionary, confident and practical. Weaknesses involve his being proud, domineering, unsympathetic and unforgiving.
- Peter, representing the sanguine temperament, is described as being fast-paced and people-orientated. His strengths include being personable, compassionate, carefree, friendly and wanting to please. Weaknesses are found in his being disorganized, egocentric, undisciplined, indecisive and emotionally reactive.
- Abraham, the phlegmatic, is characterized as being slow-paced and people-orientated. Strengths included his being dependable, calm, organized, diplomatic and humorous. Weaknesses include being unmotivated, selfish, stingy, a tease and fearful.
- Moses, characterized as a melancholic, is described as being slow-paced and task-orientated. His strengths are described as his being analytical, sensitive, loyal, conscientious, and self-sacrificing. Weaknesses are found in his being moody, negative, rigid, self-centered, unsociable and critical.

Within the counseling format, realize that people have different processing styles and use their own internal language to interpret reality. Therefore, "talking their language," so to speak, facilitates their understanding within the process of communication as clarified in the following:

- Individuals with a Pauline temperament are goal-oriented and concerned about the basic issues, i.e., the big picture.
- People with a Peter temperament are sensitive and are easily swayed by their feelings. The matter of approval is very important to them.
- Individuals with Abraham temperaments are sensitive, seek to belong and respond most effectively to information offered within an organized format.
- People with a Moses temperament tend to focus on details and accuracy and respond positively to a specific proof to support an idea or viewpoint.

In developing rapport, it is also helpful to understand the counselee's cognitive processing and interests. In that regard, individuals process information on basically two levels. People processing within a left-brained mode are effective verbal communicators, think abstractly, sequence information effectively, think logically and typically have academic strengths in reading, writing and history. In contrast, right-brained individuals think more holistically, are intuitive, reason in terms of metaphors and have the academic strengths of art, math, science, computer sciences and are often mechanically inclined. Although scientific research does not

necessary support the left-brained, right-brained theory from the basis of a physiological perspective since there is significant integration between brain functions, from a general perspective, this dimension of cognitive processing can offer a method of analyzing and understanding the pattern of strengths/weaknesses occurring within a counselee.

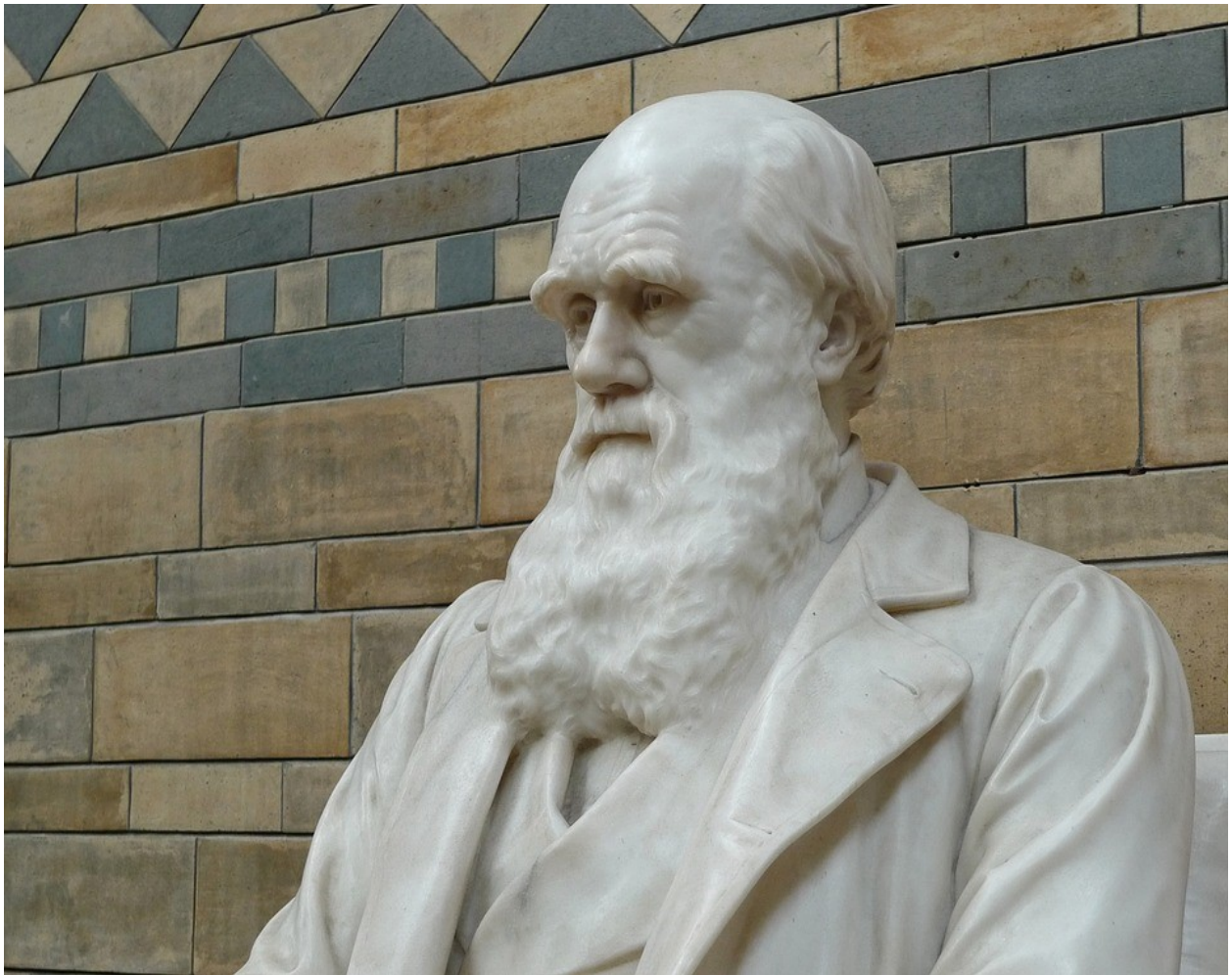
The creation narrative and early history of the human race in Genesis 1-11 provides glimpses into the very nature of God. In these chapters and throughout Scripture God reveals himself to be the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, holy, just, faithful, benevolent, gracious, loving, eternal and unchanging. Genesis, understood as historical narrative, speaks theologically with great clarity. God created the universe out of absolutely nothing during six 24-hour days. He also created all living “kinds” and declared that all of his created creatures would reproduce “after their kind;” however, within this context God did offer the genetic variability within “kinds” so that there is the latitude within the created “kinds” to adapt to changing environmental conditions. God also made man in his image, gave him a free will and set rules for man to follow. He instituted marriage. Man disobeyed God resulting in original sin, thus “thorns and thistles” and death entered the world. God, out of his love for man, promised a Savior from sin to redeem man from his lost condition and fulfilled that promise in the redeeming power of Jesus Christ’s suffering and death so that man could live with God in heaven throughout all of eternity.

Sharing God’s love is not an intrusive model. We all have a personal story that can be used in communicating a perspective of openness and acceptance. Of course, it is helpful to interface our story with personal events showing how God has touched our life and the meaning it has had for us. A counselee as a seeker typically has specific questions. The counseling process places a counselor in the position of answering those questions and providing related resources for the counselee. Using the narrative of Scripture to tell God’s story is what ministry is all about.

CHAPTER 4

The Emergence of Theistic Evolution

Between Charles Darwin and Charles Lyell of the 19th century, a philosophy emerged that either completely rejected God or at least undermined his deity.



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During the “Enlightenment” many in accepting naturalism rejected Scripture and the almighty God of the universe. Two of the most significant figures in developing the pseudo-scientific basis for this philosophy were Charles Darwin and Charles Lyell. In 1859 Charles Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* claiming all species evolved from non-living matter solely by random acts of nature. In 1863, Charles Lyell proposed that evolution is not observed because this process requires “millions of years” and therefore is not apparent to a casual observer. Lyell’s purpose, as a lawyer, was to find a rationale that would relegate the early chapters of Genesis to a mythological status. Of course, Lyell was simply following the lead of Baruch Spinoza, a Dutch philosopher and Jewish scholar who during the 17th century claimed that Moses did not write the Pentateuch, stating that it was written at a later time by Ezra. Spinoza has been credited as the forerunner of the Enlightenment of the 18th century and modern biblical criticism. Many pastors, not wanting to challenge Lyell’s supposed “scientific viewpoint,” started interpreting Genesis 1-11 as allegory, therefore rejecting it as narrative. This ultimately causes us to deal with questions such as, “What is the theological problem with theistic evolution?” or “Does theistic evolution represent a source of distraction and confusion with respect to saving faith?” In view of these and related questions, we need to consider some of the theological problems created by evolution/theistic evolution:

- Evolution requires Scripture or parts thereof to be interpreted as mythology and therefore God’s Word cannot be trusted as a source of truth.
- If there were no historical Adam and Eve, there was no original sin and no need for Christ’s sacrifice on the cross.
- Since evolution is represented by Darwin’s “tree of life, death and disease occurred prior to the existence of man indicating that God’s Creation was imperfect.
- God, not man’s rebellion, is responsible for the pain and suffering occurring in the world.
- By linking God with death and disease, God is pictured as unloving leading man to believe he has a justifiable rationale for rejecting God.
- Nature takes the place of God as the Creator.
- Major doctrines of Scripture are lost including God’s enduring love for man, the sinfulness of man and man’s need for Christ’s redemptive work on the cross.
- Man is pictured as just another animal and therefore has no soul, no purpose and no life after death.
- The true timescale of the history of man and of the Earth as found in Scripture is decimated.

Since Darwinian evolution is based on the premise of the “survival of the fittest” the strongest members of the species supposedly survive and the weakest are eliminated. Man, viewed as a mere animal has no eternal destiny. Skeptics may value animals over mankind-the crown of God’s creation. One example of this philosophy in action in America is abortion. Also, during World War II, eleven million of the supposed “unfit” were eliminated, e.g., Jews, the mentally impaired and Slavic peoples. It is crucial not to be deceived by Satan who would mislead us by weaving lies into the Scriptural narrative. The truth is that Genesis is foundational

to all of Christian doctrine including creation, marriage, man's rebellion against God, original sin, God's judgment of the sinfulness of man in the global Genesis flood and the promise of a Savior.

Proponents of theistic evolution claim a firm faith in Christ while denying God's clear declaration in the Gospels in Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6 where Christ stated, "But from the beginning of the Creation God made them, male and female." The question that immenges is why would someone believe in theistic evolution? Some may not fully understand the Gospel message or the true basis of theistic evolution. They may compartmentalize the concept of evolution since they rigidly adhere to some pseudo-scientific/false philosophical perspective. Then, of course, there are also those who actually choose to zealously reject God. David raises this concern in Psalm 11:3 by stating "If the foundations be destroyed, what will the righteous do?" In the case of both C. S. Lewis and Francis Collins, we see deep sincerity based primarily on man's reasoning and therefore the dismissal of selected parts of the Scriptural narrative. In such a case, one is reminded of Isaiah 55:9, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Luther clarified the misuse of reason, the magisterial perspective which allows human reason to judge which aspects of God's word are acceptable. Reason does not produce faith, but it can strengthen faith by clearing away misconceptions and refuting erroneous worldviews. The fact is that our perfect God did not and could not have used the shedding of blood, death, disease, pain and suffering to create man "in his own image" as is implied by the theistic evolutionary perspective. It is not possible or consistent for a perfect God to use sin and disorder to make a perfect creation as stated in Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image." The omnipotent and unchangeable God cannot deny himself.

Due to the 1973 Seminex debacle within our LCMS, we are well aware of the philosophical drift from our historical stand on Scriptures that was upheld by our past church theologians, e.g., Luther, Walther, Pieper and Bohlmann. In this case, the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture was questioned by invoking the higher-critical method of scriptural interpretation in understanding selected sections of Scripture, e.g., reinterpreting miracles from a naturalistic perspective. During our lifespan there has been an intensification of forces promoting the secular worldview and an attempt to marginalize the Creator-God by many Christian churches which embrace theistic evolution. In the case of Francis Collins, we have witnessed the marriage of reason, naturalism, and the rejection of doctrines incompatible with the philosophy of evolution.

Dr. Paul Zimmerman, a Lutheran theologian, author of *A Seminary in Crisis* and founding president of Concordia University, Ann Arbor, initially reported puzzlement over Christian theologians embracing evolution, but then explained their rationale as follows, "I am convinced that the principal reason lies in capitulation to the claims of the proponents of evolution. Theologians who usually are unable to understand the scientific evidence are overly impressed by the claims of evolutionists. Since it is promoted in the name of science they assume it must be correct. Therefore they feel they must accommodate their interpretation of the Bible to

evolution.” A couple of obvious examples of this capitulation to science are Francis Collins and C. S. Lewis who will be dealt with in detail later in this document. While embracing Christ’s redemptive act, they disregarded the narrative of selected parts of Scripture including the creation account and the Genesis Flood. Of course, the acceptance of naturalism and gradualism typically results in rejecting the creation narrative of Genesis, the catastrophic nature of Genesis Flood, the single Ice Age following the flood and the migration of tribal peoples from Babel to the ends of the Earth.

Some would generally ignore the Old Testament in favor of the New Testament; however, there is clearly an integral theological relationship between the Old and New Testaments as illustrated in John’s Gospel. His purpose was to point to Christ as the Son of God, the promised Redeemer by using words like “believe” 98 times, “life” 36 times and “light” 23 times. The symbol for John is an eagle representing insight and immortality. Soaring above the narrative, John consistently relied on the power of the metaphor. Beginning with a poetic hymn, John’s Gospel tells of Jesus’ origin and mission in referring to Christ, the Creator, as follows, “In the beginning was the Word (God’s Son, Jesus Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of man. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” This in a profound way sums up the history of the world in a simple and unpretentious paragraph.

Furthermore, John’s Gospel contains seven signs/miracles which point to Christ’s true nature and mission, establishing Jesus as God. An additional witness to Christ’s divinity is the seven “I am’s,” e.g., the Good Shepherd, the Gate and the Resurrection, etc. The number seven harkens back to the number of days of creation, symbolically referring to completeness and/or perfection. The first sign/miracle in John’s Gospel is the wedding of Cana which illustrates Christ’s divinity and mission. The marriage feast is a symbol that Christ used frequently in the Gospels and also in Revelation 19:7-9 where John invokes the image of the marriage of Christ, the Lamb of God with his bridegroom, the church, i.e., all true believers. John as well as his Gospel is unique. He was referred to as “the disciple that Jesus loved (John 13:23), the only disciple to die a natural death and the disciple selected by Christ to care for his mother in her declining years.

In Luke 24:44 Jesus said, in respect to the inspiration of Scriptures, “that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.” In this, Christ was referring to nearly 400 prophecies about the Messiah to come. He was authenticating the validity of the Old Testament writings as did the apostle Peter regarding the Genesis Flood account in II Peter 2:5 & 9 “if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ... then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment.” Rejecting or marginalizing the Genesis account of creation/Noah’s Flood undermines the clarity and authority of Scripture and of the

Gospel itself. The fact is that efficacy of Holy Scripture is based on its verbal inspiration and inerrancy. Without this foundation the doctrines concerning God's perfect creation, man's rebellion, original sin, the promise and redemption of Jesus Christ in atoning for the sins of man, the work of the Holy Spirit and the promise of heaven are in jeopardy.

John, the last writer of New Testament books, documented the role of the Holy Spirit in the writing of the New Testament books in John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" and John 16:13 "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49 also deals with the matter as follows "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." In these references Jesus is clearly saying that the Holy Spirit will operate as the vehicle of truth insuring the inspiration and inerrancy of the New Testament books written by Christ's Apostles.

CHAPTER 5

Theistic Evolution

At this crossroad there are two paths. One is the narrative of Scripture and the other is contrived in the mind of man.



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Naturalism was an outgrowth of 18th century “Enlightenment.” Based solely on the reasoning of man, naturalism has its foundation in three principles: 1) nothing outside of nature is responsible for bringing the universe and life on Earth into existence, 2) given enough time, chance events have produced the universe and nature’s progression from molecules-to-man, 3) and past events on the Earth have occurred at the same rate as they are happening today. In this regard, proponents of evolution would claim that the actions of wind, water and volcanism, as presently observed, are solely responsible for creating the current landscapes of the Earth. This notion of uniformitarianism was used to claim that there is no such thing as the supernatural, making the narrative of God’s creation and the Genesis Flood pure mythology. Without citing the plethora of evidence refuting evolution, suffice it to say that the scientific laws of the conservation of matter and energy, entropy and biogenesis clearly contradict any possibility of their philosophical position. Simply put, evolution is a worldview that is based upon the philosophies of materialism and naturalism and not validated by scientific laws.

To illustrate how philosophical views influence positions in the evolution/creation controversy we can examine the thinking of two prominent world figures, i.e., C. S. Lewis and Francis Collins. They both were initially atheists, believing that there is no God. Living in Britain during the chaos of World War II and having previously questioned his materialistic roots, Lewis, a truly gifted writer, felt compelled to intellectually address the problem of theodicy, namely justifying the goodness of God in the face of evil in the world. In his *The Problem of Pain*, he reasoned that since God gave man a free will, God cannot be held responsible for not choosing to prevent evil. In offering this clarification, Lewis proposed that without a free will man cannot realize the full extent of goodness, joy, or love. Therefore, pain and suffering were an inescapable reality. Additionally, Lewis reasoned that God’s goodness demands that God himself labors to make man more lovable. Note Lewis’ quote in this regard, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” In contrast, Paul Feinberg enlists the Genesis account of the fall of man in emphasizing God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility for his rebellion rather than enlisting an “enlightened” position attempting to dispel the skeptic’s rationale for claiming God does not exist since a good god would not allow pain and suffering to occur. There is also an obvious contradiction when skeptics claim that God is not good because of the bad/disordered events in the world which is something they typically reference. Actually, in offering an argument on the basis of a good versus evil contrast, that individual is making a moral judgment. For an individual who believes nature used matter in a blind process resulting in morality, the skeptic is actually accepting the existence of a god figure because his materialism and adherence to the principle of the “survival of the fittest” is powerless to produce morality.

From a theological perspective, C. S. Lewis, an Anglican, believed the most important consideration was to be committed to a Christian Church, not a particular branch of Christianity. He considered the divisions in Christianity scandalous and supported a nonsectarian view. However, growing up in Belfast, Lewis was reported to have a bias against Catholicism and had

once commented to J. R. R. Tolkien of *Lord of the Rings* fame and a Catholic that he could not accept the two doctrinal heresies of Catholicism, namely the Virgin Mary and papal infallibility.

In terms of a truly evangelical perspective, Lewis' stance on atonement is vague and his reasoned perspective failed to support the role of the Holy Ghost in working faith. With regard to evolution, Lewis supported the common descent of humans from a non-human ancestor, but was skeptical about unguided natural selection, suggesting that chance and necessity produce nothing. Furthermore, he did believe that reason, beauty and morality could be explained by a blind, material process. Lewis' classical apologetics could be characterized as a slalom skier alternating between Christianity and evolution, but never fully embracing the Scriptural narrative.

Lewis maintained a strong view of the inerrancy of the New Testament but questioned the Old Testament narrative. Francis Collins reported on page 208 of his *The Language of God* that Lewis found the story of Adam and Eve resembling a moral lesson rather than narrative and quoted Lewis as follows, "For long centuries, God perfected the animal form which was to become the vehicle of humanity and image of himself. ...But it was only an animal because all its physical and spiritual processes were directed to purely material and natural ends. Then in 'the fullness of time' God caused to descend upon this organism in its psychology and physiology, a new kind of consciousness which could say 'I' and 'me' which could look upon itself as an object which knew God, which could make judgments of truth, beauty and goodness, and which was so far above time that it could perceive time flowing past." It may have been that during his formative years Lewis's theology was impacted by that so-called scientific find in England not far from Darwin's boyhood home, i.e., the Piltdown man displayed in the prodigious British Museum in London during much of his life time. This deliberately perpetrated fraud, a supposed "missing link" between the great apes and man, was discovered in 1912 and this deception was not exposed until 1953.

In contrast, Francis Collins, a physician-geneticist who directed the highly complex human genome project, approached Scripture from a largely secular, scientific perspective. He attributed much of his conversion to the writings of C. S. Lewis and the universality of the morality of man, namely his right behaviour toward his fellowman and a capacity for selfless love, thus indicating that God is implied based on the natural/moral law. Consequently, Collins accepted the plausibility of the God hypothesis. The focus of his recent efforts has been directed toward attempting to harmonize science and faith which Collins promotes through his organization, BioLogos. His website "invites the church and the world to see the harmony between science and biblical faith, and in this regard he presents an evolutionary understanding of God's creation." On page 200 of his *The Language of God*, Collins gives his views of theistic evolution as follows:

1. The universe came into being out of nothingness, approximately 14 billion years ago.
2. Despite massive improbabilities, the properties of this universe appear to have been "precisely tuned for life."

3. While the precise “mechanism of the origin of life on earth remains unknown,” once life arose, the process of evolution and natural selection permitted the development of biological diversity and complexity over very long periods of time.
4. Once evolution got under way, no special supernatural intervention was required.
5. Humans are part of this process, sharing a common ancestor with the great apes.
6. But humans are also unique in ways that “defy evolutionary explanation” and point to our spiritual nature. This includes the existence of the moral law, (the knowledge of right and wrong) and the search for God that has characterized all human cultures.

Both the deists of the “Age of Reason” of the 18th century and proponents of theistic evolution are essentially naturalists. Like deists, the philosophy of theistic evolution picks and chooses when the supernatural is invoked. Collins requires God to have created matter out of nothing at the beginning of time, but at the same time rejects the Scriptural narrative of Genesis 1-11 and denies most of the miracles of Scripture. Proponents of evolution dismiss those supporting the narrative of Scripture by using the “God-of-the-gaps” fallacy, meaning that if an event cannot be explained naturally, it is claimed that supporters of the Scriptural narrative are simply saying “God did it.” Of course, the variant of the “God-of-the-gaps” viewpoint is the “ignorance fallacy,” namely that the explanation for the phenomenon is simply unknown. Considering points 2-5 in his description of theistic evolution, Collins is invoking the “ignorance fallacy.” Hence, skeptics are using the same device in rebuttal that they are accusing Christians of using to support the Scriptural narrative. The ultimate question is which of these two philosophies is actually valid? In this regard, it is interesting that science is always in a state of revision whereas this has not been necessary nor has it occurred with regard to Holy Scripture.

Deism contends that after God created the universe, he essentially “went on vacation,” permitting nature to take over and be responsible for the random development of all life forms on Earth. In addition to rejecting the creation and flood narrative of Genesis 1-11, other Scriptural doctrines were disputed or denied including the providence of God. His providence is God’s way of directing all aspects of his universe including man toward a worthy purpose with God’s good and gracious will ultimately prevailing. God’s goodness is revealed through his Word and attributes of mercy, forbearance, steadfast love, faithfulness and forgiveness. Even though God’s creation was corrupted by man, God did not abandon his creation, but continued his care and provision. Following the flood, in Genesis 8:22 God proclaimed “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease,” thereby stating his sovereignty over creation. Concerning his rule over all people, we can look to David’s Psalm 22:28 which states, “For the kingdom is the Lord’s and he rules over the nations.” Scripture is replete with instances of God providing for the needs of his people, e.g., saving Jacob’s family through Joseph when there was a famine in the land of Canaan, the feeding of the children of Israel in the wilderness and saving Elijah through the widow at Zarephath.

The “Age of Reason” demoted God and elevated the reasoning of man. The concept of moral law was instrumental in maintaining a rationale for the rights and tranquility of the

citizenry defined as ethics in lieu of invoking God's law in Scripture. Collins stated that the existence of "right and wrong" and the universality of man's "longing for God," explains the basis of his conversion to Christianity. Both Lewis and Collins, building on their respective divergent backgrounds plus reason, embarked on a life-long struggle of picking and choosing which parts of Scriptures were acceptable. Luther stated in his explanation of the Third Article, "We cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to him, but the Holy Ghost has called us by the Gospel...." This would make establishing one's faith solely on reason an impossible position. Conversely, maintaining a belief in young Earth creationism is not an absolute requirement for saving faith since salvation is based on maintaining faith in Christ alone.

As previously noted, Francis Collins embraced the philosophy of naturalism and paraded it as "true science" in contrast to the narrative of Scripture. This leads to an interesting conundrum in that while denying the supernatural, Collins actually invokes the supernatural in stating that "the universe came into being out of nothingness" since nature has no rational explanation for the origin of matter. Furthermore, being a geneticist, there is no rational explanation for his adherence to the "existence of right and wrong" and the universality of the "longing for God" within naturalism, given that evolution is a theory based on the "survival of the fittest" paradigm, an amoral philosophy. Consequently, this brings Collins to the position of maintaining a philosophy claimed to be based solely on the action of nature, but simultaneously upholding the supernatural which results in a clear contradiction and thus proving his basic logic is false. In contrast, the Scriptural narrative states the supernatural God created the universe "out of nothing" and man from the dust of the ground. Here there is no contradiction since an almighty God was responsible for both the origin of the universe and nature. Augustine explained this concept as follows: "God revealed himself through special revelation, namely Scripture and also the 'book of nature,' the latter being subordinate to Scripture."

Even though C. S. Lewis was a left-brained, logically directed philosopher and professor and Francis Collins, a right-brained intuitive scientist, both were operating on the basis of their powers of reasoning, personal experiences and professional biases in their search of truth. Let this be a warning to serious advocates of Christianity. Ministers of the Word frequently are attracted to that vocation by virtue of having a genetic endowment for linguistics capable of effectively processing language ultimately including Greek and Hebrew. The scientific perspective related to apologetics is often secondary or relatively limited in their training, minimizing their potential in refuting the unscientific basis of evolution. This may result in missed opportunities for developing clarity regarding some foundations of faith and refuting evolution within those being ministered to including intuitive/right-brained individuals. This is problematic because we all live in an environment where we are being daily programmed with the propaganda of the secular worldview offered as "scientific fact," clearly designed to create doubt in the minds of sincere Christians.

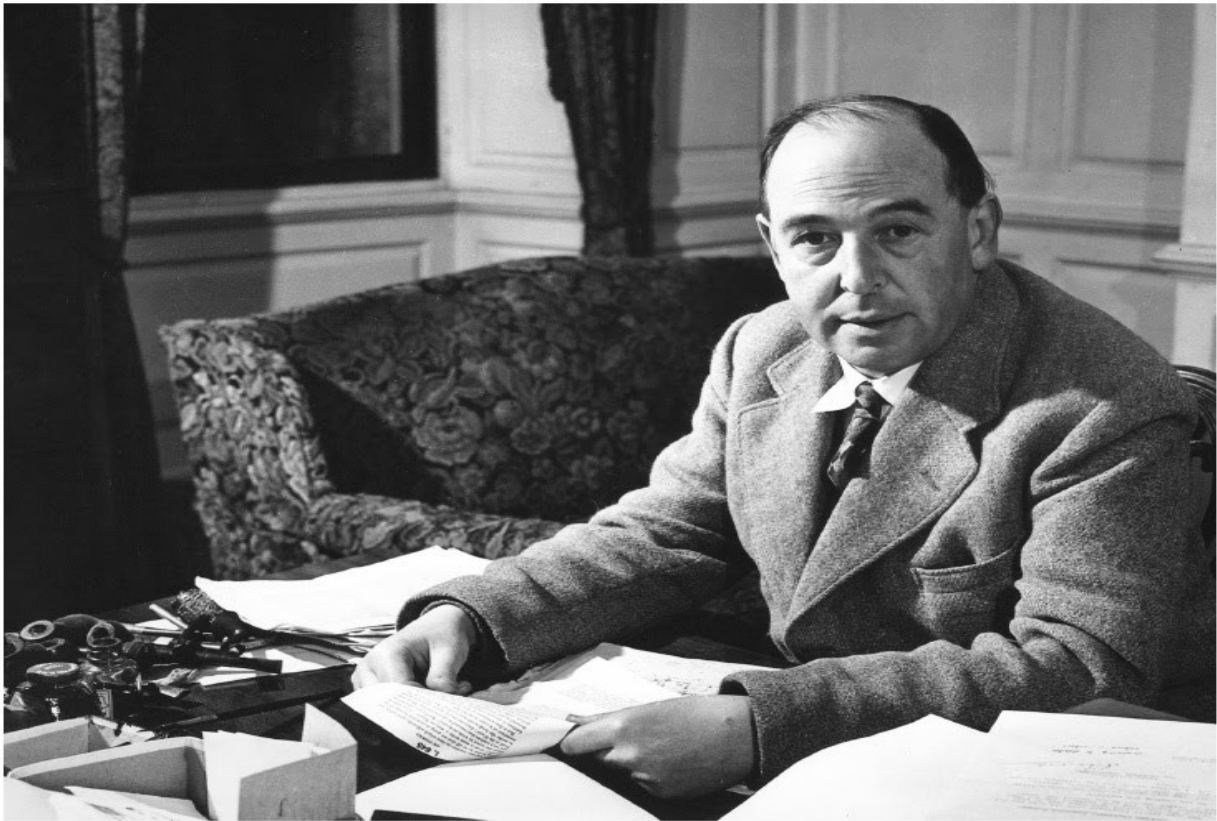
A third example of coming to Christ later in life is Dr. Richard Freeman as documented in the April–June 2017 edition of the Creation Ministries International's *Creation* magazine. Dr.

Freeman, an agnostic until the age of 32, was introduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by a pastor who was also a biology professor at a university. Prior to this event, Dr. Freeman had rejected Scripture due to his belief in the blind process of molecule-to-man evolution. As a seeker and researcher, he found that the opening chapters of Genesis were completely compatible with both history and science in contrast to the theory of the gradualism popularized during the 19th century by Charles Lyell.

CHAPTER 6

A C. S. Lewis Case Study

C. S. Lewis, a man of great vision who spent fifteen years seeking his Creator and Redeemer.



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Professor Joel Heck of Concordia University, Austin, Texas, wrote *From Atheism to Christianity*, a well-documented and sensitive handling of fifteen pivotal years in the life of C. S. Lewis. His case study provides an analysis of Lewis as he transitioned from atheistic materialism to Christianity. Lewis was born November 29, 1898, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. At the age of three, Lewis took on the name of Jack by which he would be known the rest of his life. He and his brother Warren, three years his senior, had spent hour upon hour drawing and writing during Lewis's early and lonely years. Lewis was fascinated with his world of make believe involving his animal friends and tales of chivalry. He later also moved on to Norse mythology and the music of Wagner, but never gave up his thirst for fantasy. During these early years, the Lewis family attended a Protestant church, but Lewis found this experience uninspiring.

Lewis's father Albert, a lawyer and rather distant figure, was generally disdained by his two sons. Unfortunately, Lewis's mother died of cancer when he was nine. His loss was intensified by being sent off the following month to Wynyard, a boarding school near London. Lewis' experience at Wynyard was miserable, being under the tutelage of an unstable headmaster. After attending numerous schools by the age of fourteen, Lewis accepted atheism.

Lewis had basically a melancholic/prophetic temperament, being a highly introspective, precocious youth whose strengths, like those of Martin Luther, were his ability to process language. Given his pessimistic/depressive outlook, Lewis embraced the realism of materialism. Originating with the Greek philosophers, it proposed that matter was nature's fundamental unit encompassing all phenomena including mental processes and consciousness. Here Lewis's pain, suffering and isolation found its home in his perception of a broken, disordered world and a meaningless existence. A quotation from Lucretius, a Roman philosopher and poet, was one which Lewis could embrace: "Had God designed the world, it would not be? A world so frail and faulty as we see." From his viewpoint, a valid god figure could have no part of this chaos. In the midst his rebellion, Lewis was caught up in his private world of pride, distaste for authority and the absence of joy. At the age of sixteen, Lewis wrote *Loki Bound*, his first opera, an expression of his war with God. In this regard, Heck's documentation offered the Dostoyevski quote, "If God is dead then everything is permitted." Seen as having promise as a student, Albert arranged for Lewis to receive tutoring to prepare him for acceptance at Oxford University near London.

Then immersed in academia, Lewis's reading and studies were driven by a longing he could not identify. Although tied to the realism of his senses in 1916, Lewis found that *Phantastes* by George MacDonald sparked his imagination and his consideration of goodness in the world. This Greek tragedy illustrated two aspects of the human spirit, the blind imperfections of jealousy, vengeance and the lack of empathy contrasted to untainted sexual desire. In time Lewis began to understand that materialism offered no basis for aesthetics or moral values. He started to reason that there was something outside of himself, beyond his narrow world of atheism. In retrospect, Lewis understood that he was transitioning toward idealism, a belief that reality is based on consciousness and reason. His belief in God was now beginning to return.

By the end of 1917 Lewis had volunteered for the infantry and served as an army officer in France in WW I. Wounded by an infantry shell, he was hospitalized and spent time recovering from his wounds. Serving with Edward Moore, a fellow Irishman, it appears that they had made an agreement that if either one of them did not return from the war, the survivor would offer support to the other's family. With Moore's untimely death, Lewis then looked after Moore's mother, Hanie, and his sister Maureen. By 1919 Lewis had returned to Oxford and was again immersed in his studies.

During the 1920's Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytic theory was popular at Oxford. One of Freud's contentions was that belief in religion was a sign of infantile thought processes and should be discarded by the serious-minded. This theory of personality organization, based in atheism, was an extension of Darwinian Theory as applied to man. One reason that Lewis did not embrace Freud's theory may have been that he saw the superego, namely the conscience, as a non-materialistic construct, suggesting a contradiction in Freud's theory. Given his ongoing studies, Lewis's foundation in materialism was beginning to appear increasingly more unstable. Contrasting these two worldviews, Freud's philosophy of life played a significant role in the secularization of culture in contrast to Lewis's eventual reasoned Christian perspective of faith in the Creator-God of Scripture. Ultimately, these two world figures faced off in a striking parallelism with Freud raising an argument for atheism and Lewis working to strike it down i.e., in terms of his focus on the origin of pain and suffering or his *The Magician's Twin* proposing the comparison between science and magic is an alternative to religion.

Lewis began to slowly move toward naturalism which is closely aligned with materialism, a philosophy which maintains that all life forms came into existence solely by chance as a result of nature. By 1924 his ongoing search and prolific reading brought Lewis to Patrick Balfour's *Theism and Thought*. In opposition to naturalism, Balfour argued that theism is a natural and necessary aspect of human existence shared by scientists, theologians and the common man since it promotes the values of ethics, love, beauty and reason and can only exist in relationship to the transcendent. Lewis then began to understand that the "mindless" process of nature could not possibly produce the precisely organized mind of man. He now realized the incongruence of a philosophy that claimed knowledge was not possible and proposed this foundational statement was an example of "knowledge." Therefore, naturalism was not the answer Lewis was seeking and the blind paradigm of Darwinism began to appear nonsensical. His prolific reading also led Lewis to Richard Hooker's *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* which helped him see God as good, not the cause of evil, and that nature was a reflection of God himself.

With his reading of Euripides' *Hippolytus* Lewis described this event as returning to his "splendid stuff" which he reported to be the beginning of his return to joy. This Lewis documented as his first move in his loss of mobility in his proposed game of chess with God and later characterized this event as losing his first bishop. For Lewis the New Testament of Scripture did not appear as mythology, but as historical narrative. His philosophy at that time included the rejection of the supernatural, but acceptance of the historical narrative of the New Testament and holding a similar to the position of Thomas Jefferson concerning a rejection the accounts of

miracles. It was the writing of G. K Chesterton who noted that the reason that one would not believe the miracles was naturalism which Lewis had previously rejected. Now the consideration of the New Testament as narrative was beginning to make sense.

A second bishop was lost with Lewis internalizing Dumas Alexander's distinction between "enjoyment and contemplation," again curtailing his mobility in his proposed game of chess. He now realized joy was a feeling that pointed to something much greater, namely the supernatural. As Lewis found joy in the beauty of nature he also understood that the joy he felt through poetry, music and nature was a reflection of a greater power, something that was actually outside of his own mind. Perhaps he may then have recalled a previous reading of the words of John Piper: "This beauty will not satisfy your soul; it beckons you toward something you do not yet know."

The genius of Lewis's writings was his communication via metaphors and fantasy which caused him to initially approach the New Testament as an extension of mythology. His enlightened position now allowed him to perceive God as good and not evil. Purposefulness took on meaning in the pursuit of joy. Moving forward from his idealism, Lewis understood that there was more to life than that which can be observed by one's senses. Of Chesterton he once said, "I like his goodness." Insights from *The Everlasting Man* ultimately directed him toward reconsidering the Christian outline of history. Here Lewis contemplated that the Christian metaphor shaping the course of European history was indeed not allegory but a real event. In this, Lewis was asking himself, "Could Christianity actually be more than myth?" In considering that Shakespeare had written himself into his plays, was it possible that God himself also could have done the same thing? The overwhelming metaphorical nature of the Gospel of John would also have spoken directly to Lewis. Being drawn toward Christian writers such as John Milton, Lewis saw God's pursuit of him adding clarity to the reality of the Christian worldview. A witness of this conversion is evident in his first defense of Christianity, *The Pilgrim's Regress*. This meaningful title expressed Lewis's life journey from being marginally associated with Christianity during his youth, embracing atheism and his long trip back through fifteen years of the analyses of successive philosophies and ultimately embracing Christianity as an adult.

Emotional events in the lives of individuals frequently offer a time for re-examination as was the case with Lewis. The death of his father Albert, in 1929, was a very impactful episode. His friend's kindly treatment of his own father seriously pricked Lewis's conscience. His moral code convicted him of his past demeaning and deceitful behavior directed at his father. Now, an adult, Lewis may have realized that his father was also struggling with his own personal tragedies at the time Lewis was sent off to boarding school. Furthermore, Albert had offered Lewis considerable financial support for Lewis's perennial educational pursuits.

The writings of Alan Griffiths held a fascination for Lewis by describing everything existing as either in the mind of a person or an eternal Spirit. Therefore, he began to perceive God as the Spiritual mind with the universe being his product. Lewis reasoned that if he had once believed the materialistic universe was evil, this belief supported the existence of morality.

Lewis' unrelenting examination of literature and his introspection had led him to serious self-examination. His prideful nature was melting. Heck reported that this was a time when Lewis was not searching for God, but God was searching for him. In retrospect, Lewis saw the inconsistency in his previous viewpoint that the universe was unjust and in reconsidering his past materialistic perspective, he understood that he actually had been guilty of making moral judgments. Now Lewis realized that morality cannot be an outgrowth of matter, but pointed to a designer. From a historical perspective, during the 18th century, William Paley had illustrated in *Natural Theology* using metaphor of finding a watch while crossing a heath. Given that event, one would have to admit that the watch pointed to a designer and therefore if one contemplates the existence of the universe, this too points to a Creator-God, a designer.

God's third move was "check" with joy pointing to something beyond Lewis's idealism, something outside of himself. He began to understand the joy that he sought was superficial and was beyond his veneer of idealism. For Lewis, Hegel's Absolute had been impersonal, inconsistent and made no demands. Lewis was beginning to understand that the Absolute he had previously met was actually the ultimate spiritual entity, namely God himself. With his studies of pagan and Christian mystics Lewis traversed the gulf between himself and God which was something that his idealism could not do. In his reading of John's Gospel in the original Greek, brimming with metaphorical allusions, there was for Lewis a fortification of the historical authenticity of the New Testament. For now he understood that beauty, joy and the moral law were only a reflection of the love of God, the Creator. His game of chess with God was drawing to an end, "check," the King was now in danger of being captured.

In 1930 Lewis and his brother were in the process of selling their boyhood home. It was in this time frame that Lewis wrote *Leaving For Ever the Home of One's Youth*. On September 19, 1931, Lewis, Dyson and Tolkien took a long night time stroll and discussed the topic of myths. Tolkien convinced Lewis that God's way of preparing the ground for the Christian story was through myths and that Christianity was the fulfilment of God's story. Dyson impressed upon Lewis that Christianity liberated man from the guilt of his rebellion against God. Now, in retrospect, historical Christianity illuminated the Gospels not as merely myth executed by the Apostles and perpetrated by the early church fathers, but historic events requiring the existence of a supreme being, the supernatural God of Scripture.

Another writer who greatly influenced and challenged Lewis was Jacob Boehme whose book, *The Signature of All Things*, was referred to by Lewis as a "thunderclap in my life." Boehme impressed upon Lewis that God's inescapable signature is on everything he has made including the essence of good, the Trinity, the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life. Lewis's myth had become reality. The impersonal object of theism was now a loving and personal God who had written himself into the narrative of salvation in Scripture and offered Lewis a second home beyond his mortal being. It was now "checkmate," the game of chess was over and Lewis had yielded his King and soul to a higher power, his Lord and Savior, Jesus

Christ. Lewis now understood the meaning of having a personal relationship with God and had finally come home.

During World War II Lewis offered a number of radio broadcasts on BBC radio on Christianity. They were well received and resulted in many converting to Christianity. The texts of his talks were published in his *Mere Christianity*. Lewis was only second to the popularity of Winston Churchill on the BBC during those war years. During the bombing of Britain, it was Winston who quipped, “These are the times that try men’s souls” and it was Lewis who shared a life beyond our mortal existence. With the assassination of John F. Kennedy on the 22nd of November, 1963, the same day that C. S. Lewis died, little note was given to Lewis’ death which is exactly what this relatively private figure would have wished.

CHAPTER 7

The Writings of C. S. Lewis and their Implications

*I believe in Christianity
as I believe that the sun
has risen: not only because
I see it, but because by it
I see everything else.*

C. S. Lewis

In examining C. S. Lewis' conversion to Christianity a question emerges regarding the value of his writing. As a member of an Anglican Church of England, it is important to understand that it was Lewis' intention to tailor his writing to the widest range of readership. Therefore his generic Christian themes do not necessarily portray the theology or offer the clarity found in many of the doctrines of specific Christian denominations including our own Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

- Published in 1933, *The Pilgrim's Regress* was the first book written after Lewis' conversion to Christianity. This work detailed Lewis' search for meaning and spiritual satisfaction. Unlike the dragons and giants of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Lewis' satirical allegory offered within a motif of fantasy in explaining his life change.
- *Chronicles of Narnia* is a series of seven very popular novels and classic children's literature published between 1950 and 1956. Narnia offered Lewis the opportunity of self-expression in a world of fantasy, mythical beasts and talking animals. The books cover the entire history of Narnia from its origin to its destruction, freely borrowing from traditional Christian themes. His goal in this series was to introduce children to Christianity. Each of these books focused on a different part of the Christian story and theology.
- *The Problem of Pain*, published in 1940, dealt with the problem of evil in which Lewis argued that human pain, animal pain, and hell are not sufficient reasons to reject a belief in a just, loving and omnipotent God.
- *The Screwtape Letters*, published in 1942, is a Christian apologetic novel addressing theological issues, particularly temptation and resistance to it. In the course of thirty-one letters Screwtape, the senior demon, gives his nephew Wormwood detailed advice on methods of undermining faith in Christianity and promoting sinful behavior.
- *Mere Christianity*, published in 1952, was adapted from a series of BBC radio talks made between 1942 and 1944 during WW II in which it was Lewis' aim to explain the fundamental teachings of Christianity. He bases this defense on the moral law which is established within the mind of man by God who can only satisfy the cravings for joy. Lewis argued that the moral law along with man's inability to fulfill it allows Christians to begin to talk about the forgiveness offered by God.
- *The Magician's Twin* explains Lewis' reasoned approach to both Scripture and evolutionary theory. Lewis believed in the common descent of all human beings from one non-human ancestor. Although Lewis did not reject a pre-Adam figure or Haeckel's theory of embryonic recapitulation, he did accept the fall into sin as a historical event and a literal Adam and Eve. Lewis did see natural selection as falling outside of the limits of reason and chance and necessity being fundamentally unable to support the evolutionary paradigm. Furthermore, Lewis did not find the blind process of materialistic evolution being able to explain human reason, beauty, and morality. Prophetically, Lewis pointed to the growing dogmatism and intolerance of proponents of evolution along with the support of mass media leading to the intervention of governmental agencies in support of

philosophical perspectives basic to evolution along with an emerging interference with religious rights. Lewis' usage of the term "magician's twin" was based in his comparison between science and magic in that they are very similar ideas since both are able to function as an alternative to religion in their encouraging a lack of skepticism as they gain power. Therefore although Lewis held selected evolutionary perspectives, overall he was also a very harsh critic of the theory.

Professor Heck's examination of C. S. Lewis' conversion to Christianity demonstrates that a case study can offer any number of valuable insights including the following:

- Rebellion against God is an outgrowth of the prideful nature of man.
- One's relationship with parental figures and one's temperament can be pivotal in accepting or rejecting God's message of Jesus Christ as the Savior from sin.
- Each person's spiritual development is based on a multiplicity of genetic, environmental factors and their interpersonal relationships.
- Acceptance and maintenance of the Christian message must have its basis in the truth of the message of God's love found in the historical narrative of Scripture.
- Just as Lewis has a unique story involving his coming "home" in Christ Jesus and growing in that relationship, so also each person has their own unique story and those in ministry are charged to facilitate this process.
- Though the conscience of man, God seeks out lost souls by beckoning them to hear the call of his Holy Word through the action of the Holy Spirit.
- The historical narrative of Scripture helps stabilize its message in man's heart by offering a focus on the "bigger picture. For example in considering Noah's Flood in illustrating man's ongoing rebellion against God it is important to understand that it was because of God's love for man that he saved Noah and his family. It was in this event that God destroyed the world in order to save it. With regard to the worship practices of the Old Testament, God established the sacrificial system to foretell the forgiveness of sins through the future blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- When ministering to young children factual content (the exact historical narrative) is most important in communicating God's love for man. When dealing with individuals who are at an age of reasoning for themselves, it is vital to provide logically based information to stabilize the theology of Scripture and to reject false and contradictory secular philosophies endemic in our culture.
- The relationships of Christian friends can provide powerful support and guidance in the sharing of the Scriptural message of God's love in Jesus Christ.
- The clarity of God's message in Scripture is distorted when man picks and chooses which parts of Scripture he considers to be narrative and those he designates as allegory.
- Demonstrating that Scripture offers the only truly valid philosophical and historical record regarding origins and salvation is a powerful tool battling the secularism of this world.
- Individuals can better understand Scripture when God's narrative is tied to the theology underlying a specific text.

- The use of the metaphor is a powerful device enabling recipients of the Gospel to integrate that message into their lives as Christians.
- Realize that in using Lewis' writings and thoughts, it is important to employ them in conjunction with the theological foundations found in the Scriptural narrative.
- The tens of thousands of books on science written throughout the ages are constantly in a state of revision; however, this is neither necessary nor the case with God's book of Holy Scripture.
- Think on David Hume's quote from his *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*: "The truth is that people sometimes make up their own facts and some emotions are completely valid and universal." This thought is helpful when dealing with the secular worldview regarding origins which is present today.

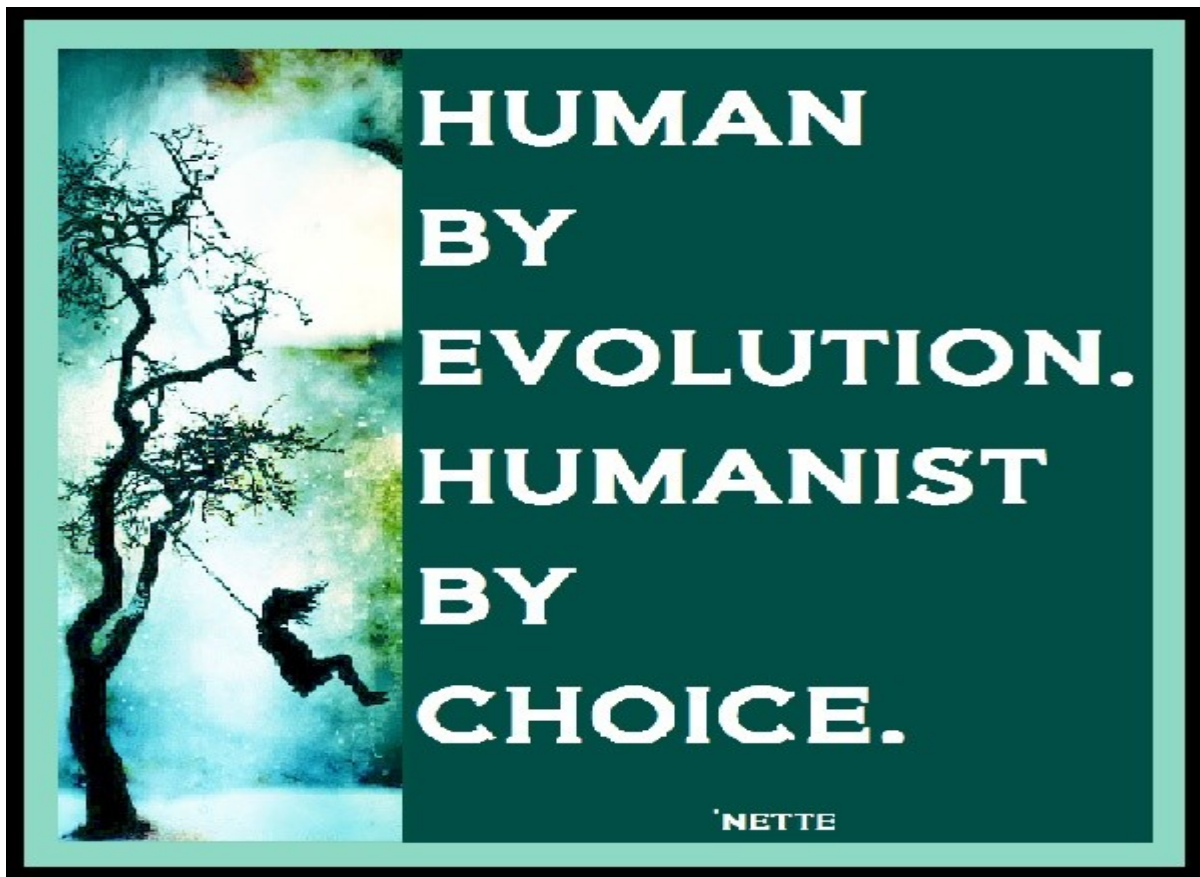
Interspersed in the writings of C. S. Lewis were his personal perceptions of philosophy and science. It is helpful, in this regard, to be aware of this matter when reading/using his materials as illustrated by the following:

- Although Lewis was skeptical of the blind Darwinian process of natural selection, he did support the descent of man from a non-human ancestor to a literal Adam over eons of time.
- Lewis did support the rebellion of man's fall into sin as a historical event.
- Lewis reported that the random process of evolution cannot explain reason, beauty, and morality. In his *Miracles*, Lewis suggested that if man is simply "a bag of chemicals" he would not be capable of thinking lofty thoughts.
- Lewis believed that liberal mass media was responsible for creating scientism, i.e., namely claiming that materialistic science is the only true method for gaining knowledge.
- Even in his day, Lewis perceived the growing intolerance of evolutionary scientists and the negative influence it was having on the practice of true science.
- Lewis' *The Magician's Twin* was truly prophetic in explaining the growing tendency for scientism's negative impact on ethics, politics, faith, reason and science. Thematically, Lewis used the comparison between science and magic in a number of his works and the potential of these "magic twins" functioning as an alternative to religion.
- Lewis was taken in by the lingering nature of Darwinian pseudo-science. One example is his acceptance of Darwin's desire to rationalize the significance of pushing back against evolution regarding the Cambrian explosion. By way of explanation, the Cambrian explosion demonstrated that eons within the evolutionary time frame actually occurred in what skeptics would consider an unrealistic short period of time, obviously contradicting the theory of evolution. Secondly, Lewis accepted Ernest Haeckel's theory of man's supposed evolutionary development being recapitulated in the womb, purportedly supported by similar structural features in the embryos of a variety of mammals. However, in 1915 Haeckel's drawings regarding this matter were found to be fraudulent. Of course, that did not discourage textbook writers from including these drawing as actual proof for evolution for many decades.

CHAPTER 8

Humanism on the March

Greek mythology includes the story of Narcissus. He was proud, widely known for his beauty and distained those around him. Upon peering into a pool, Narcissus fell in love with his reflection. So it is with man when he places his trust in his own limited understanding of God's creation and his place within this paradigm.



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Following God's creation, the message of origins was passed down through his people until it was transcribed into a written form by Moses in the Pentateuch. The massive rebellion among the peoples resulted in God's judgment in the global Genesis Flood. Folklore carried forth within the tribal migrations from Babel incorporated remembrances of creation and Noah's Flood. The pictographs of the Chinese people offer many examples harkening back to these two events. One example depicts a boat containing eight and people, obviously referring to Noah, his sons and their wives. The Red Record of the Delaware Indians of North America offers a startling parallel to the key events in the story of creation and the Genesis Flood. Frequently the original message of Scripture is reduced to faint remembrances of the eternal truth.

Augustine, (354-430 AD), believed the creation account of the Bible was a literary device, not a historical narrative. He viewed creation as being instantaneous or at least being a single day event; however, he did not endorse an old Earth view. Augustine saw God having the capacity to develop and mold his creation, not randomly but according to his providence throughout the ages. Martin Luther (1483 to 1546), an Augustinian monk in the Catholic Church, rejected the allegorical view of creation and frequently commented on the clarity of the creation account. Supporting the six 24-hour day creation and a 6,000 year old Earth, Luther stated prophetically that philosophers would reject the Scriptural narrative on the basis of human reason, being blind to Scripture and deaf to its message. In this regard, Luther was once quoted as saying "If we do not comprehend the reason for this, let us remain pupils and leave the job of teacher to the Holy Spirit."

In the 1600s, the Pilgrims and Puritans came to America to escape religious persecutions. Their desire was to worship according to the dictates of their own consciences. During the 17th and 18th centuries a number of divinity schools were founded in North America including Harvard, Princeton and Yale with their founding denominations including specific religious groups, e.g., Puritan, Congregational, Calvinist, Presbyterian and Unitarian. With the "Enlightenment," the rejection of the English monarch was merged with a denial of the dogma of the Catholic Church, Scripture and the supernatural. The doctrine of deism held to the proposition that God's only contribution in his creative act was to form the universe. This belief had a major influence on the founding fathers during the American Revolution. The absence of God in the affairs of man planted seeds for the ongoing development of the theory of evolution. With Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species* (1859), a mechanism for naturalism began to take root. Charles Lyell, a friend of Darwin, helped to establish Darwin's theory by popularizing the theories of gradualism which claimed that we are not actually aware of the process of evolution occurring since it takes place over "millions of years."

Along with the "Enlightenment," natural/moral law," a philosophy that man has certain universal rights by virtue of human reason became popular in America. Natural law was alluded to in the Bible and further developed in the Middle Ages by Catholic philosophers including Thomas Aquinas. It was instrumental in developing a moral and legal code for citizens but offered only lip service to Scripture. A good example of this was the Jeffersonian Bible. While

based on the New Testament, it was void of any references to miracles or the resurrection or Christ's divinity.

Humanism first surfaced in the Garden of Eden when the devil tempted Eve with the ploy of "being like God." Being entrenched in the 14th-17th centuries "Renaissance" period, this philosophy rejected God, essentially calling God's ways evil and man's ideas good. Our own American history included the likes of Horace Mann who during the 19th century who promoted the modernization of American society through intellectual progressivism by asserting that societal advancements are based on science, economic development and social organization. More recent proponents of this philosophy included John Dewey, a pragmatist and educational reformer, Bertrand Russell, Margaret Sanger, and Abraham Maslow. Organizations supporting these humanist perspectives include Planned Parenthood, the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, the United Nations and many universities including Harvard and Yale.

The 1933 Humanist Manifesto proposed that the universe is self-existent, not created, and that man emerged as the result of a continuous/evolutionary process. Of course, to claim that the universe is self-existent may be helpful from a philosophical perspective, but on the other hand it is scientific nonsense. The five basic tenets of humanism include atheism, evolution, amorality, human autonomy and globalism. These godless concepts were delineated and discussed by creationists Tim LaHaye and David Noebel in their book, *Mind Siege*.

Once the foundation for humanism was laid, implementing it in American schools was the next objective. Given the Piltdown man, a supposed missing link between the great apes and man discovered in England in 1912, the "science" of evolution was also gaining a foothold in America. The world renowned British Museum both sheltered and supported this fraud until it was unmasked in 1953. Additionally, in 1922 a single tooth had been discovered in America and was called the Nebraska Man, another supposed "missing link." With later discoveries in 1925-26, the tooth was correctly identified as belonging to peccary, an ancient species of pig. However, advocacy for evolution forged onward with the May of 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial in which a substitute high school teacher was accused of violating the Butler Act by teaching evolution in a state-funded school in Tennessee. This staged trial offered modernists the opportunity to ridicule the fundamentalists who supported Scripture as having priority over all human knowledge. The modernists proof for evolution included the recently discovered "Nebraska Man" for which a creative artist had provided the image of a hairy savage.

In reference to the Catholic Church, the 1950 encyclical *Humani generis* confirmed that there is no inherent conflict between Christianity and evolutionary theory with the caveat that man's soul is a direct creation of God. The Catholic Church actually supports theistic evolution and teaches it in their schools. The Church does not however hold the conscience of its members to this philosophy and does not marginalize members who hold to a literal interpretation of Genesis.



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Henry Morris and John Whitcomb's *The Genesis Flood* (1962) launched the young Earth creationist's movement in America. Among many other organizations, Answers in Genesis and the Institute for Creation Research continue to provide important scripturally based leadership in this area. They are opposed by groups supporting the theistic evolutionary perspective, e.g., Biologos and Old Earth Ministries, which consider young Earth creationism "a stumbling block to belief." In comparing and contrasting the internet sites of Answers in Genesis (AiG) and Old Earth Ministries, the similarities include a belief in the fall of man and Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin. However, Old Earth Ministries does not accept the inerrancy and literal interpretation of Scripture or a global flood as a real event but instead supports many local floods and rejects the six 24-days of creation narrative in favor of "millions of years" in their pursuit of the molecule-to-man story of evolution. The creationist view is further muddled by scholars or scientists such as John Lennox and Michael Behe who are old Earth creationists that recognize design in nature and support the Intelligent Design movement.

During the 1960's the liberal Warren Supreme Court delivered a case of "legislative advocacy" in suppressing religious freedom in the public forum. The *Engel vs. Vitale* decision involving the daily recitation of a prayer written by the New York Board of Regents was declared unconstitutional as well as a later case involving the Bible reading in a public school. In writing the US Constitution, the founding fathers, concerned about protecting churches from the federal government, disallowed the consideration of a national church because of what had occurred with the Anglican Church in England. They achieved this by placing the Establishment Clause into the First Amendment which stated that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

But just how was the judiciary able to circumvent congress in "legislating from the bench" in establishing the doctrine of separation between church and state?" The back story is that in 1802 Thomas Jefferson sent a letter to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut offering the assurance that the federal government would never be allowed to interfere with the religious activities of churches. His letter concluded, "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, thus building a wall of separation between church and state." By taking these words in Jefferson's letter out of its historical context, the "wall metaphor" became the tool used by the Warren Court to eliminate the Christian concept of God from areas under the public domain.

With this "legal" sleight of hand, the philosophy and/or religion of naturalism/atheism was imposed on the public schools primarily via its science curriculum. The cultural shift toward humanism in America followed. Intolerance toward Christianity has raised its head within our government just as it has in the past throughout the history of the world. This was achieved initially by characterizing supernatural events as simply outside the bounds of science and reason. Due to the actions of the liberal Warren Court, we now have in America the concept of "Separation of Church and State" which officially supported antagonism toward Christianity and

the establishment of the governmental religion of humanism. Of course, this stronghold was fortified by the Carter administration in 1979 when the Department of Education became a cabinet position in the United States government.

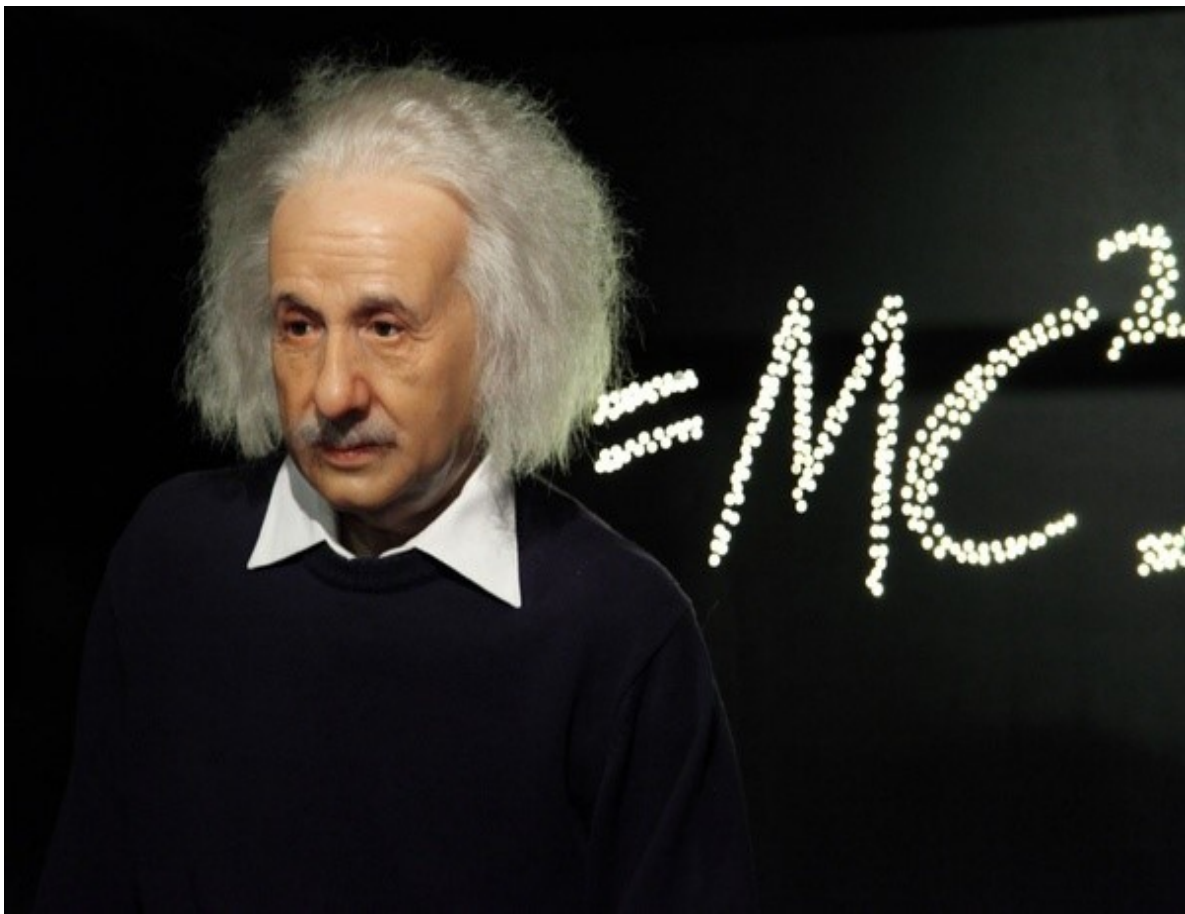
Within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), unionism was rejected at the 1932 convention. In this regard, Franz Pieper's Brief Statement reaffirmed the creation narrative of the Genesis. But by the late 1960's, our St. Louis Seminary had developed the reputation as a liberal institution whose professors promoted the historical-critical methods of biblical interpretation. The basic question at that time was whether the totality of Scriptures or only the Gospel was the norm for our faith and life. Specific bones of contention focused on six-day creationism and the ordination of women into the pastoral ministry. The 1973 Convention in New Orleans condemned the St. Louis Seminary's faculty, charging them with abolishing the formal principle. Luther's declaration of "sola scriptura" states that all doctrines are derived from Scripture and Scripture alone. This conflict ultimately resulted in a walk-out of a majority of students and professors at the seminary and the formation of the Seminary in Exile also known as Seminex. In response to this debacle, "The Statement of Scriptural and Confession Principles of 1973" was written by Ralph Bohlmann and adopted by the Missouri Synod. Among other issues, the inspiration and inerrancy of Scriptures was affirmed while naturalistic explanations for miracles were rejected.

In addition to the advancing progress of humanism in America, there are also outspoken advocates of evolution including the likes of Bill Ney and Richard Dawkins. Bill Ney, a mechanical engineer, science educator and television presenter, offered a thinly veiled threat to parents saying that it is okay for parents not to believe in evolution; however, it is a disservice to their children if they are taught that evolution is not true because that belief will handicap them in being able to do "real science." But of course, nothing is further from the truth. Richard Dawkins, an Oxford biology professor, takes a more aggressive approach as evidenced in one of his most outspoken statements, "The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully." The question one would ask is why is a person who does not believe in the existence of God so emotionally unhinged about an entity he claims does not exist. This is clearly not a rational response! The answer is related to his presupposition and aggressive position regarding his belief in evolution.

CHAPTER 9

Valid Scientific Facts in Scripture

Einstein believed in an eternal universe until Hubble's discovery of the expanding universe in 1929. This obviously implied that the universe had a point of origin. Of course, Moses reported that fact in about 1200 B. C. in Genesis 1:1 with the following words: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."



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Unlike human philosophies and writings, Holy Scripture not only focuses on the theology of God's creation, man's rebellion and the redemption of man through Jesus Christ, but also includes numerous illusions to scientific facts and principles long before their discovery by man. In contrast to Christianity, the Greek culture, Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam are laden with mythical content as documented here:

- The Greek myth of creation begins with a bird named Nyx being the only thing within the chaos of darkness. This bird with black wings laid a golden egg and on which she sat for ages. Ultimately, with the stirring of the egg, Eros, the god of love emerged. Half of the shell became the sky and the other half became the Earth with Eros compelling them to fall in love.
- Islam represents 23% of the world's religion. Its Koran states that men who broke the Sabbath were turned into apes, this being a popular legend in Muhammad's day (Suras 2:65; 7:163-166). An additional myth relates to seven men and their animals sleeping for 309 years in a cave and then waking up, being perfectly fine (Sura 18:9-26).
- Hinduism represents 15% of the world's religion. This philosophy is based on myth-like stories. Followers worship the Brahman, a being of ultimate oneness which represents the deities that have become incarnate with idols, temples, gurus, animals, rivers, etc. The book of Rigveda (RV 10.121) stated that the act of creation was the result of a cosmic egg. In contrast, the Purusha Sukta (RV 10.90) reported that all things were made out of the mangled limbs of non-natural man who was sacrificed by the god Purusha.
- Buddhism embodies 7% of the religions found in the world. Buddhism, although based on an acceptance of the mythology associated with the teachings of Buddha does not actually worship Buddha as god. Rather, this religion suggests that a person has countless rebirths and suffering. Therefore Buddhists strive to purify their heart through meditation and to blow out the "flame of desire."

The Bible offers a broad spectrum of scientifically sound references to the universe encompassing the stars, the atmosphere, physics, earth science, oceanology, biology, medical science, dietary laws and man's rebellious response to his creator. This is in direct contrast to the mythology of the other source books of world religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam which postdate the Genesis accounts of God's creation and Noah's Flood. The simple fact is that man's reasoning and knowledge offers only an assortment of unsubstantiated information whereas Scripture proclaims many examples of scientific truths sometimes thousands of years before they are actually discovered by man as documented here:

The Universe

- That the universe had a beginning was documented in Hebrews 1:10 during the 1st century: "and, you Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands." When Hebrews was written most people believed in a universe that was infinite, eternal and self-sustainable. This was also the belief of Albert Einstein, one of the world's greatest astrophysicists. However, with Edward Hubble's

discovery of the expanding universe in 1929, it was obvious that the universe had a starting point, an actual beginning, and was not static. In addition, the expanding universe was also alluded to in the 8th century BC by God in Isaiah 42:5; “thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out....”

- Genesis 1:1-3 accurately expressed all known aspects of creation; in the beginning, God created the heavens (space) and the earth (matter). The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light (energy). This scientifically based evidence is only found in the biblical creation account.

The Stars

- Jeremiah 33:22 reported that the number of stars was incalculable; as the host of heaven cannot be numbered.... At a time when there were less than 5000 visible stars, Scripture revealed that the stars could not be counted. However, it was not until the 17th century that Galileo viewed the vastness of God’s universe through a telescope.
- In I Corinthians 15:41 Paul, during the 1st century, reported that each star is unique; “there is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.”
- In Psalm 19:6 David described the sun’s circuit: “its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.” Many ancients insisted the sun was stationary; however, we now know that it travels through space just as David reported 3,000 years ago.
- The Pleiades and Orion star clusters were accurately described in Job 38:31, one of the most ancient books of Scripture; “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion?” The Pleiades star cluster is gravitationally bound in contrast to the Orion star cluster which is loosely bound. It is only recently that it has been discovered that the Pleiades is gravitationally bound in contrast to Orion’s stars which are not.

The Atmosphere

- In Ecclesiastes 1:6 Solomon described the jet stream: “the wind goes toward the south, and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.” It was only during World War II that airmen became aware of this phenomenon.
- Job 28:25 revealed that that air has weight: “when he gave to the wind its weight.” Again, this has been a rather recent discovery of man.

Physics

- Psalm 102:25-26 referenced the Law of Entropy: “Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.” Entropy states that the entire universe is moving

toward a state of disorder, contradicting increasing complexity demanded in the molecule-to-man process demanded by the theory of evolution.

- Job 38:24 states that light can be divided: “what is the way to the place where the light is distributed....” It was Sir Isaac Newton of the 17th century who discovered that white light is made of seven colors and can be parted and then also recombined.

Earth Science

- Isaiah 40:22 refers to the Earth as a sphere: “It is he who sits above the circle of the earth....” During Isaiah’s day it was thought that the Earth was flat. Another such reference is found in Luke 17: 34-35, when Jesus talked about his return: “I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” Here Christ indicated that day and night will be happening at the same time on our planet Earth.
- Job 26:7 reported that the Earth is free-floating in space: “He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing.” At this time in history some ancients held that the Earth sat on the back of an elephant whereas others thought it was held up by Atlas.
- Genesis 7:11 revealed the origin of the continental drift of continents which occurred during the Genesis Flood; “...all the fountains of the great deep burst forth....” This event has only recently accepted by scientists as a factual event.”

Oceanology

- Psalm 8:8 written by David in about 1,000 BC reported the paths in the seas: “...whatever passes along the paths of the seas.” It has only been during the 19th century that the father of oceanography, Matthew Maury, authenticated this as a fact.
- Job 38:16 stated that the oceans contain springs: “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?” Previously, it was believed that the oceans were only fed by rivers and rain, but in the 1970’s the springs on the ocean floor were first discovered.

Biology

- In Psalm 139:14 David offered these words: “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.” The complexity of DNA, the brain or the eye is clearly unfathomable, yet skeptics claim that man is the result of chance events over eons of time due solely to the action of nature.
- Psalm 139:13-14, written in about 1,000 BC, makes a reference to the code of life: “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.” This appears to be a reference to DNA, the genetic blueprint of life discovered in the 1950’s by Crick and Watson.
- The cumulative effect of genetic mutations results in passing on birth defects to future generations, however, in Leviticus 18:6 God dealt with this matter by invoking an edict

against marrying near kin; “None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness.”

- Genesis 1 repeatedly states that God created life to reproduce according to their “kind.” This is an observable event that cannot be denied, namely that there are genetic boundaries for life which does not vary, i.e., dogs produce dogs and various plants produce plants after their kind.
- In Exodus 22:31 God references microorganisms: “Whatever dies naturally or is torn by beasts he shall not eat, to defile himself with it: I am the Lord.” However, only recently did man discover that a decaying carcass is a source of disease causing germs.

Medical Science

- Leviticus 15:13 revealed the importance of washing in fresh water” “And when the one with a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes. And he shall bathe his body in fresh water and shall be clean.” For centuries people naively washed clothes in standing water, not understanding the need to remove germs in fresh water.
- Although the letting of blood has been a common practice up until recent times, Leviticus 17:14 offered this valid medical perspective in around 1,400 BC: “For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.” Up until about 1900, sick people were commonly “bled” as was the case with George Washington, an event which caused his death.
- Only recently has it been found that the blood clotting chemical prothrombin peaks in a newborn on the eighth day thus making this the safest day for circumcision. However, in Genesis 17:12 God revealed this medical perspective early in biblical history: “He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised.”
- Some 3,500 years ago, in Deuteronomy 23:12-13, God noted the importance management of human wastes: “You shall have a place outside the camp, and you shall go out to it. And you shall have a trowel with your tools, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up your excrement.” Prior to World War I more soldiers died from disease in this regard than war.

Dietary Laws of God

- Although the laws regarding quarantine were not invoked until the 17th century, in about 1500 BC God via in Leviticus 5:2, made this edict: “Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead.”
- In Leviticus 17:12 God warns against drinking blood: “Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, no person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.” Although this dangerous practice was a common ancient ritual, God forbade it long before it was understood that this practice spread disease.

- Deuteronomy 14:8 advises to avoid eating swine: “and the pig, because it parts the hoof but does not chew the cud, is unclean for you.” Recently it has been understood that eating under-cooked pork causes trichinosis, the result of an infectious parasite.
- Leviticus 11:13-14 cautions against eating birds of prey: “...they shall not be eaten; they are detestable: the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, the kite, the falcon of any kind.” It is now known that flesh-eating birds often spread disease.
- In Leviticus 11:12 God warns against eating bottom-feeders in bodies of water: “Everything in the waters that does not have fins and scales is detestable to you.” We now understand that these creatures consume waste and are likely to carry disease.

Man’s rebellious response to his Creator

- In Romans 1:21-24 Paul, the Apostle, warns against rebellion against God: “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.” Present examples of this lawlessness related to philosophies supporting evolution include embracing abortion, pornography and genocide, etc.
- In I Timothy 6:21 Paul warned of the results of false philosophies” “Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge, for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”
- During the 1st century AD, Romans 1:25 Paul cautioned against our current radical environmentalism: “because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator...” Eighteenth century naturalism enshrined “mother nature” as the creator, thus rejecting God.

CHAPTER 10

Inspiration and Inerrancy of Scripture

In preaching to the Jewish people, Christ upheld the inspiration and inerrancy of Old Testament Scripture using these words, “The Scripture cannot be broken.” In John’s gospel, Christ claimed authority for the New Testament Scripture as follows: “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”



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Individuals who dismiss or reject the Creator may be described as secularists, humanists, skeptics, atheists or agnostics. But, of course, we cannot actually look into the hearts of others. Only God knows if an individual has actually divorced himself from his Creator as noted in II Thessalonians 2:11 which states, “And for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” However, it is our responsibility to confront and appropriately challenge those who reject God by causing them to review and analyze their errant position. In this regard, Scripture does offer guidance in Proverbs 26:4-5: “Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest thou be like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.” On the surface this passage appears as a rather confusing parallelism. What is being suggested is that in negligible matters we may ignore their behavior, but with issues that matter, we must respond so that we neither give credence to their false viewpoint nor by our silence suggest approval or an inability to answer.

In such a situation, we are basically being confronted with either of two alternatives: 1) Individuals who are lost because they lack the most basic knowledge of Scripture or 2) People who tenaciously adhere to a secular worldview due to religious fervor and are unwilling to change their position. Encountering the lost requires patience, respect, and a listening ear to understand their individual needs and what is truly supporting their secular perspective. Being ambassadors of Christ, we are to approach a counselee with all meekness and humility as counseled in II Corinthians 5:20 and I Peter 3:15. Our goal is to move an individual to the point of understanding their confusion and lost condition. It is possible that when their perspective is clarified they may reassess their viewpoint and come to faith in Jesus Christ. Luther very succinctly explained how man can come to knowledge of God based on the existence of the world, a convicting conscience and ultimately, the Word of God bringing man to faith via Holy Scripture.

Confusion regarding the Scriptural narrative persists since many of the “Christian” religions are based on the reasoning of man rather than on the inspiration and inerrancy of Holy Scripture. In John 10:35 Christ states “...Scripture cannot be broken” and in II Timothy 3:16 Paul reports “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” Although many branches of Christianity focus on the atonement of Christ for the sins of man and being saved by faith alone, the majority actually adhere to some form of theistic evolution. This undermines the story of man’s rebellion, Christ’s redemption and the true power of God’s Holy Word. The problem here is that when one mixes fact with fiction, there is frequently a lack of clarity regarding our loving God and when the “storms of life” surface as is naturally the case in this fallen world, those individuals may be confused and may not actually find refuge in Christ their Savior. One example is that some would contend that pain and suffering are caused by God rather than being the result of man’s rebellion. The truth is that God did not cause pain and suffering but also does not waste the pain man has brought upon himself.

Paul Feinberg, in his *The Many Faces of Evil*, offers a vigorous defense of both God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility in his rebellion. In that regard, the theological significance of the account of Job in Scripture is that God is not responsible for causing

man's pain and suffering. The apostle Paul, being thoroughly familiar with hardship and pain, in his letter to the Romans 5:3-4 stated the following, "We rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance character; and character; hope." The writer of Hebrews offers this advice in chapter 12:5-6, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him." Make no mistake in this regard, evil is not traceable to God; however, God in his foresight, can use the evil caused by sinful man to carry out his holy will. One example is Joseph explaining to his brothers God's providence in saying, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." Of course, the prime example of God's providence in this regard was evidenced with the Sadducees and Pharisees instigating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

In distorting Scripture by inserting "millions of years" of death and disease, it is only logical to blame God for the pain and suffering, thus undermining the biblical authority of God's word. Genesis 3:19 clarifies this matter when God stated that man will return to the earth in death. This entropy, namely disorder and deterioration caused by sin, is inherited in human genome. Those who believe that reason determines which doctrines of Scripture are truly valid are laying a foundation for doubt and unbelief. Remember the consequences of Satan saying, "Did God say?" Without the full council of God, faith in Jesus Christ as Savior is in jeopardy.

Similarly, the New Testament has also come under fire regarding its inerrancy and being truly inspired by God. It was Christ himself who established the Apostolic Church with the affirmation that the New Testament Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Note John 14:26 concerning Christ's discourse at the Last Supper where he promised his disciples, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." Additionally, Paul in I Corinthians 2:13 spoke of this matter as follows, "And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual."

CHAPTER 11

Apologetic References of Scripture

From the promise of a Savior following man's rebellion in the garden to the redemptive act of Jesus Christ to the ultimate revelation of the marriage feast of God's church in heaven, the 66 books of Scripture share God's narrative with man.



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In their rebellion, skeptics choose to place human reasoning above that of the omnipotent and omniscient God of the universe and his Holy Word. Isaiah 55:9 does much to clarify what is wrong with this perspective, “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The most maligned book of Scripture is Jonah which is relegated to the status of myth by many. However, Christ himself in Matthew 12:40 stated the following in responding to the scribes and Pharisees, “For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” In using naturalism to parse Scripture, the story of Jonah is rejected by some who support the philosophy of theistic evolution. In so doing, God in Jesus Christ is being rejected as a speaker of truth, an essential attribute of his being. The question then is, how can one believe in a God who contradicts himself? Furthermore, the words of Jonah 2:5-6 are ignored, “the waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains....” But the mountains at the bottom of the ocean were only discovered during modern times so how could the writer of Jonah know this fact. As long as the historical critical approach is taken regarding Scripture, their inspiration and inerrancy will be rejected.

Creation Week

- Genesis 1:1-5 – On day 1 God created Earth, space, time and light. – “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.”
- Genesis 1:6 – On day 2 God created atmosphere. – And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”
- Genesis 1:9 & 11 – On day 3 God separated the waters from the land and also created the plants. – And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear. ...“Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth. And it was so.”
- Genesis 1:16 – On day 4 God created the sun, moon and stars. – “And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.”
- Genesis 1:20 – On day 5 God created the creatures of the water and of the air. – And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”
- Genesis 1:24 & 26 – On Day 6 God created land animals and man. – And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping

things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds. ...Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

Creation Theology – An important passage in understanding God's creation is Psalm 19:2; "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork."

- Genesis 1:1 – Creation was an act of an omnipotent, triune God at the beginning of time resulting in a perfect universe created out of absolutely nothing. – "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
- Genesis 1:5 – Each day of creation was a 24-hour span of time. – "And the evening and the morning were the first day."
- Genesis 1:9 – The original creation was comprised of one body of water and land mass. – And God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear."
- Genesis 1:11 – God created the plants to reproduce after their kind. And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so."
- Genesis 1:24 – God's creatures were created on the fifth and sixth days of creation as fixed "kinds," not evolving species over eons periods of time. – And God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind...."
- Genesis 1:31 – God's original creation was perfect in every way. – "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."
- Exodus 20:11 – God the Father, affirms the six day creation. - "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day."
- Psalm 147:8-9 – This psalm was written after the Babylon captivity. – "He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry."
- Matt. 19:4 & Mark 10:6 – Jesus Christ confirms that man was made at the beginning of time, not after millions of years of evolution. – "But from the beginning of the creation God made them, male and female."
- Hebrews 11:3 – God used his holy word to create the universe and all it contains out of nothing. – "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Events related to man's rebellion

- Genesis 3:15 – As a result of man's sin, God placed a curse upon Satan and a promise of a redeemer from sin in the person of Jesus Christ. – "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise his head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
- Genesis 3:19 – Due to man's rebellion, man is no longer perfect, but disordered as well as God's entire creation. This means that life will be difficult for man and the disorder nature of God's creation will affect the entire universe. Man will experience the

progressive deterioration of his genome resulting in increasing disorders and diseases and ultimately death. – “By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

- Isaiah 51:6 speaks to entropy, the disorder caused by man’s rebellion against God – “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

The Attributes of God – The instructional/counseling context is buttressed with a theological perspective. Therefore, it is helpful to be fully cognizant of the significance of the nature of God as offered here:

- Spirit – John 4:24 – “God is a spirit.” – Although we do not see God, he has revealed himself in the Bible, the incredible design in creation, order in the universe and his moral law found in Scripture and the heart of man.
- Eternal – Psalms 90:2 – “...from everlasting to everlasting, you art, God.” – God existed from eternity, before the creation of his perfect universe. Man was created in God’s image, perfect and without sin. With the introduction of sin (original sin) into the world man was separated from God, lost his perfect state and experienced the advent of disease, suffering and death.
- Unchangeable – Malachi 3:6 – “I, the Lord, do not change.” – The nature of God is consistent in every way and he truly keeps his promises. One example of this is Genesis 3:15 which is the first statement of the Gospel message in which God confirmed that he placed hostility between Satan and the seed of the woman, namely Jesus Christ. In effect, God stated that the power of Satan in claiming man as his own through leading man to rebel against God had been nullified since God would send a Savior in the person of Jesus Christ to “crush” the power of Satan over God’s creation, namely man.
- Omnipotent (almighty) – Matthew 19:26 – “... with God all things are possible.” – Our God is a supernatural being and not limited by nature. In spite of the deterioration caused by sin, we still can see his magnificence in design throughout God’s creation. This is in opposition to the unrealistic philosophy of non-directed and random changes over “millions of years” being responsible for the existence of the universe.
- Omniscient (all knowing) – John 21:17 – “Lord, you know all things...” – The Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all-knowing, having total knowledge over creation, whether it relates to its visible or invisible aspects.
- Omnipresent (present everywhere) – Jeremiah 23:24 - ...”Do not I fill heaven and Earth?” saith the Lord. – Again, we are confronted with the limits of our ability to truly understand God. As his children, we have only one viable option, to believe and appreciate God’s love for sinners and the sacrifice of Christ in our stead.
- Holy – Isaiah 6:3 – “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.” – As God is holy, so is Christ. Being sinless, He kept the law of God perfectly as our substitute before God.

- Just – Deuteronomy 32:4 – “He is the Rock. His works are perfect and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.” – People question God’s sending the flood on sinful man or having Israel destroy nations that rejected him. The truth is that we are God’s creation and he is a righteous judge despite the fact that in his rebellion man does not always understand God’s ways.
- Faithful – II Timothy 2:13 – “If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.” – God keeps his promises of redemption and salvation by his undying love for those of his children who believe in his promises and are faithful to him.
- Benevolent (desiring our welfare) – I John 4:8. “God is love.” And also Timothy 2:4. – “God loves the sinner and wants all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.”
- Merciful – Psalms 145:9 – “The Lord is good to all, he has compassion on all he has made. God is full of pity for the sinner.” And also Hebrews 8:12 – “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” – All of this is true because of the sacrifice of His Son for sinful man.
- Gracious – Psalm 86:15 – “But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”
- Forgiving – I John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

The Inspiration/Inerrancy of Scripture

- Proverbs 30:5 – This is a wise saying from the book of Proverbs. – “Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”
- John 10:35 – The words of Jesus to scribes and Pharisees. – “The Scripture cannot be broken.”
- Luke 24:49 – “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”
- John 14:26 – “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”
- John 16:13 – “And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
- II Tim. 3:16 – Paul offering his final instructions to his pastor in training, Timothy. – “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God which is profitable for doctrine....”
- II Peter 1:21 – Peter discussing the prophetic word of God. – “Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

God’s Warnings to Man

- Psalms 11:3 – “If the foundations are destroyed, what will the righteous do?”
- Romans 1:19-22 – “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have

been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

- II Corinthians 4:3-4 – “But if the gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”
- Colossians 2:8 – “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.”
- II Thessalonians 2: 10-11 – “...because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false....”
- I Timothy 6:20-21 – “O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge, for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”

The Genesis Flood Timeline

- Genesis 7:1-9 – Noah enters the ark and waits for seven days.
- Genesis 7:10-12, 21-23 – All the fountains of the deep burst forth, the windows of the heavens opened, it rained for 40 days and nights and destroyed all life on the earth.
- Genesis 7:17, 24; 8:3 – The ark floated for a total of 150 days.
- Genesis 8:3-4 – The ark comes to rest on Mt. Ararat, interestingly on the same calendar day as Jesus’ resurrection.
- Genesis 8:6-7 – After forty days, Noah sent out a raven.
- Genesis 8:8-9 – With an additional wait of seven days, Noah sent out a dove which returned to the ark.
- Genesis 8:10-11 – Waiting an additional seven days, Noah sent second out a second dove which returned to the ark with an olive branch.
- Genesis 8:12 – With a pause of an additional seven day, Noah sent third dove which did not return to the ark.
- Genesis 8:13 – The waters on the Earth dried.
- Genesis 8:14-17 – After being on board for 370 days, Noah and his family and animals exit the ark.

Genesis Flood Events and References

- Genesis 7:11 - ...the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.
- Genesis 9:3 – God’s pronouncement following the flood. – “Everything that moves and lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.”

- II Samuel 22:16 – “Then the channels of the sea were seen; the foundations of the world were laid bare, at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.”
- Psalm 104:6 – “You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.”
- Matthew 24:37-39 – “For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. With the flood chapter.”
- Hebrews 11:7 – “By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.”
- I Peter 3:20 – “Because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.”
- II Peter 2:5 – “If he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;”
- II Peter 3:5-6 – Here the apostle references the Genesis global flood – For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.”

The Providence of God – God’s protective care

Over his Universe

- Psalm 103:19 – “The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and his sovereignty rules over all.”
- Nehemiah 9:6 – “You alone are the Lord, you have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them you give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before you.”
- 1 Chronicles 29:11 – “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; yours is the dominion, O Lord, and you exalt Yourself as head over all.”
- Hebrews 1:3 – “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”

Over Nature

- Genesis 8:22 – “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”
- Matthew 6:26 – “Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”

- [Matthew 10:29](#) – “Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.”

Over the Nations

- [Exodus 19:4](#) – “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to myself.”
- [Psalm 22:28](#) – “For the kingdom is the Lord’s and He rules over the nations.”
- [Psalm 47:2](#) – “For the Lord most high is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.”
- [Daniel 4:34](#) – “At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;”
- [Acts 17:26](#) – “And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,”

Over his People

- [Genesis 45:5](#) – “...And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.”
- [Deuteronomy 29:5-6](#) – “I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot. You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink, in order that you might know that I am the Lord your God.”
- [Nehemiah 9:21](#) – “Indeed, forty years you provided for them in the wilderness and they were not in want; their clothes did not wear out, nor did their feet swell.”
- [Romans 8:28](#) – “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

CHAPTER 12

The Power of Prophecy

The Bible contains 353 fulfilled prophecies concerning Christ, but no human philosophy provides any form of specific fulfilled prophecy.



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Scripture is unique in that it was penned by over 40 writers over a 1500 year period of time span. It maintains a perfect unity of message in spite of the fact that it was written in three languages, Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, and on three different continents, Africa, Asia and Europe. The accuracy of Scripture outdistances that of any ancient works in the limited time occurring between the event and it being offered in written form and the incredible number of copies available, all of which document the importance and veracity of the work. Furthermore, 25% of Scripture was prophetic when written in contrast to other “holy books” which contain no prophesy.

The veracity of the New Testament cannon has been attacked from the time it was written until this present day. Skeptics consistently question Scripture while fully accepting secular writing although these secular writings have vastly limited source materials in contrast to Scripture as offered in the comparisons which follow:

<u>Author</u>	<u>When Written</u>	<u>Earliest Copy</u>	<u>Number of Copies</u>
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	643
Herodotus	480 – 425 B.C.	900 A.D.	8
Plato	427 – 347 B.C.	900 A.D.	7
New Testament	40 – 100 A.D.	125 A.D.	24,000+
Caesar	100 – 44 B.C.	900 A.D.	10
Aristotle	364 – 322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	49

Although the reliability/validity of Scripture has been confirmed from science and archeology, the most credible argument for its authenticity is found within its prophecies. In this regard, the Bible is truly unique among all books ever written since it foretells specific events in detail, sometimes centuries before they occur. There are approximately 2,500 prophecies offered in Scripture with about 2,000 having already been fulfilled without error. Of these prophecies, the Bible contains 353 fulfilled prophecies concerning Christ himself. With such an incredible record, it would be hard to argue that Scripture is not a book authored by God himself.

Prophecies Regarding Jesus Christ

- Genesis 3:15 – Christ would be born of a woman. “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
- Genesis 12:1-3 – The Messiah would be a descendant of Abraham and would be a blessing to all nations. “Now the LORD said to Abram, Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
- Genesis 49:9-10 – Christ would come from the tribe of Judah. – “Judah is a lion’s cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s

staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”

- Deuteronomy 18:15 – Christ will be a prophet. – “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.”
- Psalm 16:10 – Christ would rise from the dead. – “For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.”
- Psalm 22:16 – Christ’s hands and feet would be pierced. – “For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircle me; they have pierced my hands and feet.”
- Psalm 22:18 – Soldiers would gamble for Christ’s garments. – “They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”
- Psalm 78:2-4 – Christ would speak in parables. – “I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old.”
- Isaiah 7:14 – Christ would be born of a virgin. – “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”
- Hosea 11 1 – The Messiah will be called out of Egypt. “When Israel was a child, I loved him and out of Egypt I called my son.”
- Micah 5:2 – Christ would be born in Bethlehem. – “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”
- Zechariah 9:9 – The Messiah would come riding on a colt. “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
- Zechariah 11:12 – The Messiah would be betrayed for the price of a slave, thirty pieces of silver. – “Then I said to them, ‘If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them. And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver.’”
- Zechariah 12:10 – Some 400 years before crucifixion was invented, Zechariah described an aspect of the Messiah’s death. - “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.”

Old Testament Prophecies Regarding the Nations - Prophecies concerning nations offer a powerful witness of God’s providence in guiding and disciplining his chosen people over centuries. They essentially read like a history of the Old Testament following the united kingdoms of Saul, David and Solomon.

- Tyre’s Demise – Ezekiel 26:3 – During the 6th century BC the prophet Ezekiel prophesied that the Phoenician Empire’s most powerful city, Tyre, would be attacked by many nations, because it had treated Israel poorly. – “Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will bring up many nations against you, as the sea

brings up its waves.” - At about the time of this prophesy Babylon began to attack the city and later in 332 BC, Alexander the Great, conquered Tyre ending the Phoenician Empire.

- Edom’s Demise – Jeremiah 49:16 – Isaac’s two sons, Esau, the father of the nation of Edom and Jacob, a patriarch of the Jewish nation, were at odds during their lifetimes as were their respective nations through intermittent war throughout history. During the 5th century BC the destruction of Edom was predicted in Jeremiah and ultimately occurred in about 100 BC. – “The horror you inspire has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as the eagle’s, I will bring you down from there.”
- Nineveh’s Demise – Nahum 3:15 – Nineveh was the capital city of the aggressive Assyrian Empire during Isaiah’s lifetime. This nation ultimately conquered the northern kingdom of Israel, carrying many of its citizens into captivity. In about 614 BC, Nahum prophesied that Nineveh will be destroyed by fire. – “There the fire will devour you; the sword will cut you down and, like grasshoppers, consume you....” Archaeologists who unearthed the original site of Nineveh during the 1800s and found layer upon layer of ash covering the ruins.
- Judah Conquered by Babylon – Jeremiah 25:11-12 – Jeremiah prophesied that the Judah would be conquered and that its people would be carried off as slaves to Babylon for a period of seventy years before the actual event. – “This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste.”
- Persia Conquers Babylon – Isaiah 45:1 – Isaiah prophesizes regarding the fate of Nineveh 150 years before the actual event. – “Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed.” – Despite remarkable defenses which included moats and walls that were more than 70-feet thick and 300-feet high including 250 watchtowers, Cyrus was able to conquer Babylon’s capital city of Nineveh. This was accomplished by diverting the flow of the Euphrates River into a large lake basin enabling Cyrus’ army to march across the riverbed on dry land into the city.
- Judah’s Return – Jeremiah 32:37 – In about 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied Judah’s return to their homeland which was ultimately fulfilled in 536 B.C. The revelation was offered as follows, “I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them lands where I banish them in my anger and my wrath and I will make them dwell in safety.”

CHAPTER 13

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The Bible needs no corroborative evidence to verify its truth; and not a single archaeological finding has ever disproven a single word of Scripture.



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Biblical archaeology encompasses the study of architecture, language, literature, art, tools, pottery, etc., that have survived the ravages of time. The investigation and recovery of the remains of past cultures provide secular evidence for the biblical narrative. For the last couple of centuries archeologists have been working on this quest in the Middle East. As previously documented, the Bible needs no corroborative evidence to verify its truth; however, it is important to note that no finding of a scientific or an archaeological nature has never disproven a single word of Scripture. It would appear almost diabolical when again and again skeptics question the veracity of Scripture; however, this is not the case with regard to how they treat secular writings. Offered here are a limited number of these significant archaeological findings:

- Tel Dan Inscription – This tablet offers the first reference to the Davidic dynasty outside of the Bible. This 9th century B.C. inscription makes reference to a military victory reported in II Chronicles 22. It was erected by Hazael, king of Aram which is in present-day Syria and verifies the existence of David's dynasty.
- Sennacherib's Hexagonal Prism – During the 9th century B.C. Assyria was a powerful war machine reaping havoc on neighboring nations. By the 8th century B.C. the Assyrians had crushed the northern kingdom of Israel and invaded the southern kingdom of Judah, conquering major cities and besieging its capital, Jerusalem. Sennacherib's Hexagonal Prism records his boastful words including this quote where he stated that he had made Hezekiah "a prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence, like a bird in a cage." The biblical record through Isaiah confirmed Sennacherib's account and continues this story where the Assyrian record becomes silent. With Jerusalem being faced by imminent destruction, God's people, led by King Hezekiah, prayed fervently to God as recorded in Isaiah 37:15-20 and were miraculously delivered against overwhelming odds. Although Sennacherib had bragged about his humbling of Hezekiah, he made no mention of capturing Jerusalem in the record offered in Hexagonal Prism since kings seldom if ever leave a record of their defeats. However, II Kings 19:35-36 records this event as follows "And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh."
- Ketef Hinnom Amulets – In 1979, these two silver scrolls from the 7th century B.C. were discovered in a tomb at Ketef Hinnom, overlooking the Hinnom Valley in Jerusalem, this valley being referred to by Jesus in Matthew 5:22 & 18:9. These amulets are the oldest surviving texts from the Hebrew Bible and were meticulously unrolled over the course of three years to prevent them from disintegrating. In this process biblical archeologists found two significant inscriptions. One was the temple priest's blessing from Numbers 6:24-26, "The Lord bless you and protect you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance to you and give you peace." The second was the tetragrammaton *YHWH*, the name of the Lord, from which we get the

English word Jehovah. This finding was the oldest known example of the Lord's name in writing.

- House of God Ostrakon – An ostrakon is writing on pottery and is a common discovery in archaeological digs. Dating to the 6th century B.C., it references the temple in Jerusalem and the names of persons recorded in Scripture. This particular ostrakon was found in Arad, a Canaanite city in the Negev during the 6th century B.C., currently located in the Southern District of Israel on the border of the Negev and Judean Deserts.
- Dead Sea Scrolls – These scrolls are one of the most important finds of in the field of biblical archaeology. They were discovered in 1947 in caves in the Qumran area on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea. These scrolls are comprised of approximately 900 documents and fragments. They predate 100 A.D. and offer the most unique insight to the veracity of the Holy Scriptures and the almost unbelievable competency of the Scribes responsible for copying ancient Scripture. In comparing the variants in the text to later biblical texts, none have changed the meaning of the text nor did they alter any biblical theology. This find offers assurance that the Old Testament Scripture we have today is virtually identical to the one that Jesus used when he walked this Earth.
- Pool of Siloam – Over time, scholars have doubted the historical accuracy of John's Gospel which related the story of Jesus' healing of a man born blind. As found in the 9th chapter, Jesus encounter a man blind from birth and smeared mud mixed with saliva on his eyes and told him to go and wash at the pool of Siloam at which time the man received his sight. In 2004, during repair work on water pipe near the Temple Mount, a construction crew found two ancient stone steps. With further excavation, it was discovered that this finding was part of a 1750 foot long trapezoidal shaped pool. This discovery was dated from the Second Temple period, the period of time in which Jesus lived. The pool was part of King Hezekiah's 7th century B.C. preparation in anticipation of a siege by King Sennacherib of Assyria. II Chronicles 32 document's Hezekiah's blocking the upper outlet of the Gihon spring and channeling its water through a tunnel down of the west side of Jerusalem. According the Siloam inscription found in one of the tunnels, "two teams dug in opposite directions, one from the north and the other from the south and met in the middle." This 1750 foot tunnel brought water from one side of the city to the other and was considered one of the greatest works of water engineering technology in the pre-Classical period. The result of this effort was that Jerusalem had a reliable source of water enabling Judah to withstand the Assyrian siege.
- Crucified Man – This find is the remains of a full skeleton of a man crucified in the first century with the foot bone containing a bent crucifixion nail verifying the Gospel texts regarding this crucifixion. Previous to this discovery, skeptics argued, in complete ignorance of Roman rule, that crucifixion was not used as a form of capital punishment in Christ's time by the Romans.
- Pilate Inscription – This stone tablet was discovered in Caesarea on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Found in a theater erected by Pilate to honor the Emperor Tiberius, it

bears an inscription mentioning the name of Pontius Pilate, the procurator of Judea. Again, this discovery represents an actual piece of archaeological history supporting the biblical narrative.

- Caiaphas Ossuary – Caiaphas was the high priest of the Sanhedrin that presided over the trial of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 26:57-67. An ossuary is a stone or pottery box in which the remains of a person are buried. This ornate ossuary has the inscription “*Yeosef bar Qafa*,” Joseph son of Caiaphas, and is dated to the second temple period, the time period when Jesus lived. This ossuary is the only secular source verifying the Scriptural record regarding Caiaphas, the high priest.

CHAPTER 14

The Faces of Indoctrination

In Psalm 11:3, David put his finger on the crux of the problem with these words, “If the foundation is destroyed, what will the righteous do?”



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Do our preschool children watch cartoons on television? The answer is obviously yes. However, one might be surprised to know that evolutionary brainwashing begins even before our children enter school. From Bob the Builder to Bert and Ernie, children are taught the “facts” of evolution featuring Mother Nature, pre-historic dinosaurs, the Big Bang and man evolving from the great apes. Answers in Genesis has an excellent DVD (Kid’s Most Asked Questions... about Science & the Bible) which provides guidance in countering this deceitful storyline. From a general perspective, proponents of evolution can be very intimidating, e.g., Bill New television’s “science guy” suggests that it is okay for parents to believe the “myths” found in the Bible, but asserts that it is not fair to pass this mythology on to your children and therefore handicap them in pursuing true science. Of course, nothing can be further from the truth. Ney’s mantra in this regard is that “real science” is based solely on naturalism.

In understanding the strategy of skeptics, take the example of Rosie Ruiz. She was the apparent winner of the woman’s 1980 Boston Marathon completing the race in near record time; however, something was amiss. Ultimately witnesses reported that Rosie was seen jumping into the race at the 25th mile marker and therefore only ran a little over a mile to finish ahead of the other women runners. So it is with the theory of evolution where countless deceptions are incorporated into the theory to impress the uninformed. These unscientific foundations are passed on as fact including Darwin’s theory of natural selection, survival of the fittest and the tree of life, Lyell’s “millions of years,” Huxley’s horse evolution, Haeckel’s embryos and numerous examples of “missing links or early man with all of these representing only “smoke and noise.” The truth is that operationally the theory of evolution is smoke with no fire and noise with no communication. The net effect of this constant “drum beat” of indoctrination is a diminishing percentage of United States citizens accepting Scripture as representing an inerrant message from God. In this regard, the most recent Gallup poll reported that only 24% of our nation believes that the Bible is literal narrative throughout with only 12% of our youth hold that view. In contrast, 26% consider Scripture to be mythology and another 47% accept the Bible as true with a limited number of exceptions, which was actually the viewpoint of C. S. Lewis. The following examples illustrated the unscientific basis of evolution:

- The Greeks brought us materialism which proposes that the universe was eternal and matter is the fundamental substance in nature of which all things are composed including mental processes and consciousness. Rudolf Clausius of the 19th century, the central figure in developing the 1st law of thermodynamics, formalized this law dealing which dealt with energy conversion. It stated that although matter can be transformed into energy and vice versa, there is no allowance for matter spontaneously coming into existence. Therefore when some claim that matter is self-existent they violate science and inadvertently admit that the theory of evolution has no basis in fact.
- The law of biogenesis, namely non-life does not produce life, offered to use by Louis Pasteur in the 19th century repudiates molecule-to-man evolution.
- The progressive development of Darwin’s tree of life from primitive animals to man is dependent on genetic mutations producing positive outcomes within genes. Mutations

consistently result in the loss of genetic information resulting in either neutral or negative results. This outcome reflects the law of entropy which states that in a closed system matter progresses toward a state of disorder. Genesis 3:19 illustrates this law in regard to man using these words, “Thou art dust and unto dust thou will return.”

- Matter does not produce intelligence or other non-material outcomes such as feelings, consciousness or morality. The theory of naturalism proposed that life is wholly the result of chance events occurring over ‘millions of years.’ With the discovery of DNA by Crick and Watson in 1953, the supposition that life has its basis in random processes was deposed since DNA is a language and the creation of language requires intelligence. The truth is that evolution is not science. It is a combination of the philosophies of materialism and naturalism. Evolution is exclusively a belief system subsumed under the rubric of humanism standing alongside of other religions, e.g., Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism or Islam and was specifically contrived to reject the Creator-God of Scripture.

CHAPTER 15
TARGETED APOLOGETICS

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Daniel Biddle's article in the February 2017 edition of *Answers* (a magazine published by Answers in Genesis) reported on a study of 300 individuals aged from 14 to 24 and focused on determining what this population of individuals believed were the best evidences supporting evolution. The results were as follows: human evolution (25%), evolutionary theory (21%), fossils & transitions (15%), science in general (11%), progression of civilization (6%), DNA (6%), Big Bang (5%), dinosaurs (5%), deep time (4%) and homologous structures (3%). Biddle determined that the first four categories made up 72% of the reasons offered by these subjects for their belief in evolution. The validity of each of these evidences is highly contested as here documented:

Human Evolution – The missing links between the great apes and man (25%) This documentation includes almost two centuries of false examples and outright hoaxes.

- Neanderthal Man, first discovered in Belgium 1829, had skeletal remains showing anomalies in skull and bone formations. Dr. Protsch of Frankfurt University offered carbon-14 research proposing that the Neanderthal was a missing link between the apes and man. It was later determined that he had fabricated his research for over three decades and Neanderthal Man was actually an example of modern man having a variety of physical ailments, some of which affected his skeletal features.
- Cro-Magnon Man, first discovered in 1868 in southwestern France, like Neanderthal Man, had lived during the Ice Age following the global Genesis Flood. Although typically pictured as subhuman, research demonstrated that Cro-Magnon man lived in huts, constructed kilns, baked pottery, used tools of bone, flint and ivory, made musical instruments and had rituals with his greatest achievements occurring in the area of the arts. Even proponents of evolution now believe that the Cro-Magnons were very similar to modern man except for some distinctive physical characteristics.
- Orce Man, found in 1984, was comprised of a fragment of a skull that was presented as an example of primitive man, but was later determined to be a piece of a donkey's skull. The popular press was not shy in finding humor in this mistake.
- Java Man, another supposed missing link, was discovered in Indonesia by Eugene Dubois in 1891 and was ultimately declared to be an example of modern man in 1944.
- Piltdown Man, found in England in 1912, was fabricated from a jaw bone of an orangutan and a partial human cranium. This deliberately perpetrated fraud claimed to be 300,000 years old was sheltered by the British Museum until 1953 when the hoax was uncovered by a team of scientists who determined the specimens were of very recent origin.
- Nebraska Man, based on a single tooth found in Nebraska in 1917, was again touted as a "missing link." This finding was used to support the teaching of evolution in American schools. In 1927, however, it was determined that the tooth was that of an ancient pig. This exposed a wholly fraudulent claim from miniscule information.
- Peking Man was based on skeletal remains found in Beijing, China, between 1923-1927. First declared as a "missing link," the Peking Man is now considered to be an example of modern man.

- *Australopithecus afarensis* (southern ape) found in 1974, is one of the latest so-called “missing links.” About 40% of “her” skeletal features were discovered. Known as “Lucy,” this 3 ½ foot creature has many features that are characteristic of an animal that would be comfortable swinging through trees. However, Lucy’s feet were not recovered. In spite of this she was theorized to have walked upright because of fossilized human footprints that were found in a volcano in Tanzania over 923 miles away. It is truly interesting how skeptics use their theory of evolution to support its validity; of course, such an approach of using circular reasoning is anything but science.

Human Evolution Continued – The similarity between the structure, physiology, or development of different species (25%) – The occurrence of these resemblances (homology) has been proposed to offer proof of common ancestry. Skeptics would suggest that not only are there major physical resemblances between apes and man, but there are also very close genetic similarities. However, recent research does not support their contention.

- Although past research has claimed the similarity between human and chimpanzee DNA to be in the 98.5% range, recent research by Jeffrey Tomkins has found this to be in the 86% range. This difference is massive and rather than supporting shared origin it strongly confirms a common designer.
- Apes have 24 chromosomes as contrasted to man’s 23 chromosomes.
- Apes and man are not inter-fertile supporting the premise that they are not a part of the same family of origin.

Evolutionary Theory – Selection/Adaptation (21%) – Charles Darwin’s exposition of evolution in his *Origin of Species* (1859) has been popularized and amended over time in spite of its serious flaws.

- Proponents of evolution point to the finches of the Galapagos Island off of the coast of Equator as proof for their theory. When Charles Darwin visited these islands in the 1830’s for five weeks he noted that the finches showed slight differences in their beaks from those on the mainland. Therefore Darwin postulated that this was based on the type of food available at a particular time within their environment. Furthermore, he hypothesized that small changes over time ultimately result in large changes leading to new species. Proponents of evolution have described this as micro-evolution and argue that, given enough time, micro-evolution can add up to macro-evolution. The first chapter of Genesis rejects this misrepresentation. When God said that a group of animals would reproduce “after their kind,” God was stating that kinds are fixed. But just the same, there are also variations in the genetic material within a “kind” enabling an organism to adapt to changes within its environment.
- An additional factor added to this Darwinian scenario is that of mutations. It has been speculated that beneficial mutations will result in molecule-to-man evolution. In Genesis 3:19 following man’s fall into sin God stated “...for you are dust and unto dust you shalt return” validating man’s changed state resulting in genetic entropy, man no longer being in God’s perfect image and now subject to progressive disorder and ultimately death.

From a scientific perspective, entropy is a progression of all matter from order to disorder. When this occurs with genetic material it has been defined as a mutation. The fact is that mutations result in the loss of genetic material and are overwhelmingly negative, many resulting in human disorders and diseases. Progressive mutations are negligible to nonexistent. Therefore, it makes absolutely no sense to claim mutations as a viable mechanism for the progressive development claimed by Darwin's "tree of life."

- Skeptics are consistently shocked by life forms which they claim have developed eons ago when these same life forms are virtually unchanged from their fossilized ancestors. This result does not square with their theory of progressive change and therefore they rationalize this contradiction by proposing the dogma of "stasis," meaning no change has occurred. This evasive mechanism again places skeptics in the position of arguing on both sides of a position which is contradictory and proves theirs is a false theory. The stasis proposed by evolutionary scientists represents evidence for a young Earth.

Evolutionary Theory Continued – Lack of basic scientific support (21)

- Evolutionary theory offers no naturalistic rationale for the origin of matter in spite of the fact that matter is basic to its process. While there is no rational explanation for the spontaneous existence of matter, this issue is frequently argued to be a non-issue because matter is self-existent. If this is so then matter is eternal. Yet no evolutionist claims that matter is eternal. In contrast, deists claim that God created the world and therefore they have no need to explain how matter came into existence. A section dealing with the Big Bang deals more fully with this contradiction.
- The law of biogenesis is problematic for evolution. It states that non-life cannot produce life. All of life comes from life. There is no spontaneous generation of life. Typically, when a theory is not supported by scientific fact, it is rejected. However, this is not the case with evolution. Instead of admitting that evolution is a false theory, it is adamantly supported. This typically occurs only when there is a political or philosophical reason for maintaining a position.

Fossils & Transitions (15%) As we explore this topic, it is interesting how evolutionary scientists and creationists use the same data and come up with divergent conclusions.

- The Cambrian explosion is characterized by the sudden appearance of diverse life forms within the fossil record in the Earth's lowest layers of fossil-bearing rocks. Darwin considered the abrupt appearance of life one of the greatest challenges to his theory concerning the origin of species because his "tree of life" can only be rationalized on the basis of the chance development of progressively more complex organisms over eons of time. The major problem with the Cambrian explosion is that the ancestors for 30-40 phyla do not exist. These phyla include nematodes, porifera, cnidarian, ctenophora, arthropoda with selected examples including algae, sponges, round worms, jellyfish, sea urchins, insects, crustaceans, clams, snails, trilobites, and other complex invertebrates. One of the primary examples of consternation for skeptics is the trilobite. These creatures have one of the most complex visual systems

on Earth. The fact is that the earliest life forms in the fossil record are not simple or primitive creatures. Of course, the creation and flood narratives of Genesis offer a perfect explanation for the explosive proliferation of life evident in the Cambrian explosion.

- The Genesis Flood provides a massive amount of evidence supporting the existence of the sedimentary rock and fossils that cover 70% of the Earth. In contrast, skeptics claim this same evidence supports the sequence of life that supposedly evolved on Earth over “millions of years” due to chance events.
- Proponents of evolution claim a very limited number of contested transitional fossils such as the coelacanth, a supposed transition between fish and land animals. Due to its unique anatomical structure which was claimed to lead to walking behavior, the coelacanth became an excellent candidate to support the supposed transition between fish and land animals. Additionally, the fact that there had been no living examples of this “80 million” year old fossil limited the amount of pushback to the conjecture of evolutionists. However, in 1938 a fishing trawler netted a living coelacanth off the coast of Madagascar. This discovery shocked evolutionists and was comparable to finding a living dinosaur. Studies of this fish in its natural habitat have revealed that the coelacanth was nothing like the speculations that evolutionists had attributed to it. The coelacanth simply does not walk. It has been observed swimming backward, upside-down, and even standing on their head. Additionally, one does not have to be a Ph.D. biologist to realize that a fish that can withstand the pressure of living in 600 to 1000 feet of water would not be transitioning to the land.

With many evolutionists believing that the reason the coelacanth disappeared from the fossil record was because it evolved into various forms of land animals, they had lost another “so called” missing link. But think about that, they had discovered another “living fossil” which is a rationalization to describe an untenable concept similar to jumbo shrimp, true myth, original copy, open secret or honest thief. When the speculation of evolution can no longer withstand the light of day, the conundrum is disposed by using linguistic mechanisms. There should be at least hundreds if not thousands of intermediates between fish and amphibians, to say nothing about the utter absence of transitions throughout the animal kingdom. As proponents of evolution continue to search for the one “missing link” to prove their entire theory is true we are reminded of the words of Erasmus’ proverb, “One swallow does not make a summer.”

Science in General – As an Authority (6%) Here we find a number of reasons why evolution is not an observational science.

- Science is based on multiple assumptions – C. S. Lewis talked about the comparison between science and magic as an alternative to religion. This deception involves the difference between science which has its basis in empirical observation and that which is the result of prehistorical evidence which is derived from unprovable assumptions. For example, with materialism, the assumption is that a god is not required since matter has

always existed. With naturalism there is the assumption that all of life results solely from the random action of nature over the course of “millions of years,” excluding a Creator-God. These assumptions are based on man’s conjecture, not observational science; this type of speculation is actually a belief/philosophy.

- When the theory of evolution contradicts itself, it proves that its basic premise is false. This consistently occurs in the cases of order, logic and morality as the writing of Jason Lisle so clearly illustrate.
 - Regarding order, evolution demands that molecule-to-man evolution is a blind/chance process, but conversely skeptics support the order in the universe exhibited by the many laws of physics. Such a position of simultaneously supporting a chance process and order in the universe is contradictory. Given this position, the theory of evolution is inadvertently supporting the existence of God.
 - With regard to logic, the insistence that chance events produced the human mind’s capacity to reason and perform mathematical functions makes no sense. If the mind of man is the result of a blind/random event, man would not be capable of logical thought processes. Again the theory of evolution contradicts itself, thus proving it to be a false philosophy in contrast to a belief in a Creator God.
 - In terms of morality, another contradiction is highlighted. Molecule-to-man evolution is based on the mechanism of the “survival of the fittest” meaning that within a natural environment the strongest of a species survive and the weaker are eliminated. If confronted, a vast majority of evolutionists would agree that it is immoral to physically harm another person let alone an animal. The problem is that the “survival of the fittest” is an immoral process historically supporting massive acts of genocide. Only by invoking God’s rules is there any basis for morality. Additionally, matter is the basic unit that naturalism uses to purportedly create life from non-life; however, there is no rational explanation for matter producing morality. When questioning an evolutionist regarding this problem, the response is typically to revert to invoking assumptions or stating that is something to be yet determined.

Progression of Civilization (6%) Modern anthropology, supporting the theory of evolution, pictures early man as a savage beast slowly developing intellectually over vast eons of time. This span of time is usually divided into “ages” as follows: 1) The Stone Age characterized by handmade tools and man hunting and gathering and living in caves and huts along with an afterlife and the practice of polytheism. 2) The Bronze Age defined by the use of bronze tools, crafts and trade, urban centers, city states, ethnic gods and state religions including the beginnings of Egypt and Mesopotamia. 3) The Iron Age characterized by iron tools, a national economy, countries and empires and state-sanctioned religions.

In contrast, Genesis 1:27 states “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” God did not make man out of a lower life form as some would claim and Genesis 2:7 further clarified God’s creation of man as follows:

“And the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul.” God not only created man perfect like himself, but created him as a spiritual being with a “soul.” At the time of creation Adam and Eve were fully developed intellectual human beings capable of communication. There is no way of reconciling human evolution and the biblical narrative.

Vast periods of time were not required for man to gain enough intelligence to learn to make fire, hunt and gather and domesticate animals. Cain, the son of Adam and Eve, was a “tiller of the ground” and his brother, Abel, was a herdsman of domesticated sheep. The early chapters of Genesis report that elements in civilization were already intact including the existence of smelting and the arts, e.g., musical instruments.

DNA (6%) This is the hereditary thread-like material found in the nucleus of the cell of humans and almost all other organisms.

- Evolutionary scientists have long described their theory of evolution as a random process, but it has been discovered that DNA is not only a code, but actually a language. The research of Crick and Watson in 1953 solved the problem of the structure of the DNA molecule. In 1961 Marshall Nivenbury and J. H. Matthael were the first to verify that that DNA contains sequences of three bases on the DNA chain determined to be a specific amino acid in a protein. The problem for skeptics now is that language is the product of intelligence, not a chance event. With this finding, they now claim that it was aliens who brought life to the Earth. Given man’s rebellion, some would seek any rationale to avoid acknowledging a Creator-God.
- The human body has about 100 trillion cells with each cell having six inches of DNA. If placed end to end, the DNA in a human body would reach back and forth from the Earth to the sun over 600 times. Although skeptics rigidly adhere to their incomprehensible theory, the consideration that man is simply the result of a bio-chemical accident over eons of time caused solely by nature is absurd and mathematically indefensible.
- Proponents of evolution, being bound by their blind/random process, would expect to find non-functional debris/junk DNA within vital genetic material. For the last several decades’ evolutionary researchers have upheld a 98.5 genetic similarity between chimpanzees and humans which is to their liking since they believe this finding supports their evolutionary perspective. In their past research genetic material called Junk DNA was not included in their findings since it was considered to be non-functional, in line with their theory that since evolution has transpired over “millions of years” there would be considerable genetic debris left over from by-gone ages. However, the research of Dr. Jeffrey Tomkins in 2011 found that the pseudogenes (junk DNA) are completely functional since they regulate genetic expression in turning genes on and off. His research not only discovered that earlier researchers had cherry-picked their data, but they also had inadvertently added considerable contamination to their data by including human DNA to their data base. This is rather ironic since in radiometric testing the standard practice is to select the date that is consistent with the geologic column/theory out of a number of

results. Such an approach is an example of circular reasoning. Tomkin's later research found only an 86% genetic similarity between chimpanzees and man. The significance of this result is that it points out a degree of difference that is in stark disagreement with the evolutionary premise, but is most supportive of a common designer. Amazingly, evolutionists did not recognize that valid genetic research would bring them face to face with God!

Big Bang/Creation of the Universe (5%) This theory is based on Edward Hubble's 1929 discovery that our universe was expanding. With this realization, scientists understood that the universe had both a beginning and a source/cause and consequently proposed the Big Bang theory which states that the universe resulted from the explosion of a densely compacted bit of matter. However, this theory has unsurmountable problems including the following.

- The violation of Rudolf Clausius' (1850) First Law of Thermodynamics – This law states that matter can neither be created nor destroyed. Therefore matter can only be converted into energy or other matter, but from a scientific perspective, matter cannot spontaneously come into existence.
- The violation of the Second Law of Thermodynamics (Entropy) – This law states that matter progresses from order to disorder. However, the Big Bang claim is exactly the opposite with matter progressing from disorder to order, an obvious impossibility.
- Horizon Problem – Since it is theorized that the universe is 13.7 billion years old, it is too large to have formed within the limited time proposed by evolutionists. The reason is that the speed of matter is limited by the speed of light. Furthermore, the uniformity of temperature in the universe requires matter to have moved beyond the speed of light which is impossibility according to Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.
- Expanding Universe Problem – The Big Bang can only exist with innumerable adjustable parameters. This contradicts Occam's razor of using a parsimonious view results to achieve a correct answer which is clearly not being the case with their expanding universe model.
- Inflation Problem – Inflation has been suggested to solve a number of the problems plaguing this theory. This feeble attempt states that after the Big Bang all the particles of the universe traveled faster than the speed of light, again violating Einstein's General Law of Relativity. Of course, there are also a number of other problems with the Big Bang theory.

Dinosaurs (5%) With dinosaurs, there are multiple evidences to suggest that they lived recently with man, not 65 to 230 million years ago.

- The term dragon has been used throughout the history of man by many civilizations. Stories and archaeological relics of these creatures have been found on most of the Earth's continents. In the 40th chapter of his book Job describes the behemoth, most likely a type of sauropod dinosaur, namely a sauropod. In 1841, Dr. Richard Owen coined the term dinosaur meaning "terrible lizard" to describe the fossils of a creature that had been recently found. At the beginning of the 20th century, given the popularity of the theory of

evolution, the claim that dragons/dinosaurs had lived with man were conveniently deposed as being fairy tales.

- In 2007 Dr. Mary Schweitzer, a paleontologist at North Carolina State University, was conducting research on the fossilized thigh bone of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. In examining bone slices, she found flexible tissue and what appeared to be red blood cells with nuclei typical of reptiles and birds. These compelling discoveries are consistent with those of Egyptian mummies and other similar finds of that age, but clearly not consistent with the evolutionary theory which claims that dinosaurs lived from 65 to 230 million years ago before becoming extinct.
- In 1961 a petroleum geologist discovered a half-meter-deep bone bed of fresh dinosaur bones in Alaska. How these bones could have remained in a fresh condition and unmineralized for “millions of years” as required by the theory of evolution is a perplexing question unless one understands that dinosaurs lived with man only thousands of years ago.
- Carbon14 dating of eight dinosaur specimens has yielded ages ranging from 22,000 to 39,000 years. Given the diminishing magnetic field of the Earth since 1835, an adjustment in the data results in the age of these bones is well in line with a biblical timeline.

Deep Time (4%) – Charles Lyell, a friend of Charles Darwin, seeking to develop a rationale to support the theory of evolution popularized the premise that this process requires “millions of years.” to occur. His idea of deep time/gradualism/uniformitarianism was proposed in his *Principals of Geology* published between 1830 and 1833. Lyell, being a lawyer, understood that integrating gradualism into evolution would offer a rationale that would be relatively difficult to challenge. Deep time is the keystone to the theory of evolution and if proven wrong, the entire theory has no foundational keystone.

- Radiometric testing of rock materials is used to support the assumption of deep time. However, this technique has three assumptions: 1) the original amounts of daughter and parent radioisotopes are known, 2) no contamination of the parent and daughter isotopes has occurred, and 3) radiometric decay rates are constant. Once scientists have performed a number of essentially different assessments on the rock sample, their next step is to check which one of the results is closest to what their geologic chart offers based on the theory of evolution. Using this result, other findings are discarded. This is a clear example of circular reasoning, namely choosing the final result based on the theory one is attempting to prove.
- In 1982 Dr. Robert Gentry found amazingly high retentions of nuclear-decay-generated helium in microscopic zircons (ZrSiO_4 crystals) recovered from a borehole in Precambrian granite at Fenton Hill, New Mexico. In 2001 the RATE group, an outreach of the Institute for Creation Research, contracted with a high-precision laboratory to measure the rate of helium diffusion from these zircon crystals. Combined rates of dispersion and retention offered a helium diffusion age of 6000 ± 2000 years. This contradicts the uniformitarian age of 1.5 billion years based on nuclear decay products in

the same zircon crystals. These results of helium retention strongly support episodes of highly accelerated nuclear decay occurring in merely thousands of years. Such isotopic accelerations shrink the radioisotope time of “billions of years” to a biblical time frame.

- The validity and reliability of radiometric testing of rocks is highly questionable. In the case of the Grand Canyon, rocks at the top of the canyon have been found to be appreciably older than those at the bottom. Additionally, in cases where the age of the rocks is known as is the case with Mt. St. Helen in Washington State which erupted in 1980, the age of the rocks offered by scientists are radically different than the true ages of the rocks. In this case, the radiometric tests results offered are between 350,000 and 2.8 million years of age for rock material that is less than a half a century old.
- Carbon-14 (C-14) is a method of dating invented by Willard Libby in the late 1940's which has become a standard tool for paleontologists. This technique is based on animals and plants absorbing C-14, an isotope of carbon, while they are still alive. With death, the C-14 decays over time until it is non-existent. C-14 dating results has determined that diamonds and other materials thought to be “millions of years” old have been found to have ages fitting into the biblical timeframe.

Homologous Structures (3%) – Evolutionary scientists believe that the similarity of biological structures in different organisms is suggestive of common ancestry. In contrast, a creationist would suggest that the similarities in structure are the result of a common designer, namely the Creator-God.

- Ernest Haeckel's theory of ontogeny recapitulating phylogeny proposed that the evolutionary development of man was repeated in the womb based on the similarity in the structural features of the embryos of a variety of mammals being essentially identical to that of man. However, in 1915 Haeckel's drawings were found to be fraudulent. Of course, this did not discourage textbook writers from continuing to use Haeckel's drawings for decades. With Haeckel being of German ancestry, evolution was popularized in that country and many of Hitler's lieutenants subscribed to this theory. Ultimately Darwin's concept of the “survival of the fittest” supported Hitler's idea of a “master race” and his enacting the wholesale genocide of the infirmed in Germany and peoples of Jewish and Slavic descent.
- Homology or the physical similarities in structures of animals are typically used in textbooks to support common ancestry, e.g., on a superficial basis, it is fairly easy to see the physical parallels between man and the great apes, but of course that is where comparisons end.

CHAPTER 16

Engaging the Lost

Does this make sense?

How could this happen?

Where is the proof?

Why? Why? Why?

Questions/Information Related to Physics and Chemistry

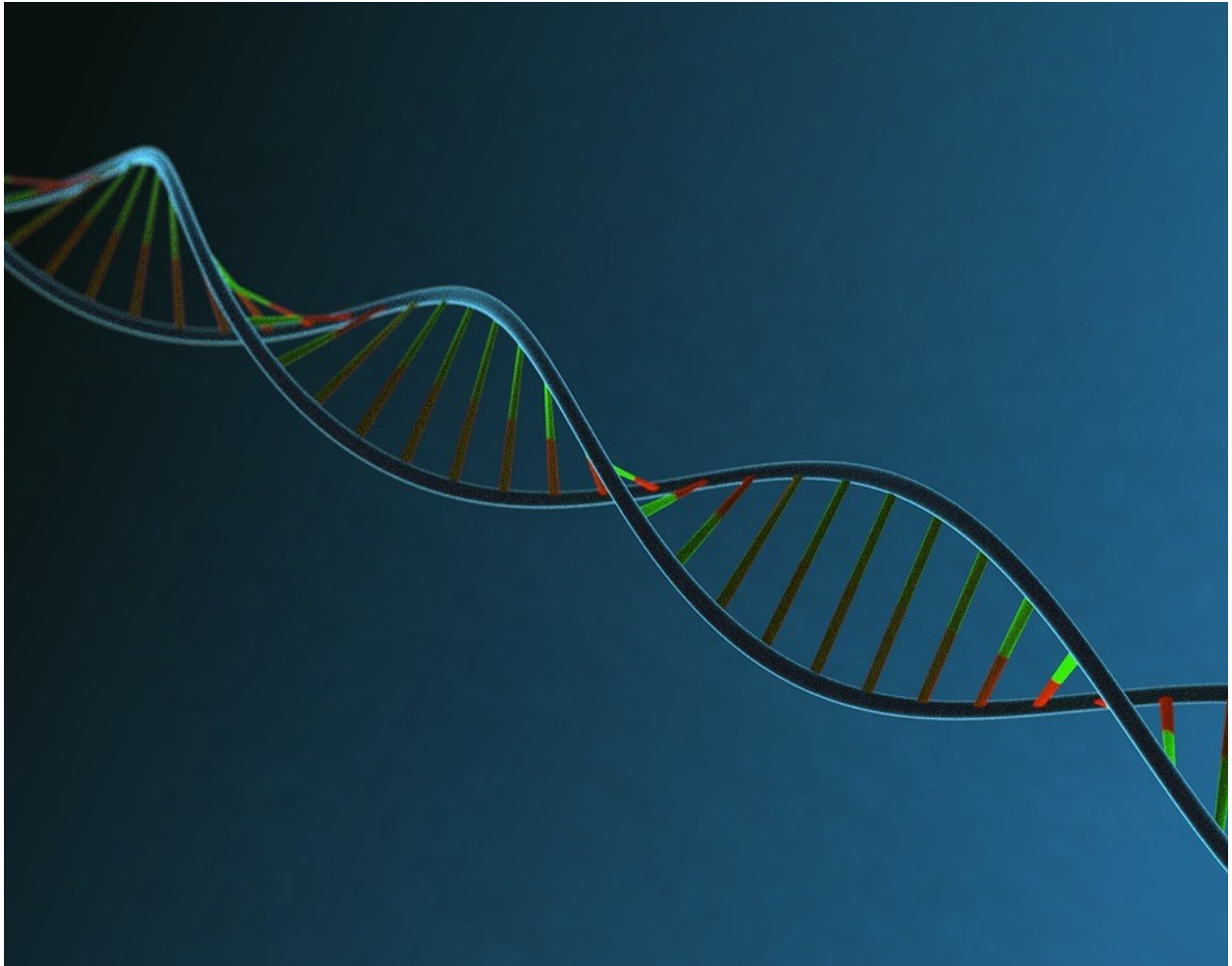
- Where did the matter and energy come from that generated the Big Bang? – Although matter does not come into existence of its own accord, the Big Bang states that the universe originated from the explosion of a highly compacted ball of matter. The first law of thermodynamics which deals with the conservation of matter states that matter only converts to energy and vice versa. Science simply makes no allowance for the spontaneous origin of matter. Similarly, the humanist manifesto of 1933 claimed that matter was self-existent as did the Greek philosophers who believed that matter is the fundamental substance in nature and is responsible for all phenomena including emotions and mental processes. But, of course, such a viewpoint is simply nonsense from a scientific perspective.
- How did time and space come into existence? Christians know that God tells us that matter, energy and time were created “out of nothing” on the first day of his Creation. Outside the existence of a supernatural God, there is no rational, possible, or scientific explanation for this question.
- How can matter and life evolve to higher states when the scientific law of entropy, namely the second law of thermodynamics, states that everything in the universe is in a constant state of deterioration within a closed system? With molecule-to-man evolution, progressive genetic development of God’s creatures is claimed when what is actually occurring is a slow process of deterioration as documented with the ongoing deterioration and disorder occurring as documented by various diseases functions. Genesis 3:19 clearly states that man returns to dust, rejecting the proposed progressive development required for the process of evolution.
- Since evolution is a material process, how can it account for the immaterial aspects such gravitation, electromagnetic forces, or strong or weak nuclear forces that fine tune our universe?
- How can the materialism process of evolution produce the immaterial outcome of morality? Morality is endemic to the human condition.
- How can the random process of evolution account for logic as found in the mind of man?
- Given a secular worldview that the development of the universe was a chance event, why should the consistency within the laws of nature even be possible?
- How did matter produce design? Skeptics claim that design is the result of chance events provided there is sufficient time for the process of evolution to occur. Having no other rational, they tenaciously hold to their unsubstantiated theory based solely on blind faith.
- How does the blind process of naturalism create consciousness, the intellect of man and emotions that are inherit in the human condition? Such processes are clearly beyond the possibility of the fixed chemical reactions found in nature.
- How can materialism/naturalism account for aesthetics and the beauty found throughout nature?

- How can evolution account for the spiritual connection which man seeks, this being a non-material phenomena?
- How can Freud's theory of psychoanalysis, having its basis in the theory of evolution, accept the idea of a superego or conscience when the philosophies of materialism or naturalism are solely based on material causes?

Questions/Information Related to Biology

- How did primitive life-forms evolve from non-living chemicals? Evolutionists will claim chemical evolution, but no life form has ever been produced in a test tube.
- How did life first have developed? The scientific law of biogenesis states "life originates from life." Even a single cell is unimaginably complicated and requires several hundred very complicated proteins to appropriately function.
- How could a living cell which is composed of millions of parts working in concert be assembled by the blind process of evolution? The addition of "millions of years" to the process does nothing to support this impossible process.
- How can evolution's blind process create multiple parts working together for a purpose as is found in a functioning cell?
- How did multi-cellular life come into existence from single cells? Skeptics just assume that the single cells got together. If it actually occurred, there has to be a more profound explanation than it just happened.
- How can physics and chemistry explain the simultaneous evolution of male s and females of each species? Logic would suggest such an event is completely incomprehensible.
- How do mutations generate more information within the genome? The fact is that mutations overwhelmingly result in the loss of genetic information. It is a scientific fact that mutations clearly have destructive effects including over 1,000 human diseases and disorders and are very rarely, if ever, beneficial.
- Is it scientifically possible for major progressive changes to occur that produce different life forms, e.g., fish to amphibians or reptiles to birds? Michael Behe, a microbiologist and proponent of intelligent design (ID), used a mouse trap to explain "irreducible complexity." When one part of the mouse trap is removed, it will not function and he applied this concept to the unsupported process of evolution. Additionally, if a part of an organism is compromised, described as "minimal function," dysfunction will occur. Only God can design the complex machines found in even the simplest life forms such as bacteria.
- Why do we not find at least hundreds of transition/intermediate species between dinosaurs and birds or for that matter, other creatures which are supposedly linked within Darwin's "tree of life" given the trillions of creatures occurring within the fossil record? The absence of intermediates speaks volumes. Even Darwin stated that if transitional fossils were not found, his theory would have no basis.
- If man is nothing but a chemical accident, why should man be compelled to act in any consistent or rational way?

- Since evolution is based on a chance process involving the transformation of matter, how can one explain the chemical language of DNA? The simple fact is that a language is the result of intelligence and therefore cannot occur as a result of a blind process.
- The complexity of the DNA molecule is beyond comprehension.



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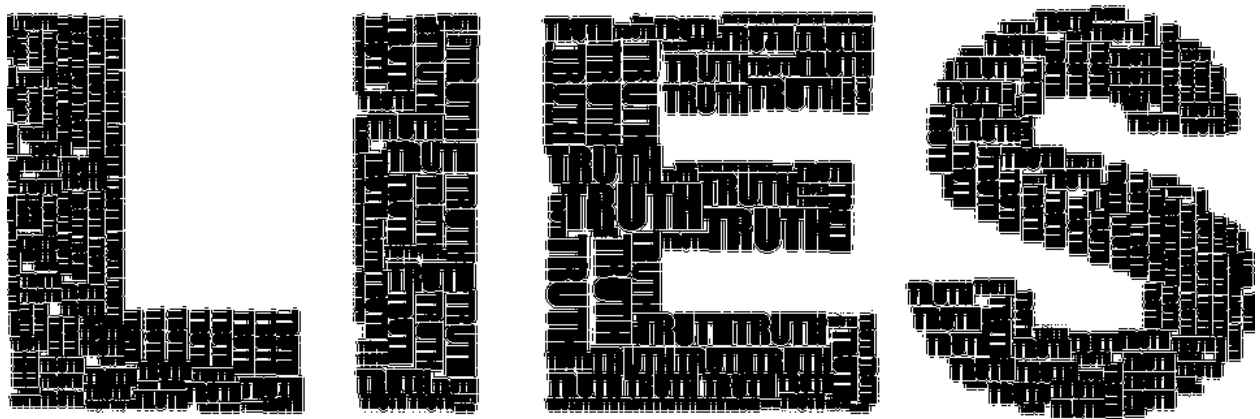
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- Since proponents explain evolution on the basis of natural selection, where did the genetic material come from used within this process? One cannot explain how to assemble a product without having the parts with which to assemble it. Creationists recognize natural selection in a narrow sense, for the genetic material already exists within the created “kinds.” For example, we are all aware of the variety within the wolf/dog “kind” based on the breeding processes employed by man.
- How can man have descended from an ape when we only have 86% of their DNA in common?

Questions/Information Related to Philosophical Considerations

- Why is the dogmatic belief system of evolution, having its basis in the philosophies of materialism and naturalism, taught as science? Philosophy and religion are synonymous; materialism is a philosophy that claims that matter is the basic substance in of nature and all phenomena including mental processes and consciousness are the result of material interactions. Naturalism, on the other hand, claims that only natural laws and forces operate in the universe, therefore excluding the supernatural. Both of these philosophical positions embrace a religious perspective rather than having a scientific basis.
- Why are there thousands of animal/plant fossils which show little change over the supposed massive spans of time demanded by evolution when the process of evolution is based on progressive change? In this regard, proponents of evolution claim “stasis” meaning no change has occurred. This results in the conundrum of supporting both sides of the argument, change and no change. Logic tells us that theories that contradict themselves are false.
- What explanation is there within the “survival of the fittest” for morality? When proponents of evolution support the concept of “law and order,” they are responding contrary to their own philosophy of the “survival of the fittest” and the elimination of the weakest within a species. Having no basis for morality in their theory, skeptics are required to borrow from God’s Scriptures to support their inconsistent position. This contradiction makes their worldview null and void. Their amoral perspective has been responsible for the genocide of millions.
- If evolution is science, why can’t its proponents offer one scientific breakthrough based on evolution? Science progresses on the basis of the operational sciences of biology, chemistry and physics, etc., not on speculations about how life may have arisen “millions of years,” i.e., “historical science.” The fact is that the philosophy of evolution actually hinders the scientific discovery process.

CHAPTER 17

Confronting the Belief Systems of Skeptics



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In his many writings, Jason Lisle has asserted that true science is based on the Christian worldview based on order, logic and morality. In contrast, skeptics as “prevaricators of wisdom” claim the universe and life came into existence as a result of chance events; however, they also readily accept the order in our universe concerning matter with regard to astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, botany, etc., the logic in mathematics and morality which is intrinsic in the human spirit across all cultures. Given this stance, we see a consistent pattern of contradictions by skeptics which certifies that they embrace a false theory. Order does not occur as a result of random events, logic is not the product of chance occurrences and morality is not an outcome of animals/man eliminating the weak for the purpose of survival which skeptics claim.

The significant question to be asked in this regard is what guidance does Scripture offer for us in dealing with this matter? Proverbs 26:4-5 states “Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest thou be like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.” A clarification of the Scripture’s use of the term “fool” in this case is found in Proverbs 1:7, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Therefore, a fool is designated as a person who rejects the truth of Scripture. The Bible offers a fairly simple formula regarding this matter of not accepting the false perspective of a skeptic. It states their presupposition should be used in rebuttal by taking it to its logical conclusion and confronting the skeptic with the absurdity of his or her belief. The following examples are offered regarding the use of this technique:

- **Logic – Skeptic** – The story of God creating man in Genesis makes absolutely no sense. The only rational approach to the origin of man is found in evolution. **Response** – I cannot begin to agree with you for the truth is that the position offered by evolution makes no sense. For man to have developed by a blind or chance process would mean that our genetic endowment would offer random results, man’s senses would be unable to give consistent feedback and mankind could not communicate with others using random processes to support reasoning. In seeking an example of logic, one is required to look to Scripture for the truth of God’s creation, man’s rebellion and God’s plan for man through redemption from his lost and sinful condition.
- **Logic as Relating to Theistic Evolution – Skeptic** – Since I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that science has proved God used the process of evolution to create man, why do you as one who believes in a young Earth reject true science? **Response** – First, let me say that a faith in Christ Jesus does result in saving faith which is a crucial part of your belief system. However, you are also stating by inference that there were “millions of years” of death and disorder prior to the time when Scripture documented Adam’s creation, the first sin and the promise of a Savior. This implies that a perfect God who created man, holy like himself, as documented in Genesis actually used death, disease and disorder to make man. Your perspective has developed the contradictory image of a perfect God using an imperfect process to achieve his perfect creation. What is operating here is the simultaneous use of multiple philosophies, namely Christianity, materialism and naturalism, not science, to integrate the unproven perspective of “millions of years”

into the Scriptural narrative. Contradictory philosophies cannot coexist since such a view creates chaos and causes man to compromise at least one of these systems. This, of course, is the exact position of theistic evolution which compromises the Scriptural narrative of God's creation and God's global flood. This approach only makes sense to those who rigidly adhere to "deep time" proposed by the theory of evolution. Christ's reply to the Scribes and Pharisees in John 10:35 is ignored, "The scripture cannot be broken." Additionally, God's spoke of his creation in Exodus 20:11 as follows, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day." This clearly a young Earth. The tragedy is that theistic evolution can become an impediment when Scripture is described as untrustworthy. However, that was just the goal of Charles Darwin's friend, Charles Lyell, a lawyer and amateur geologist who popularized the idea of "millions of years" in the middle of the 19th century. But even for theistic evolutionists who maintain their faith in Jesus Christ, the true beauty of the redemption of Jesus Christ is blunted by their reasoned perspective. They are potentially creating doubt in the minds of people which is the devil's tool in questioning the Word of God which can lead to the eventual loss of faith with the uniformed. As for evolution being true science, no valid scientific theory can violate established laws of science as is the case with evolution. The law of the conservation of matter rejects the spontaneous origin of matter required in evolution. Non-life producing life has been proven to be false as established by Pasteur's law of biogenesis. Furthermore no rational explanation can be offered for the existence of human reason, morality or beauty based solely on the action of nature. Individuals who believe in theistic evolution claim their aim is to harmonized science and Scripture, but actually they are just supporting a process that can build doubt in the Scriptural narrative which can lead some to lose their faith.

- **Order – Skeptic** – The fact that this universe is a disorganized mess and that is a sure sign it is not a creation of an all-powerful God. **Response** – I can't disagree more. When we look at the cycles of days and seasons, consistency reigns. Chemical reactions, gravity, planetary orbits, etc. remain constant. The theory of evolution accepts these constants on blind faith but also claim that chance events produce order, an utter impossibility. Your argument has no basis in reality. Material in and of itself has no innate power in a random world. The order and constancy that exists is the result of an almighty God, not chance occurrences due to evolution.
- **Morality – Skeptic** – The God of the Old Testament is the most despicable being ever described in print. Such a being cannot possibly exist, let alone be considered as loving. **Response** – It is hard to understand where you are coming from regarding your logic. As a skeptic, you fully accept evolution as a valid event. Therefore, you embrace the "survival of the fittest," a process devoid of morality which dehumanizes individuals who don't come up to someone's designated standard of worth. In this regard, note the holocaust in Nazi Germany and the rampant worldwide abortions of innocent lives. Considering your adherence to an amoral system, it makes no sense for you to judge an

alternative philosophy on the basis of morality. Morality is based in God's laws as offered in Scripture. The dilemma that you are confronted with is that you are acknowledging the existence of God by invoking the construct of morally. The fact is that your theory of evolution cannot sustain itself without engaging the support of the Scriptural narrative. Philosophies that do not maintain internal consistency prove themselves to be false. This is not true, however, of Christianity. Actually, man is the creation of a loving God who has given rules for man to follow. In his rebellion, man chose to reject these rules. However, in spite of this, God sent his Son to keep God's laws perfectly in our stead so that those who believe God's promises of salvation can also live with him throughout eternity in heaven. God gave man free choice to either accept or reject God's plan of redemption for man's lost condition.

CHAPTER 18

Issues of Leadership



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Within a Christian congregational/school environment the historical narrative of Scripture is of critical importance. Whether it is from the pulpit, within a Bible class, in a Christian day school or Sunday school, there needs to be a focus on the truth of Scripture and a refutation of the secular worldview of evolution. This can be most effectively accomplished when a single person within a congregation is designated as the leader or “go-to” person regarding matters of apologetics. This individual would be responsible for having a broad knowledge regarding apologetic resources and offering guidance as required.

Teamwork is essential. Migrating geese are a good example of this. By flying in a v-formation scientists estimate that a flock can fly about 70% farther utilizing same amount of energy than if a goose was flying unaccompanied. Geese encourage the leader with honking noises as they fly. When a goose is injured, it is commonplace for two geese in the formation to drop out and assist their companion in any way they can. In this we are reminded of Galatians 5:13, “...by love serve one another” as a model for teamwork in the Christian ministry.

APPENDIX A

Instructional Goals

- To provide evidences for God based on Martin Luther's perspective on apologetics.
- To clarify the depth of God's love for man and his plan to redeem man from his sinful condition.
- To provide an understanding of the three-dimensional approach to apologetics.
- To develop an appreciation of the power of listening in building counseling relationships.
- To show how evolution is a false and contradictory theory and religion based on the secular philosophies of materialism and naturalism.
- To demonstrate that one's personal baggage can be an impediment to the Gospel.
- To appreciate that counseling decisions are made on the basis of a counselee's temperament and cognitive processing.
- To clarify the origin of theistic evolution during the "Age of Enlightenment."
- To show that theistic evolution marginalizes the effectiveness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- To clarify why some would choose to embrace the philosophy of theistic evolution.
- To offer case study information regarding C. S. Lewis' journey from atheism to Christianity.
- To provide theological insights from Joel Heck's book on C. S. Lewis *From Atheism to Christianity*.
- To suggest cautionary insights when reading/applying C. S. Lewis' writings.
- To offer an advisory perspective regarding marginalizing Genesis 1-11 which is foundational to the basic doctrines of Scripture.
- To highlight the importance of the inspiration and inerrancy of both the Old and New Testaments of Holy Scripture.
- To provide a history of humanism and clarify its progressivism American culture.
- To suggest a non-intrusive method of confronting those individuals who support the false premises of evolution/theistic evolution.
- To offer clarification regarding Dan Biddle's application of targeted apologetics.
- To provide specific techniques to engage skeptics by offering questions they are unable to answer based on their worldview or using these questions as evidence in refuting evolution's theory.
- To offer basic apologetic resources from a young Earth perspective.
- To illustrate that evolution is a contradictory theory since it uses the Scriptural perspectives of order, logic and morality in supporting its position as a theory.
- To offer techniques assisting counselors in confronting the false philosophies of evolution.
- To provide archaeological evidence supporting Scripture.
- To offer cliff notes regarding Christian apologetics based on the narrative of Scripture.

APPENDIX B

Points to Ponder



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- What is the meaning of the term, “apologetic?”
- What are the three evidences Luther offers for the existence of God?
- What does God’s fine-tuning of the universe mean?
- What was the cause of the migrations across the Earth after the Tower of Babel event?
- Explain the first, second and third dimensional apologetics.
- Why does a skeptic’s belief in evolution make no sense from a perspective of order?
- Why does a skeptic’s belief in evolution make no sense from a perspective of logic?
- Why does as a skeptic have no basis for supporting the concept of morality as based on a belief in the theory of evolution?
- What is the significance of a theory contradicting itself?
- Genesis 3:19 states “From dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return.” How does man’s state of degeneration and death contradict the idea of the supposed progressive development which is foundational to molecules-to-man evolution?
- What does being “ambassadors of Christ” have to do with the counseling process in terms of confronting skeptic’s belief in the theory of evolution?

- Describe “baggage” people carry that separates them from a genuine belief in God.
- Describe temperament differences of the Bible figures of Paul, Peter, Abraham and Moses.
- How can understanding the concept of temperament help within the counseling process?
- Explain the differences in cognitive processing with left- and right-brained individuals.
- What is God’s story as it relates to Luther’s view of Scripture?
- What is the significance of Proverbs 26:4, “Do not answer a fool according to his folly” in dealing with individuals having a secular worldview?
- How does asking skeptics questions that they cannot rationally be answer help them in reassessing their position regarding the true existence of God?
- Which approach may be more effective with skeptics, asking questions they cannot rationally answer or sharing evidence contrary to their indefensible position or prayer?
- Offer examples of questions that skeptics cannot rationally answer.
- What was the importance of nature to the “Age of Reason” or the Enlightenment?
- How did the “Age of Reason” influence people’s view of the narrative of Genesis 1-3?
- Name two men from the 1900 century who formalized the theory of evolution.
- Explain what was meant by “Darwin’s tree of life.”
- Why did Francis Collins and C. S. Lewis, men of considerable intelligence and notoriety support theistic evolution?
- Describe the theory of “natural selection” and problems associated with it.
- What is the “survival of the fittest” and what problems are associated with this theory.
- What was the result of the dehumanizing of man, a doctrine of social Darwinism?
- How do “millions of years” strengthen the belief of some in the theory of evolution?
- What are some of the basic beliefs related to theistic evolution?
- What is the purpose of theistic evolution?
- Can a person who believes in theistic evolution be saved?
- How does theistic evolution deny the narrative of God’s love?
- What are some of the theological problems connected with theistic evolution?
- What is materialism and how is it connected with the theory of evolution?
- What is naturalism and how is it connected with the theory of evolution?
- What time period in history is connected with the rise of naturalism?
- Why are the doctrines of the inerrancy and inspiration of Scripture vitally important?
- Compare and contrast Francis Collins and C. S. Lewis’ path from atheism to Christianity.
- What is the position of individuals such as Sigmund Freud, Bill Ney and Richard Dawkins toward Christianity?
- Why was the impact of C. S. Lewis particularly significant during WW II?
- What is the primary thought that you take from the C. S. Lewis case study?
- What cautionary thoughts might you offer in using C. S. Lewis’ writing?
- Offer your perspectives on engaging skeptics?
- Why are Daniel Biddle’s perspectives on targeted apologetics particularly helpful?
- What archaeological find do you find most helpful in reinforcing your faith?

APPENDIX C

God's Memorandum in a Nutshell

Basic Version	The Seven C's of History (An Answers in Genesis Paradigm)
The almighty God's perfect creation included making man "in his own image" with a free will so man could return God's love and have a relationship with God.	Creation – Genesis 1:1
Man's rebellion against God's rules resulted in death and disorder.	Corruption – Sin, death and decay.
God's promised a Savior in Genesis 3:15 as a sacrifice from the sins of man that was integrated into the sacrificial worship practices of the Old Testament.	
God's reaction to man's utter sinfulness resulted in the catastrophic, global Genesis flood.	Catastrophe – The Genesis global flood.
Man's prideful nature resulted in the confusion of languages and the dispersion of the tribal peoples across the Earth as told in the story of the tower of Babel.	Confusion – God commanded man to spread across the entire Earth. Their refusal led to God confusing the languages.
The Old Testament is the story of God's caring and discipline of the Jewish people.	Christ – Living a perfect life without sin.
The promised Savior fulfilled the law of God perfectly in man's stead.	Cross – The sacrifice for our sins, the conquering of death and the devil.
Christ's sacrifice on the cross by Christ was the payment to God for sins of man.	Consummation – God restores man and the Earth to its original perfect state (heaven).
Heaven is God's promise to all who believe in Christ's promise of eternal salvation.	(https://answersingenesis.org/bible-history/seven-cs-of-history/)

APPENDIX D

CLIFF NOTES ON APOLOGETICS

Evolution

- Evolution is an inversion of science. While science uses observations to establish truth about the natural world, evolution is assumed to be a fact and supporting data is sought. This results in a self-perpetuating pattern of circular reasoning.
- Evolution is not science; it is a belief system, a philosophy/religion.
- One of the foundational principles of evolution is materialism. Materialism is a philosophical position that everything in the universe, including feelings and consciousness, is comprised of self-existing material originating from an eternal universe.
- A second foundational precept of evolution is naturalism. This philosophy was an outcome of the 18th century Enlightenment Movement which rejected the monarchy and Scripture by proclaiming that nature is the only source responsible for the existence of the universe, the Earth and life itself.
- In a nutshell, evolution proposes that life on Earth came into existence over “millions of years” as a result of chance/random events that resulted solely from the action of nature.
- Scientifically based problems regarding the theory of evolution.
 - The Law of the Conservation of Matter first enunciated by Lavoisier (1875) stated that matter can be converted into energy and vice versa; however, matter cannot spontaneously come into existence. Conversely, materialism requires that matter has always existed. In other words, matter can neither be created or destroyed. This is contrary to this law of conservation of matter placing evolution outside of the realm of natural phenomena and science.
 - The Law of Entropy articulated by Clausius (1864) states that all matter degenerates from a state of order to disorder. This is also true of the human genome as evidenced by the disorders and diseases of man. Darwinian evolution claims exactly the opposite, namely that mutations are responsible for molecule-to-man evolution. However, mutations result in the loss of genetic information and a decrease in complexity rendering this process impotent.
 - The Law of Biogenesis proposed by Louis Pasteur (1864) states the non-life does not produce life. This leaves no avenue for the origin of life.
 - DNA was discovered by Crick and Watson in 1953 documenting that the molecular code in DNA is actually a language. Evolutionary scientists claim that this molecular language is the result of chance events; however, languages do not emerge through random events since they can only be the result of intelligence. Therefore the theory of evolution has no viable explanation for the production of this molecular language.
- Evolution is a contradictory theory; hence, it is a false theory since it consistently borrows from another philosophy, namely Scripture to support its existence.

- Order – Evolutionary scientists presume that random or chance events are responsible for the creation of the universe and man. In contrast Scripture describes a perfect universe, one of order, created by God. The work of scientists depends on God's order, not chance events. These include the laws and constants of physics such as gravity, the fine tuning of the universe and cosmological parameters required to sustain life on Earth. One cannot claim random events and simultaneously use order in the process of proving your viewpoint; this represents a contradictory paradigm.
- Logic – God created man with a mind capable of rational thought. Evolutionary scientist claim random processes produced the mind of man. If that were true, our minds would be a mass of random biochemical interactions resulting in chaos.
- Morality – Darwinian evolution operates on the basis of the “survival of the fittest.” God's plan of morality is an acknowledged factor by which cultures operate. In contrast, evolution proposes a paradigm of man making the decision on who survives and who is eliminated, i.e., abortion and the holocaust. With evolutionists acknowledging morality, they are contradicting their own theory again proving that their theory is a false.

Humanism – In 1933 the Humanist Manifesto proposed that the universe is self-existing, not created and that man emerged as the result of the continuous process of evolution. The concept of humanism is detailed in *Mind Siege* by Tim LaHaye and David Noebel. They report the principle assertions of this philosophy as following:

- Atheism is the foundation stone of humanistic thought, the benchmark for rejecting God.
- Evolution is the humanistic explanation for man being independent from God.
- Amoralism is an outgrowth of evolution and a powerful tool in undermining the fabric of nations. Philosophers have argued throughout history regarding whether man is just an animal or whether he has a soul and a greater destiny. Moral decline is fueled by humanism promotes tolerance of immorality and hostility toward Christianity thusly driving sexual revolution, feminism and abortion with the ultimate goal of entrapping the next generation within its godless tendrils.
- Humanism's autonomous man is claimed to be innately good, god-like, self-directed and possessing unlimited potential and this placing a positive spin on man's immorality.
- Globalism is the ultimate objective of humanism namely a social order controlled only by humanists. Long-term objectives of humanism include socialism, communism and the disarmament of the common people with the United Nations being a natural avenue for achieving these goals.

Creation

- God created the universe “out of nothing,” the Hebrew meaning of the word “create.”
- God's creative act took place at the beginning of time during six 24 hour days.
- God's original creation was perfect in every way, a reflection of his own perfection.

- God created animal “kinds,” i.e., the dog “kind,” cat “kind” and horse “kind,” etc. His creatures possessed genetic variability providing for the potential of adapting to various environmental conditions and leading to the variety of creatures within the “kinds” that we see today, i.e., although there is only one dog kind, numerous varieties of dogs exist.
- God instituted marriage between one man and one woman in the Garden of Eden.
- God’s creation included an original body of water and single land mass (Genesis 1:9).
- All animals were originally created as plant eaters (Genesis 1:29).
- Man’s rebellion against God’s rules brought sin and disorder into the fallen world (Genesis 3:19).
- Following man’s sin, God’s promised a Savior from sin in Jesus Christ in limiting the power of the devil and providing a path for man to be redeemed of his sin and live with God forever (Genesis 3:15).

Dinosaurs

- These creatures were created by God on the sixth day of creation along with the other land animals.
- Dinosaurs lived with man as plant eaters before the Genesis Flood.
- Unlike alligators or other reptiles, the bodies of dinosaurs are held off of the ground by legs placed below their torsos.
- Noah took about 60 dinosaur “kinds” on the ark.
- The fossils of many dinosaurs are found in the sedimentary rocks across the Earth.
- After the flood, some dinosaurs along with other animals became meat eaters. (Genesis 9:3)
- Dinosaurs lived with man for years following the flood before dying out as recorded in written records, drawings and archaeological finds.
- The presumption that dinosaurs lived only in prehistoric times is a myth that evolutionist have offered to support their false theory and reject God’s Word of Scripture regarding the creation narrative.

Genesis Flood

- The Genesis Flood was God’s judgment of the utter wickedness of man.
- Noah’s Flood was a world-wide event that began on a day when “...all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.” (Genesis 7:11)
- The events of the flood were catastrophic with the single land mass being fractured and ultimately transformed into the present continents due largely to rapid movement of the seven major tectonic plates found in the Earth’s crust.
- The transformation of the Earth during the flood occurred in two phases, one violent and one recessionary. The flood was initiated by the rupturing of the Earth’s surface and the simultaneous rain from above and water from below leading to the transformation of the Earth’s surface into the current seven continents. In the recessionary phase, the water runoff from the continents occurred accompanied by massive erosion, mountain uplifts

and deposition of sedimentary rock over 70% of the Earth's surface. These events produced massive fossil graveyards, megasequences of rock that sometimes traverse continents, the uplifting of mountains and the creation of deep ocean canyons.

- Fossils form only if living things are rapidly buried in the exclusion of air. Evolutionary scientists have no rational explanation for the massive fossil beds on the Earth.
- Only Noah, his three sons and their wives, being right before God, were saved from the Genesis Flood.
- Following the flood, God placed a fear of man into the animals (Genesis 9:2) with some becoming meat eaters (Genesis 9:3).
- God promised never to send another flood similar to this global event (Genesis 9:12).
- Evolutionary scientists claim that fossils and the sedimentation across the Earth can be explained by many local floods.

Plate Tectonics

- The biblical text suggests that the Earth was a single land mass at the time of creation (Genesis 1:9).
- Genesis 7:11 refers to faulting of the Earth's tectonic plates at the beginning of the Genesis Flood with these words: "...on that day, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth..."
- During Noah's Flood the Earth's seven major tectonic plates catastrophically moved across the Earth's crust transforming its surface and resulting in our present seven continents.
- Evolutionary scientists claim that the movement of the Earth's tectonic plates has been a tedious process occurring over "millions of years" to support their theory of deep time.

Babel

- Tribal groups under the leadership of Nimrod chose to ignore God's command to "replenish the Earth" (Genesis 1:28). They lived together on the plain of Shinar and began building a tower as a monument to their culture.
- God thwarted their plan by confusing their single language, causing them to have many languages. Therefore the people groups could not understand each other. This resulted in the various tribal families moving outward from Babel and ultimately to the ends of the Earth during the Ice Age.
- Mankind is one race with slight differences between the various original tribal groups typically based on the inbreeding of isolated pioneer populations.

Ice Age

- A single Ice Age occurred as an aftermath of the Genesis Flood during the eight generations from Noah to Abraham.
- Climatic conditions contributing to the Ice Age included volcanic dust shielding the rays of the sun, warm ocean water, relatively cool continents, precipitation leading to the accumulation of snow and glaciers and the lowering of the sea level due to the massive

amount of ice and snow accumulation on the land. The Ice Age resulted in land bridges making it possible for man to migrate from Europe to England and from Asia to North America by way of the Aleutian Island archipelago. It is thought that the Ice Age lasted approximately 700 years.

- The tribal families of Noah's sons, Ham, Shem and Japheth migrated to the ends of the Earth during the Ice Age.
- At this time examples of modern man included the Cro-Magnon Man and Neanderthal man.
- The Ice Age was characterized by particularly large animals including the mammoth, sabretooth tiger and giant camels, etc.
- In Job 37:9-11, one of the oldest books of the Bible, a reference is made to the Ice Age as follows: "From its chamber comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds. By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast. He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter his lightning."
- Evolutionary scientists falsely contend that multiple Ice Ages occurred on the Earth over the course of "millions of years."

God's Young Earth

- Soft Tissue In Fossils – Flexible tissue like blood vessels and blood cells has been discovered in dinosaur bones. Additionally, fossilized bone yards of dinosaurs have been discovered in Alaska. Such finds point to dinosaurs living within recent times, not "millions of years" ago as evolutionary scientists would suggest.
- Short-Lived Comets – Comets are composed of dust and ice crystals. Each time a comet passes near the sun, it is reduced in size until it eventually fades away. Comets typically are considered to have a life no more than 100,000 years; of course, within a 4.6 billion universe proposed by evolutionary scientists, comets should no longer exist.
- Carbon-14 Finds – Carbon-14 is a radioactive form of carbon that scientists use to date material of organic origin such as plant and animal remains. Numerous samples including fossils, coal, oil, natural gas and marble have been analyzed using this technique with the results ultimately being found to be within a biblical 6000 year time frame.
- Helium in Radioactive Rocks – Although pre-flood granite layers in New Mexico were found have a uranium-lead "age" of 1.5 billion years, evaluating the amount of helium discovered in the zircon crystals within the granite have yielded results within a biblical time frame. This evidence suggests that the standard techniques scientists use to attain the ages of rock materials are neither valid nor reliable.
- Bent Rock Layers – In many mountainous areas, rock layers thousands of feet thick have been found to be bent and folded without fracturing. This would only be possible if these rock layers were folded while they were wet and pliable in contrast to being laid down separately over "millions of years." This evidence is consistent with the Genesis Flood events and a young Earth.

- Very Little Sediment on the Seafloor – The present limited amount of sediment on the ocean floor is easily explained by a young age for the Earth and the global Genesis Flood.

Mt. St. Helens – In days, months and a couple of years this small volcano provided geological evidence evolutionary scientists claim required “millions of years.”

- A massive log mat consisting of millions of trees formed in Spirit Lake at the base of Mt. St. Helens following its eruption in 1980. Gradually, these trees sank to the bottom of the lake with some eventually standing upright being comparable the landscapes of petrified trees found at Yellowstone National Park which evolutionists purport to have required “millions of years” to form.
- Bark and branches from trees deposited in Spirit Lake at the base of Mt. St. Helens accumulated rapidly and were transformed into peat at the bottom of the lake offering evidence of the first stage of coal formation.
- A mudflow caused by a breached dam in 1982 eroded a canyon to a depth of 140 feet and a width of 1,000 feet in just 9 hours. This mudflow deposited 400 feet of strata which solidified into rock similar to strata evolutionists claim required eons of time to develop.
- Recently formed mini-canyons at the north side of Mt. St. Helens are similar to those found in the Grand Canyon suggesting that this natural wonder could easily have developed as a result of a breached dam in a relatively short period of time.

Dating Techniques – There are two basic radiometric dating methods used by scientists; one assesses inorganic/rock materials and the other evaluates organic substances.

- Numerous radiometric techniques are used to assess the age of rock materials. The results of these techniques yield ages with millions and billions of years. These methods are based on the following unprovable assumptions: 1) The original amounts of daughter and parent radioisotopes are known. 2) No contamination of the parent and daughter isotopes has occurred. 3) The decay rate of radioactive isotopes is constant. These techniques consistently support the Old Earth position of the evolutionary scientists; however, the reliability and validity of these techniques is highly questionable.
- Carbon-14 testing evaluates organic materials, i.e., the remains of plants and animals. The results of this dating technique consistently provide dates within the biblical time frame.

Geologic Column – This is a chart used to support the evolutionary scientist’s perspective of “millions of years.”

- The geologic column is a chart used to create the illusion of reality regarding the Earth’s history. This image was intended to plant the concept of deep time in the mind of the viewer by providing a visualization that interprets time, geological variations in rocks and Darwin’s “tree of life” in a seemingly undeniable perspective.
- The primary time frames within the geologic column are called eras which are generally based on the types of fossils dominant within the respective eras, namely: Paleozoic –

invertebrates, land plants and amphibians; Mesozoic – Reptiles; and Cenozoic – mammals.

- One of the most common references in the geologic column is to dinosaurs which are found in the Jurassic period of the Mesozoic era. Since children are typically fascinated by dinosaurs, these animals are used as a gateway for indoctrination into the theory of evolution.
- Problems abound conceptually with the geologic column.
 - Although it appears profound as presented in textbooks, the geologic column is only found intact on .4% of the Earth's surface making the implied order the exception rather than the rule.
 - The first life forms are found in the Cambrian Period of the Paleozoic Era, with the event described as the Cambrian Explosion. This major problem to the theory of evolution is that life forms representing more than a dozen different animal phyla appear suddenly in the fossil record with no ancestral history. This violates the basic premise of evolution which states that life forms evolved over extended periods of time negating the validity of the theory.
 - Polystrate fossils, typically trees which extend through numerous geological layers, suggest these trees lived for "millions of years" which is, of course, and utter impossibility based on evolution but valid evidence for the Genesis global flood.

Grand Canyon – The canyon is God's monument to catastrophe providing geological evidence of the aftermath of the Genesis Flood.

- Due to flooding conditions on the Colorado River, in June of 1983 it was necessary to release massive amounts of water from the Powell Dam. After four days of release of water, the spillway rapidly deteriorated creating a massive void in its structure. Upon examination, it was discovered that cavitation was destroying the dam. The process of cavitation occurs when vapor cavities occur in rapidly moving water and implode generating shock waves which act as a massively destructive force. This process demonstrates the immense power of rapidly moving water.
- During the last half of the Genesis Flood, factors at play in the formation of the canyon included tectonics, sedimentation, erosion and the lifting of the Colorado Plateau to more than a mile above sea level.
- The lack of a delta at the mouth of the Colorado River is supportive of a catastrophic creation of the Grand Canyon.
- Much geological evidence exists which supports that the Grand Canyon was catastrophically carved out by the incredible power of rushing water resulting from a breached dam, not by "millions of years" of erosion as suggested by evolutionary scientists.
- The rim of the Grand Canyon is over four thousand feet higher than its entrance. If the canyon was formed by erosion, the Colorado River would have had to flow uphill for "millions of years" which is an obvious impossibility.

- Many fossils in the rock layers of the canyons' sides are oriented in the same direction indicate that they were buried in the presence of fast-moving water.
- Radiometric dating techniques date lower canyon rocks to 700-800 million years in contrast to upper canyon rocks in the 2 billion years range. Such results seriously question the reliability of secular dating techniques used in assessing these rock materials.

Darwin in Perspective - Darwin was well aware of the problems the fossil record posed for his theory of evolution and expressed his ill-ease on page 280 of his *Origin of Species*: “Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory. The explanation lies, as I believe, in the extreme imperfection of the geological record.” Of the 65 million species, there are currently only a handful of intermediate fossils proclaimed by evolutionary scientists and even these meager examples are seriously contested. Some of these examples would theoretically lead Darwin to contemplate that his theory is unsupported by the fossil record.

One could ask oneself, why does this charade regarding evolution continue in spite of this lack of valid evidence? In this regard, we can refer to Dr. Richard Lewontin (world renowned evolutionary biologist) who once stated “We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs... in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated commitment to materialism.... we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counterintuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.” Hence, Dr. Lewontin clearly explains that evolution is ultimately a matter of religious zeal. In this, what appears to be most consistent with evolutionary scientists is their use of circular reasoning in seeking evidence for their theory wholly based on their belief in materialism and naturalism. The short list of classical evidence for transitional forms offered below includes what evolutionists consider to be their best examples of transitional species:

- Archaeopteryx – Evolutionary scientists consider the archaeopteryx one of their best examples of transitional species between birds and reptiles. The archaeopteryx possessed perching feet, flight feathers, and a brain, optic lobes and inner ear structures consistent with those of modern birds, not of a dinosaur. However, evolutionary scientists tend to focus on its similarities to non-avian dinosaurs including its small teeth and long feathered tail. But there are a number of true birds, particularly in South America, which possess teeth.
- Pakicetus – This creature name was derived from its location Pakistan (pak) and its supposed similarity to a whale (cetus), the Latin word for “whale.” It is claimed to be the oldest and most primitive whale yet discovered. Based solely partial regions of the skull, a 1983 article about “pakicetus” included a drawing of a half-land, half sea creature. It was linked to whales through its unique inner ear shape called an auditory bulla. By 2001,

a semi-complete skeleton was found proving that pakicetus was actually an eight foot-long animal with four functional legs. This story of whale evolution appears to be little more than the product of the imagination of evolutionary scientists.

- Pezosiren - The fossils of this animal, roughly the size of a pig, were found in Jamaica in 2001. The skeletal remains indicate that it had four feet and a skull and basic body shape including heavy ribs that are characteristic of modern sirenians such as manatees, suggesting that like a hippopotamus, the pezosiren lived in water on a part-time basis. Therefore based on skeletal evidence, evolutionary scientists suggest that pezosiren likely represents the transitional species for sea cows, just without the flippers. However, without the benefit of an evolutionary bias, the pezosiren would simply be just another extinct land-dwelling animal.
- Coelacanth, a proposed “missing link” – The coelacanth’s lob-finned structure has led evolutionary biologist to propose that it was an excellent candidate to support the supposed transition between fish and land animals and therefore a precursor of amphibians, reptiles and dinosaurs. However, the discovery of a living coelacanth off the coast of South Africa in 1938 created major headache for evolutionary scientists. The problem was that the coelacanth possessed a number of physical features indicating that it was actually a native of the ocean. Furthermore, it was discovered in 450 to 600 feet of water, obviously not being adapted to living in shallow water and transitioning into a terrestrial environment. The coelacanth is actually a lobe-finned fish most closely related to lungfish, a fresh water fish capable of breathing air. Although evolutionary scientists had proposed that its fins and body structure would enable it to transition to land, observations indicated that its fins were used for maneuvering through water, not walking on land. Far from being a transitional species as evolutionary scientists had speculated, the coelacanth is a fish. Again, skeptics are subjected to reality that speculation does not equate to science. The case of the coelacanth illustrates how difficult it is to draw conclusions concerning the biology of an organism based solely on skeletal remains.
- Tiktaalik – The fossils of a tiktaalik were unearthed in 2006 in Ellesmere Island in northern Canada. This creature is up to nine feet long and had fish gills, fins and scales. Additional features were bones in the fins, a flexible neck region and heavy rib bones which suggested to evolutionary scientists that the tiktaalik may have been the forerunner of land animals such as amphibians, reptiles and dinosaurs. Researchers also proposed that it had lungs, but this claim was found to be unsupported. In reality, the tiktaalik is actually a lobed-finned fish and a relative of the coelacanth, not a missing link. There should be numerous intermediates between fish and amphibians, to say nothing about the utter absence of transitionals throughout the animal kingdom, but these simply do not exist. As proponents of evolution continue to search for the one “missing link” to prove their entire theory is true, we are reminded of the words of Erasmus’ proverb, “One swallow does not make a summer.”

Darwin claimed that if a record of intermediates or transitional fossils between animals groups was not found was a grave objection to his theory could be raised and explained that he believed the reason for this lack of intermediates was the extreme imperfection of the geological record. However, this can no longer be used as an excuse since the fossil record has been extensively explored and innumerable fossils exist in and outside of museums. Furthermore, only a handful of highly imaginative and contested examples of transitional forms exist including the archaeopteryx, tiktaalik, the pakicetus, etc. Hence, the fossil record offers no realistic support for the theory of evolution, but the record does provide clear evidence for a global flood and the death and rapid burial of millions of life forms.

Theistic Evolution

Baruch Spinoza, a 17th century scholar and forerunner to the 18th century Enlightenment, claimed that Moses did not write the Pentateuch, stating that it was written at a later time by Ezra. He is credited as being the father of modern biblical criticism. Due to his efforts and others many pastors, not wanting to challenge this supposed “scientific viewpoint,” started to interpret Genesis 1-11 as allegory.

Two of the most significant figures in developing the pseudo-scientific basis for evolution were Charles Darwin and Charles Lyell. In 1859 Charles Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* claiming all species evolved from non-living matter solely by the random acts of nature. This theory was supported in Charles Lyell’s three publications of *Principals of Geology* from 1830 to 1833 which claimed that evolution is not observed because it occurs over the span of “millions of years” and therefore is not apparent to a casual observer. In a letter to a friend Lyell, a Unitarian, clearly articulated his agenda with these words, to “free the science from Moses.” Concerns regarding theistic evolution were appropriately stated in Psalms 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what will the righteous do?” Of course, the foundations most attacked by skeptics are found in Genesis 1-11 with regard to God’s creation narrative and Noah’s global Flood. Concerns associated with theistic evolution are offered as follows:

- Evolution requires Scripture or parts thereof to be interpreted as mythology.
- In the absence of a historical Adam and Eve, the doctrines of original sin and the redemption of Jesus Christ are compromised.
- If evolution is true, death and disease occurred prior to man’s existence indicating that God’s creation was imperfect and that a holy God used a flawed technique to create man, this denying the essential holy essence of God himself.
- Man, pictured as just another animal, has no soul, no purpose and no life after death.
- God, not man’s rebellion, is responsible for the occurrence of pain and suffering.
- By linking God with death and disease, God is pictured as unloving.
- Nature takes the place of God as the Creator.

The Myth of Monkey-to-Man Evolution— This is a history of misidentifications and falsifications of God’s creation of man featuring an insatiable search for a common ancestor between monkeys or great apes and man typically referred to as a “missing link.”

- The history of mistaken identities regarding early man includes Java Man, Nebraska Man, Peking Man, and Orce Man among others.
- Piltdown Man was a deliberately perpetrated fraud. As the story goes, in 1909 Charles Dawson started finding pieces of bones and teeth and related artifacts in a gravel pit near Piltdown, England. Plaster casts were ultimately made and the artifacts were exhibited under lock and key in the British Museum. This exhibit became the poster child for the “missing link” until 1953 when it was examined by three scientists who enlisted a newly developed fluorine test which documented the recent age of the specimens, a variety of deceptions and declared the exhibit to be a fraud.
- With regard to Neanderthal Man and Cro-Magnon Man, these were actually examples of fully modern man who lived during the Ice Age following the Genesis Flood.
- Lucy is the most recent poster child offered as a “missing link.” In 1974, Dr. Johanson found a supposedly this 3.2 million year old, 3 ½ foot specimen in Ethiopia. The fragmented remains comprised about 40% of the total skeleton. Problematic considerations include a knee bone thought to be from Lucy was found 1½ miles away from the original site in strata 200 feet lower than the original find. Lucy’s walking upright was based on fossilized foot prints discovered 932 miles away in Lactoli, Tanzania. Although scientists did acknowledge that the hands were ape-like, the absence of feet made it impossible to know if the feet were human or ape-like. Lucy represents a typical case of circular reasoning with evidence used to support the premise of a “missing link” based on the acceptance of the theory itself being a fact. The very sophisticated computer analysis of this australopithecine evidence by Charles Oxnard has concluded that Lucy’s bones are that of an extinct ape.

Contrasts between Chimpanzees and Man

- Expecting to find non-functional debris/junk DNA within the human genome, evolutionary scientists earlier test results maintained a 98.5 genetic similarity between chimpanzees and humans. However, recent research by Dr. Jeffrey Tomkins in 2011 found that this supposed junk DNA is completely functional resulting in an 86% genetic similarity. These findings, rather than advocating for evolution, clearly support a common designer of chimpanzees and man, each representing a unique and separate creation.
- Man has a soul, a mind, a heart and a conscience. Regarding a soul, God redeemed man from his rebellion in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Man’s intellect enables him to communicate via language and equips him with reasoning abilities enabling man to do mathematics among other intellectual functions. Even skeptics agree that man has a moral compass in contrast to other creatures within the animal kingdom. None of these functions can be explained in terms of materialism since material cannot produce the non-material outcomes previously noted; therefore these human functions point to a Creator-God.

- Man has design features not shared by chimpanzees. These physical differences include the shape of the skull, a brain about three times the size of a chimpanzee, a more complex inner ear design, divergent facial characteristics including whites of the eyes supporting relational interactions, curvatures of the back enabling man to walk upright and design difference in the legs and hands permitting more precise movements including manipulating tools in contrast to the apes whose appendages are designed for movement through trees.
- Chimpanzees have 24 pairs of chromosomes as contrasted to humans who possess 23 pairs.
- Infertility exists between the great apes and man suggesting that man clearly represents a unique species.

APPENDIX E

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Carbon 14 (C-14) Testing – C-14 accumulates in plants and animals while alive and slowly decays upon death. Adjusted measurements place substances such as coal and diamonds into a young earth time frame in contrast to the deep time offered via radiometric testing of rocks.

Catastrophe – A major, sudden calamity, e.g., the global Genesis Flood.

Cavitation – When water moves at a sufficient speed, bubbles form causing a very destructive force. Cavitation is implicated in creating the Grand Canyon following the Genesis Flood.

Darwin, Charles – He popularized the theory of evolution in his book, *The Origin of Species*. Another one of his books, *The Descent of Man*, dealt with the supposed evolution of man.

Dinosaur (terrible lizard) – This is a reptile with legs under its body and was popularized in 1841, previously known as a dragon and found in historical records around the world.

Fossil – The remains of an animal or plant typically found in sedimentary rock which result from rapid burial in a water environment in the absence of air.

Genetic Clock – Counting the mutations that have accumulated since creation and used to determine the number of generations that have occurred until now.

Gradualism (uniformitarianism, deep time) – The idea of “millions of years” popularized by Charles Lyell stating that current weathering events are occurring at the same rate as they were in the past, this being a rationale for evolution and ruling out Noah’s Flood as a real event.

Haeckel, Ernst – He produced fraudulent drawings illustrating embryotic development in animals parallels that of man in supporting the claim of evolution.

Law of Conservation of Matter – Matter can be converted into energy and vice versa; however, matter does not come into existence spontaneously. Hence the matter claimed to be present for the Big Bang could simply not exist based on this scientific law.

Law of Entropy – The entire universe proceeds from order to disorder. With regard to man, sin brought progressive mutations (disorder) into the human genome resulting in disease and multiple afflictions ultimately resulting in death as reported in Genesis 3:19 ...”Thou art dust....”

Noah’s Flood – This was a global, catastrophic water event that reshaped the Earth. The “severing of the fountains of the deep and the opening of the windows of heaven” precipitated catastrophic flooding, massive volcanism, rapid movement and reshaping of land masses, the creation of megasequences of sedimentary rock and the ushering in of the Ice Age.

Plate Tectonics – The movement of the Earth’s plates leading to forming our present continents.

Radiometric Dating – A dating technique used with rocks containing trace radioactive impurities that decay over time.

Sedimentary Rocks – These result from the settling out of sand, clay and marine animals in water to form sandstone, shale and limestone.

Transitional Fossil – Evolution requires hundreds of these intermediate fossils to support species to species progression; however, only a hand full of highly contested transitional fossils exist.

APPENDIX F

RESOURCE MATERIALS

DISCLAIMER - In offering examples of resources and publishers, keep in mind the abundance of publishers and materials. The listings which follow are in no way intended to exclude alternative sources or selections.

SOURCES OF PURCHASED MATERIALS

Answers in Genesis PO Box 510 Hebron, KY 41048 (859) 727-2222 http://www.answersin Extensive offerings in books and DVDs	Creation Ministries International PO Box 350 Power Springs, GA 30127 (800) 616-1264 Genesis.org/ http://creation.com/
Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY Speaker's bureau 3142 Hwy. Sunday school curriculum Homeschool science curriculum	New Leaf Publishing Group, Inc. – Master Books 103 N. Green Forest, AR 72638 Explorationfilms.com 870/438-5288

SOURCES WITH RESEARCH AS A PRIMARY FUNCTION

Apologetic Press 230 Landmark Drive Montgomery, AL 36117 (334)272-8558 http://www.creationresearch.org	Creation Research Society 6801 N. Highway 89 Chino Valley, AZ 86323 (928) 636-1153
Institute for Creation PO Box 59029 Dallas, TX 75229 (800) 337-0375 http://www.icr.org	Research Logos Research Associates 3232 W. McArthur Blvd. Santa Ana, CA 92704 (714) 425-9474 http://logosresearchassociates.org

CREATIONIST ORGANIZATION WITHIN CUS (Concordia University System)

Society of Creation – www.societyofcreation.org
Contact: Joel D. Heck – HeckYes@aol.com (Preferred) – Telephone: 512/751-9701

BASIC YOUNG EARTH ORIENTATED MAGAZINES

Answers (AiG) – Upper elementary to adult.
Acts and Facts (ICR) – Free publication – Upper elementary to adult
Creation Magazine (CMI) – Upper elementary

AN EXCELLENT PAMPHLET OF BASIC CONCEPTS (Answers in Genesis)

“10 Basics Every Creationist Must Know”

Creation in Six Literal Days	Distant Starlight	One Race
Radiometric Dating	Global Flood	Suffering & Death
Variety within Created Kinds	Dinosaurs on the Ark	The Gospel
Uniqueness of Man		

DVD'S AND INTERNET YOUTUBES

Preschool and Early Elementary Students

With this age group, typical topics would include creation, the Genesis Flood, dinosaurs, the tower of Babel and possibly the Ice Age. With dinosaurs, keep in mind young children's natural interest in this topic leads to secularist's using this topic to introduce the “millions of years” paradigm fundamental to evolution. Examples of related materials are offered here as follows:

Babel

- The Tower of Babel – In this book a grandfather leads his four grandchildren through the events of the Genesis Flood and Tower of Babel. (Ages 6-10 – 32 pp. – Master Books)
- Tower of Babel – This book retells the Babel narrative offering excellent picture to share with a class including a single pop-up. (Teacher directed for preschool to early elementary – 20 pp. – Master Books)

Creation

- Days 1-7 – This beautifully illustrated book is a guide to what God did on each day of creation. (Primary/elementary – 32 pp. – Creation Ministries International)
- A is for Adam – This is color filled rhyming book that presents biblical truths in an easy-to-learn style and includes child devotions. (Ages 2-11 – 77 pp. – New Leaf Publishing Group, Inc.)
- A is for Adam Coloring Book – This item incorporates learning the alphabet with biblical truths of the creation narrative. – 32 pp. – Answers in Genesis
- Animals of the Bible – This book celebrates the animals in God's creation in a fun and informative way. (Young to intermediate learners – 48 pp – New Leaf Publishing Group, Inc.)
- I Really Really Really Want to Learn about Ape-Men – This book counters the evolutionary perspective by teaching the difference between ape-men and humans. (All ages – 32 pp. – Answers in Genesis)
- The Story of Creation – This book offers a basic creation narrative accompanied by a pictorial format. (Young learners – 16 pp – Flowerpot Press)

Dinosaurs

- Dinosaurs God's Mysterious Creatures – This book addresses this topic from a Christian perspective. (Young Readers – 121 pp. - Institute for Creation Research)

- D is for Dinosaur – Using the alphabet as the unifying element of this book, Ken and Mally Ham offer basic concepts in apologetics as related to the creation and Genesis Flood narratives. (Ages 2-11 – 123 pp. – Master Books)
- D is for Dinosaur Coloring Book – This book is based on the classic book series by Ken Ham about the Gospel from Genesis designed to make learning the Bible fun. (All ages – 32 pp. – Answers in Genesis)
- Dinosaur Activity Book - This book is filled with puzzles, games, and other challenging activities. (Preschool – Primary) - Creation Ministries International.
- Exploring Dinosaurs with Mr. Hibb – This book follows the adventures of a grasshopper, as he explores biblical evidence from the flood and Noah’s ark. (Suitable for young and old readers – 128 pp.- Creation Book Publishers)
- My Giant Dinosaur Coloring Book – This book answers questions like where did dinosaurs come from? When did they live? What happened to them? Who brought them into being? (Early elementary – 48 pp. – Answers in Genesis)
- The Great Dinosaur Mystery and the Bible – This book offers broad spectrum factual information regarding dinosaurs from the time of creation, the flood and through near modern times. (Ages 8-11 – 61 pp. - Accent Books)
- What Really Happened to the Dinosaurs? In this book John Morris and Ken Ham, featuring a large pictorial format to share with students, using a biblical approach take dinosaurs from the time of creation to post-flood times. (Teacher book designed to be read to early learners – 31 pp. – Master Books)
- When Dragons’ Hearts were Good – The fictional story and music by Buddy Davis featuring a dinosaur describes what life may have been like in the Garden of Eden before Adam sinned. (Early learners – 40 pp. – Master Books)

Genesis Flood

- A Special Door – This fun book teaches how the Noah’ Ark had only one door just as our salvation is also based on one door, namely Jesus Christ. (Ages 4-10 – 32 pp. – New Leaf Publishing Group, Inc.)
- Charlie and Tike in the Grand Canyon Adventure (Ages 12 and under – 24 pp. - New Leaf Publishing Group, Inc.)
- Exploring Geology with Mr. Hibb – This book explores the entertaining adventures of a grasshopper as he makes the learning of geology delightful and a faith building experience. (Suitable for young and old readers – 96 pp. – Creation Book Publishers)
- I Really Really Really Like Fossils – This is a well-illustrated, easy and fun-to-read, biblical based book. (Ages 12 and under – 32 pp. – Answers in Genesis)
- N is for Noah – This book offers the account of Noah, a man of faith, told in informative rhyming verse. (Ages 2-11 – 72 pp. – New Leaf Publishing Group, Inc.)
- N is for Noah Coloring Book – This item incorporates learning the alphabet with the biblical narrative of the Genesis Flood. – 32 pp. – Answers in Genesis.

- Noah's Ark - This activity book focuses on the ark adventure with learners discovering colors, opposites, shapes, numbers and letters. (Preschool – Primary Grades) - Creation Ministries International.
- Remarkable Rescue – This book presents the true story of the rainbow as a symbol of God's promise to Noah and the world after the Great Genesis Flood. (Ages 5 and under – 12 pp. – New Leaf Publishing Group, Inc.)
- The Flood, the Ark, and the Rainbow – This book follows the biblical narrative offerings a story format appealing to children. (Early elementary - 26 pp. – Abingdon Press)
- The Story of Noah's Ark – This book retells the Genesis Flood narrative using a large picture format in a child-appealing format. (Early elementary – 24 pp. –Crown Publishers, Inc.)

Ice Age

- Buddy Davis' Cool Critters of the Ice Age (Early elementary – 64 pp. – New Leaf Publishing, Inc.)
- Life in the Great Ice Age – This book deals with basic scientific factors of the Ice Age and depicts life at that time. (Ages 8-11 – 72 pp. – Master Books)
- Uncovering the Mysterious Woolly Mammoth – This book deals with the science of the Ice Age, and mammoths (Ages 8-11 – 72 pp. – New Leaf Publishing Group)

General

- A Bible Alphabet – This is an activity coloring book. (Preschool - 26 pp. - Institute for Creation Research)
- Books of the Bible Coloring Book – This item included coloring scenes based on the accounts of Scripture from all 66 books. (Ages 5 and up – 72 pp. – Answers in Genesis)

Dvd's And Internet You Tubes – (Dr. Pagels' DVD*)

- VeggieTales DVDs – This is a popular children's DVD series which focuses on Christian themes by recreating selected Bible stories using vegetables as characters.
- Beginners Bible for Kids Creation – This is 27 minute internet YouTube is cartoon-based presentation of the creation story. Other available stories include Moses, Good Samaritan and Daniel.

Middle Elementary Students

Books

- Answers for Kids Book Set – Books in this six book series answer the most difficult questions regarding the Bible , God, sin, dinosaurs, the Genesis Flood, etc. (Answers in Genesis)
- 44 Animals of the Bible including full color illustrations. (Master Books)
- Guide books – The Institute for Creation Research has a number of informative books including Creation Basics, Guide to Creation, Guide to Animals, Guide to the Planets and Guide to the Universe.

- How Many Animals Were on the Ark – Dealing with many of the related matters to the title, it clarifies the concept of “kind” as found in the first chapter of Genesis. Craig Fromon, editor.

DVD’s and You Tubes

- AiG DVD – Science Confirms Bible. This 58 minute lecture by Ken Ham deals with the evidences of DNA, origin of races, Noah’s Flood, Ice Age, creation days and dating. Although the topic is complex, it is clearly presented.*
- AiG YouTube – Big Problems with the Big Bang Theory. A 30 minute YouTube comparing the Big Bang and Scripture with Dr. Jason Lisle lecturing to adolescents.
- Internet YouTube – Creation is a Scientific Fact. This is a 44 minute presentation with excellent visual effects.
- Internet YouTube – Evolution Demolition. This is an excellent 61 minute presentation on the topic by Dr. Mark Champneys. He says of Richard Dawkins, “There is no God and I hate him.”
- Internet You Tube -The Collapse of Evolution and Fact of Creation. This 64 minute documentary is an excellent resource providing evidence undermining evolution.
- Internet You Tube - Proof of Creation – Genesis Week offers this 28 minute lecture on the proofs for creation.
- Internet YouTube – Something From Nothing – This is Genesis Week. This is an 18 minute lecture.

Upper Elementary Students to Adults – The selection of materials with these groups is quite abundant and technical, therefore no specific recommendations regarding related books are being offered.

Astronomy

- ICR YouTube – Astronomy Reveals Creation. A 66 minute lecture by Dr. Jason Lisle.
- Internet YouTube – Our Solar System: Evidence of Creation. This is an 88 minute lecture about the unique ways that each planet contradicts evolution.
- Internet YouTube – Creation Astronomy: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God. This is a 74 minutes lecture.
- Internet YouTube – Evolution vs. Creationism: the Big Bang and the Fossil Record. This is a 9 minute presentation offered in a lecture format.

Biology

- AiG DVD – Only One Race. This is a 50 minute lecture by Ken Ham on race asking if Darwinian evolution fueled racism.*
- AiG YouTube – The Origin of Life. – Dr. Mike Riddle offers a 19 minute lecture on the topic.
- Internet YouTube – “Amino acids – Building blocks of Life Make Up Proteins.” This is a 5 minute YouTube. (Internet website).
- Origin YouTube – Genetics Confirms the Bible. This is a 26 minute lecture by Dr. Robert Carter.

- Internet YouTube – DNA by Design. This is a 60 minute lecture by Dr. Stephen Meyer.
- Internet YouTube – Intelligent Design. This is a beautiful 57 minute YouTube that deals with is cellular biology.
- Internet YouTube – “The Secret of Life – Discovery of DNA Structure.” – This is a interesting 9 minute YouTube.
- Internet YouTube – You are Fearfully and Wonderfully made. This is a 9 minute charismatic YouTube on topic featuring effective visuals.
- Internet YouTube – “What is DNA.” – This is a basic 5 minute YouTube offering. (Internet website).

Creation

- AiG DVD – Genesis: Key to Reclaim Culture. This is a 41 minute lecture by Ken Ham offering tools in defending one’s faith against the secular humanism.
- Internet YouTube – Creation Evidence from South America. This is a 44 minute YouTube offered by Dr. Don Patton.
- Origins YouTube – Evidence for Creation “Genetics Confirms the Bible.” Dr. Robert Carter of Creation Ministries International lectures for 26 minutes on topic.
- Internet YouTube – Explosive Geological Evidence for Creation: Mt. St. Helens. This is an 85 minute lecture dealing with scientific evidence on the topic.
- YouTube – God of Wonders. This an 84 minute YouTube with excellent visual effects dealing with God’s incredible creation.
- Internet YouTube – The Creator of the World. This is a 41 minute theological conference lecture by one of the fathers of the creationism in America, Dr. John Witcomb.
- Internet YouTube – Origin of Man. Dr. Duane Gish, an extremely articulate creationist, offers this 19 minute audio presentation.
- Internet YouTube – The Bible and Modern Man. This is an ICR sponsored 10 minute lecture by Dr. Duane Gish, an articulate creationist.
- Internet YouTube – The Signs of God’s Existence. – This is a 115 movie with excellent content.
- Internet YouTube – The Ultimate Proof of Creation. Dr. Jason Lisle offers a 49 minute lecture on the topic.

Debates

- Internet YouTube – 1981 Debate Ken Miller vs. Henry Morris. This offers great content and is basically a 190 minute debate.
- Internet YouTube – Lennox vs. Dawkins Debate. Has Science Buried God? (June 1, 2013; June 18, 2011). This is an excellent 80 minute debate between two Oxford professors.
- Internet YouTube – Debate: Phil Donahue, Duane Gish, Evolution vs.. Creation. This is a 30 minute segment from his television show.
- Internet YouTube – The God Delusion Debate. – Richard Dawkins and John Lennox, two Oxford professors, debate Richard’s book, *The God Delusion*, for 100 minutes.

Evolution

- DVD – Expelled. This 95 minute Ben Stein movie seeks to find why belief in intelligent design is excluded from the secular science community.
- DVD – Evolution vs. God. – This 38 minute powerful, stinging and thought provoking interview contrasts Christianity & evolution and is offered by Ray Comfort of Living Waters Publications. *
- Internet YouTube – Biologist Exposes Lie of “Overwhelming Evidence for Evolution.” Dr. Jonathan Wells offers a 5 minute lecture on many icons of evolution.
- Internet YouTube – Cornerstones of Evolution Refuted. This 59 minute discussion between two presenters sponsored by Ction Magazine
- Internet YouTube – Dark History of Evolution – Henry Morris. Dr. Morris, one of the fathers of the creation movement in America, offers a 47 minute lecture.
- Internet YouTube – Evolution Challenge of the Fossil Record. Dr. Duane Gish, an extremely articulate creationist, offers a 50 minute lecture.
- Internet YouTube – Evolution Destroyed in under 5 Minutes. Dr. David Berlinski talks intelligently about the nonsense of evolution from a mathematical perspective.
- Internet YouTube – Evolution vs. God. – This 38 minute powerful, stinging and thought provoking interview contrasts Christianity & evolution and is offered by Ray Comfort of Living Waters Publications. This can be accessed by going to the Living Waters website.
- Internet YouTube – Evolutionism: The Greatest Deception of All Time. Dr. Thomas Sharp lectures for 48 minutes on the topic.
- Internet YouTube – Expelled – No Intelligence Allowed. A Ben Stein documentary of 97 minutes focusing on the intolerance of secularists to the intelligent design movement.
- Internet YouTube – Ken Ham Responds to Intolerant Bill Nye Defenders. During a 3 minute rebuttal Ken Ham of AiG discusses the name calling and profanity of insecure secularists following his debate with Bill Nye.
- Internet YouTube – Inherently Wind. This is a 17 minute analysis of Inherit the Wind which is a play offering a secularly slanted synopsis of the Scope Trial of 1925.
- Internet YouTube – The Troubled Waters of Evolution. (Part 1 & 2) Dr. Henry Morris of ICR, a father of the creationist movement in America, offers a 10 minute lecture.
- Internet YouTube – Richard Dawkins and Aliens. This incredible 5 minute clip features an excerpt from Ben Stein’s movie, “Expelled,” where Richard Dawkins, a prominent proponent of evolution, proposes that aliens seeded life on Earth.
- Internet YouTube – Richard Dawkins Talks Aliens and Gods. The 10 minute YouTube deals with the philosophical circumlocution of this Oxford professor.
- Internet YouTube – Whale Evolution vs. the Actual Fossil Evidence. This is a 9 minute YouTube with University of Michigan Professors and Duane Gish, an apologist.

Genesis

- AiG DVD – Creation and the Christian Faith. – This is a hard-hitting 40 minute with Ken Ham lecturing on why Genesis is foundational to the Christian faith.*

- Origins YouTube – Creation Week with Donald DeYoung. In 26 minutes, Dr. DeYoung reviews each day of the creation week from a scientific perspective.
- AiG DVD – The Six Days of Creation. This is a 50 minute DVD featuring Ken Ham lecturing on the fact that God created the universe in six 24-hour days.*
- AIG YouTube – What’s Wrong with Progressive Creation? This is a 4 minute YouTube offered by Dr. Terry Mortenson.
- AiG YouTube – Genesis – The Key to Reclaiming the Culture. This is a 41 minute lecture by Ken Ham.*

Intelligent Design

- Internet YouTube – Intelligent Design. This is a 5 minute YouTube with beautiful visuals that deal with the one concept that there is a Creator God.
- Internet YouTube – Intelligent Design Theory. This is a 5 minute YouTube with objective information.
- Internet YouTube – Michael Behe: Intelligent Design. This is a 65 minute DVD by biochemist Dr. Michael, a pioneer in Intelligent Design movement.

Scripture

- AiG DVD – The Six Days of Creation. – This is a 50 minutes lecture by Ken Ham dealing with the six literal days of creation.*
- AIG DVD – Where did God come from? This is a 50 minute lecture by Ken Ham dealing with the topic of the Bible vs.. Evolution.*
- AiG DVD – Why Won’t They Listen. This 50 minute Ken Ham lecture discusses why winning souls for Christ is so hard by comparing sin to Gospel cycle.*
- Internet YouTube – God’s Power and Scripture’s Authority. This is a 14 minute lecture with visuals and some incredible evidence.
- Internet YouTube – Evolution – The Grand Experiment. Dr. Carl Werner of Origins, offers good visuals and discusses the topic for 28 minutes.
- Internet YouTube – Evolutionism: The Greatest Deception of All Time. Dr. Thomas Sharp lectures for 48 minutes on the topic.
- Internet YouTube – Incredible Facts of the Bible. – This is a 5 minute presentation with visually beautiful effects is offered with a written explanation in the foreground.
- Internet YouTube – 101 Scientific Facts Found Within the Bible. This 203 minute presentation offers good visual backed by scriptural references.
- YouTube – Science Confirms the Bible is True. A 21 minute lecture by Dr. Jason Lisle.

FEATURE LENGTH MATERIALS FOR ADULT AUDIENCES

- Evolution’s Achilles’ Heels – This 96 minute documentary movie interviews 15 Ph.D. scientists about the greatest weaknesses of modern evolutionary theories. (Creation Ministries International)

- Evolution vs. God (DVD and internet YouTube) – This is a 38 minute powerful, stinging and thought provoking interview contrasts Christianity and evolution. (Living Waters Publications)
- Is Genesis History? - This movie is a fascinating new look at the biblical, historical and scientific evidence for Creation and the Genesis global Flood. (Compass Cinema) A license would be required for other than small group showing of more than 20 people.
- God is Dead – A movie is a dramatic conflict between a Christian students and his atheistic professor is played out in a college classroom.

DVD and Internet YouTubes

- In the Ultimate Proof of Creation DVD and YouTube Dr. Jason Lisle offers a 49 minute lecture dealing with refuting the world views of secularists.

APPENDIX G

SUGGESTED APOLOGETIC DVD LIBRARY TOPICS

Possible DVD Sources – Answers in Genesis, Institute for Creation Research, Master Books, etc.

Creation – The universe had a beginning with God creating everything out of nothing with each days of creation being a natural, 24-hour day.

- Kinds – God created fully functional animal groupings called “kinds” having a variety of genetic materials resulting in the diversity in dogs, cats, etc. that we see today.
- Man – Man was created perfect, that is without sin, but rebelled against God’s command leading to disorder in the world (entropy) and death.

Dinosaurs – These animals, created on the sixth day, are used as a gateway to evolution.

- Dinosaurs were on Noah’s ark along with many other animal kinds.
- Dinosaurs lived with man following Noah’s flood and eventually died out.

Genesis Flood - The Genesis flood was a world-wide event lasting approximately a year.

- Noah’s flood was in God’s judgment regarding the utter sinfulness of man.
- The catastrophic nature of the flood is seen in the single creation land mass being torn asunder by tectonic forces and ultimately reshaped into the present seven continents.
- Remnants of the flood are found in sedimentary rocks and fossils across the Earth.

Babel – This ancient people started to build a tower as a monument to their culture.

- This event was in opposition to God command to disperse throughout the Earth
- With God confusing the people’s languages, they were forced to migrate out from Babel.

Ice Age – At this time in history resulted from post-flood climatic events.

- The buildup of snow and ice was due to volcanic activity and its dust particles blocking the sun’s rays, warm ocean water, and precipitation on the cooler continents.
- The lowering of the oceans led to land bridges to England and North America and the migration of the tribal people to the ends of the Earth.

Grand Canyon – Much evidence supports that the Grand Canyon resulted from a breeched dam which occurred following the Genesis Flood.

Mt. St. Helens – This event comparable to evolution occurred within a very short time span.

Dating Techniques – Evolutionary scientists depend on radiometric testing of rocks which is based on a number of assumptions to support their theory. However, C-14 test results of plant and animal materials fall within a biblical time frame.

Darwin – Charles Darwin wrote the *Origen of Species* in 1859 which dealt with the topic of natural selection and the survival of the fittest. Charles Lyell popularized Darwin’s theory by claiming that evolution is not apparent since it requires “millions of years” to occur which lead to Genesis being interpreted as allegory and the advent of theistic evolution.

APPENDIX H - RELATED SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

Genesis. 1:5 – And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:"

Genesis 1:24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle..."

Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise his head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Genesis 3:19 "...for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Genesis 7:11 ...the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.

Psalms 11:3 If the foundations are destroyed, what will the righteous do?

Proverbs 26:4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, *lest thou also be like unto him.*

Is. 55:9 – "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Matt. 19:4 & Mark 10:6 "From the beginning of the creation God made them, male and female."

Matthew 12:40 "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Luke 24:44 Then (Jesus) said unto them, ... everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.

John 10:35 The Scripture cannot be broken.

John 14:16- 17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive....

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

II Thessalonians 2: 10-11 ...because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false....

II Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God which is profitable for doctrine...

II Peter 1:21 – Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

APPENDIX I - THE APOLOGETICS OF GENESIS 1-3

Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth.” God created matter, energy, space and time “from absolutely nothing,” that is de novo. This supernatural act is in contrast to evolutionary worldviews that depend on the pre-existence or eternity of matter. The materialistic belief that matter is the fundamental substance in nature violates the Law of Conservation of Matter. With matter converting to energy and energy to matter, there is no possibility for its spontaneous origin. Some Greek philosophers believed in an eternal universe as did Einstein until 1929. Hubble had then discovered the expanding universe which established the universe’s beginning and which led to the Big Bang theory. In contrast, the deists of the “Age of Reason” claimed that God created the universe but then allowed it to follow its own course with nature solely being responsible for molecule-to-man evolution. In this drive toward theistic evolution based on materialistic naturalism, the Scriptural doctrine of a supernatural God was denied and the Bible was viewed as a book of moral pronouncements.

Genesis 1:5, 7, 13, 19, and 25 – Following each creation day the phrase, “the evening and the morning were the “_____” day, was invoked with the Hebrew word “yom” meaning a 24-hour period of time. Late in the 18th century, the “Age of Reason” rejected Scripture and replaced the supernatural God with a naturalistic explanation for the existence of life on Earth. This was followed in the 19th century with Darwin’s theory of evolution and Lyell popularizing the concept of “millions of years.” This led to Old Earth creationism that inserted vast eras of time within the creation narrative of Genesis. Currently most Christian churches in America ascribe to some form of theistic evolution leading to a focus primarily on the New Testament and moral behavior. The simple fact is that a holy and unchangeable God could not deny his basic nature, using “millions of years” of death and disease to create man. With this basic theological distortion God can be characterized as unloving masking his true nature and Christ’s redemptive act. Man could then deny God’s existence since a loving God would not permit “bad things” to happen. With the denial of man’s rebellion in sin, the message of God’s love is often lost.

Genesis 1: 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 31 - God exclaimed consistently that his creation was “good” and in verse 31 he said that it was “very good.” By this pronouncement God stated that his creation was perfect in every way, perfect as is the nature of God, perfect and without blemish or sin.

Genesis 1:14-19 – On the fourth day of creation God made the sun, moon and stars. The evolutionists claim that the universe resulted from chance events, but they simultaneously depend on order found in the fine-tuned constants/forces in gravitation, electromagnetism, the nuclear dimensions and cosmology to carry on their scientific pursuits. Chance and order are contradictory proposals, this proving their theory is false since it borrows from the Scriptural perspective of order to support its presuppositions.

Genesis 1:27-31 – God created man with unique features including the ability to reason, express emotions, communicate via language and with physical features distinctive to man alone. DNA has been found to be a language and along with logic, are the products of intelligence. Only the

supernatural God of Scripture provides a consistent philosophical foundation in contrast to evolution's dependency on random events proving it to be a contradictory and false philosophy.

Genesis 2:7 – God used the physical substance of dust from the ground, to “create” man. The way the word “soul” is used generally in Scripture indicates that it is not part of his physical nature, but that the soul will last eternally, differentiating man from the rest of God's creatures.

Genesis 2:16-17 – Here God documents that man has a free will and unlike the good angels who are confirmed in their bliss, can make choices for himself. In this verse God also clarified that he makes the rules regarding his creation and reports to Adam and Eve not to eat of the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” in the garden.

Genesis 2:24 - God instituted the holy estate of marriage between one man and one woman.

Genesis 3:15 – In spite of man's rebellion, out of his undying love for man, God promised a Savior from man's lost condition. This verse foretells the warfare between Satan and the woman's seed, Jesus Christ, who will crush Satan's power by keeping God's law perfectly and thereby redeem man from his lost condition so he can live with God throughout eternity.

Genesis 3:9-12 – Due to man's rebellion against God's rule of not eating of the “tree of good and evil,” man was ashamed of his sin and verified his sense of morality. The theory of evolution has no materialistic explanation for morality, yet a moral sense is universal to mankind. However, evolution's “survival of the fittest” denies morality by proclaiming “millions of years” of death occurred in producing the human race, thus denying this universal truth found in Scripture and demonstrating that it is a false theory.

Genesis 3:16-21 – The results of man's rebellion changed everything. A woman's pain in child birth was multiplied and she was to be subject to her husband. Man's was to struggle with “thorns and thistles,” either plaguing him directly or metaphorically.

In Genesis 3:19 the phrase, “for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return,” proclaims the profound truth that man will experience death. The passage illustrates out the drastic consequences of “original sin.” With the “fall of man,” the universe began to transition from perfection to disorder. This relentless progression toward disorder is even exemplified in man. Many gene mutations may be neutral, but many are degenerative causing disorder and diseases.

Darwin's “tree of life” required progressive development of genetic information from species to species. But each step up the ladder of life would contain more genetic errors. This would result in life devolving, not evolving!

In his pride and defiance of God, man does not accept the fact that increasing disorder throughout the world is a result of man's original sin. Hence he blames God for disease, disorder and natural disasters. In such cases, natural man's typical response is, “How could a good God permit this to occur?” or “this unacceptable event proves that there is no God.” Genesis 3:15 clearly states that even with the disaster of original sin and its consequences, God had a plan to destroy the work of the devil and redeem his creation. Indeed, Scriptures surely state that God promised a Savior in Jesus Christ to redeem man from his lost condition.

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