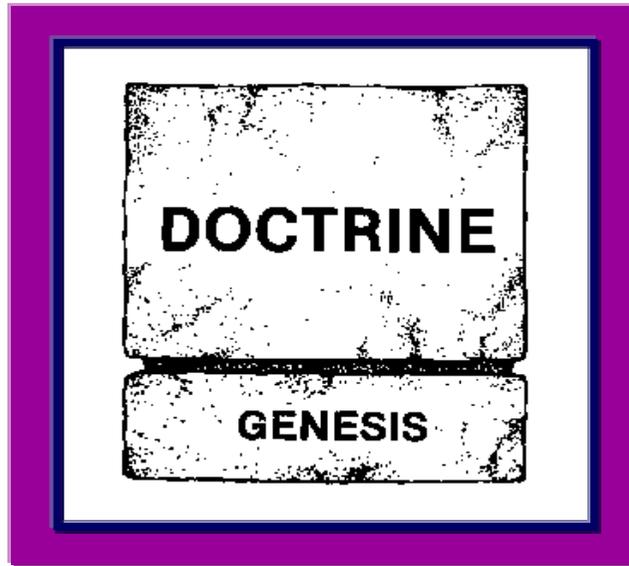


Creation / Evolution

Does It Matter What We Believe?



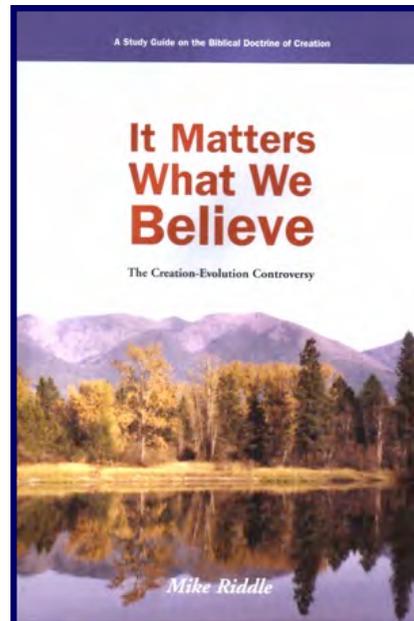
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Topics

- ◆ Two models of history
- ◆ 7 Biblical truths why it matters
- ◆ Science and why it matters
- ◆ Conclusion: Why it matters what we believe



Creation Model

- ◆ God created the universe and everything in it in 6 days
- ◆ Sin was the cause of death
- ◆ God destroyed the world by a worldwide flood
- ◆ Man was created in the image of God

God created ALL things

Evolution Model

- ◆ About 15 billion years ago the universe exploded into existence
- ◆ About 4.6 billion years ago the earth evolved
- ◆ About 3.5 billion years ago life evolved
- ◆ Humans evolved from ape-like creatures

Time, chance, and natural processes

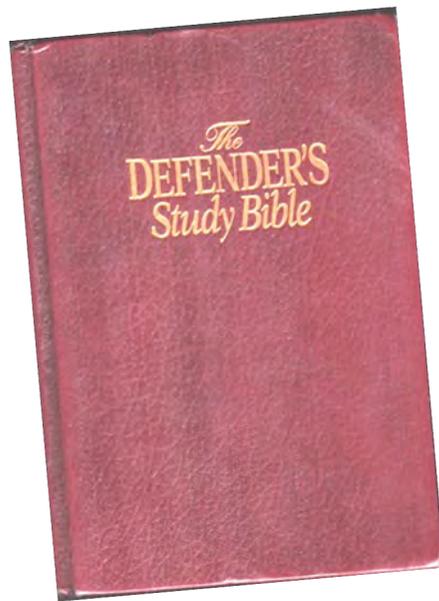
Creation and the Bible

Three Rules of Interpretation

1. Context - context - context
2. Let Scripture interpret Scripture
3. Don't let our experiences interpret the Bible

Part 1

The Bible and Why It Matters



1

The Process for Creation

- ◆ Evolution model
- ◆ The Bible
 - “And God said”
 - Psalm 33:6,9 “By the Word of the Lord...”

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.

- ◆ What the Bible does NOT say

2

The Order of Events

- ◆ The earth and stars
- ◆ Birds and reptiles
- ◆ The earth and water

3 The Cause of Physical Death

- ◆ Evolution: natural process
- ◆ Bible: sin (Rom 5:12, 1Cor 15:21)
 - Curse (Genesis 3:17)
 - Put out of the Garden to keep from eating from the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24)
- ◆ “Very Good” (Genesis 1:31)
- ◆ Animal death
- ◆ Plant death

4

The Genesis Flood

- ◆ Evolution: myth or local flood
- ◆ Bible: worldwide Flood
 - Rained 40/40
 - Springs of the deep
 - All land creatures perished
 - All mountains were covered
 - God's covenant promise (Gen 9:8-11,15)



The Local Flood



Flood Conclusion: Genesis 7

(19) And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.

(21) And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

(22) All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land* , died.

(23) And **every** living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah **only** remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

Question

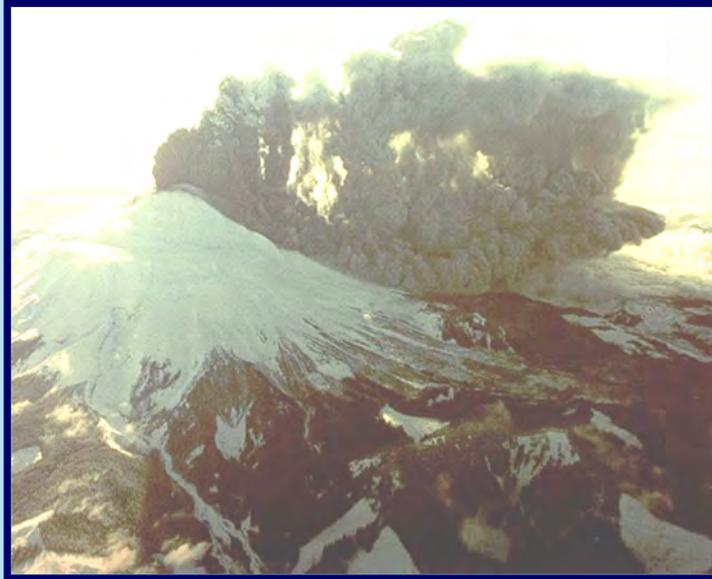
If God had wanted to teach a global flood, how could He have said it more clearly?

Geological Evidence



Geologic Observations

May 18, 1980



Geologic Processes

The Little Grand Canyon of the Toutle River



Picture by Steve Austin, Ph.D. Geology

Geologic Processes

Palouse Falls Gorge, WA



Geologic Processes

Rapidly formed strata on the
North Fork of the Toutle River



Polystrate Fossils



Picture from the Geology Book by
John Morris, Ph.D. Geology

Genesis Flood

Henry Clarence Thiessen, Ph.D., *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, 1979, p. 117.

“Further, the Bible teaches a universal flood...”

Genesis Flood

Gleason Archer (Ph.D., professor of Old Testament and Semitic languages), *Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties*, 1982, p. 82.

“The biblical record in Genesis 7-8 describes no local inundation confined to the Mesopotamian Valley (as some scholars have suggested) but a water level that surpassed the summits of the highest mountains.”

Science and the Flood

Eugene Merrill, *An Historical Survey of the Old Testament*, 1998, p. 50.

“If true scientific principle demands an observer and recorder of phenomena, only the Genesis account can be considered scientific, for only it dares to claim that there was an Observer present – the Triune God.”

The Genesis Flood

Keith Wanser, *Creation ex nihilo*, 1999, p. 39.
(Dr. Wanser works with theoretical condensed matter physics and basic theories of matter)

“I am convinced there is far more evidence for a recent, six-day creation and a global Flood than there is for an old earth and evolution.”

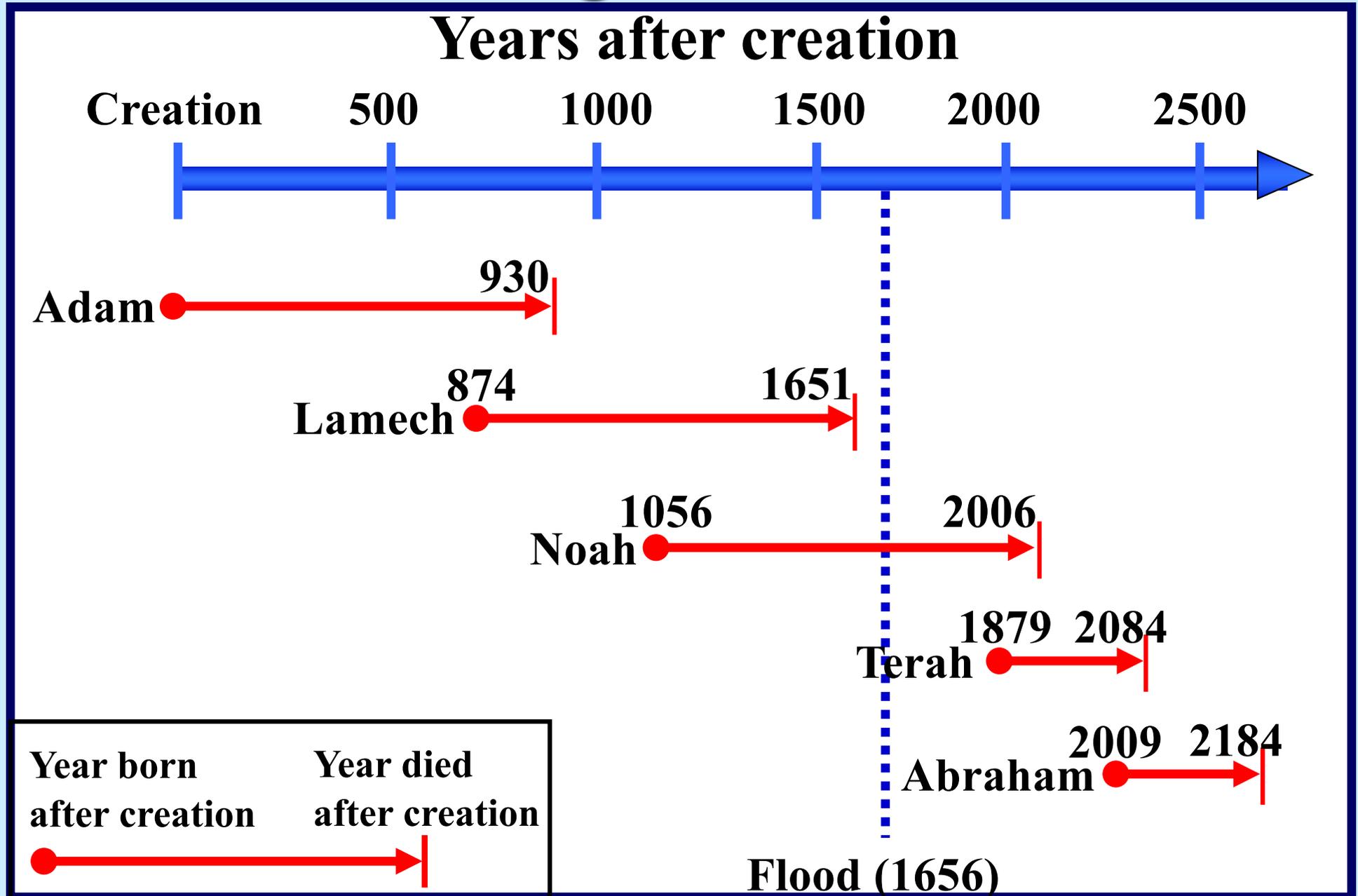
The Flood was Worldwide!

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The Creation Days

- ◆ Evolution demands long ages
- ◆ Bible: literal days
 - Meaning of 'Yom'
 - Yom with a number
 - Evening and morning
 - Genesis 1:14
 - Exodus 20:11
 - Words used to indicate time
- ◆ Narrative versus poetry (VSO or SVO)
 - In the beginning created God the heavens... = VSO
- ◆ Genealogies (Gen 5, 1Chron 1, Luke 3)

Genealogical Timeline



The Creation Days

Professor James Barr, Professor of Hebrew at the University of Oxford.

“Probably so far as I know, there is no professor of Hebrew or Old Testament at any world-class university who dares not believe that the writer(s) of Gen. 1-11 intended to convey to their readers the ideas that creation took place in a series of six days which are the same as the days of 24 hours we now experience...”

The Creation Days

Dr. Robert Cole (Ph.D. Semitic Languages), “A PhD looks at the Genesis Days”

“There is nothing in the Bible to obviate the idea that the days in Genesis were 24 hour type days.”

The Creation Days

Robert L. Reymond, Ph.D., *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*, 1998, p. 393.

“In the hundreds of other cases in the Old Testament where *yom* stands in conjunction with an ordinal number (first, second, third, etc.), e.g. Exodus 12:15; 24:16; Leviticus 12:3, it never means anything other than a normal, literal day.”

The Creation Days

Newman (Ph.D. Astrophysics, Th.M. Westminster Theological Seminary) and Eckelmann (B.S.E.E., M.Div.), *Genesis One and the Origin of the Earth*, pp. 61-62.

“The more modest claim, that *yom* means a twenty-four-hour day when used with *ordinal* numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.), has the advantage that no clear counter-example can be cited with *yom* meaning a long period of time.”

The Creation Days

Douglas F. Kelly (Professor of Systematic Theology) , *Creation and Change*, 1997, p. 51.

“To summarize, liberal scholars of both 19th and 20th centuries admit that the text of Genesis is clearly meant to be taken in a literal, historical sense, although they deny its claims to speak accurately to our space/time cosmos.”

6

The Origin of Life

- ◆ Evolution: chance accident
- ◆ Bible: consistent message

Gen 2:7

Isa 57:16

1 Cor 8:6

Gen 5:2

Matt 19:4

Eph 3:9

Deut 4:32

Mark 10:6

Col 1:16-17

Neh 9:6

John 1: 1-3

Heb 11:3

Ps 89:47

Acts 4:24

2 Pet 1:3

Isa 45:12

Romans 1:19-20

Rev 4:11

7

What Did Jesus Say

- ◆ Jesus believed Moses: John 5:46-47
- ◆ Jesus confirmed Abel: Matt 23:35
- ◆ Jesus confirmed the Flood: Matt 24:37-39
- ◆ ...from the beginning... Mark 10:6
- ◆ Jesus is the Creator
 - John 1:1-3, Col 1:16, Heb 1:1-3, Eph 3:9

Why do we believe the Resurrection?

Part 2

Science and

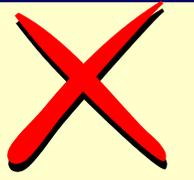
Why It Matters



Evolution, Science, and the Bible

Creation Evolution

Laws of Science

1st Law of Thermodynamics		
2nd Law of Thermodynamics		
Law of Cause and Effect		
Law of Biogenesis		

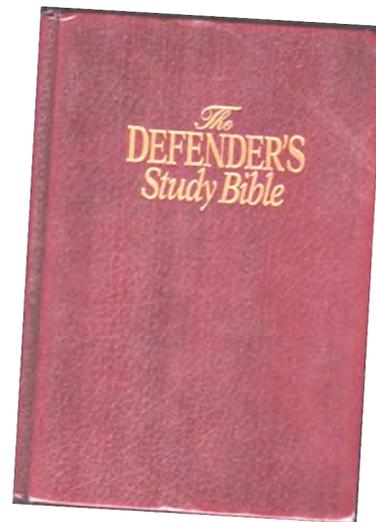
Christian Doctrine and Science

Danny Faulkner, Ph.D. Astronomy

“Many Christian apologists today accept the big bang and claim that Genesis is in complete agreement with the big bang. However this is a situation driven by science and not by Biblical studies....

Therefore those who accept the big bang and make it part of their Christian apologetics are guilty of interpreting the Bible in terms of current science. This is a dangerous precedent.”

Why It Matters What We Believe



Why It Matters What We Believe

Genesis 1:31

Exodus 20:11

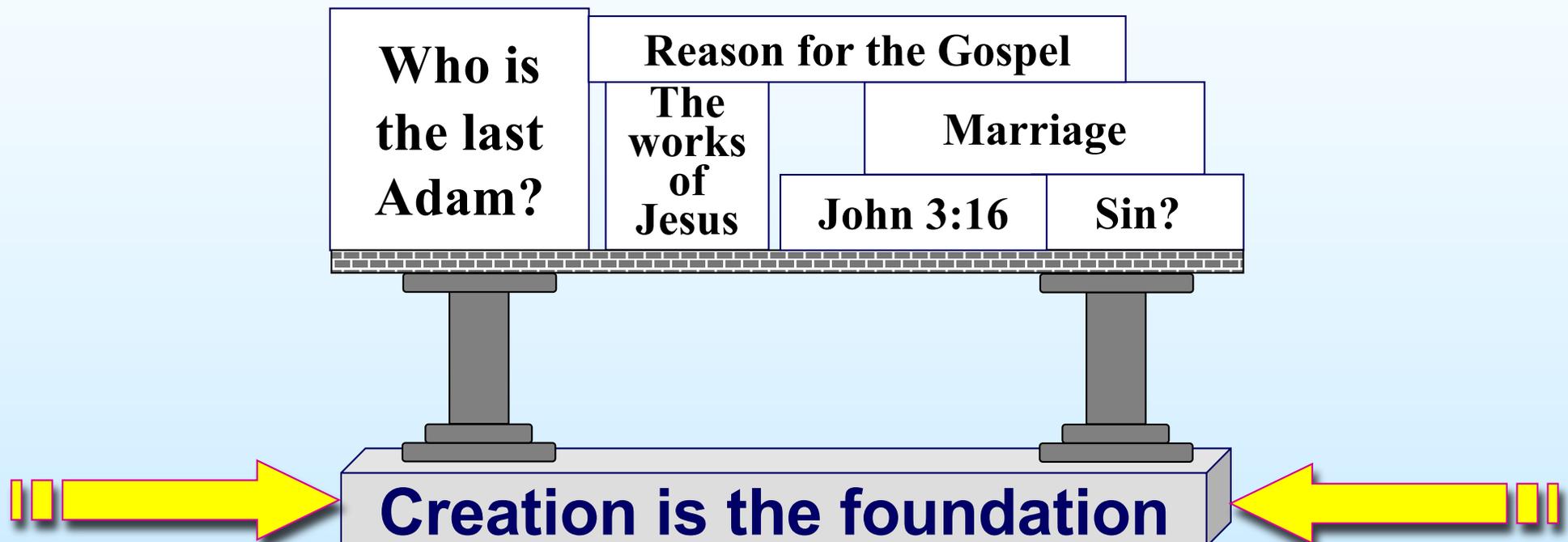
John 5:46-47

“Very good” creation

Creation in 6-days

Jesus believes in creation

The foundation for Christian doctrines



Effects of Evolution

One of the main reasons our youth are leaving the church is that they cannot defend a belief in the Bible

What can be done?

The Bible teaches what can be done

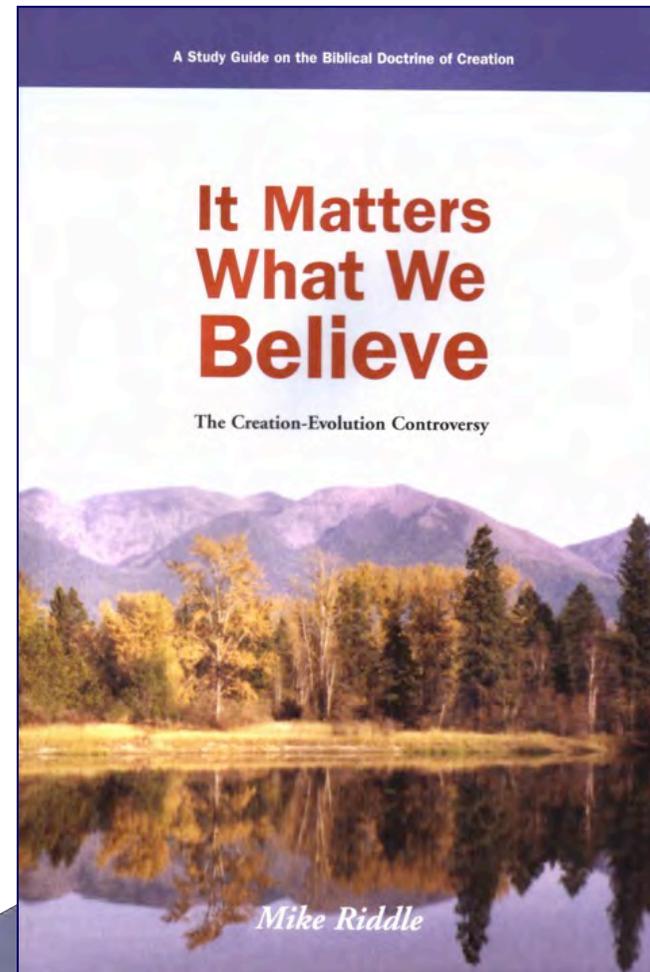
But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to
every man that asketh you a reason of the
hope that is in you with meekness and fear:
(1 Peter 3:15)

Meaning of 1 Peter 3:15

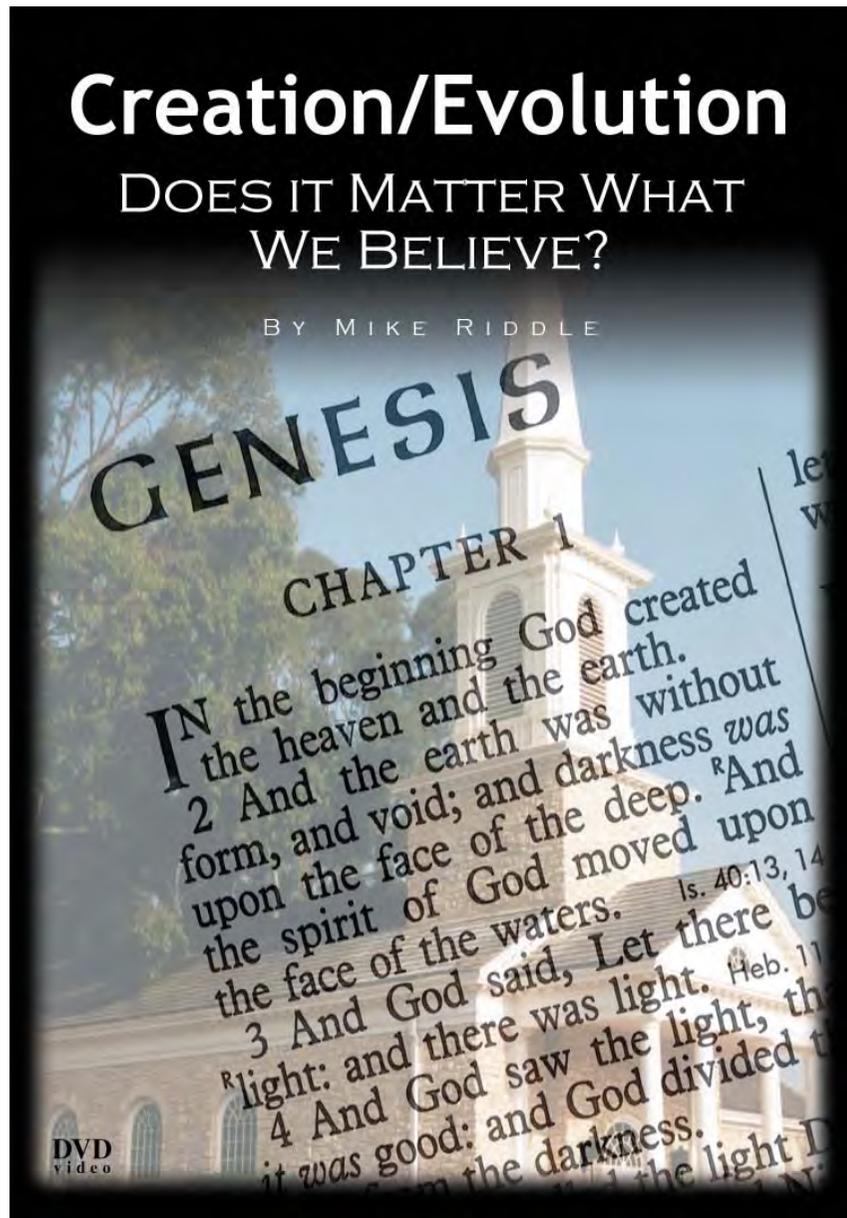
- ◆ We must understand what we believe
- ◆ We must understand why we are Christians
- ◆ We must be able to articulate this belief reasonably and biblically

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- ◆ Is evolution compatible with the Bible?
- ◆ Does the Bible say how God created?
- ◆ Is Genesis true history or just a story?
- ◆ How long were the days of creation?



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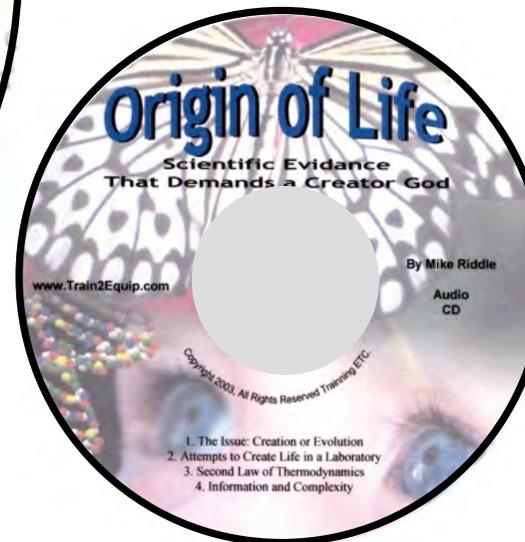
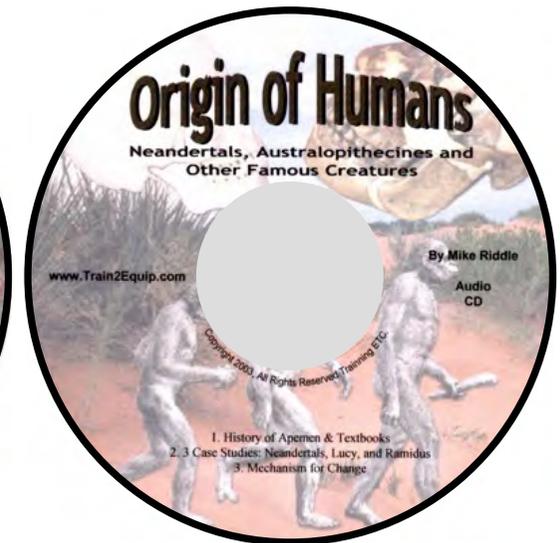
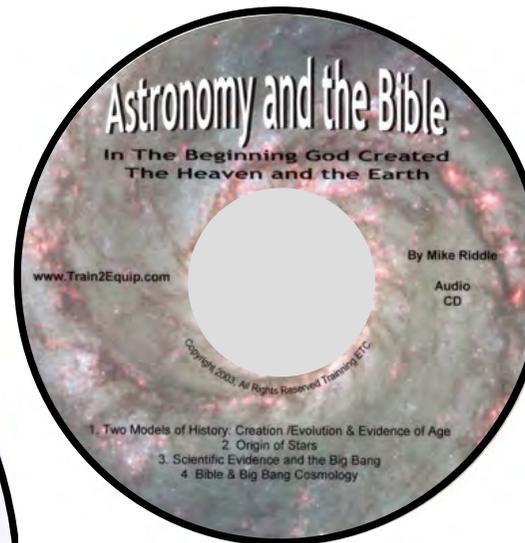
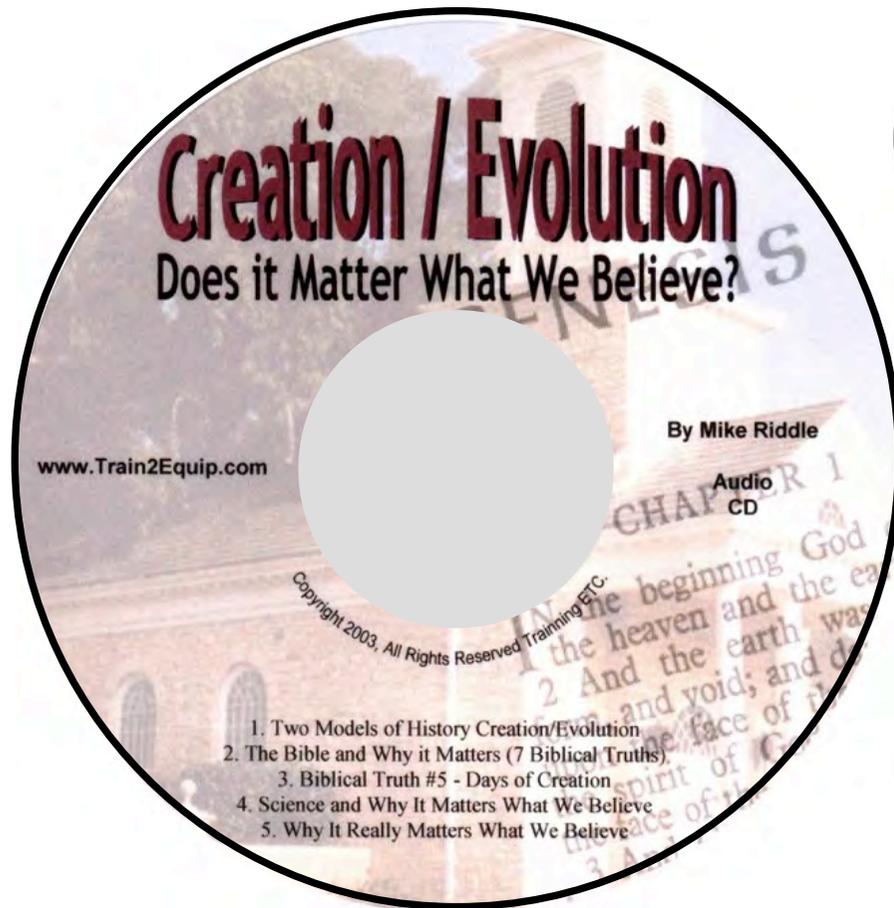


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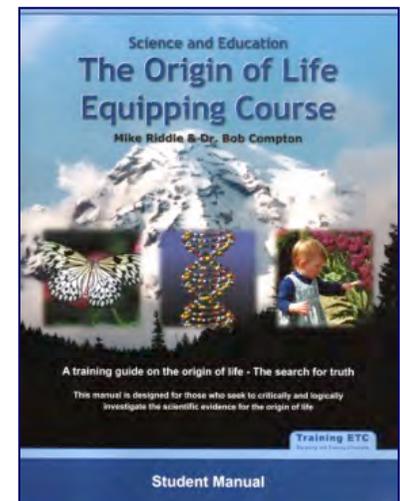


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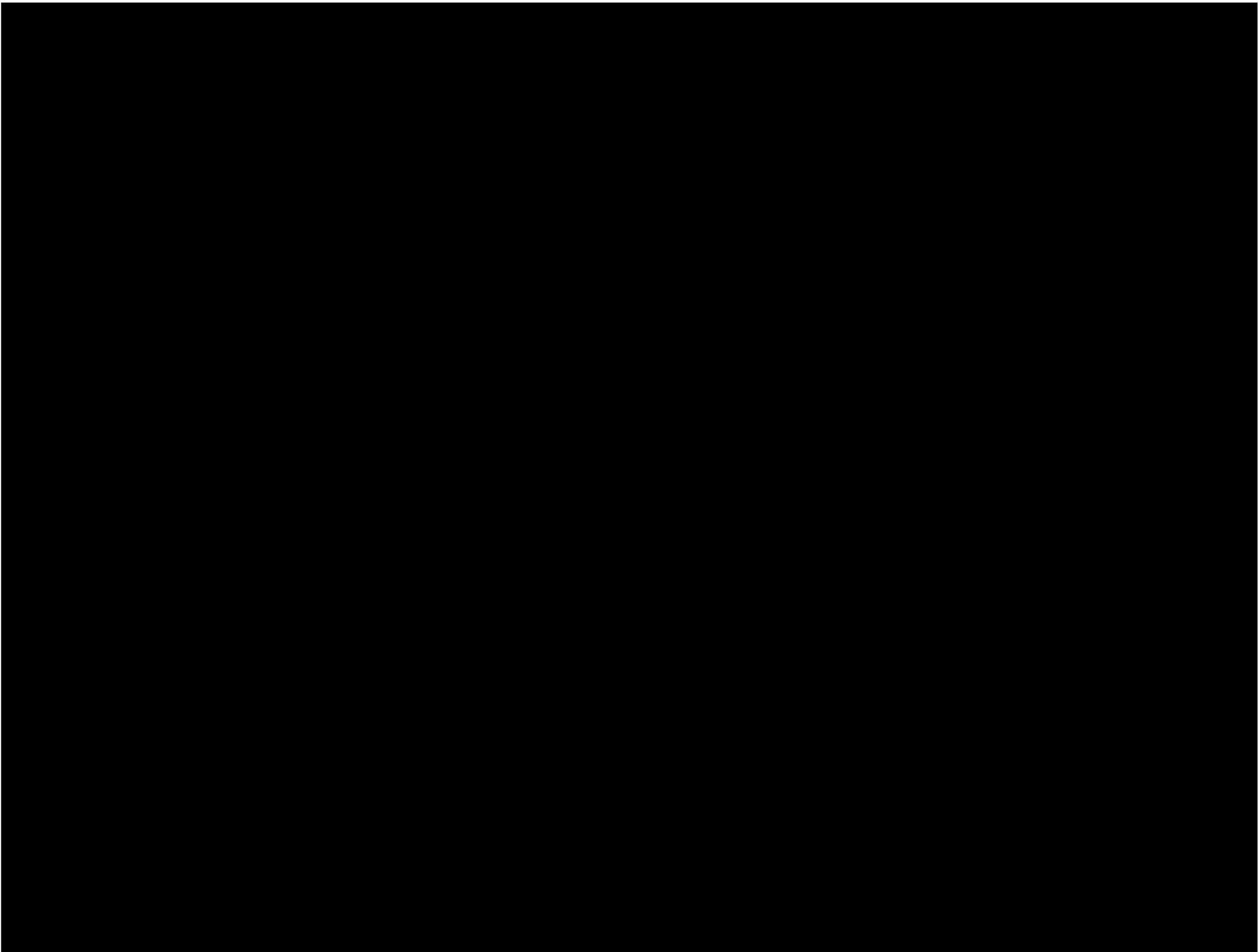
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