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Creation or Evolution: Why It Matters

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believing it. defending it. proclaiming it.



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- **Churches/Seminaries**
- **Christian Colleges**
- **Christian Bookshops/Resources**
- **Christian Radio/TV**



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**But is becoming
LESS Christian
EVERY day!**

ISSUES TODAY

**SCHOOL
VIOLENCE**

ABORTION

**PORN-
OGRAPHY**

RACISM

**HOMOSEXUAL
BEHAVIOR**

**FAMILY
BREAK-UP**

**"A minority of born-again
adults (44%) and an even
smaller proportion of born-
again teenagers (9%) are
certain of the existence of
absolute moral truth."**

**Barna Research Online, 'The Year's Most
Intriguing Findings, From Barna Research
Studies,' December 12, 2000, www.barna.org.**

"The 'American Family In Crises Research' by the Southern Baptist Council on Family Life uncovered some disturbing facts. **Of the children raised in evangelical homes, 88% leave the church at age 18 and never return."**

Pastor's Weekly Briefing, Focus on the Family, 26 July 2002, quoted in Gary Foster, The Foster Letter, 10 Aug. 2002, p. 1.

general books

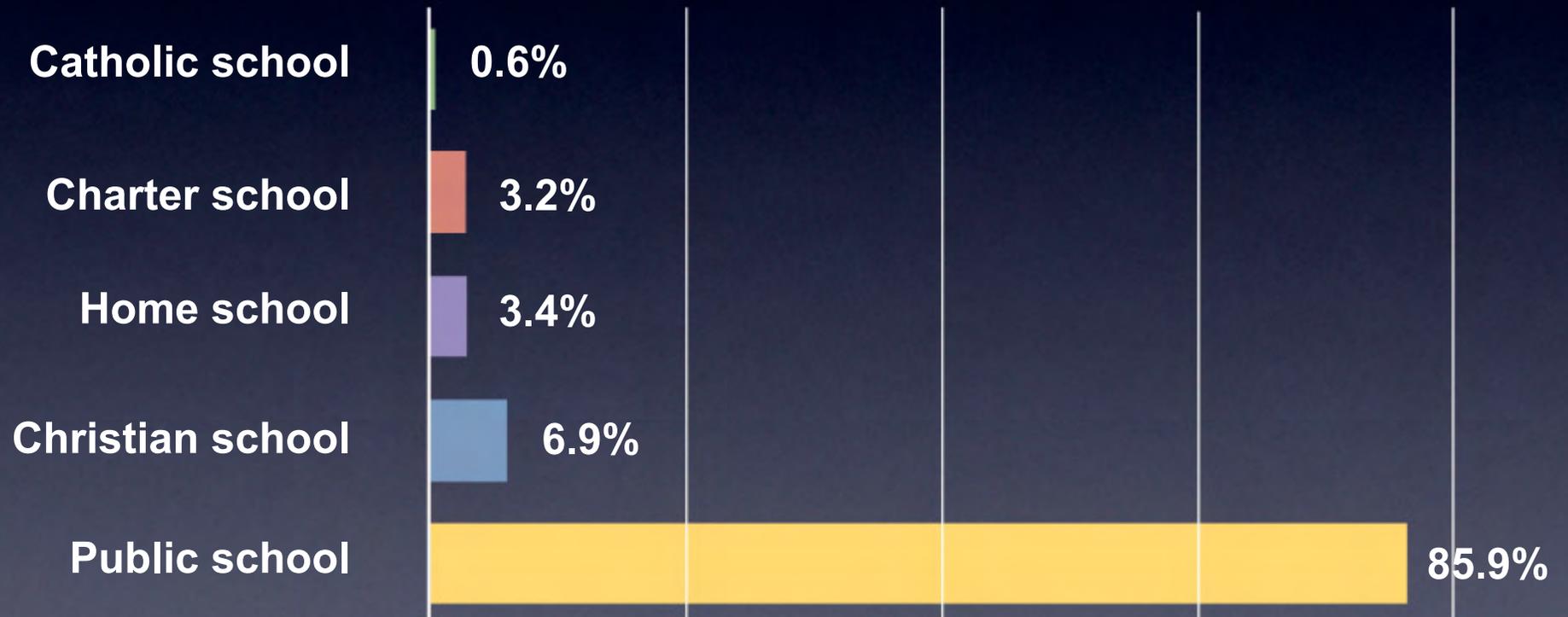
Already Gone

by Ken Ham and Britt Beemer,
with Todd Hillard

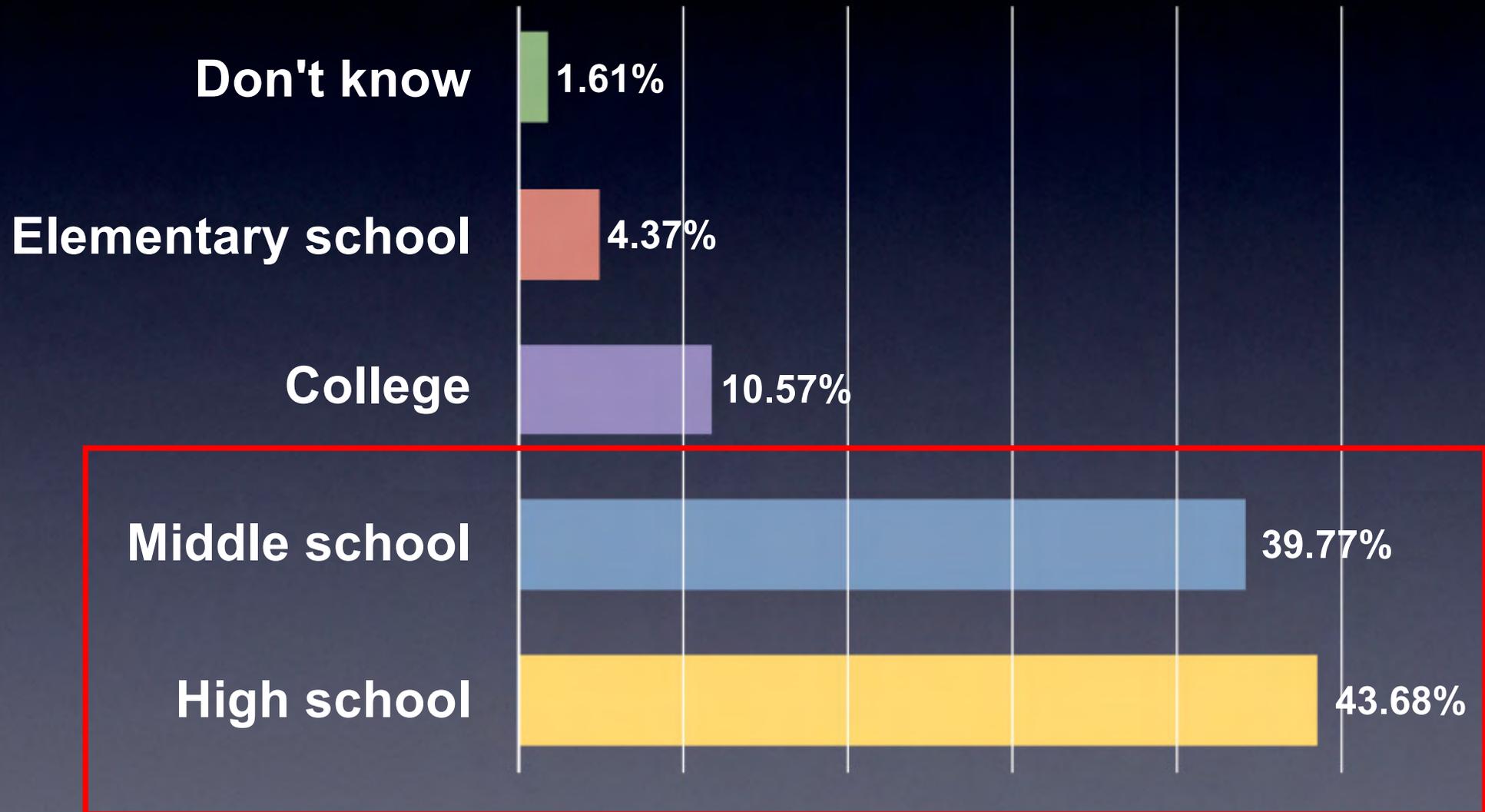


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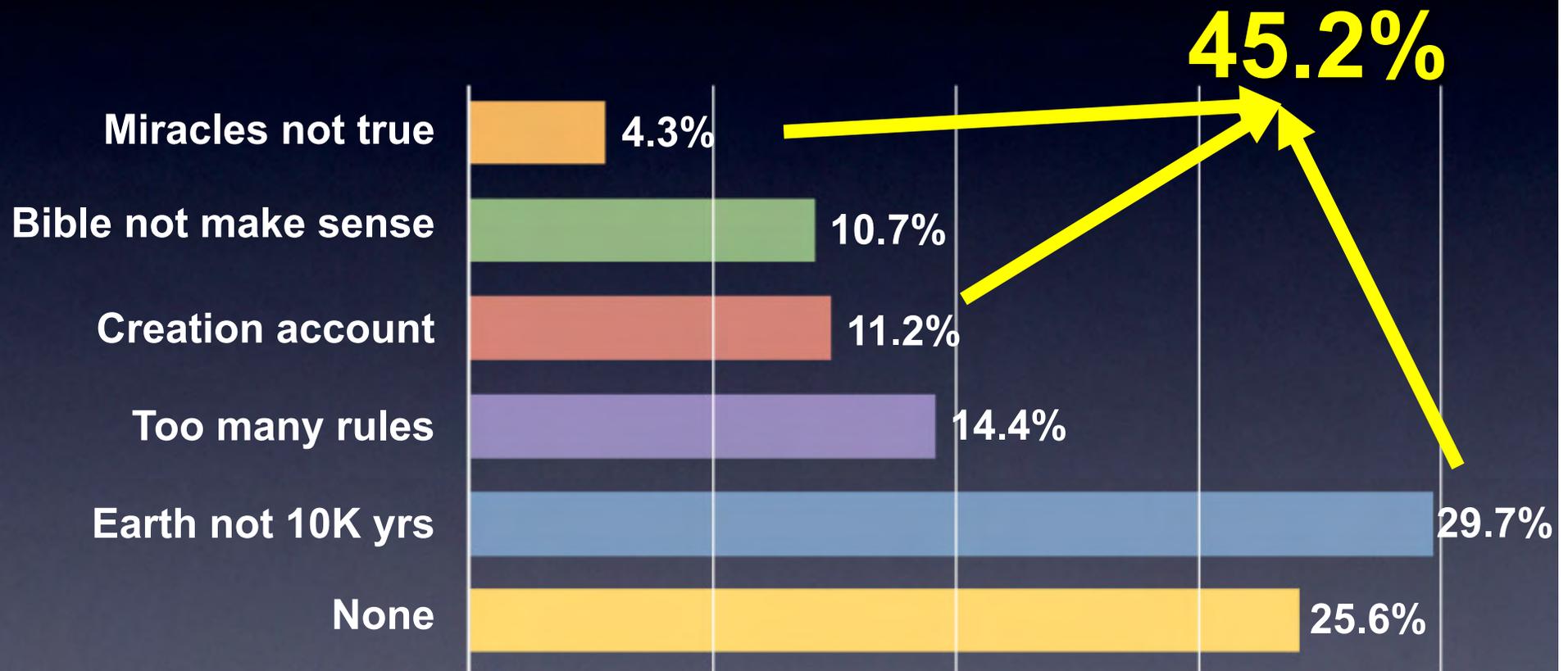
High school attended



If you don't believe, when did you first have doubts?

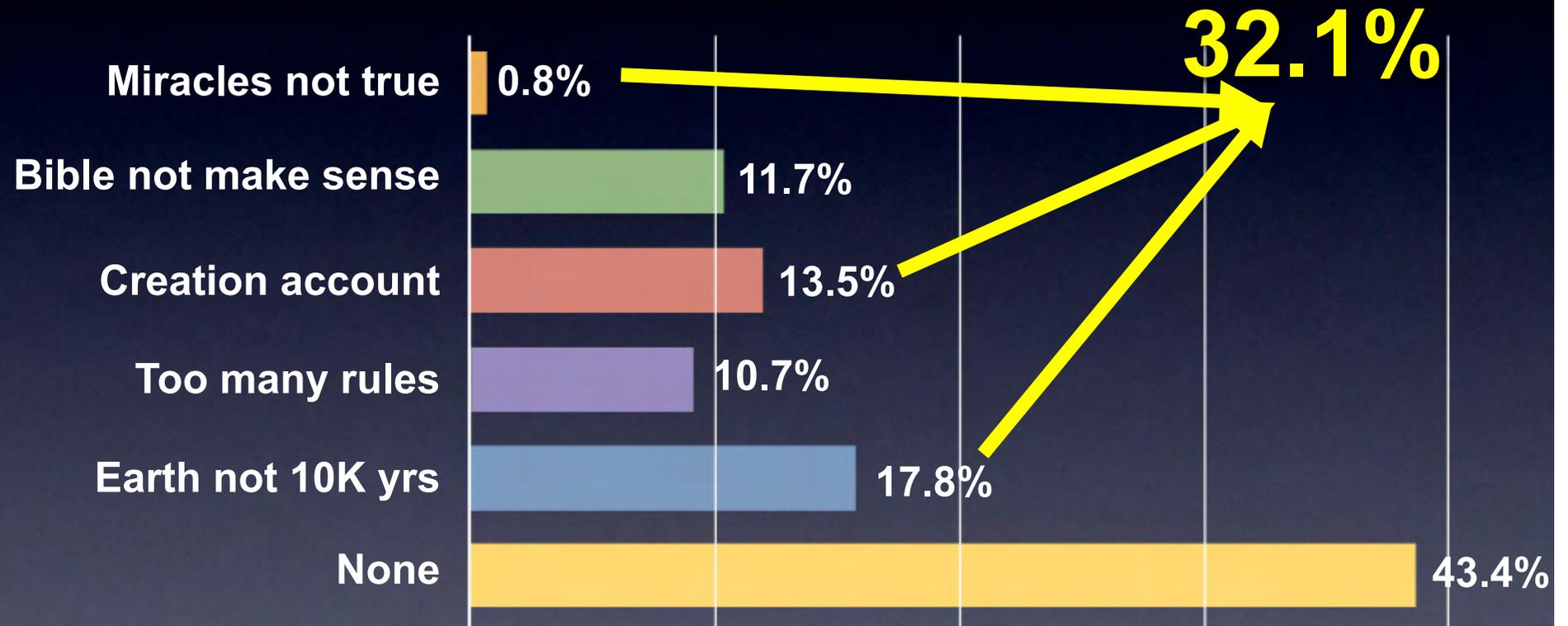


Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?



Those Who Often Attended Sunday School

Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?



Those Who Rarely Attended Sunday School

Psalm 11:3

**"If the foundations are
destroyed, what can the
righteous do?"**



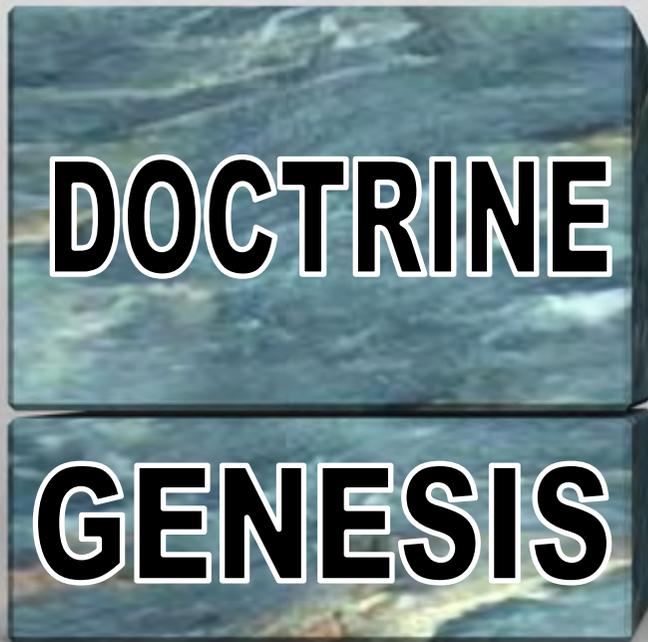






~~DOORLINE~~

~~GENESIS~~



**Genesis is foundational to all other
biblical doctrines**

DOCTRINE
GENESIS

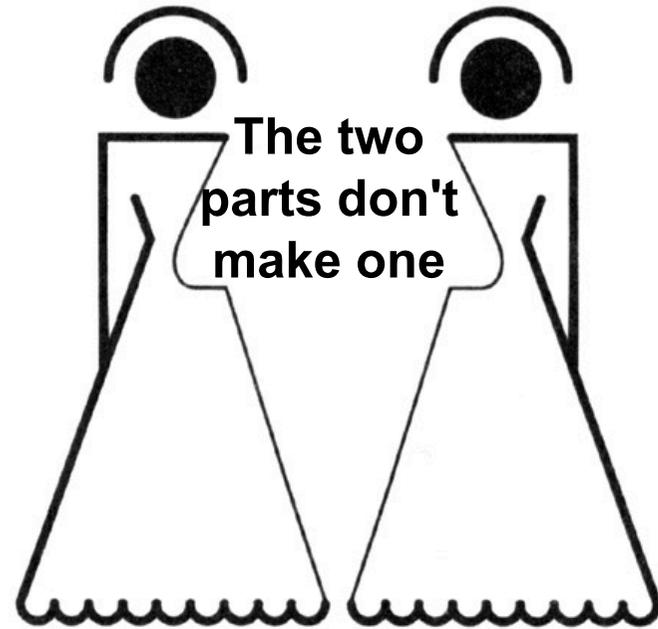
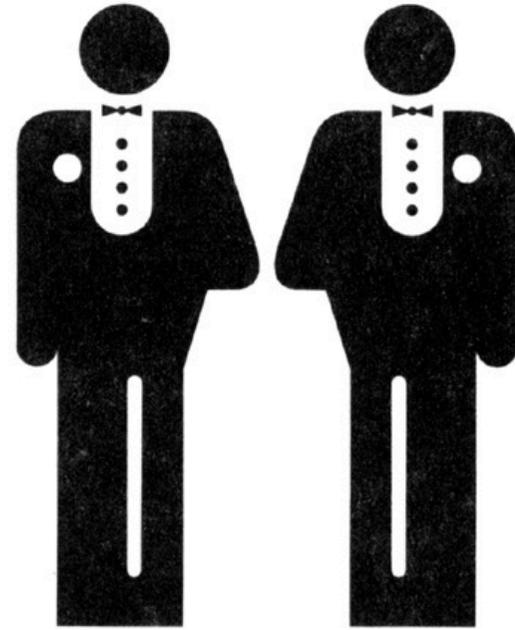
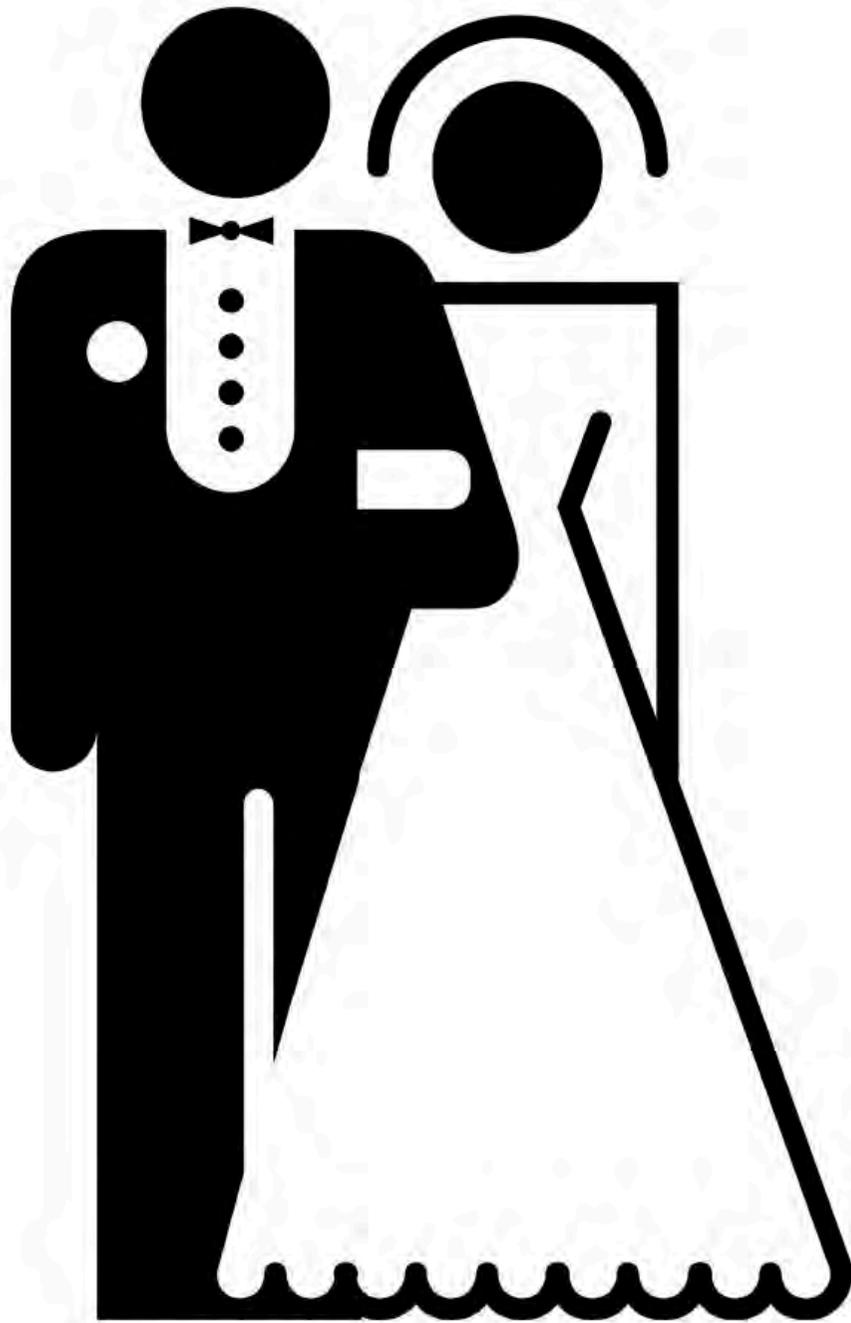
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GENESIS

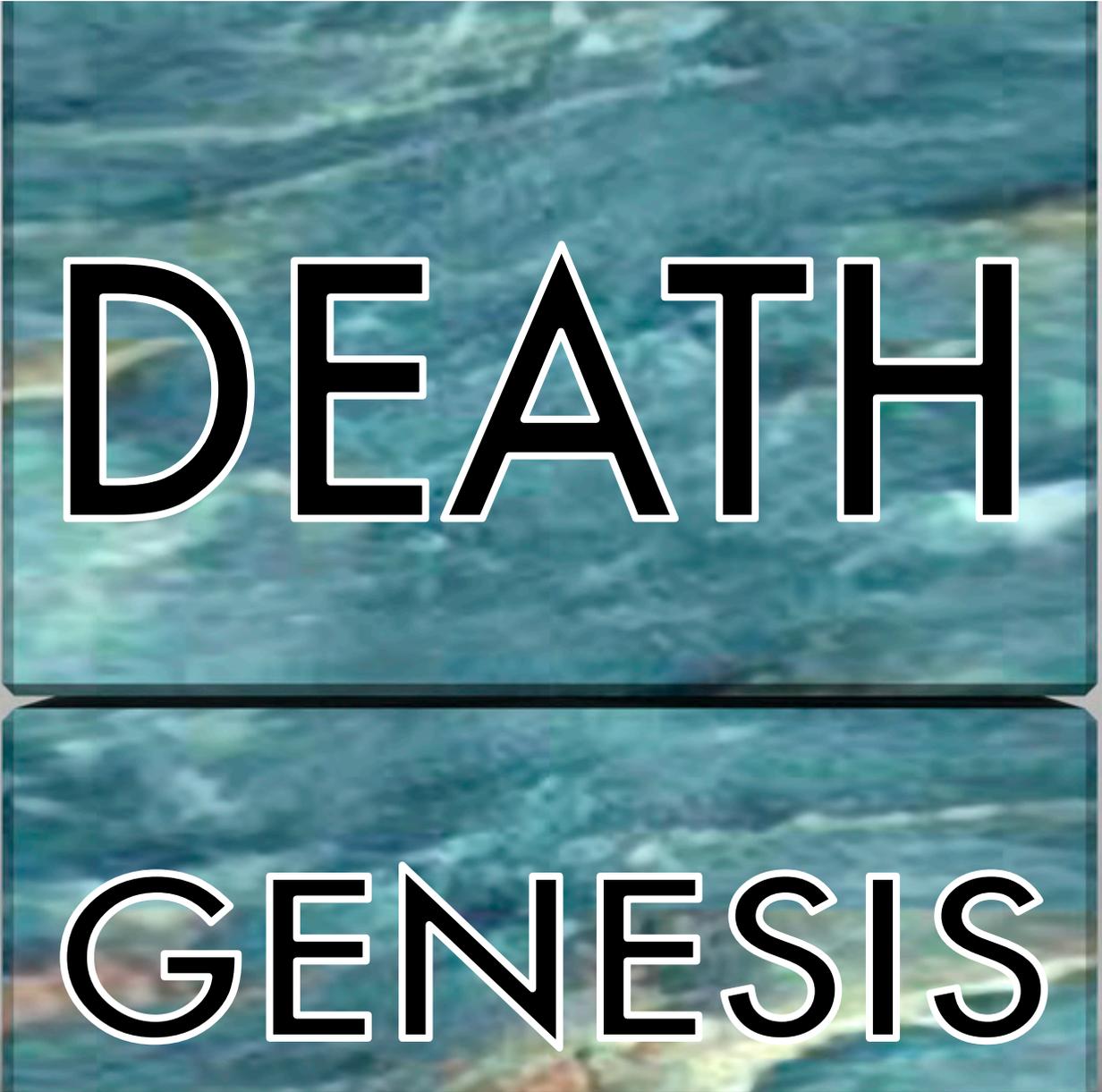
DOCTRINE
GENESIS

7-DAY WEEK
DOMINION
WORK
CURSE
NATIONS
1st COMING
2nd COMING
GENESIS

DOCTRINE
GENESIS

MARRIAGE
GENESIS





DEATH

GENESIS

Genesis is foundational to the
doctrine of **death**



WHY?



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Why would a loving God allow earthquakes?



**FOSSIL
RECORD**

**MILLIONS
OF YEARS**

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**PAIN
DEATH
KILLING
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EXTINCTION**

EVOLUTION

MILLIONS OF YEARS

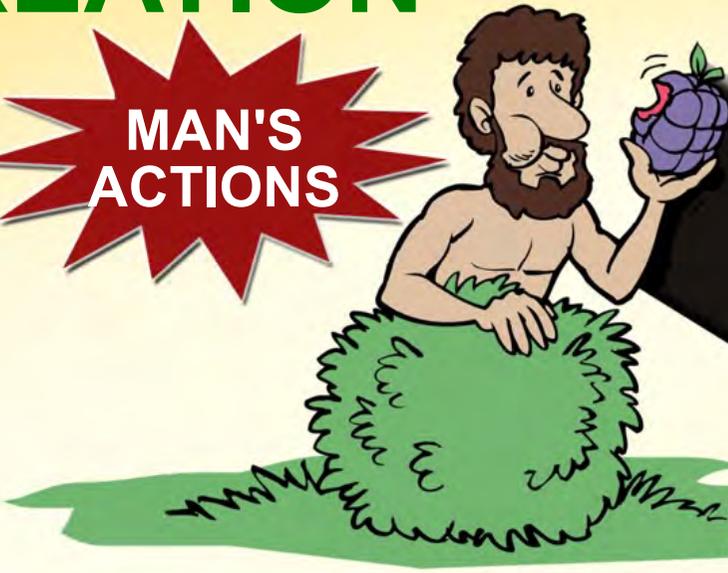


DEATH
Suffering Disease Bloodshed



**MAN'S
EXISTENCE**

CREATION



SIN



Genesis 1:29-30

"Then God said, 'Behold, **I have given you** every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; ³⁰**and to every beast** of the earth **and to every bird** of the sky **and to every thing that moves** on the earth which has life, I have given **every green plant for food**'; and it was so."

Pre-Fall world:

Man and animals were vegetarians.
In the Bible, plants were not living souls.



**Your transparent appeal
to our pride and naïveté
is no match for the
security and joy we
have here in God's
presence.**





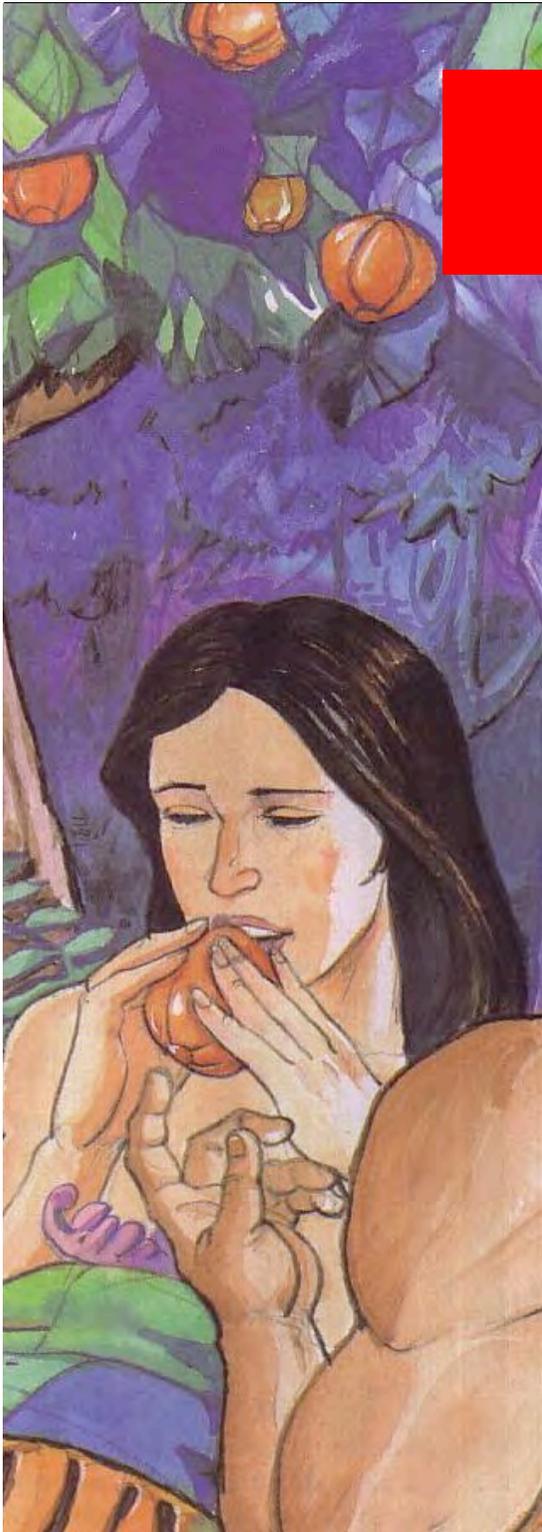
It's organic, rich in antioxidants, and now available in convenient GO-PACKS.

We'll take **two.**

והנחש היה ערום מכל חית השדה אשר עשה יהוה אלהים

The Sad Results

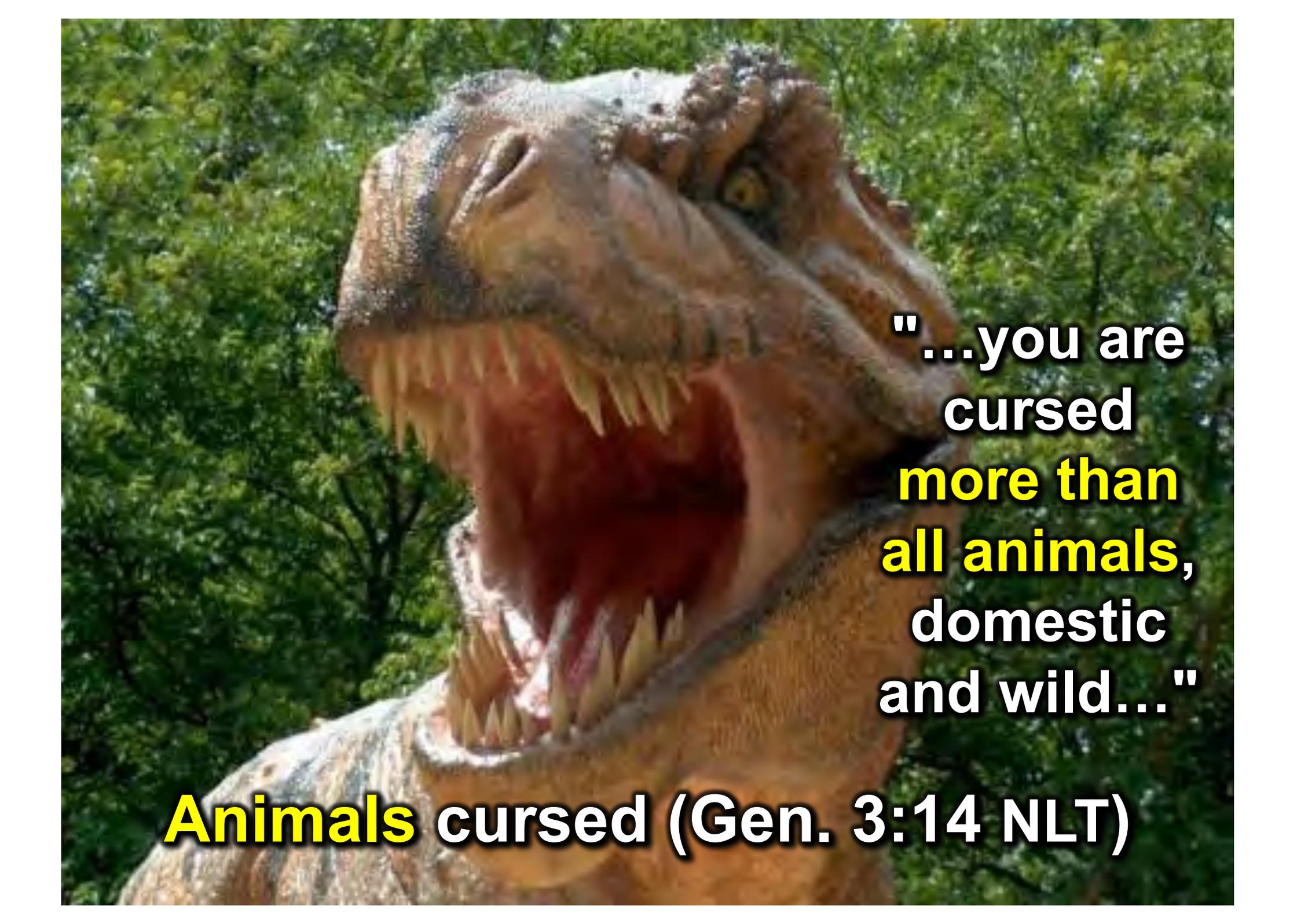
The Fall brought
many
consequences



A woman with long brown hair is looking at a snake. The snake is light-colored with dark spots and is coiled around a tree branch. The background is a blurred natural setting with green foliage and a tree trunk.

Serpent judged physically
(Gen. 3:14)

"Then the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed... You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.'"



**"...you are
cursed
more than
all animals,
domestic
and wild..."**

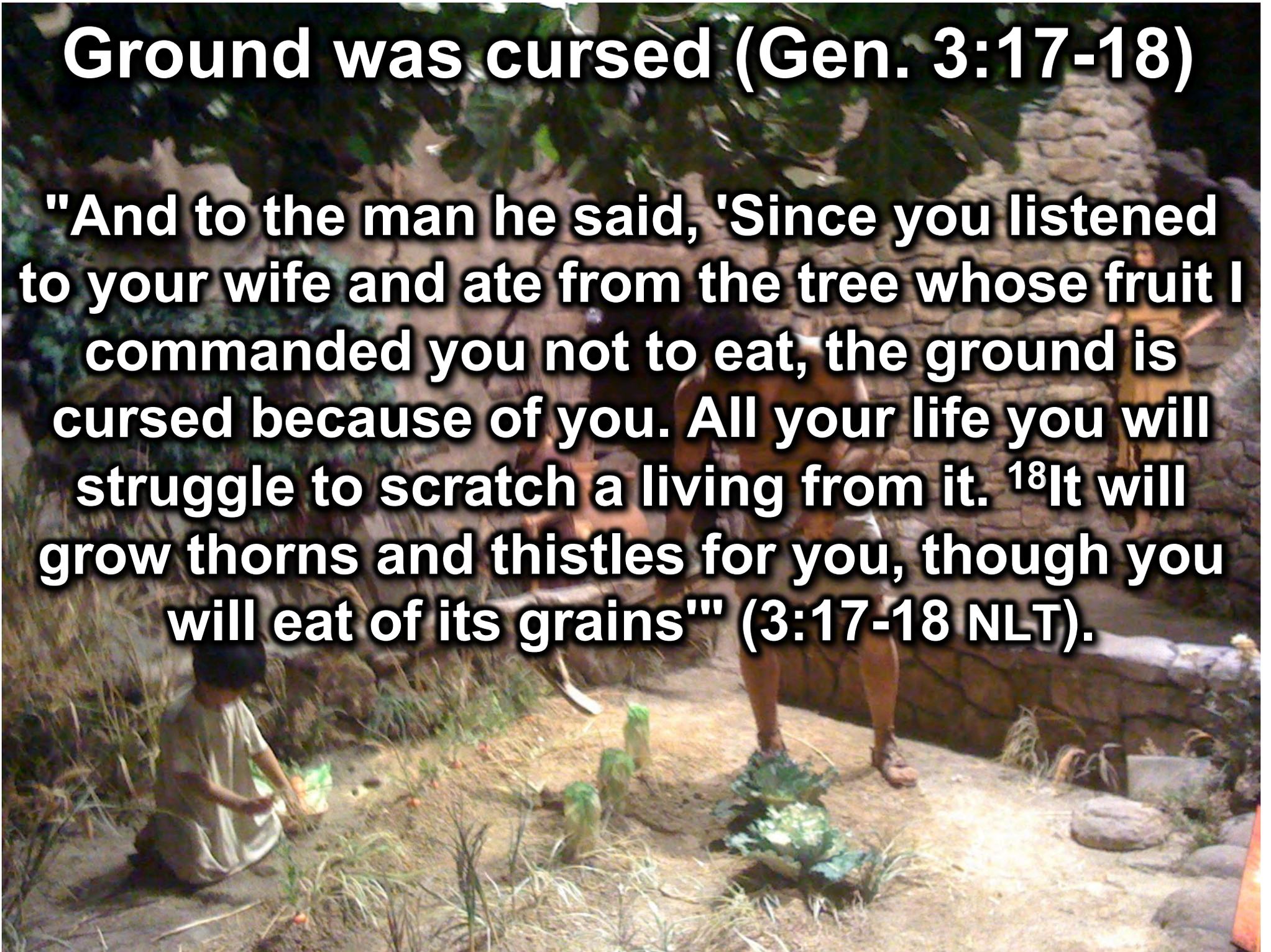
Animals cursed (Gen. 3:14 NLT)

Eve judged **physically: increased
pain in childbirth (Gen. 3:16)**



Ground was cursed (Gen. 3:17-18)

"And to the man he said, 'Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. ¹⁸It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains'" (3:17-18 NLT).



Adam & Eve began to die **physically**



"By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return" (3:19 NLT).

Implied Death

**Redemption
through a
sacrifice gave
them animal skin
coverings**



Genesis 3:21

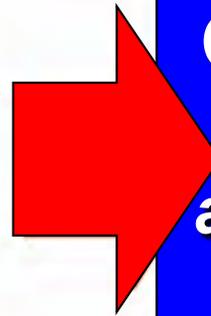
Creation in bondage to corruption (Rom. 8:19-23)

"For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, ²¹the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay"
(Rom. 8:19-21 NLT).

***Which
will you
believe?***

If God
cursed the
earth with
thorns
AFTER

Adam
sinned...

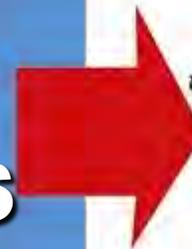


Genesis 3:18

***"Both thorns
and thistles will
grow for you"***



**WHY
do we find
FOSSIL
THORNS
from
"millions of
years ago"?**



Psilophyton crenulatum



**Lower
Devonian
360-408
million years**



One of 10,000 dinosaur bones X-rayed in the USA

John Whitehead, "Dinosaurs got cancer," *Discover*, 21 Oct. 2003, <www.nature.com>.

"Many dinosaurs had *cancer*, researchers have discovered. Their tumours were **like those of human patients, showing that cancer has been around, essentially unchanged, for a very long time. **'Diseases look the same independent of what critter is affected,'** says Bruce Rothschild ..."**

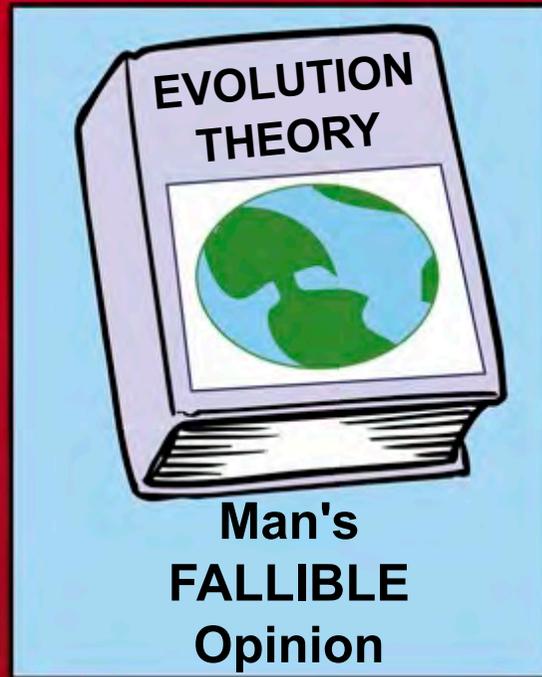
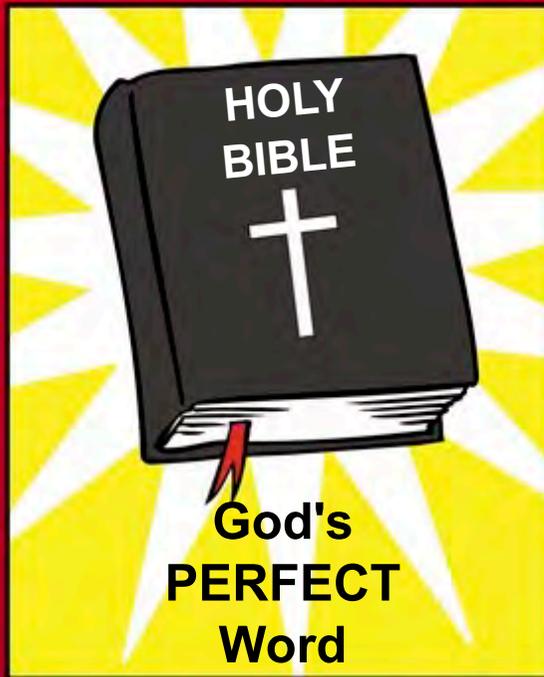
Disease in fossil humans are "dated" to be much older than any acceptable date for Adam

Evolution

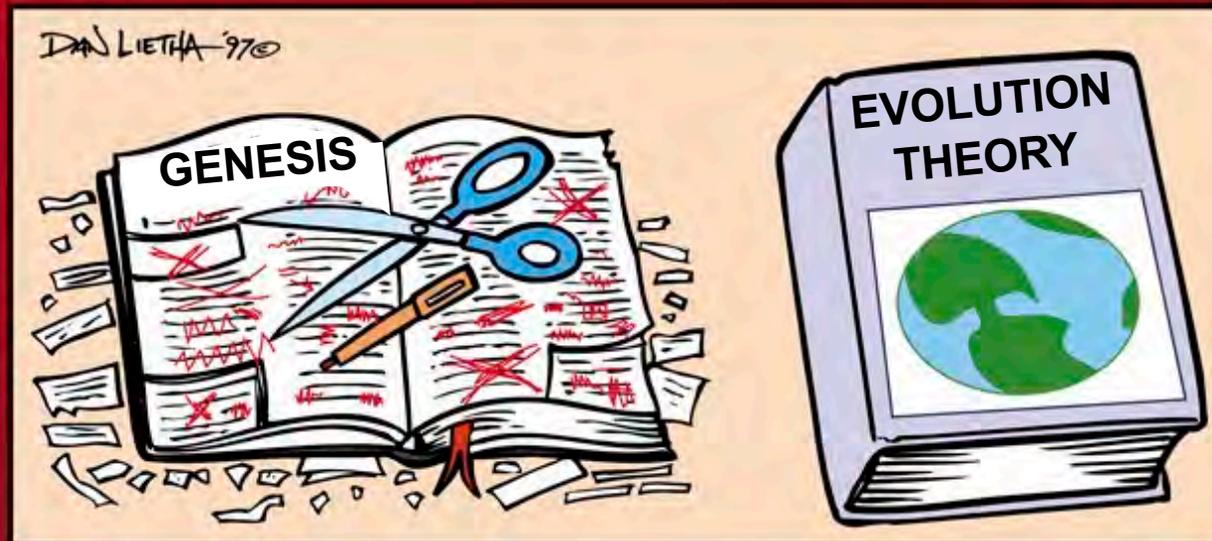


The Bible





**When people
TRY to make
them agree,
guess which
one gets
"MODIFIED"?**



OH ADAM, THIS IS SUCH A PERFECT WORLD!

MILLIONS OF YEARS

FOSSIL RECORD

LEVEL
SEA
RUGG
UFFERIN
EXTINCTION

FOSSIL
RECORD

Noah's FLOOD

STORY
SUFFER
EXTINCT





GARDEN OF EDEN

PAIN
DEATH
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Mass Extinctions

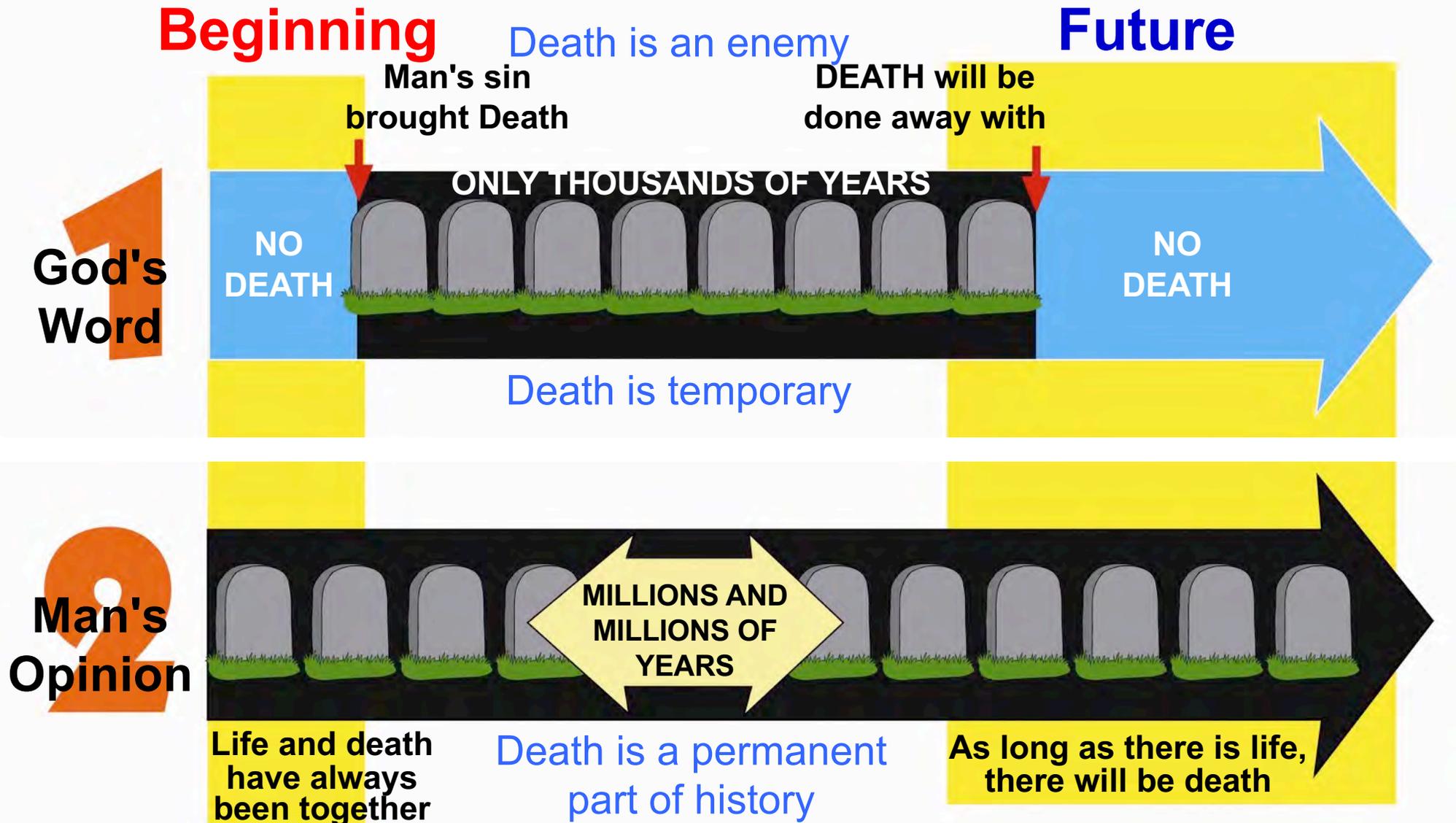
FOSSIL RECORD

Noah's Flood

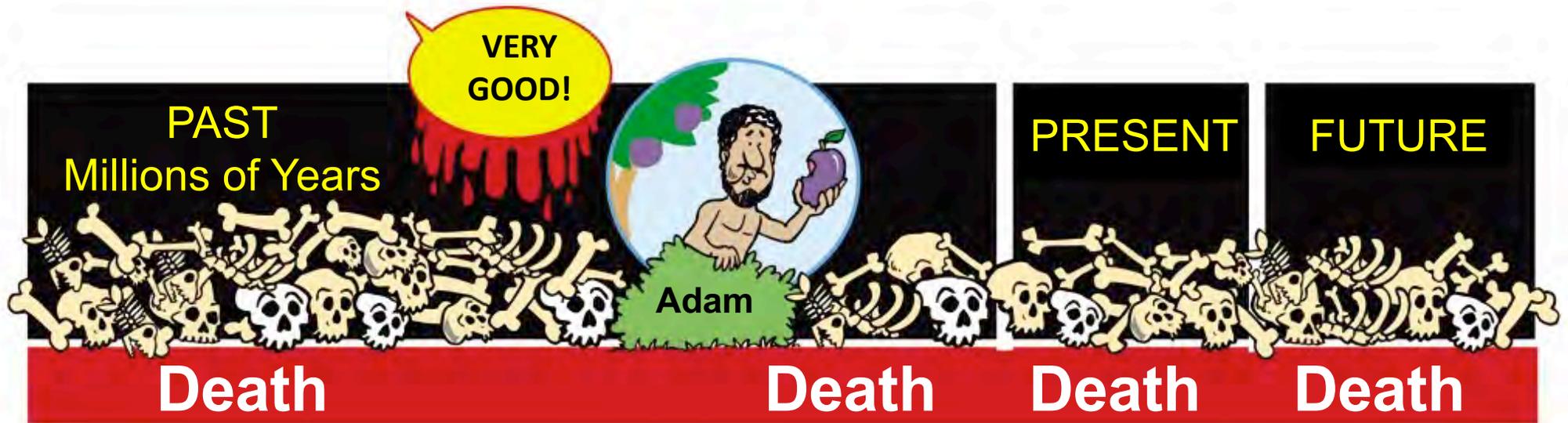
Fossil Graveyards

How long has death existed (Rom. 5:12)?

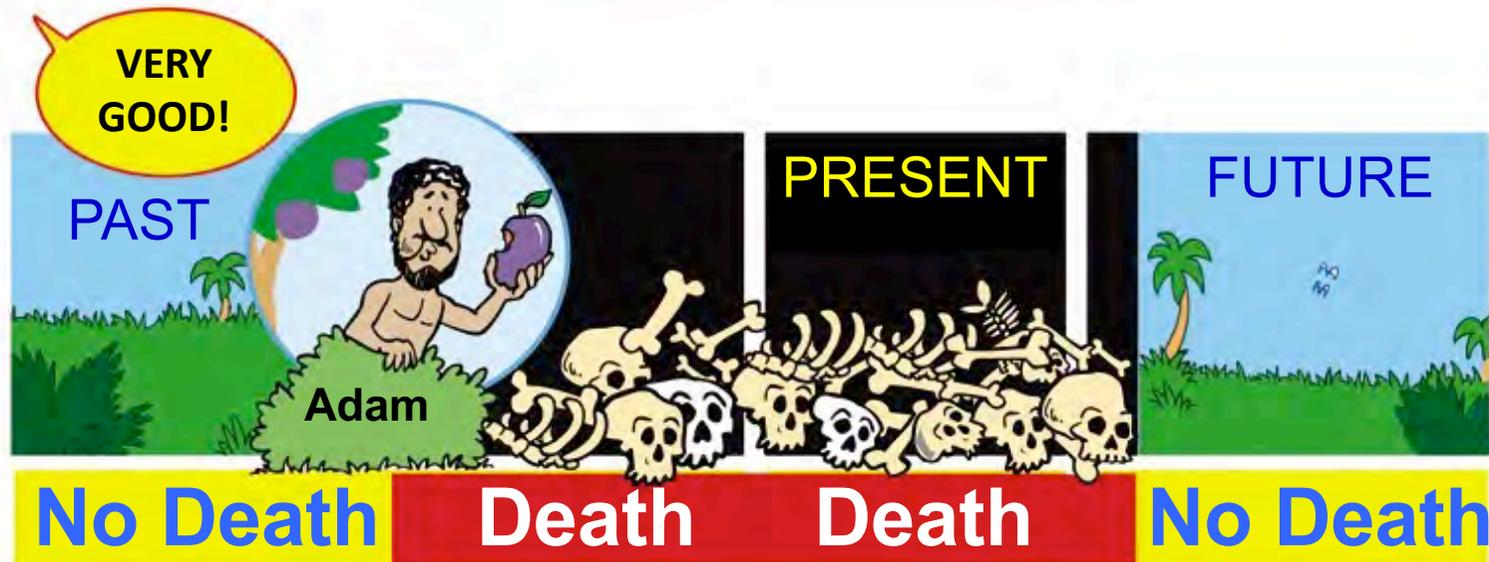
Two Histories of *Death*



Which View of Death Matches Romans 5:12?



Genesis is foundational to the doctrine of **God**



WHERE DO YOU "FIT" MILLIONS OF YEARS?

Somewhere?

Between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2
(gap theorists)

Spread the millions of years out in the six "days"
(progressive creationists and theistic evolutionists)



Exodus 20:11

"For **in six days** the Lord made the heavens and earth, the sea, and **all that is in them**, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."





Back in my
grandfather's **day**
it took 12 **days**
to drive across the
country in the **day.**



Are we
there yet?

Genesis 1: Literal Days

1. *Yom* is defined literally in v. 5

Genesis 1:5

"God called the light **day**, and the darkness He called **night**. And there was **evening** and there was **morning**, one **day**."



Genesis 1: Literal Days

1. *Yom* is defined literally in v. 5
2. *Yom* with numerical adjectives
3. *Yom* with "evening" & "morning"
4. *Yom* is defined literally in v. 14

Genesis 1:14

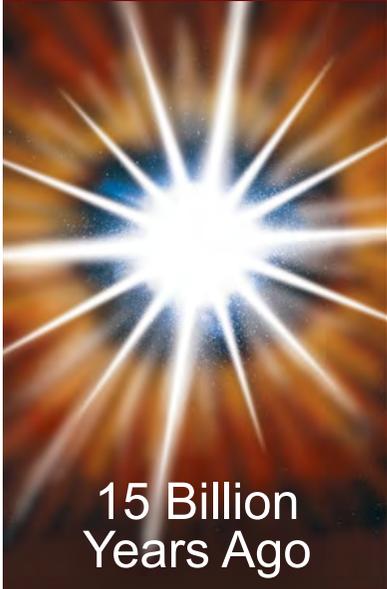
"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the **day** from the **night**, and let them be for signs and for **seasons** and for **days** and **years**.'"



Time Since First Day of Creation

5 days before Adam (Genesis 1)	= 5 days
Adam to Abraham (Genesis 5 & 11)	= ~ 2,000 yrs.
Abraham to Christ	= ~ 2,000 yrs.
Christ to present	= ~ 2,000 yrs.
Total	= ~ 6,000 yrs.

Big Bang



15 Billion
Years Ago

**Progressive
Creation**

**Theistic
Evolution**

COMMON FACTOR

**Framework
Hypothesis**

**Other
Compromise
Positions**

**Gap
Theory**

MILLIONS OF YEARS

Progressive
Creation

X

Theistic
Evolution

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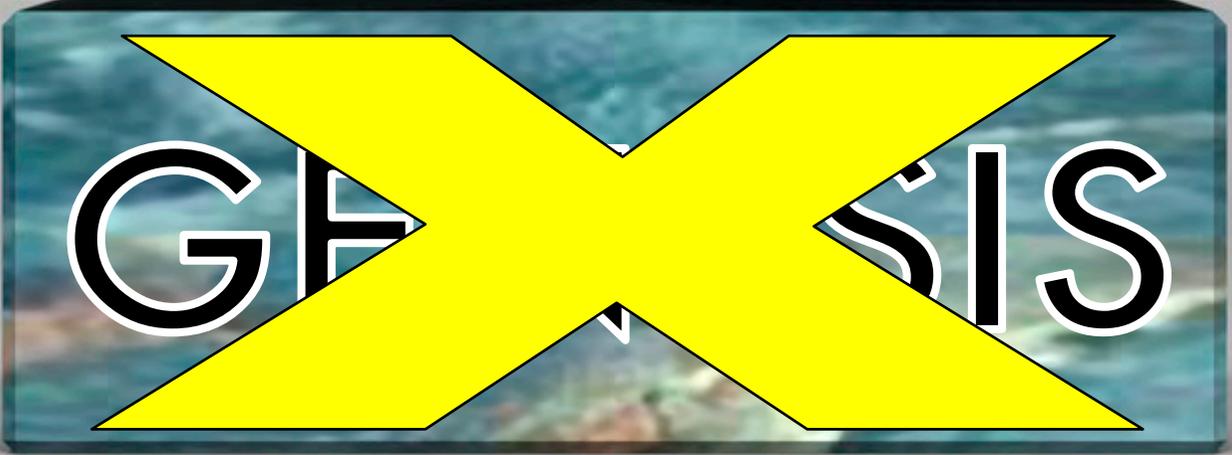
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GOSPEL



GENESIS

Genesis is foundational to the **gospel**

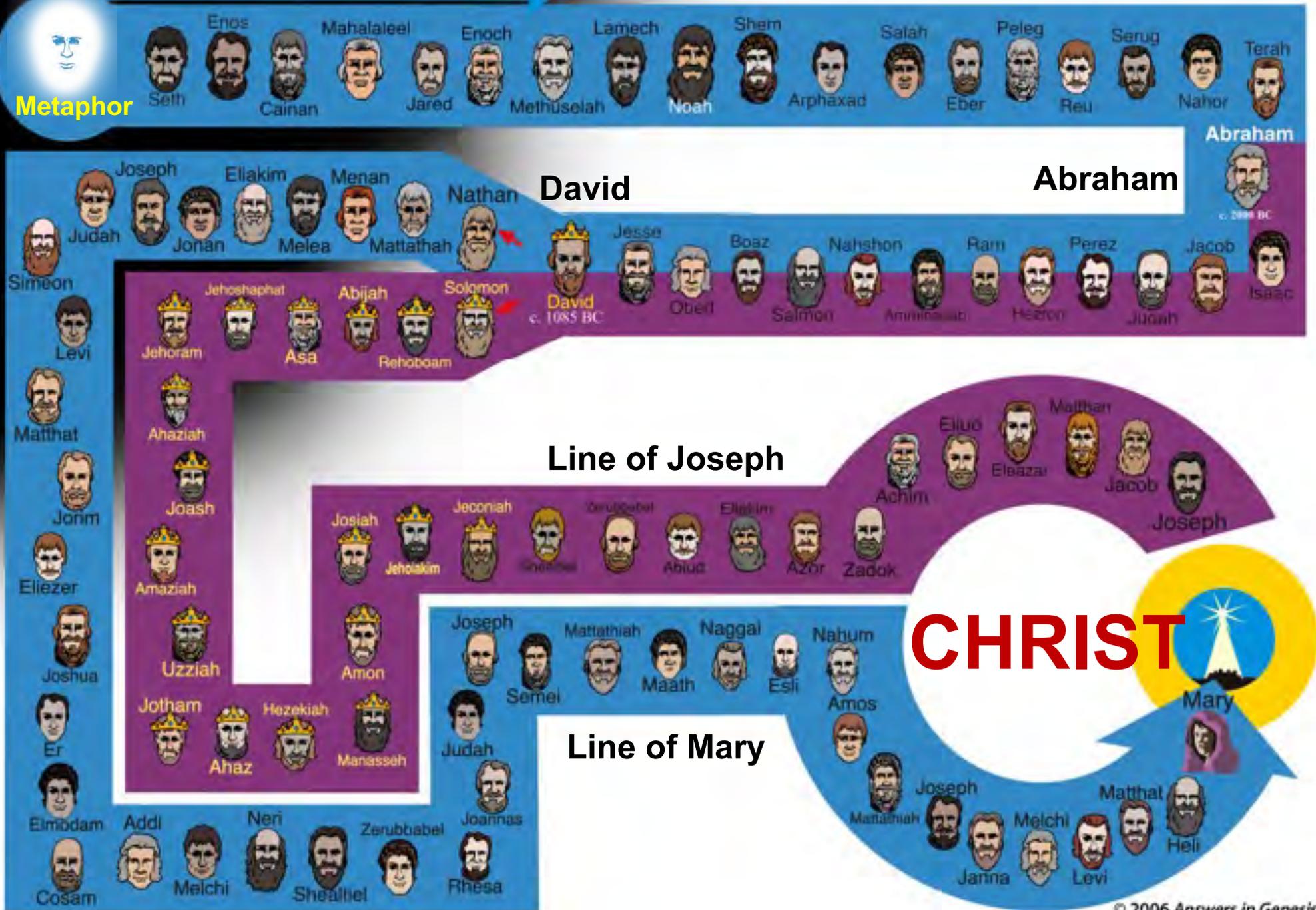
Genesis 3:15

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."



From Metaphor to Christ?

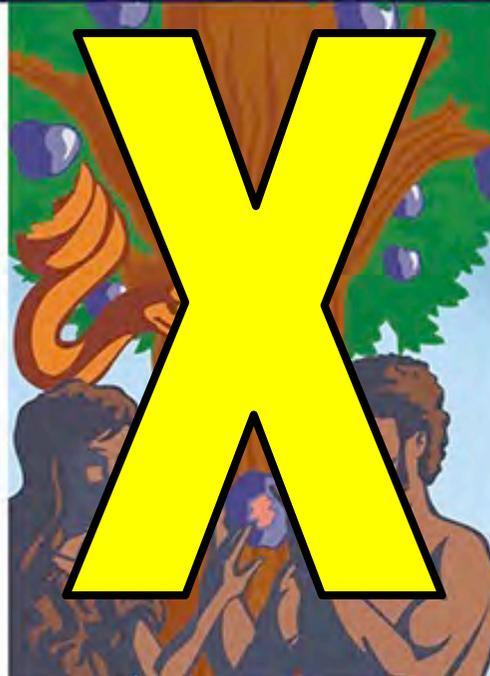
Metaphor



**Jesus
Christ
"The Last
Adam"
1 Cor. 15:45**



**For as in Adam all die,
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Cor. 15:22**



**"The
First
Adam"
1 Cor. 15:45**

"The most devastating thing though that biology did to Christianity was the discovery of biological evolution. Now that we know that Adam and Eve never were real people the central myth of Christianity is destroyed. If there never was an Adam and Eve, there never was an original sin..."

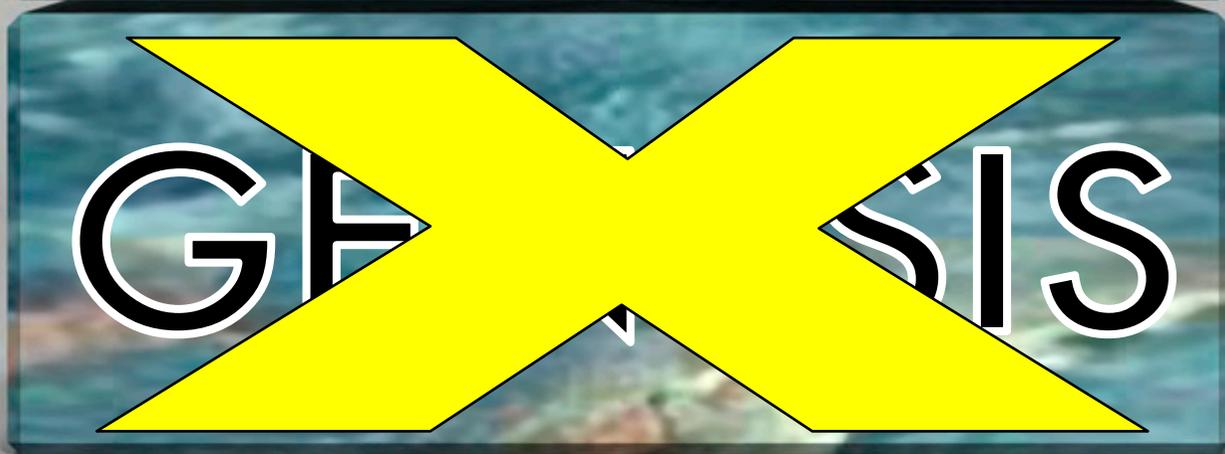


Frank Zindler

"If there was never an original sin, there is no need of salvation. If there is no need of salvation, there is no need of a savior. And I submit that puts Jesus, historical or otherwise, into the ranks of the unemployed. I think that evolution is absolutely the death knell of Christianity."



Frank Zindler (American atheist, in a debate with Dr. William Lane Craig), *Atheism vs Christianity* (video), Zondervan, 1996.



Genesis is foundational to **morality**



EVOLUTION & ATHEISM

"Let me summarize my views on what modern evolutionary biology tells us loud and clear. ... There are no gods, no purposes, no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death."



William B. Provine (Prof. of Biology, Cornell Univ.), *Origins Research*, 16:1/2 (1994), p. 9.

EVOLUTION & ATHEISM

"When I die, I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That's the end for me. There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning to life and no free will for humans, either."



William B. Provine (Prof. of Biology, Cornell Univ.), *Origins Research*, 16:1/2 (1994), p. 9.



My thinking in every area

6 CREATION DAYS

IN YOUR PAST

GOD IS AUTHORITY

GOD SETS THE RULES

OR

MILLIONS OF YEARS

IN YOUR PAST

MAN IS AUTHORITY
RELATIVE MORALITY



My thinking in every area

Gay
Marriage

Abortion

Euthanasia

Moral
Relativism

THE PROBLEM

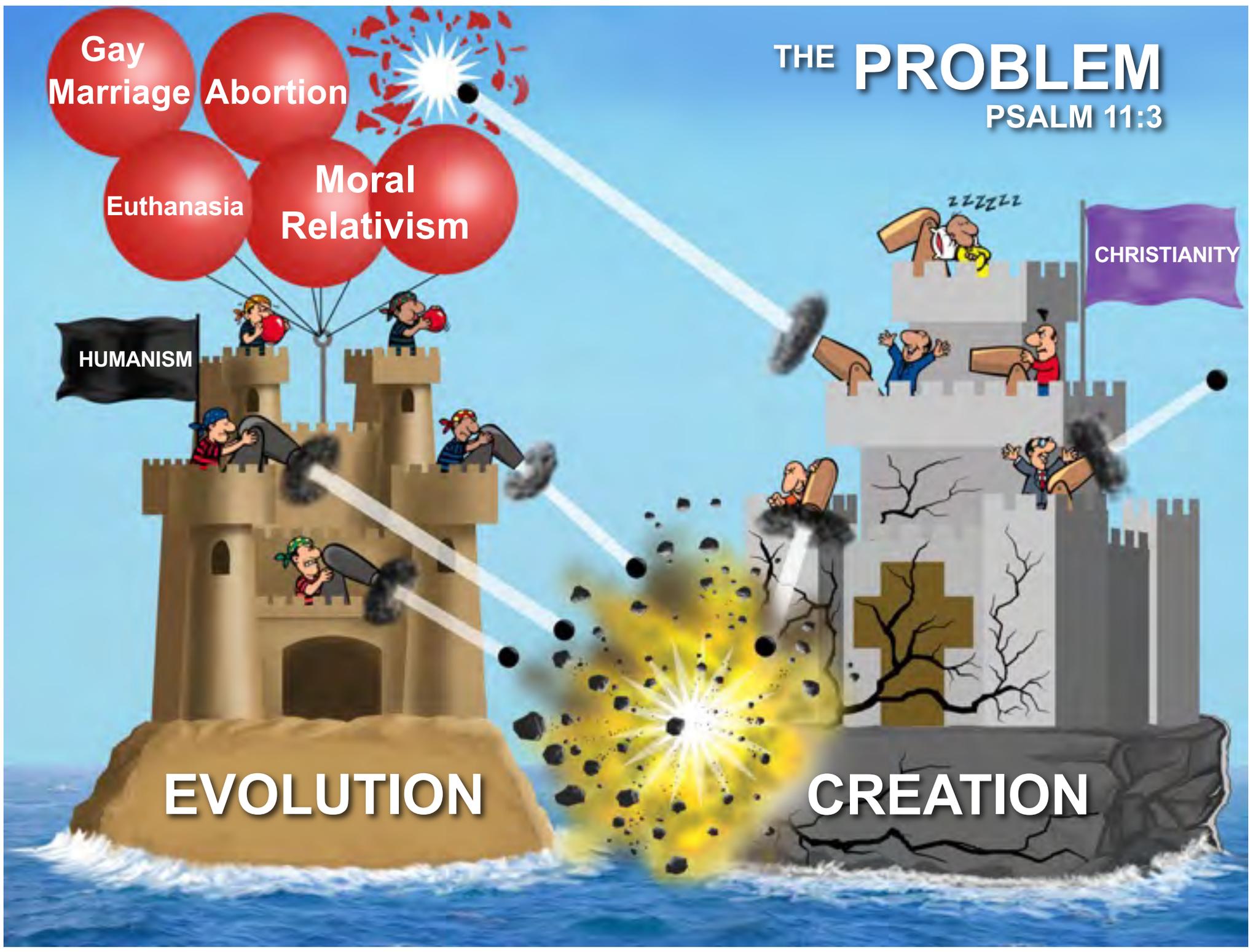
PSALM 11:3

HUMANISM

CHRISTIANITY

EVOLUTION

CREATION



REMOVE
GOD FROM
PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

REMOVE
THE CROSS
FROM
PUBLIC
PLACES

PRAYER OUT
OF PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

NO CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS

GAY
MARRIAGE

NO PUBLIC
NATIVITY
SCENES

SCHOOL
VIOLENCE

CREATION
OUT OF
PUBLIC
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REMOVAL OF
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HUMANISM

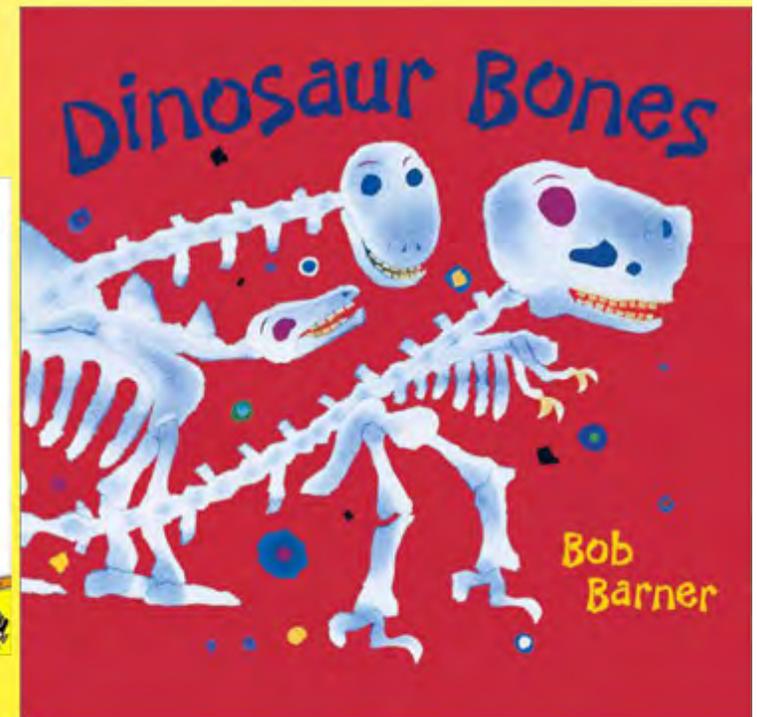
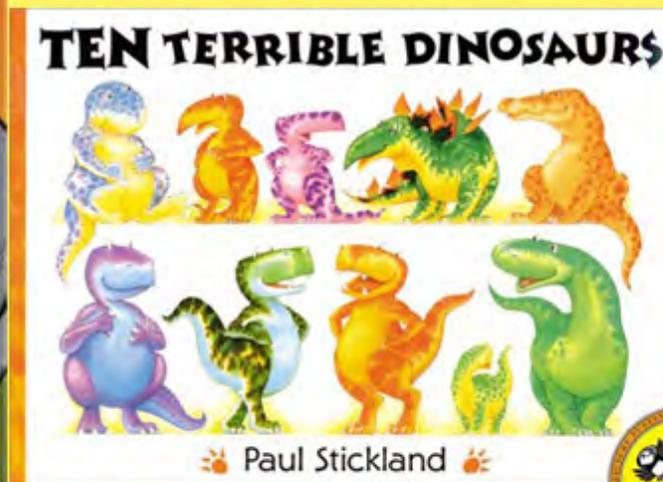
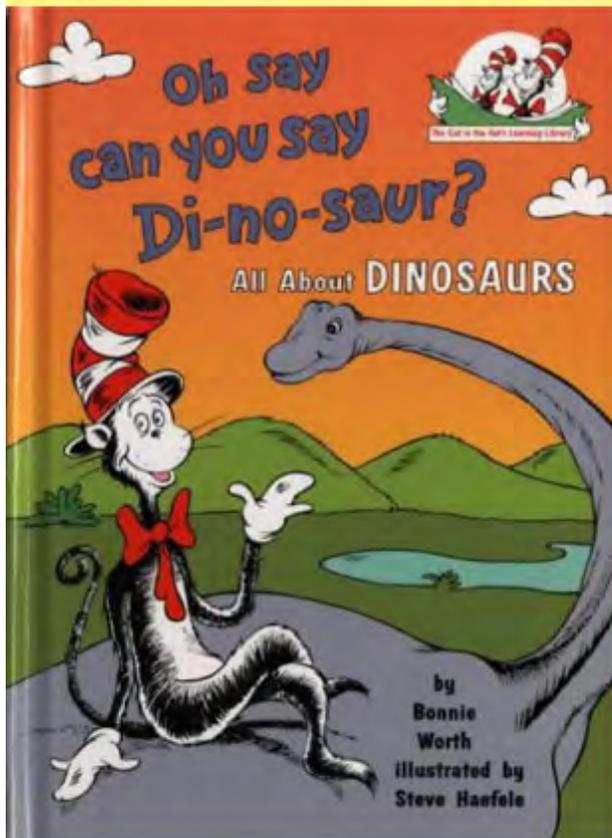
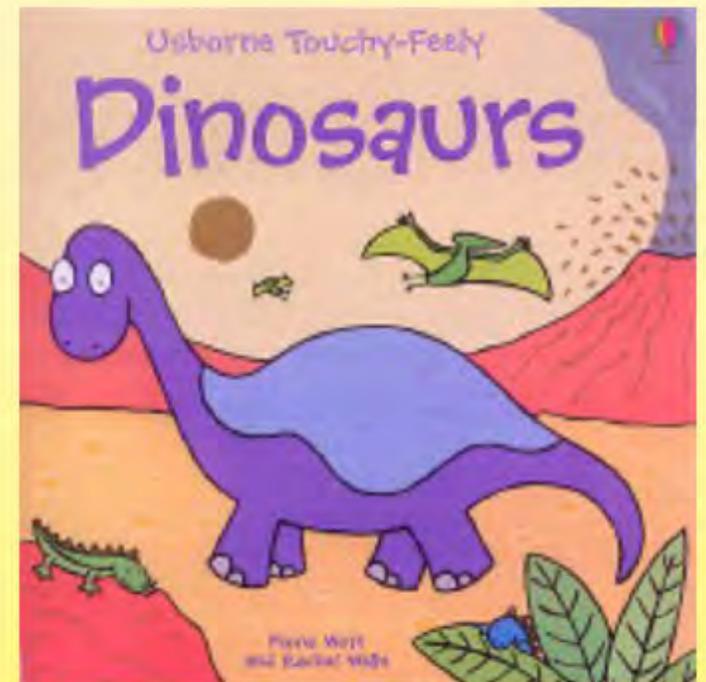
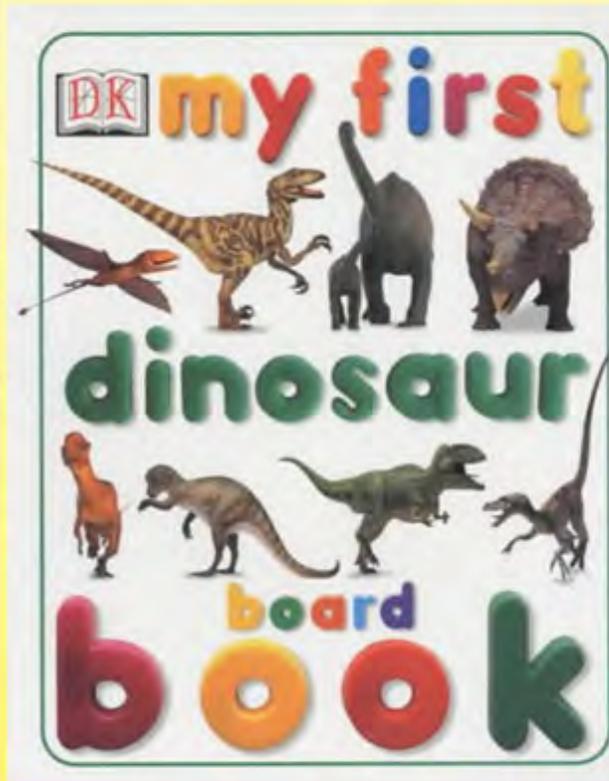
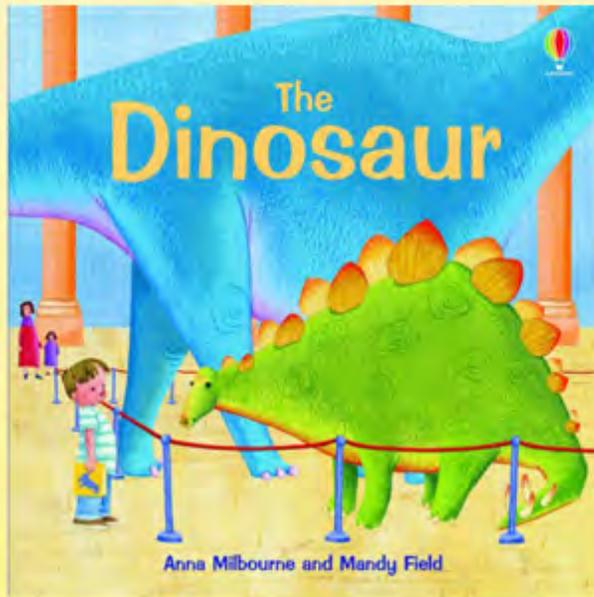


Results of Humanism

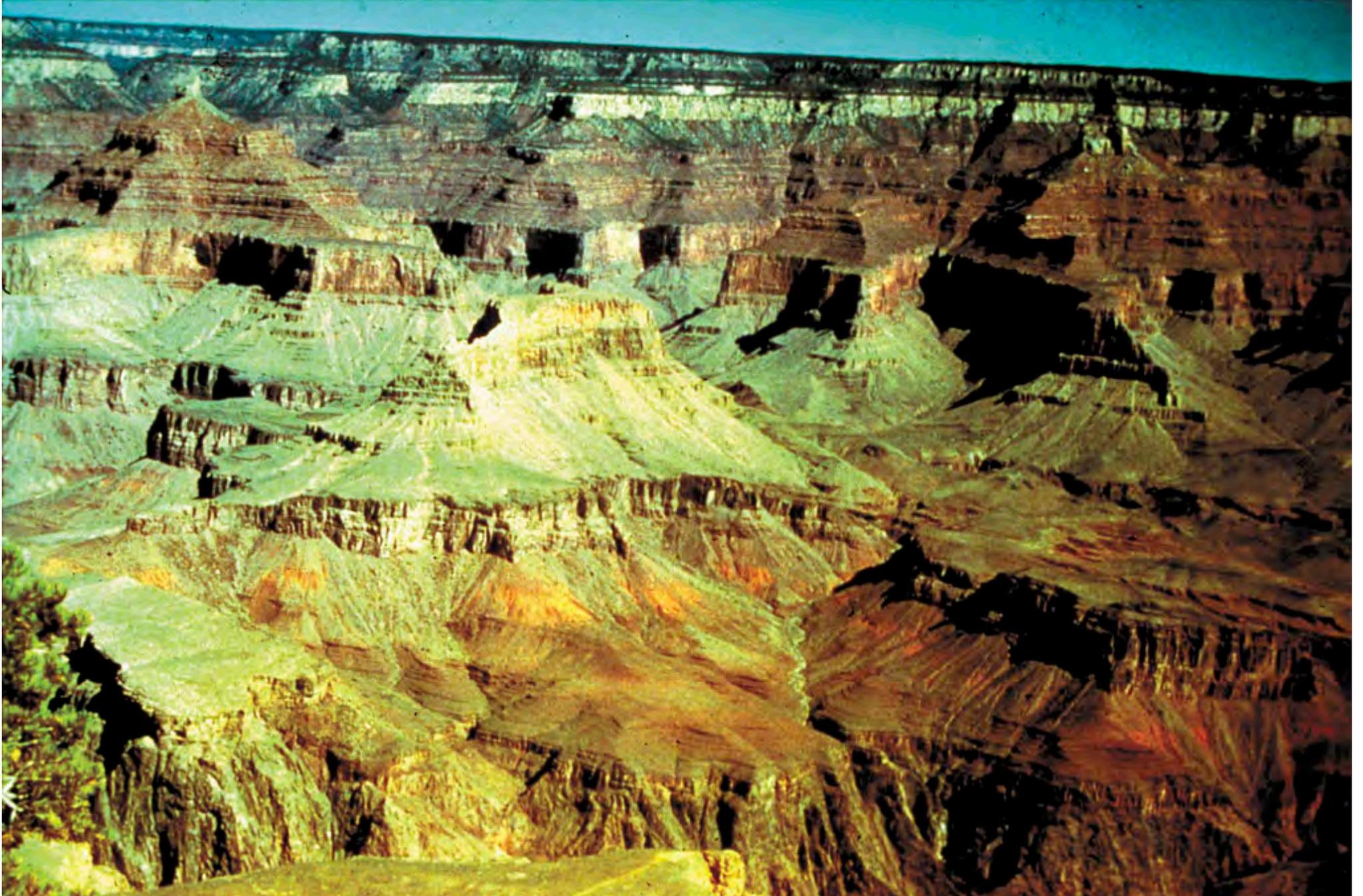
The Media assumes evolution is true



THE WORLD

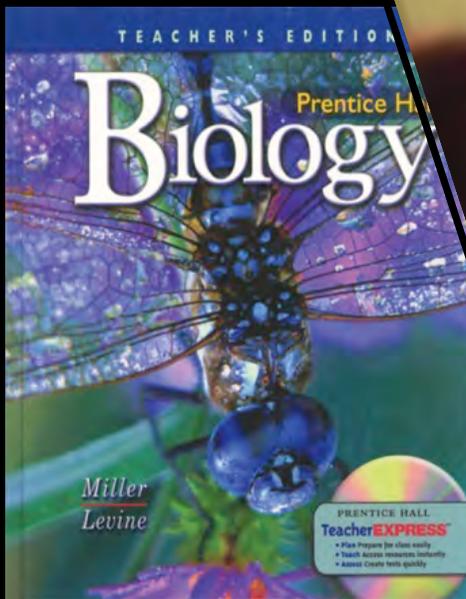
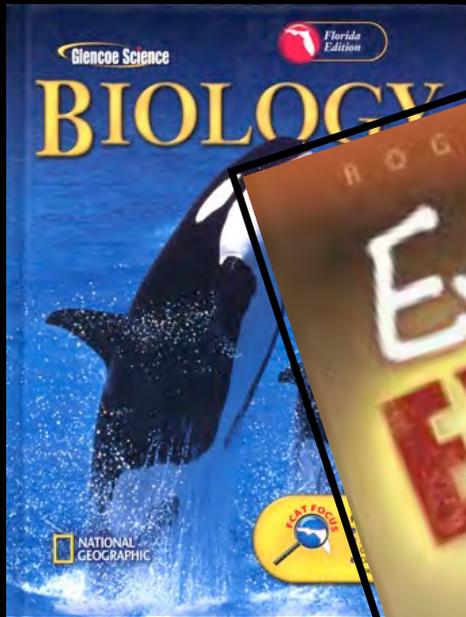


Grand Canyon National Park





Natural History Museum, London



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36°F, Overcast

Thu: 45°F / 38°F

Fri: 41°F / 33°F

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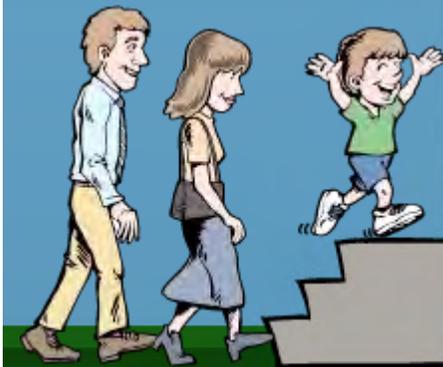


Turning Church Kids into Skeptics

**BIBLE-
BELIEVING**

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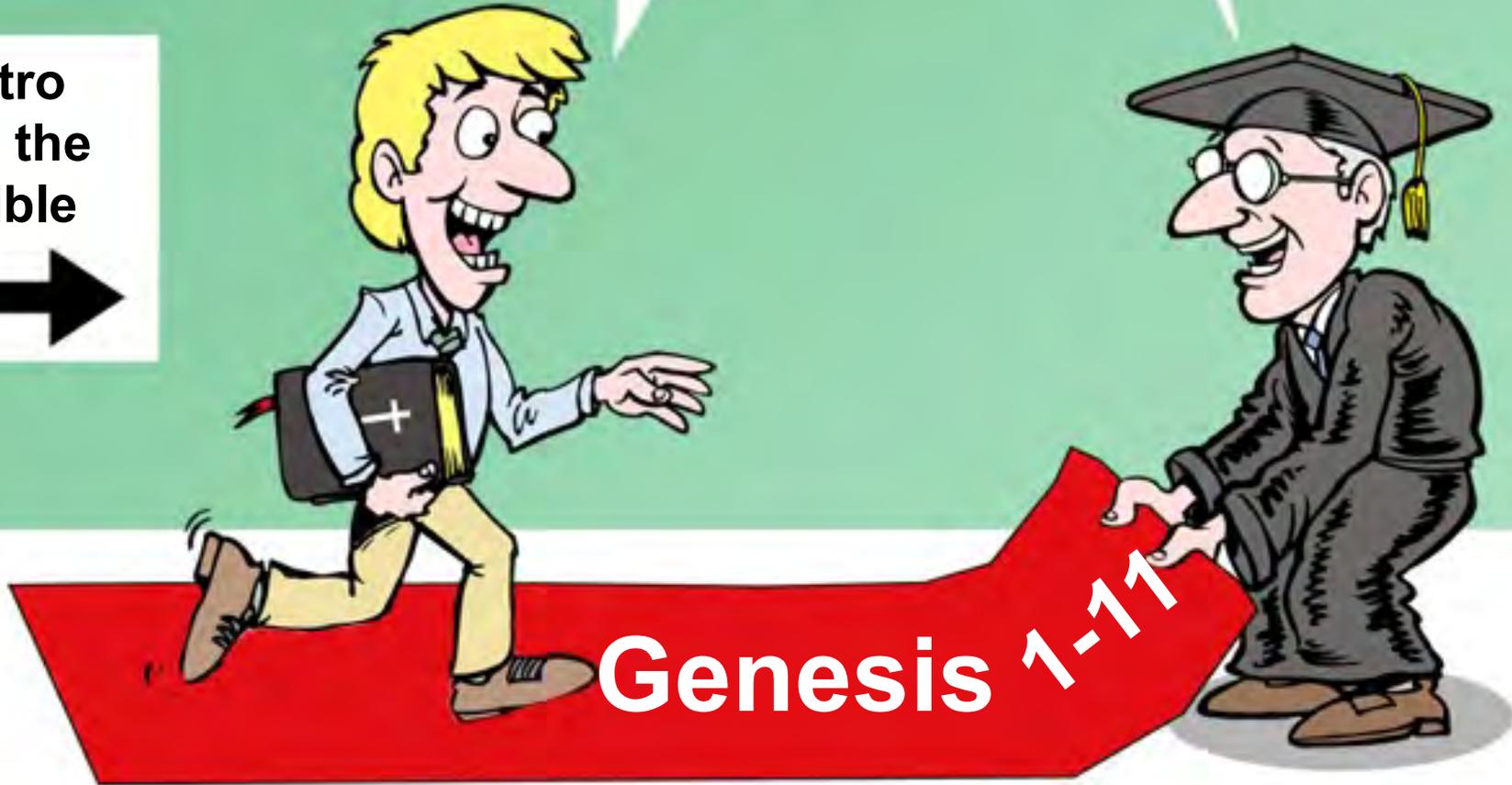
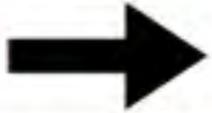
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Media &
Education**



HERE I AM!
READY TO
LEARN ABOUT
GOD'S WORD.

WELCOME
TO CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE!

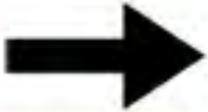
Intro
to the
Bible



Genesis 1-11

LESSON #1: DON'T BELIEVE THIS PART!

**Intro
to the
Bible**



THE SOLUTION

ISAIAH 58:12

Gay
Marriage

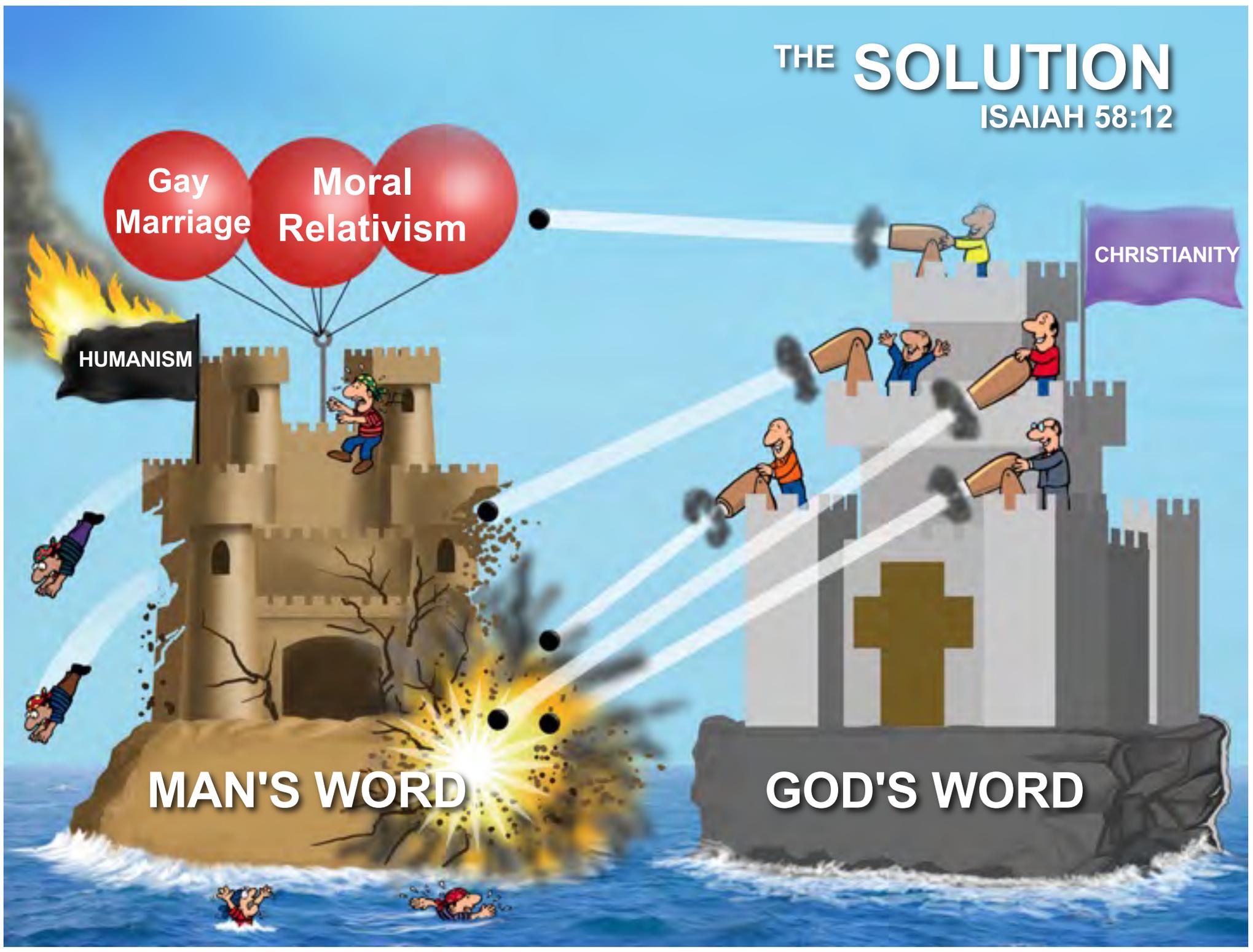
Moral
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MAN'S WORD

GOD'S WORD



1 Peter 3:15

"But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being **ready to make a defense** to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

*Genesis is foundational to the reliability and authority of **the Bible***





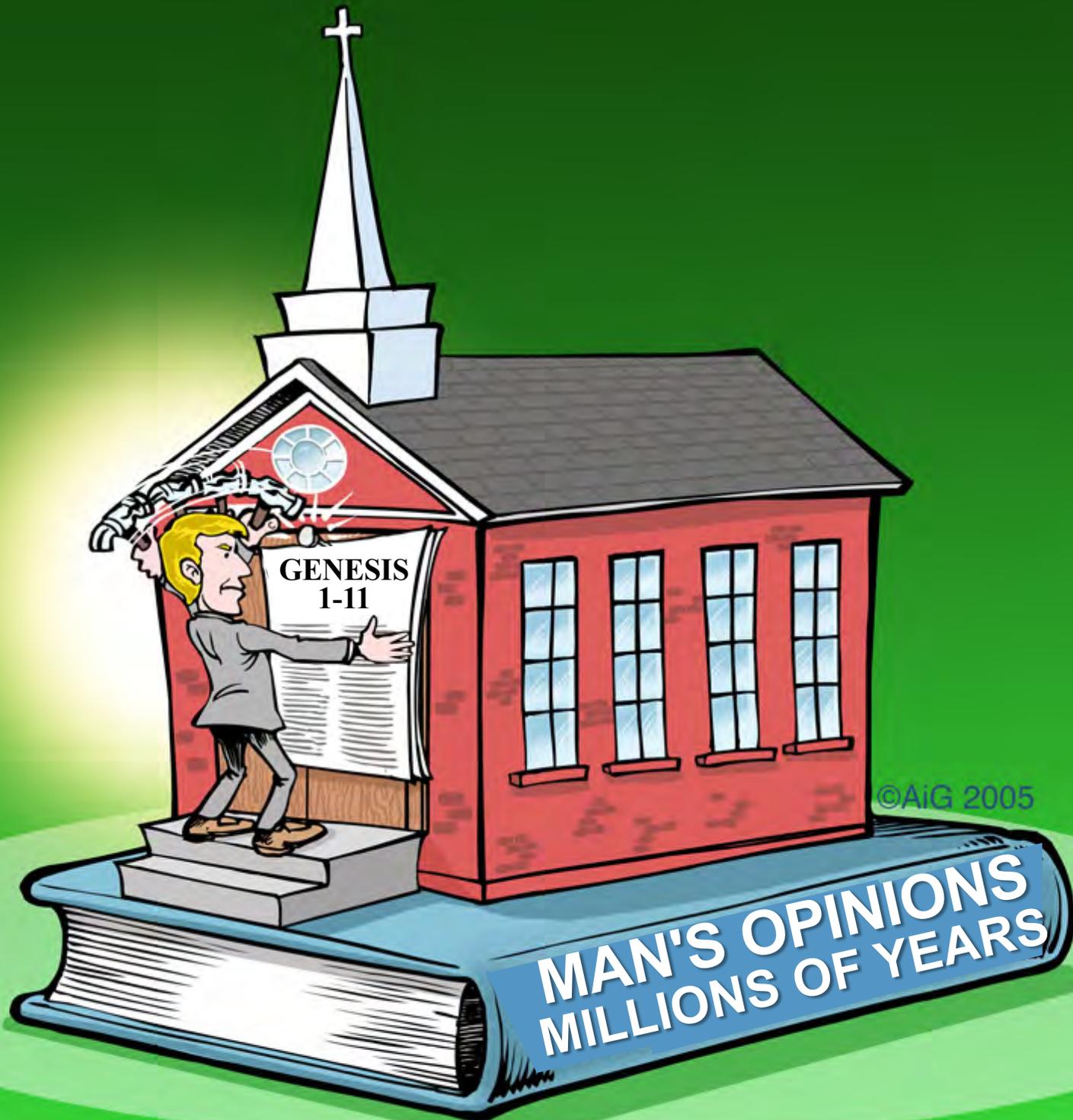
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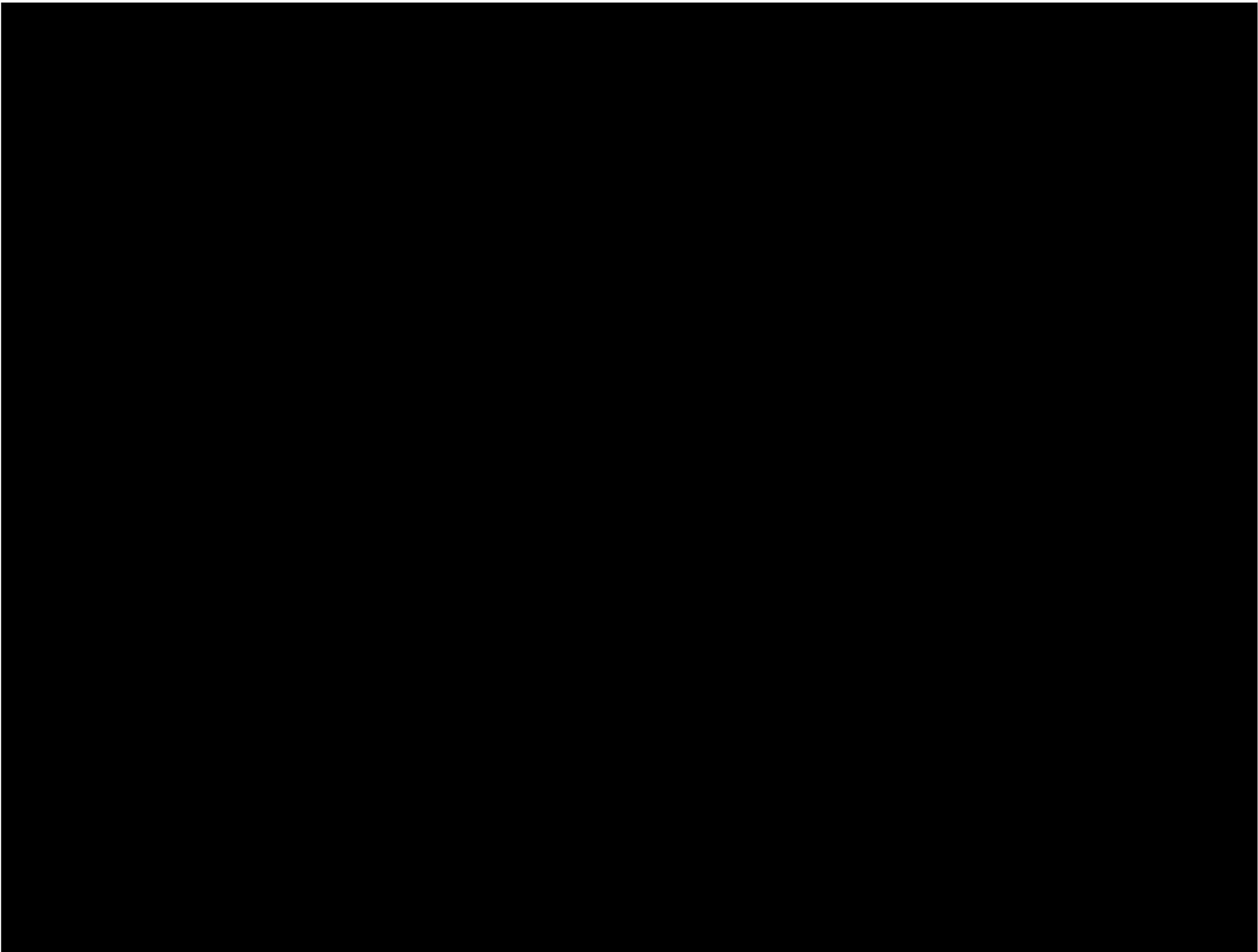
believing it. defending it. proclaiming it.

Evolution & Millions of Years: Do they really matter?

- **Destroy any basis for morality**
- **Contradict the Bible's teaching on death**
- **Make the gospel unbelievable**
- **Undermine the reliability & authority of the Bible**

Evolution & millions of years are destructive LIES!





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