

The importance of Genesis to a proper Christian worldview

Why Genesis?

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This talk shows the importance of Genesis to having a proper Christian worldview.

It is foundational to key Christian doctrines.

It gives the real early history of our world.

A recent creation by God, a real Adam & Eve and their fall into sin, and an historical global flood are part of this history.

There are many scientific and historical facts that support this history, but it can be hard to believe because it runs counter to the widely taught secular view of evolution and denial of the global flood.

Many graphics are from AnswersInGenesis.org.

Bill Nye the “Science Guy”



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Reference: Bill Nye Speaks at the 2010 AHA Conference (see youtube.com).

Bill Nye the well-known “science guy” is a popular spokesman for the secular view of evolution and says that we are just accidental “specks” in the vast cosmos.



Are we really just "specks"??

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But are we really just "specks"? The Bible, in Genesis, says that we are made in the image of God and that there is a grand purpose to life.

Genesis...

- Is foundational to key Christian doctrines
- Is real history
- Has immense worldview consequences

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Genesis is important because it is the bedrock of the Christian faith and introduces several key foundational concepts.

More than that, it also gives the real early history of our existence.

Whether the Genesis view of our beginnings or the secular/evolutionary view is believed by society and culture has tremendous practical consequences which will be outlined.

The Bible, is it a book of

- Science?

- No

- (but it should be accurate when it touches on a scientific topic)

- History?

- Yes!

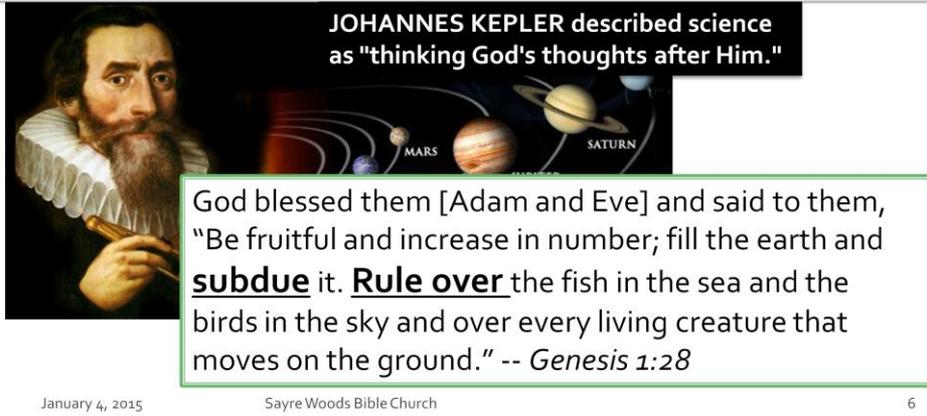
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The book of Genesis is primarily a history book, starting with the creation of the universe and our planet, for which there was only one eye-witness, God.

The Bible commands science (and is not anti-science!)



JOHANNES KEPLER described science as "thinking God's thoughts after Him."

God blessed them [Adam and Eve] and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and **subdue** it. **Rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." -- *Genesis 1:28*

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Many people falsely believe that the Bible and Christianity are “anti-science.”

This is not true.

In fact, the Bible commands that science be practiced, as Adam and Eve are told to “subdue” and “rule over” the earth.

To subdue something you need to understand it, and the understanding of nature is a good definition of science.

Creationist Scientists (very partial list!)

- **Georges Cuvier**
(Comparative Anatomy, Vertebrate Paleontology)
- **Leonardo Da Vinci**
(Hydraulics)
- **Michael Faraday**
(Electro-Magnetics, Field Theory)
- **Lord Kelvin**
(Energetics, Thermodynamics)
- **Johan Kepler**
(Celestial Mechanics, Astronomy)
- **Carolus Linnaeus**
(Systematic Biology)
- **Gregor Mendel**
(Genetics)
- **Isaac Newton**
(Calculus, Dynamics)
- **Louis Pasteur**
(Bacteriology)

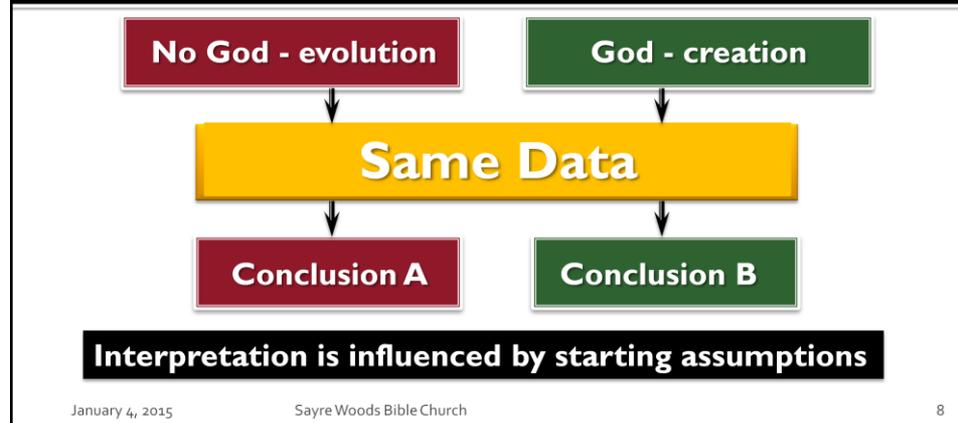
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It is generally acknowledged that most of modern science was founded by Christians. Christianity allowed science to flourish due to its tenet that God upholds the world in a consistent manner, and that there are not spirits inhabiting things, which would prohibit their probing.

Everyone is biased!



So how can the views of Genesis be true when secular scientists say the opposite?

After all, either we got here by creation or by an evolutionary process.

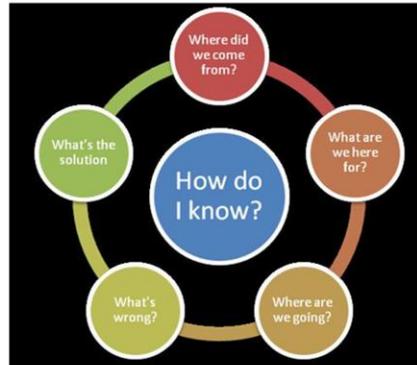
Either there was or was not a global flood in our past.

The answer is that the interpretation of facts/data can be and is frequently different depending on your starting assumptions, or your “worldview.”

Secular scientists and historians who have been taught an evolutionary worldview will try to fit all data into that framework.

The creation scientist has the same data, but understanding that God exists and knowing the history of Genesis, may reach a very different interpretation.

What is a "worldview"?



- Where did we come from?
- What are we here for?
- Where are we going?
- What's wrong?
- What's the solution

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This diagram shows the main aspects of a worldview.

A worldview provides the framework for how you interpret facts and data to answer the important questions of life.

Genesis 1-11 overview

- Six days of creation (chapters 1-2)
- The Fall (3)
- Cain and Abel (4)
- Genealogy (5)
- The Flood (6-9)
- Repopulating the earth (10)
- Tower of Babel, languages, dispersion (11)

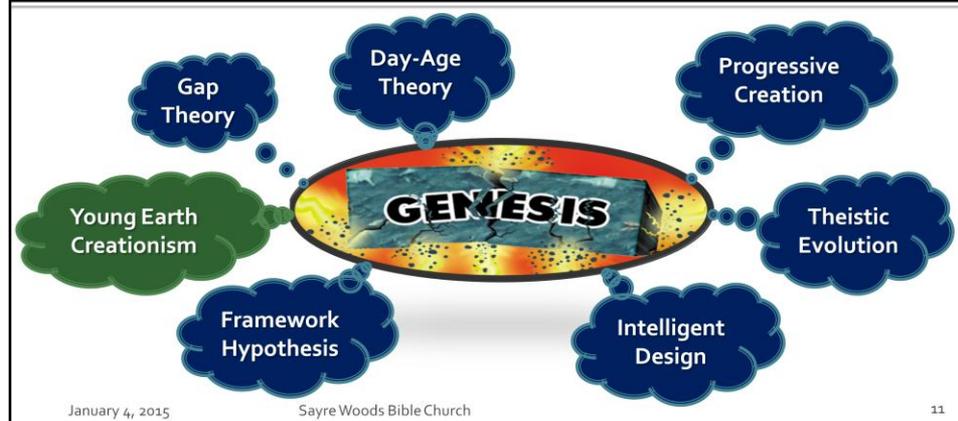
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The main historical narratives of Genesis chapters one through eleven are summarized here.

Genesis interpretations



Because of the obvious conflicts between the histories of Genesis and secular science, theologians and others have developed a number of theories in an attempt to resolve the conflicts.

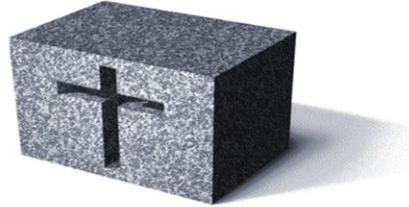
Their main goal is to retain both the validity of modern science and the validity of the Bible.

However, I would argue that these reinterpretations of Genesis are not needed and that it is the interpretations of secular science that are in question.

It is possible to explain the scientific-historical facts in a cohesive and satisfying manner through a straightforward biblical worldview, as is the premise of "Young Earth Creationism."

- Gap Theory – there was a long period of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, when the fossil record was laid down. It is also called the "ruin and reconstruction" theory with Genesis 1:2 starting the reconstruction. The effects of the flood are minimized.
- Day-Age Theory – each "day" of Genesis chapter 1 was a long period of time, many millions of years.
- Progressive Creation – God stepped into the world to create new, more advanced, sets of creatures from time to time, separated by millions of years. There were "pre-men". The flood was just a local event.
- Theistic Evolution – basically the same as secular evolution except that God is said to have been driving it along. However, true evolution is defined as an "unguided" process.
- Intelligent Design – this more recent movement looks to convince people that the scientific evidence points to a designer. But it does not say who the designer is, and makes no claims concerning the Bible or Genesis.
- Framework Hypothesis – Genesis is not to be taken literally, but has a simple purpose to show that God was the creator.

Genesis is foundational to key Christian doctrines



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We will now look at some of the key Christian doctrines which originate in Genesis.

God exists and He created



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
-- *Genesis 1:1*

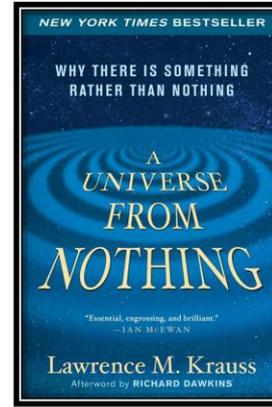
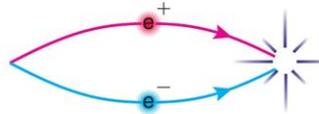
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The most basic doctrine of Christianity is that God is real and that He is the creator.

- "It can be truly said that we all are here today because of quantum fluctuations in what is essentially *nothing*."
- "In this sense, science ... does not make it impossible to believe in God, but rather makes it possible to not believe in God."



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Reference: Lawrence M. Krauss, *A Universe From Nothing* (New York: ATRIA Paperback, 2012).

Atheists want to convince people that this most basic idea that God exists is not necessary.

In the Lawrence Krauss best-selling book "A Universe from Nothing," he tries to show how the universe might have arisen on its own.

But in the end there is no getting away from the fact that the universe must have been caused by something/someone, to which we give the name "God."

Multiverse Theory

- The idea that there may be an almost infinite number of universes, each having different laws of physics
- We happen to live in one "just right" for life



Used to avoid the "fine-tuning" problem, that our universe and Earth seem to be special

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The existence of our finely-tuned universe and the specialness of the earth can no longer be denied by secular scientists.

But instead of acknowledging God, their answer today is that there must be an essentially infinite number of universes, and we just happen to live in the rare or only one which has the right properties for life. However, this is not science (which is observable and repeatable, and the existence of other universes could never be proved) but rather science fiction!

Man created in the image of God



Man is not an animal!

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them
-- *Genesis 1:27*

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The next foundational doctrine is that man was created in the image of God.

He is therefore different from, and is not, an animal.

We share many biological similarities with animals because we both need to live in the same environment.

Marriage of man and woman



The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife. -- *Genesis 2:18, 24*

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Another important doctrine is that of marriage.

Note that Genesis and the Bible in general do not make provision for "gay marriage."

Original creation was perfect



God saw all that he had
made, and it was very good
-- *Genesis 1:31*

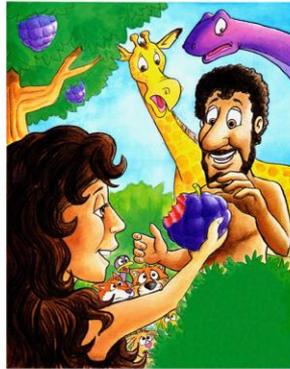
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According to Genesis the original creation was perfect.

Sin of Adam & Eve introduces death



By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return
-- *Genesis 3:19*



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However, Adam and Eve rebelled against God by not honoring His command to not eat of the special tree in the Garden of Eden.

Because of this they would no longer live forever, but would begin to age, eventually leading to their death, along with the death of all living creatures in general.

Sin of Adam & Eve curses the earth



"Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat of it all
the days of your life"

-- *Genesis 3:17 (God to Adam & Eve)*

We know that the whole creation has
been groaning as in the pains of
childbirth right up to the present time

-- *Romans 8:22*

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Because of this disobedience God also removed some of His upholding of the creation, so that the earth would no longer be a perfect place and there would now be physical decay, dangers, and disasters.

First promise of a savior



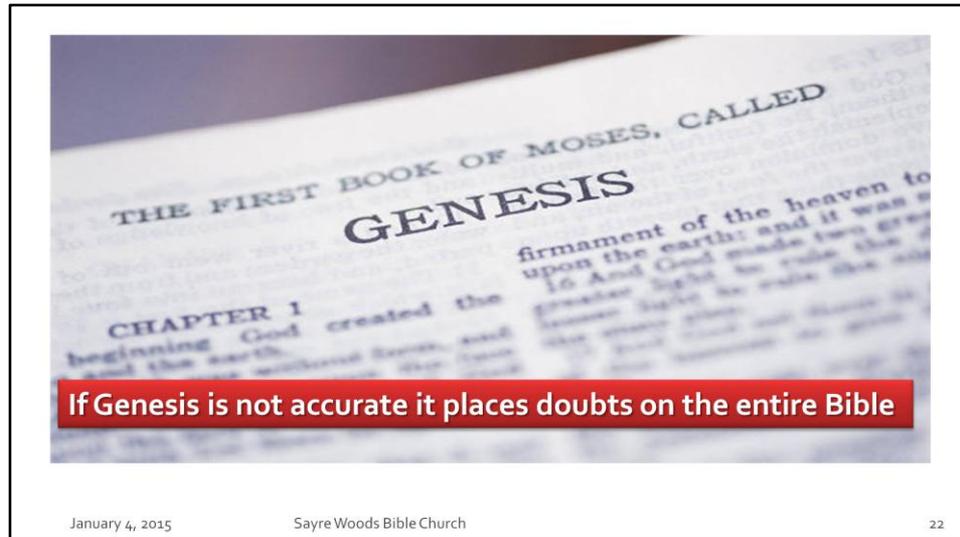
"he [the Savior] will crush your head,
and you [the serpent] will strike his heel."
-- *Genesis 3:15*

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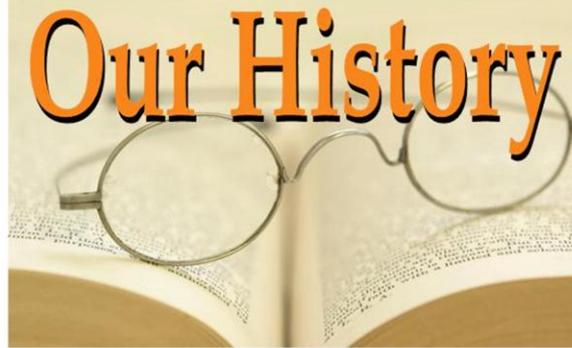
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But in this sad chapter of humanity God gives the promise of an eventual restoration.



Many people, even Christians, have doubts about the accuracy of Genesis. But as we have seen, this is where many important doctrines have their origin, and if Genesis cannot be believed as accurate, then why should the rest of the Bible be trustworthy?

Genesis is real history

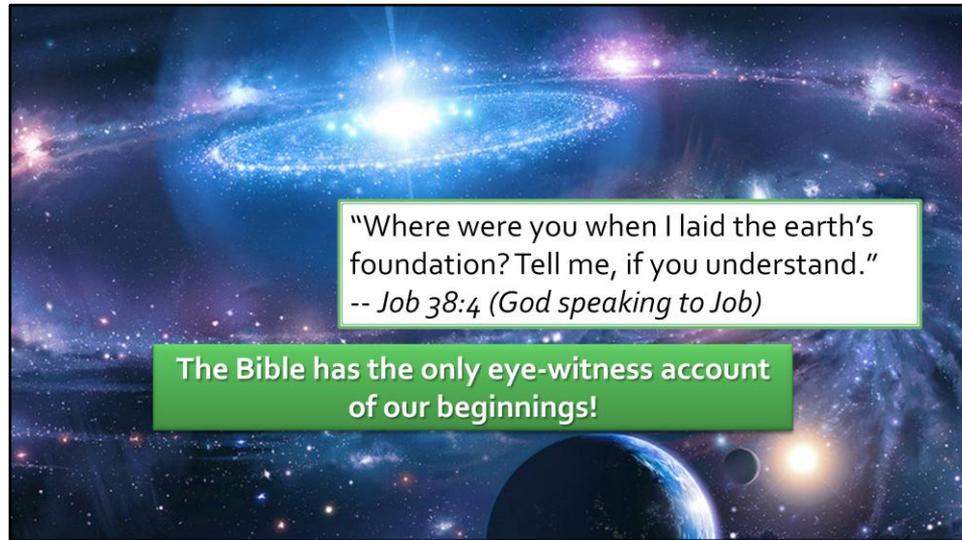


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We now turn to the second topic of “why Genesis?”, which is that it describes real history not “stories.”



"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand."
-- Job 38:4 (God speaking to Job)

The Bible has the only eye-witness account
of our beginnings!

The Bible gives the only eye-witness account of our beginnings.
No secular scientist was there and so any of their conjectures as to our beginnings are really just speculations which assume things have always worked as they do now.

Creation over 6 days 6,000 years ago



Genesis describes the creation as taking six days.

The most straightforward interpretation is that these are actual 24-hour days.

For those having a “millions of years” worldview this idea of creation in six days is ridiculous.

However, if God really exists, we might ask “why did He take so long?”, as could have created in an instant.

The answer is that He wanted to model a work-week for us.

An important point to remember about the creation week is that it was a miracle.

The extent to which current physics and physical processes were involved is unknown and unknowable.

However, it seems some sequencing of actions took place over the six days.



**Mature creation,
not evolution**

he [God] did not create it [the heavens] to
be empty, but formed it to be inhabited
-- *Isaiah 45:18*

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At the completion of the creation week everything existed in a mature state, ready for its intended purpose.

Adam was not created as a baby.

God did not sow seeds to create the Garden of Eden.

By its very nature a mature creation will have an appearance of age.

It must be this way.

Adam looked to be about 15-20 years old.

Trees looked to be tens or even hundreds of years old.

Some rocks were likely rounded as if shaped by the action of water.

It is this consistent apparent age that secular scientists are measuring when they claim the earth is 4.5 billion years old.

Mature creation

- The mature creation concept has a rich history with Bible scholars
- The universe was created mature and ready to serve its purposes
- The original biosphere was mature and ready for use
- We can see distant starlight because it was created “in transit”

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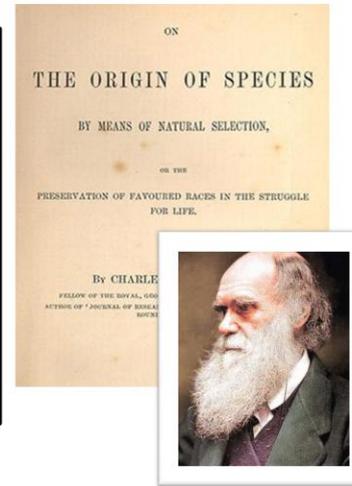
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Recognizing a mature creation explains many of the apparent conflicts between Genesis and secular science. Some people say that God is fooling us with physical processes that indicate long ages, but He told us what He did.

If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down. But I can find out no such case.

Charles Darwin - Origin of Species
(1859)



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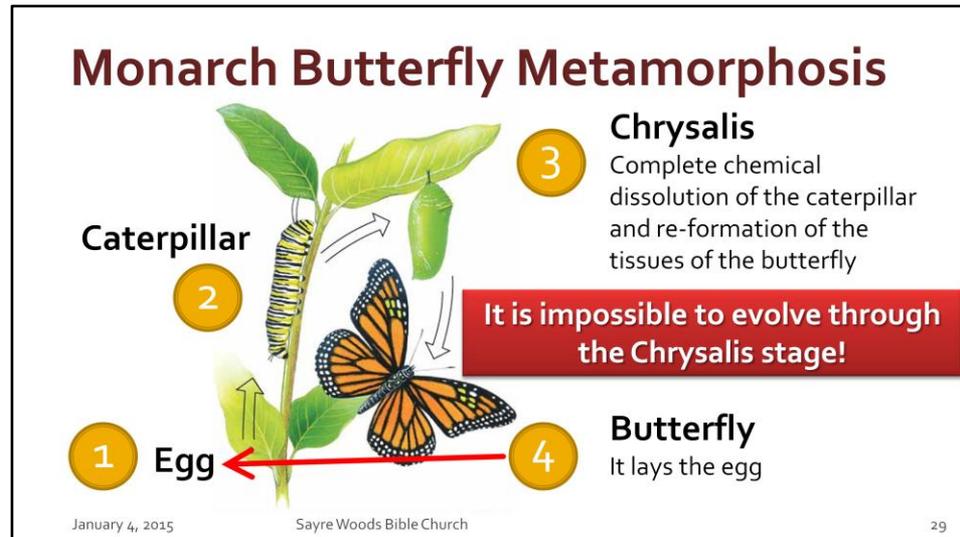
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The most debated question of our history is whether we were directly created as stated in Genesis, or did life evolve through some gradual process?

First of all, if God has used an evolutionary process He would have told us so and that would have been fine. But the actual evidence is that evolution not only has not taken place, but is scientifically impossible.

Charles Darwin recognized that if even one living thing could not have evolved, then evolution did not happen.



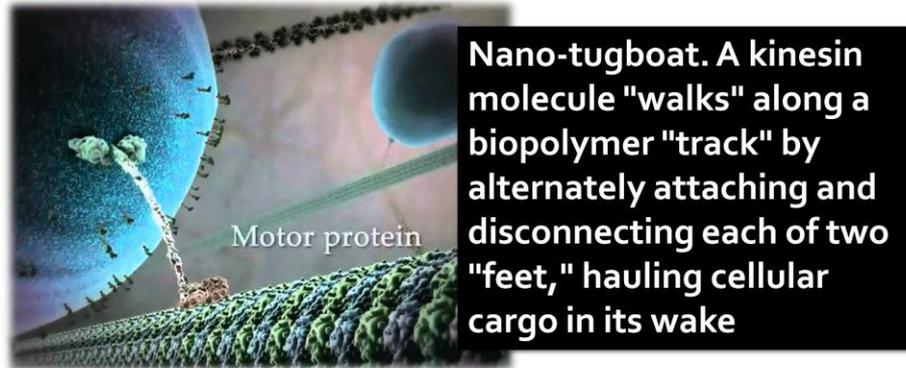
A well known and straightforward example showing the impossibility of evolution is the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly.

If the caterpillar cannot transform itself through the Chrysalis stage in one generation, it is the end of the line for the butterflies.

The Chrysalis transformation is so complex that scientists even now are only starting to understand how it works.

Molecular machines

The kinesin motor protein



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It is one thing to believe in Darwin's time that evolution might be possible, when people understood the cell as basically a blob of jelly ("protoplasm").

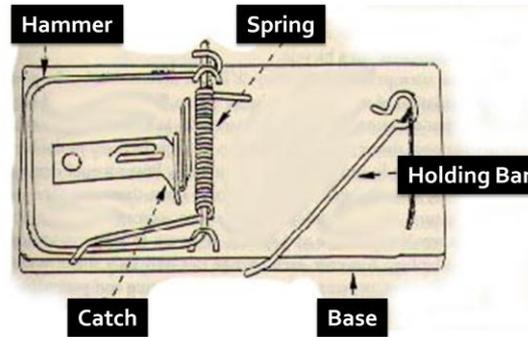
However, today we know that the cell is like a miniature factory, having many active processes.

Did you know that in every cell there are nano robots, called Kinesin, which travel down "roads" carrying cargo from one part of the cell to another?

It is impossible to even imagine how such a thing might develop on its own in a gradual manner.

Irreducible Complexity: Take away one part and it doesn't work

Take away one part
and it will no longer
function
as a mousetrap!



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Another aspect of the scientific impossibility of evolution is the need for all the components of a complex system to be in place and working together at the same time.

This idea is called “irreducible complexity” and a simple example of it is the old fashioned mouse trap. Unless all of the parts are present and in the proper position, no mice will be caught.

The problem with evolution is:



**Nothing Works
Until
Everything Works!**

We can summarize this problem as “nothing works until everything works.”

What is the ultimate reality?

| Mind (of God) | Matter |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Is conscious and self-aware | Is not |
| Can think and reason | Cannot |
| Can love | Cannot |



Evolution cannot cross this divide

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In the end, another way of asking whether evolution or creation is the correct view is to consider that if evolution is true, then somehow:

- Matter on its own became conscious and self-aware.
- Matter on its own learned to think and reason.
- Matter on its own developed the concept of love.

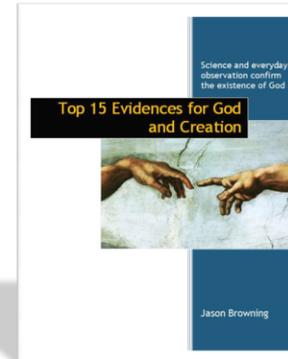
All of these ideas are absurd.

Top Evidences for God and Creation

Some of the Top Evidences for God:

Information
Formation of First Life
Design and Beauty of Living Things
Second Law of Thermodynamics
Irreducible Complexity
Fine-tuning of Physics
Fine-tuning of Earth for Life
Human Reasoning and Logic
Sexual Reproduction

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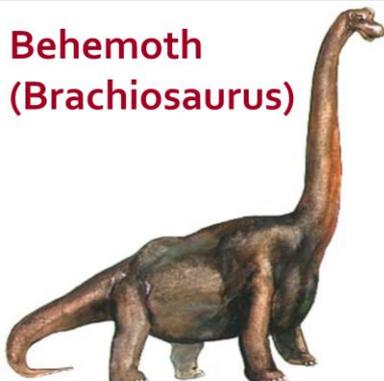
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Many additional evidences for the existence of God and that He is the creator can be found in the ebook "Top 15 Evidences for God and Creation."

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Man existed with dinosaurs!

Behemoth (Brachiosaurus)



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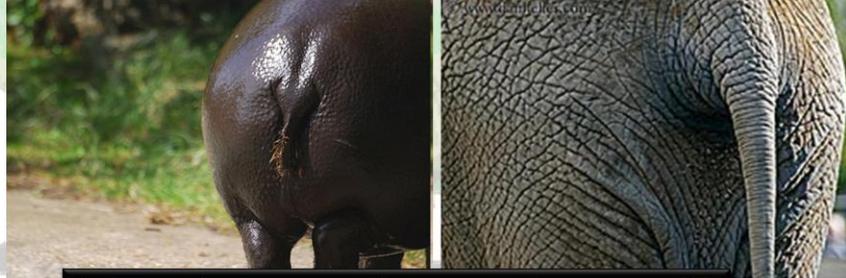
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Look at the behemoth,
which I made along with you
and which feeds on grass like an ox.
What strength he has in his loins,
what power in the muscles of his belly!
His tail sways like a cedar;
the sinews of his thighs are close-knit.
His bones are tubes of bronze,
his limbs like rods of iron.
He ranks first among the works of God
-- *Job 40:15 (God is speaking to Job)*

Most people don't know this, but the Bible describes dinosaurs and that men knew of them. In the book of Job, God says the creature He is describing "ranks first" among His works. This is a apt description of the large dinosaurs, which dwarf all of the creatures alive today.

NIV Bible footnote on Behemoth:

“Possibly the hippopotamus or the elephant”



His tail sways like a cedar tree??

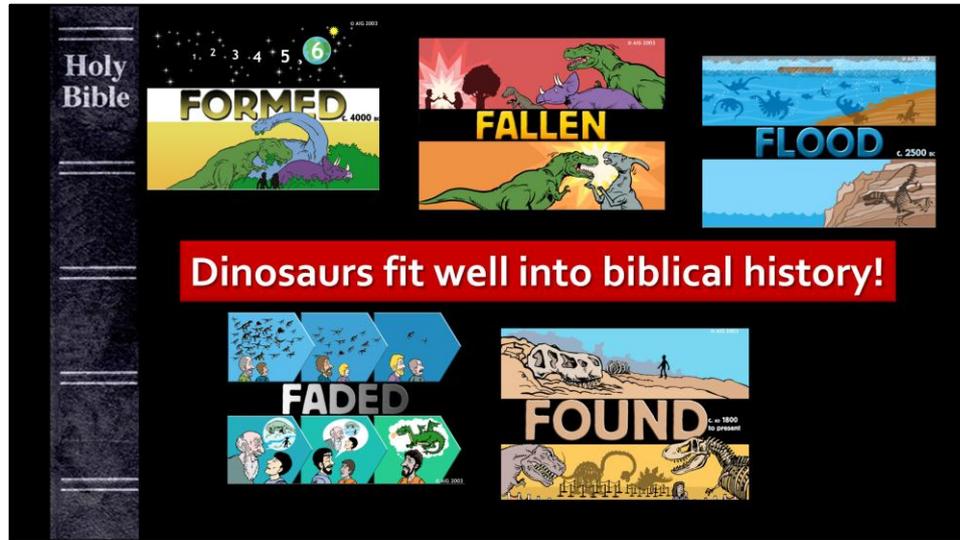
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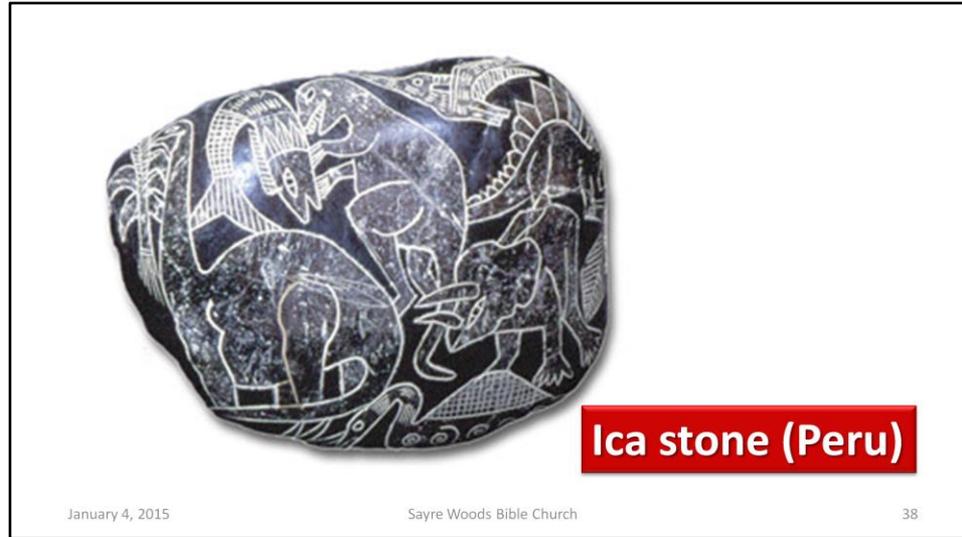
However, the evolutionary worldview that dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago has even affected our Bible translators!

They are forced to equate Behemoth with a hippo or an elephant, which clearly don't have the massive tail which God describes.



Dinosaurs were created on Day 6.
Juvenile dinosaurs were taken on the ark.
Dinosaurs are the well-known “dragons” of history.
Environmental conditions and people eventually killed them off.

The word “dinosaur” was not coined until the year 1841 and so was not available for use in the original English version of the Bible, the King James (completed in 1611).



There is much evidence that dinosaurs were known to people after the flood.
Here are some on a carved stone from Peru.



**Carving from "Angkor Archaeological Park"
in the Kingdom of Cambodia**

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Here is one carved on a temple in Cambodia.
There are many such carvings and drawings from around the world.



Dinosaur bone supposedly 65 million years old still has “fresh appearance” and elastic tissue!

Red Blood Cells from T. rex specimen

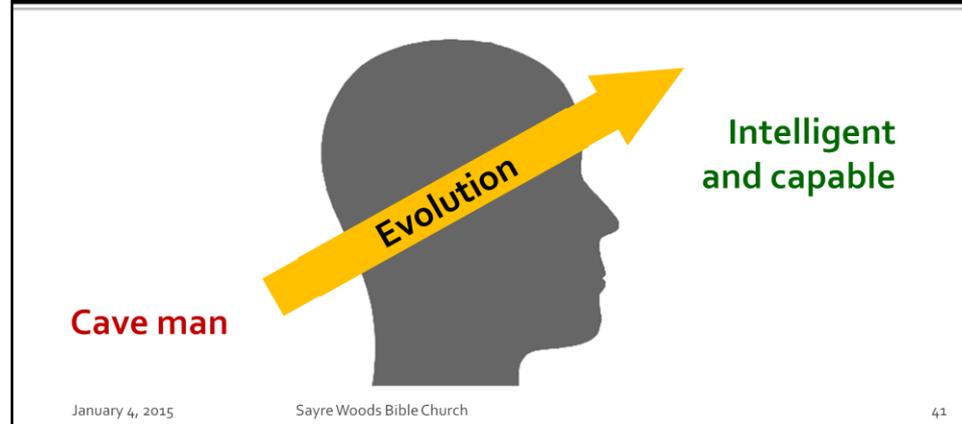
From the work of Dr. Mary Schweitzer

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Scientists were surprised several years ago to find that many dinosaur and other ancient bones still have elastic tissue and red blood cells.

This is scientifically impossible if these bones are actually millions of years old.

Secular Anthropology



The secular view of man is that he has evolved from a cave man stage to eventually become intelligent and capable.

Biblical Anthropology

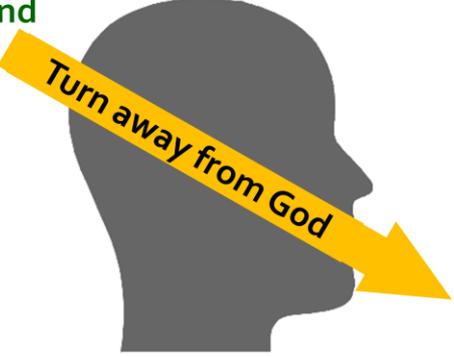
Intelligent and
capable

Cities

Music

Metallurgy

Turn away from God



Become fools

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However, the biblical view is just the opposite.

In Genesis we see Adam created as perfect - he had high intelligence and already possessed knowledge.

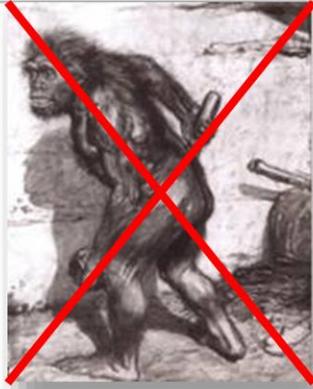
This is illustrated in his naming of the animals.

As people turn away from God and deny Him, the Bible says they become “fools” who lack understanding.

Man left to himself does not improve.

Due to the fall, living creatures, including man, are also degrading as harmful mutations accumulate from generation to generation.

Ancient man was smart



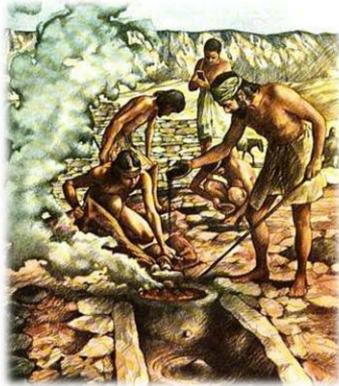
His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron.
-- *Genesis 4:21*

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Genesis chapter 4 gives us a brief peek at what the world was like before the flood. It indicates there was a high degree of technology and craftsmanship in the making of musical instruments and working with metals.



Iron has a melting point of
2700-2900 degrees F

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It is easy for us to breeze over these statements about the pre-flood world.
We should remember that forging tools out of iron is no small accomplishment.
It requires a very hot fire and iron working is considered by metal workers as an advanced skill.

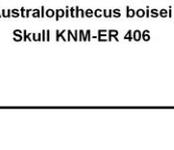
There were no pre-men!
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Australopithecus africanus Skull Sts 5 "Mrs. Ples"



Australopithecus robustus Skull SK-48



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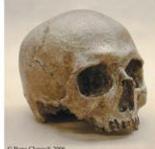


Australopithecus afarensis



Australopithecus afarensis

Cro-Magnon Skull



Cro-Magnon Skull



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Homo neanderthalensis Skull La Chapelle -aux-Saints



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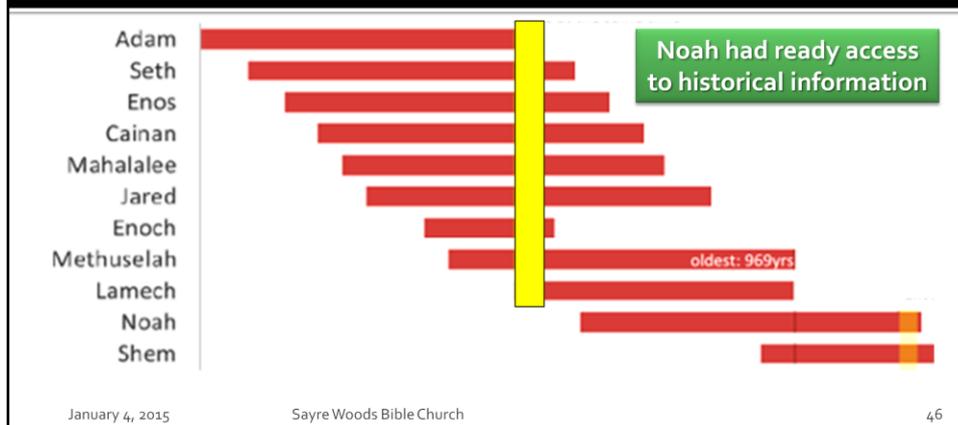
Models from Bone Clones Inc., Canoga park, CA

According to the Bible there was no such thing as "cave men" or "hominids" or "pre-men."

There were and still are men who live in caves, but they are fully human.

All fossil skulls can be classified as either ape or human, which is why the secular search for the "missing link" continues.

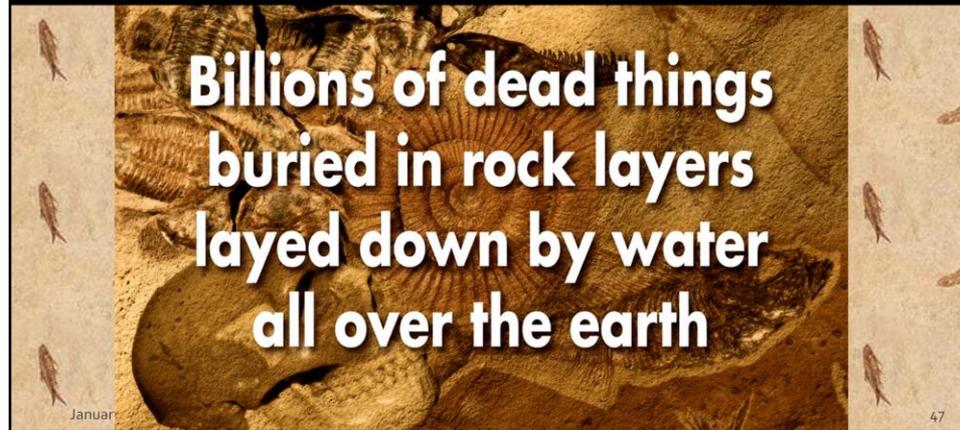
Nine generations alive together



Most people don't realize that due to the long life spans before the flood, almost all of the generations prior to the flood were alive at the same time.

What this means is that it was easy for Noah to learn about and record or bring along information from Adam about the Garden of Eden and the fall.

The Flood



We now turn to the global flood of Noah's time.

This is the biggest geological event since the creation.

Although it is not believed by modern secular geologists, there is in fact much physical and other evidence for it.

At a high level, what would we expect from a global flood?

Well, we would expect what is said on this slide, and that is exactly what we find when we dig.

It has been said that if the Bible did not describe a global flood, we would have to infer one, because it is needed to explain the geologic column and its fossils.



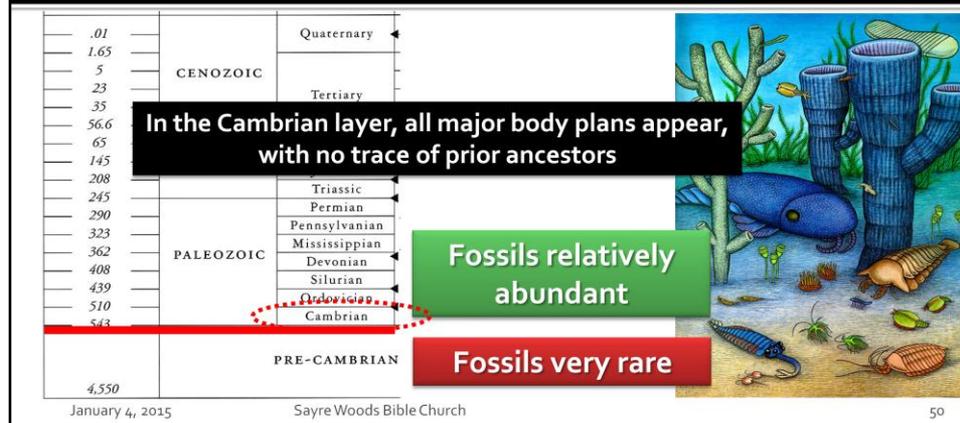
Even most Christians do not properly understand the flood.
It is portrayed for children as almost a “happy time at the zoo.”
It is frequently thought of as just “a story” to teach a moral lesson and is rarely given a serious treatment.



However, Genesis gives an historical narrative that paints a frightening picture of the extreme wickedness of man which results in an extreme judgment by God – a global flood which destroyed most living things. God is even said to be “sorry” that He created man (Genesis 6:6). Noah and his three sons and their wives, along with representative animals, were all who survived.

The Cambrian Explosion

The fossil record supports creation not evolution



The geologic evidence fits the flood perfectly.

The pre-Cambrian rock layer has essentially no fossils while the immediate covering layer, the Cambrian, contains fossils of every major body plan.

This is called the “Cambrian Explosion” and is where the flood strata start.

Competing views of the Geologic Column

Evolution

Evolution of animals of increasing higher orders

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| PERIOD | EPOCH | SUCCESSION OF LIFE |
|---|--------------|--------------------|
| QUATERNARY 0 - 1.8 million years | Recent Epoch | |
| TERTIARY 66 million years Rise of Mammals | Recent Epoch | |
| CRETACEOUS 72 million years Modern seed bearing plants, dinosaurs | Recent Epoch | |
| JURASSIC 46 million years First birds | Recent Epoch | |
| TRIASSIC 49 million years Crocods, first dinosaurs | Recent Epoch | |
| PERMIAN 50 million years First reptiles | Recent Epoch | |
| PENNSYLVANIAN 50 million years First insects | Recent Epoch | |
| MISSISSIPPIAN 35 million years Many corals | Recent Epoch | |
| DEVONIAN 80 million years First land plants, earliest fish | Recent Epoch | |
| SILURIAN 25 million years Earliest land animals | Recent Epoch | |
| ORDOVICIAN 75 million years Early body fish | Recent Epoch | |
| CAMBRIAN 100 million years Invertebrate animals | Recent Epoch | |
| PRECAMBRIAN Very few fossils present (bacteria, algae, plants?) | Recent Epoch | |

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Flood

More mobile, smarter animals

Habitat zones

- Various Land
- Near-ocean
- Ocean edge

Simpler shaped

Pre-flood, flood boundary

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The geologic column does show a general progression of simpler to more complex organisms. However, this is not the result of evolution over millions of years, but rather is what you would expect from a global flood, as smarter and more mobile creatures escape the waters longer before being buried.

Polystratic Fossils

Roots are in a coal seam, tree extends through several rock layers (Tennessee)



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Fossilized trees cutting through "millions of years" of history?

22 Ft. Lycopod Tree (Joggins Cliffs)



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It is obvious that the rock layering did not take place over millions of years, as we find the fossil remains of single trees extending through many layers.

Cambrian Explosion Trilobites



Even the oldest creatures found in the Cambrian layer are quite advanced, such as the trilobite which has complex eye optics.

All creatures found in the fossil record are already fully formed.

The intermediate forms expected by evolution are not found.

Living Fossil: Coelacanth Fish



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When we compare living examples with creatures found as ancient fossils, we see that no evolutionary change has taken place.



The eruption of Mt. St. Helens in 1980 carved a 1/40th scale Grand Canyon in a matter of days or even just hours in some areas, and produced rock layering. It shows that the layers are the result of pulsing in the water and mud flow, and do not necessarily represent the progression of yearly weather cycles.

Jesus viewed the flood as real history



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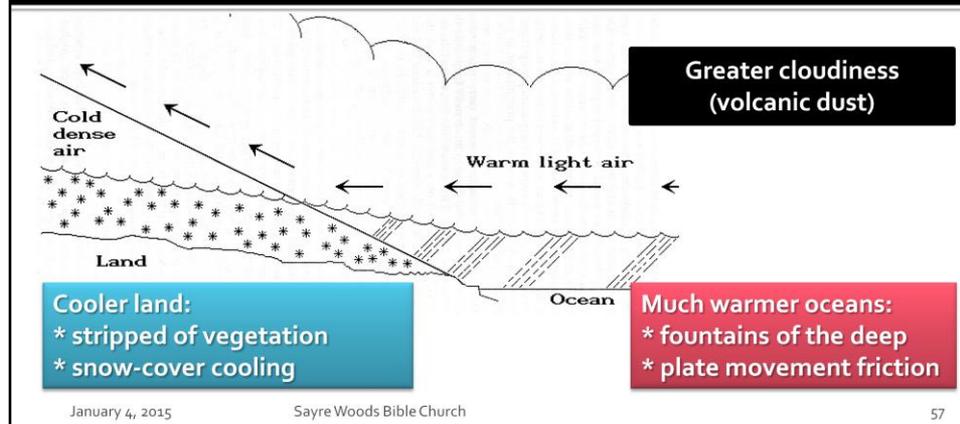
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"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark."
-- *Matthew 24:37-38*
(Jesus speaking)

Even Jesus Himself acknowledged the flood as real history.

Ice Age – a natural result of the flood



It's not mentioned in the Bible, but a natural consequence of the flood would be an ice age, which may have lasted around 500 years.

Languages at Babel



"it was called Babel — because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world."
-- *Genesis 11:9*

Dispersion
throughout the world

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After the flood the people gathered together to build a city, contrary to God's desire to have them repopulate the entire earth.

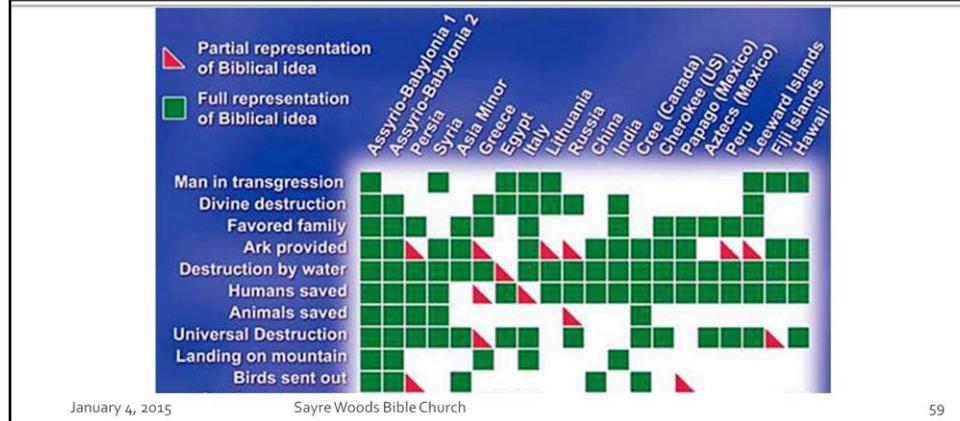
God intervened and confused their language so that they could not work together anymore and were forced to move on.

This event explains why we have different languages and different people groups around the world.

Inbreeding in small migrating populations would cause certain physical characteristics to become dominant in that area of the world, which explains why we have different "races."

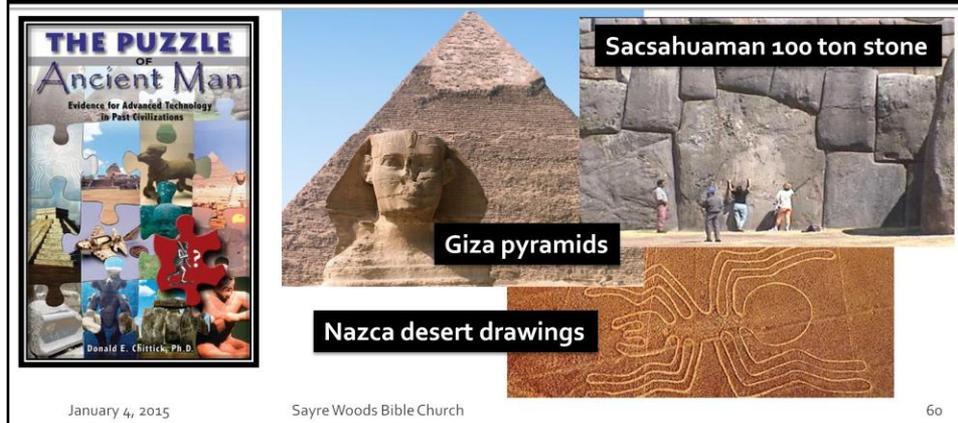
However, according to the Bible, there is really only just one race, the human race, and there is no justification for racism in any form.

Worldwide flood traditions



It is interesting, but expected if the flood is true, that cultures around the world would have a memory of this event, and they do, although distorted to varying degrees. Over 250 flood traditions have been documented. This cannot be a coincidence.

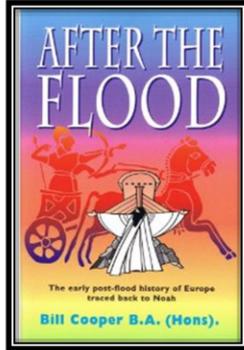
Amazing technology of early civilizations



Reference: Donald E. Chittick, Ph.D., *The Puzzle of Ancient Man* (Newberg, Oregon: Creation Compass, 2006).

Most of us are familiar with some of the amazing things which ancient civilizations accomplished, such as the pyramids in Egypt and elsewhere, the Nazca desert drawings, and the moving and carving of very large stones. These are not a surprise from a biblical worldview, as the high intelligence and skills of Adam and Eve would have been carried through the flood and into the first post-flood civilizations.

Historical records go back to the flood



- Early post-flood history of Europe can be traced back to Noah through historical documents
- Shows the accuracy of Genesis chapters 10 (The Table of Nations) and 11 (genealogy from Shem to Abram)

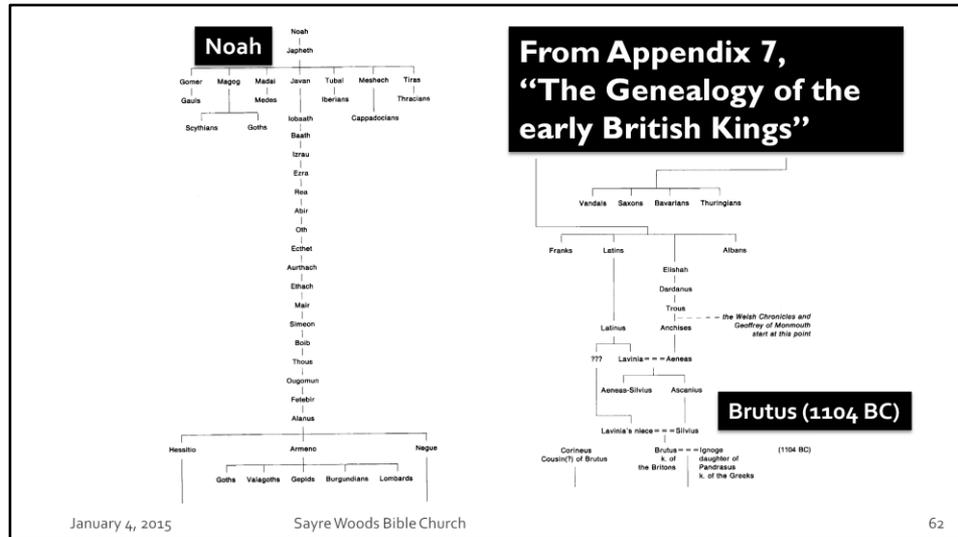
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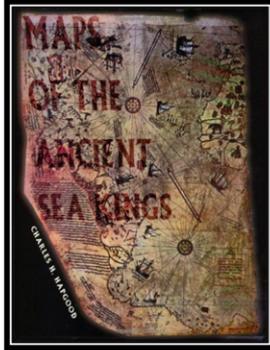
Reference: Bill Cooper, *After the Flood* (West Sussex, England: New Wine Press, 1995).

Bill Cooper in his book “After the Flood,” a result of many years of library research, shows how existing historical documents trace European history back to Noah.



Here is one example from the book which shows the lineage from Noah to the first king of England, Brutus.

Ancient people mapped the globe



- Ancient mapmakers were in some ways much more advanced scientifically than 16th century Europe and the ancient civilizations of Greece, Egypt, and Babylonia
- They mapped all the continents, and Antarctica was mapped when its coasts were free of ice

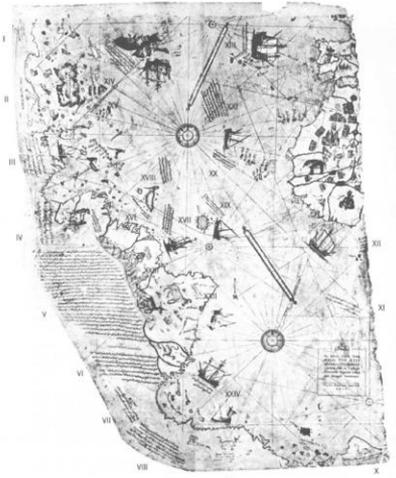
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Reference: Charles Hapgood, *Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings* (Kempton, Illinois: Adventures Unlimited Press, 1996).

Ancient maps show that an early civilization after the flood explored the entire globe and had technology which enabled them to produce accurate maps of all the continents.



Piri Re'is map from 1513, based on much older maps

Longitudes, as well as latitudes, along the coasts are remarkably accurate for about 100 identified locations

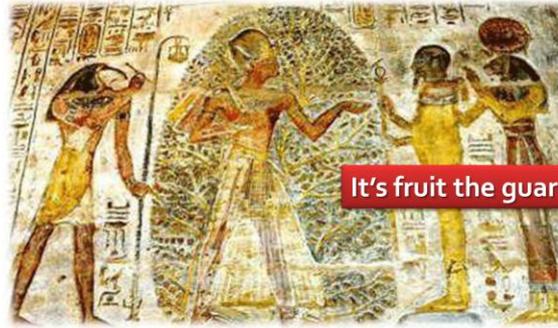
The chronometer was not invented until 250 years later

Columbus said: "We have only three latitudes (all wrong) and no longitude for the entire voyage"

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The Piri Re'is map is amazingly accurate yet was drawn centuries before the invention of the modern marine chronometer, an instrument which Columbus did not have. It's author stated that he used many much older maps in making this map.

Egypt: Holy Tree of Life



It's fruit the guarantee of eternal life

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Reference: <http://landofpyramids.org/tree-of-life.htm>

Egyptian culture displays a number of apparent memories of their descent from Adam and Eve through Noah, including the concept of a “holy tree of life.”

The eating of its fruit was a guarantee of eternal life.

Greece: Paradise recalled



Serpent entwined fruit tree

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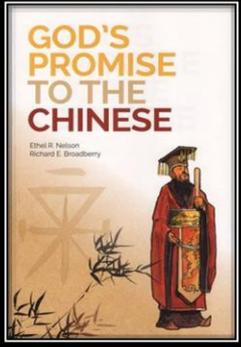
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Reference: Robert Bowie Johnson Jr., *The Parthenon Code* (Annapolis, Maryland: Solving Light Books, 2004).

Likewise, Greek culture also alludes to its descent from the Garden of Eden through Noah, such as a sacred fruit tree entwined with a serpent.

China: written characters



GOD'S
PROMISE
TO THE
CHINESE

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vessel eight people



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告 土 土 之
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mud

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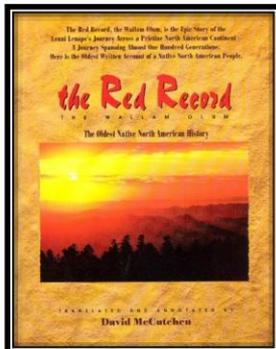
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Reference: Ethel R. Nelson and Richard E. Broadberry, *God's Promise to the Chinese* (Berrien Springs, MI: Read Books, 2014).

The oldest Chinese writing, the “oracle bone” characters show clear references to creation and the flood as described in Genesis.

For example, the word for “boat” consists of the combination of the symbols for vessel + eight + people, an obvious connection to Noah’s ark.

American Indians: written history



Gives the history of the Lenni Lenape tribal family - creation, the Flood, and their migration from Asia to America



At the beginning
The sea everywhere
Covered the earth



Flooding and flooding
Filling and filling
Smashing and smashing
Drowning and drowning

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Reference: David McCutchen, *The Red Record* (Garden City Park, New York: Avery Publishing Group Inc., 1993).

The oldest written history of the American Indians goes all the way back to their migration from Asia and describes the creation and the flood.

What we have seen is that memories of the history given in Genesis are present in many cultures from around the world.

This is what we would expect if Genesis is real history and if all of mankind descended from Adam and Eve through Noah and his sons.

Genesis has worldview implications



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We have seen the tremendous difference between the secular and biblical worldviews, and that contrary to common teaching, there is solid evidence for the truth of the biblical view.



**The worldview of a society has
IMMENSE CONSEQUENCES**

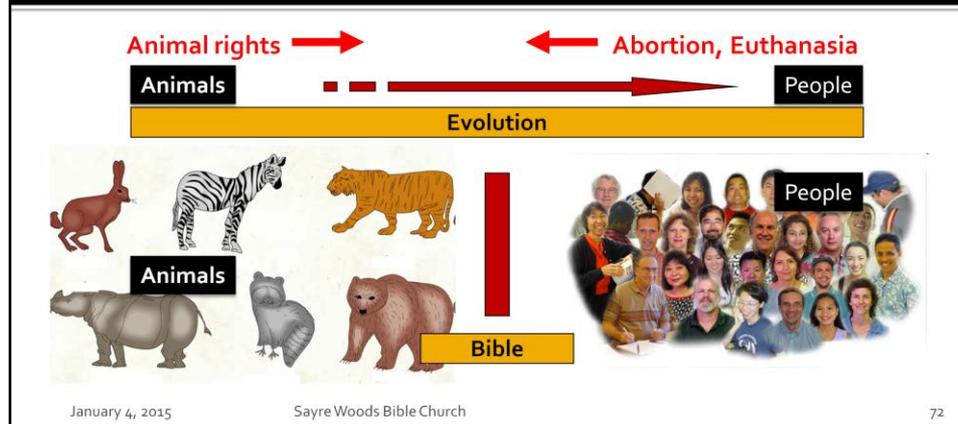
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These worldviews are not just of academic interest – the worldview of a society has immense consequences.

Animals vs. People



One consequence concerns the proper perspective of humans versus animals. Genesis says there is a clear distinction and that humans are to rule over the animals while still caring for them. But the evolutionary view removes much of that distinction and results in the unwarranted promotion of animals and the cheapening of human life.

Evolution and Nazi Germany



Hitler and the Nazi leaders used evolutionary theory to provide scientific justification for their barbaric actions

"He who would live must fight, he who does not wish to fight in this world where permanent struggle is the law of life, has not the right to exist." – Hitler

**"The law of nature must take its course in the survival of the fittest"
– Himmler, head of the Gestapo**

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Hitler and Nazi Germany took the evolutionary motto of "survival of the fittest" to justify their barbaric actions.

Can there be a more un-Christian concept?

Jesus told us to care for and protect the weak and poor – people have value because they are made in the image of God, not because they are "fit."

Consequences of secular worldview

- Persons are not special – just specks
- Law must evolve with society
- Acceptance of gay marriage
- Relative morality

The Christian gospel message is irrelevant!

People lost to Hell

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As time goes on and the secular evolutionary worldview is increasingly present in society, more social ills will result.

In the end, the Christian gospel is seen as a fairy tale which is irrelevant at best, resulting in more people lost to Hell.

Satan's biggest success story is getting most of the educated world to believe that God's greatest work, the creation, never took place.

God does not send people to Hell.

If someone throughout their life says "no thanks", "not for me", "not interested" to the offer of eternal life with God, then God gives them their desire and they will live forever in Hell where God is not.

God will not force Himself into the heart of anyone.

Genesis worldview is a **BATTLEGROUND**

- Removal of God from science – science as king
- Removal of God from public education
- Removal of God from entire public sphere
- Fading belief in and influence of God/Bible/Christianity in media, culture, society
- Widespread distortions in Christian churches, universities, organizations

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We are in a battle today for the minds of men, where the worldviews of Genesis and evolution are at war.

The real question is: What institution has more authority?

| The Bible | Secular Science |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Authored by God (through men) | Authored by men |
| Unchanging over time | Theories change over time |
| Honors God | Does not acknowledge God (anymore) |
| Truth revealed from God | Discovers facts but true interpretation is sometimes false due to materialistic assumptions |

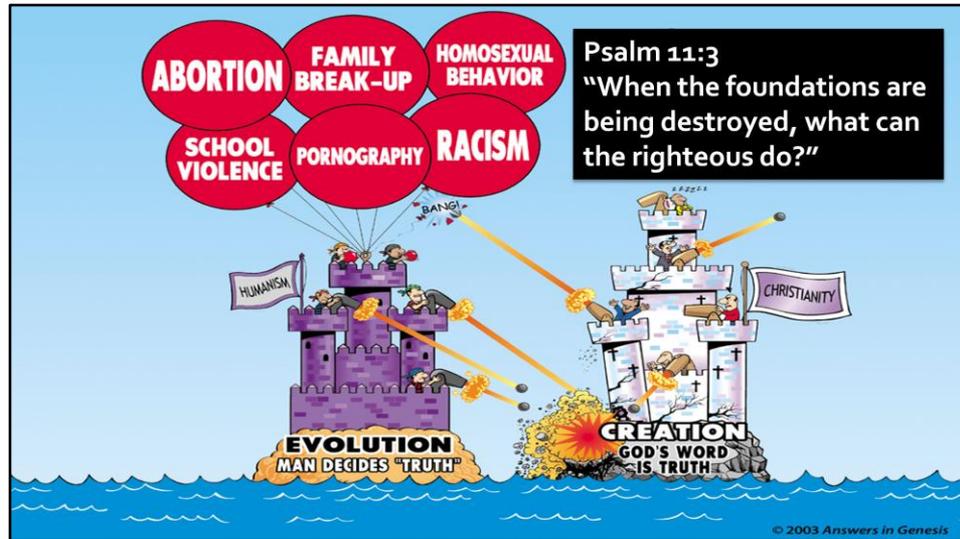
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Fundamentally we are in a battle over what institution holds the authority for what we are to believe about our beginnings and how we should act.

Is it science or is it the Bible?



This war has been illustrated by the Answers in Genesis organization.

Their main point is that while Christians are busy fighting the ill effects of the evolutionary/secular humanism worldview (if they are even doing that), humanists have been busy damaging the very foundations of Christianity, which are the fundamental truths found in Genesis: does God really exist?, was God the creator?, is marriage really between a man and a woman?

Romans 1:20-25

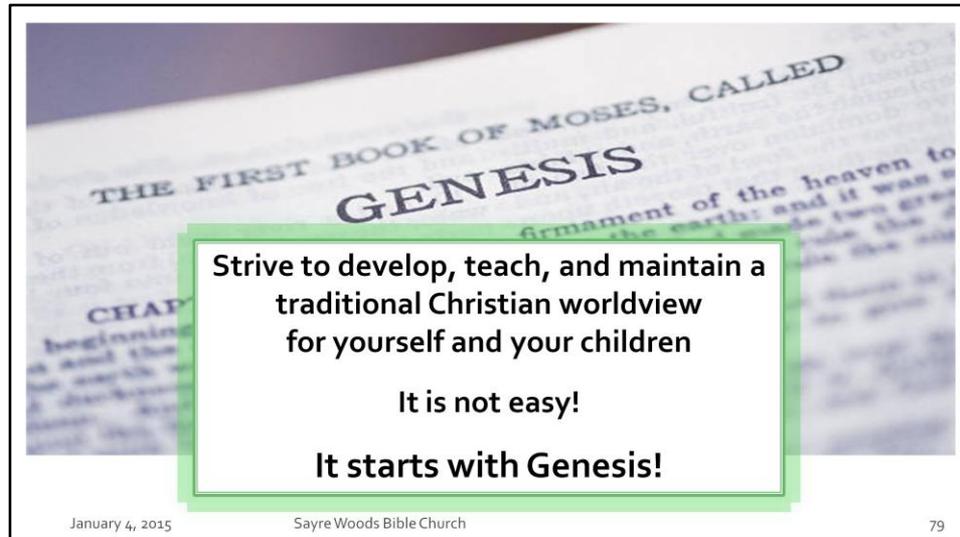
For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that **men are without excuse**. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.

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No one will have an excuse when they face God on the judgment day.
The creation itself demonstrates that there must be a God.
And if we know there is a God, we are obligated to search after Him.



To properly understand our world and its early history it is important to develop a biblical worldview.

It can be difficult to do as we are continually bombarded by a tidal wave of un-biblical ideas coming from media and society. But it can be done, and it starts with Genesis!

How to become a Christian

The Gospel message = “Good News”!

A = Admit (I am a sinner and repent of/am sorry for my sins)

God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

B = Believe (that Jesus died for your sins – He is the Savior)

To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

C = Confess (that Jesus is Lord)

If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)