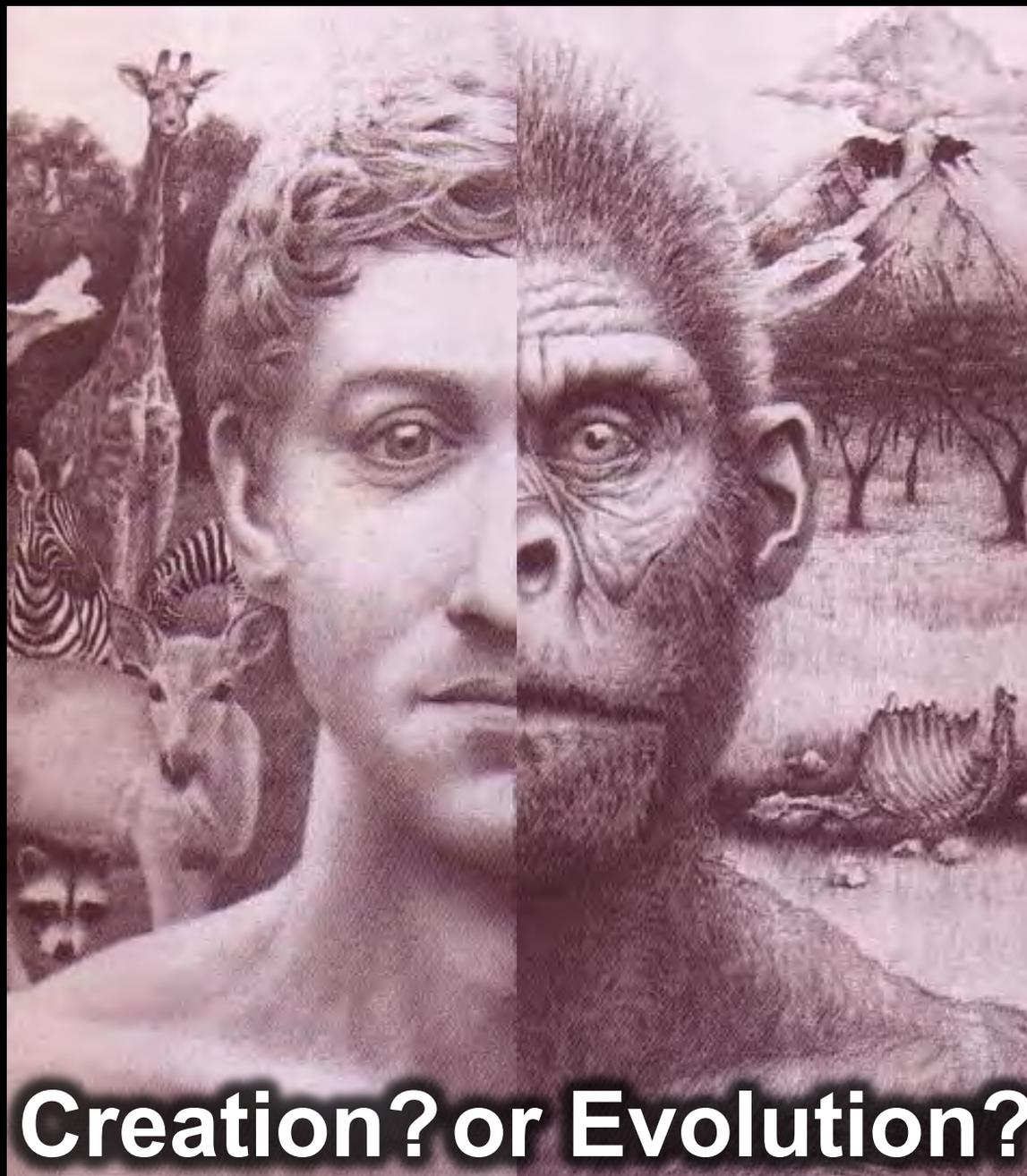


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Theistic Evolution

Dr. Rick Griffith
Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary
BibleStudyDownloads.org

Creation? or Evolution?

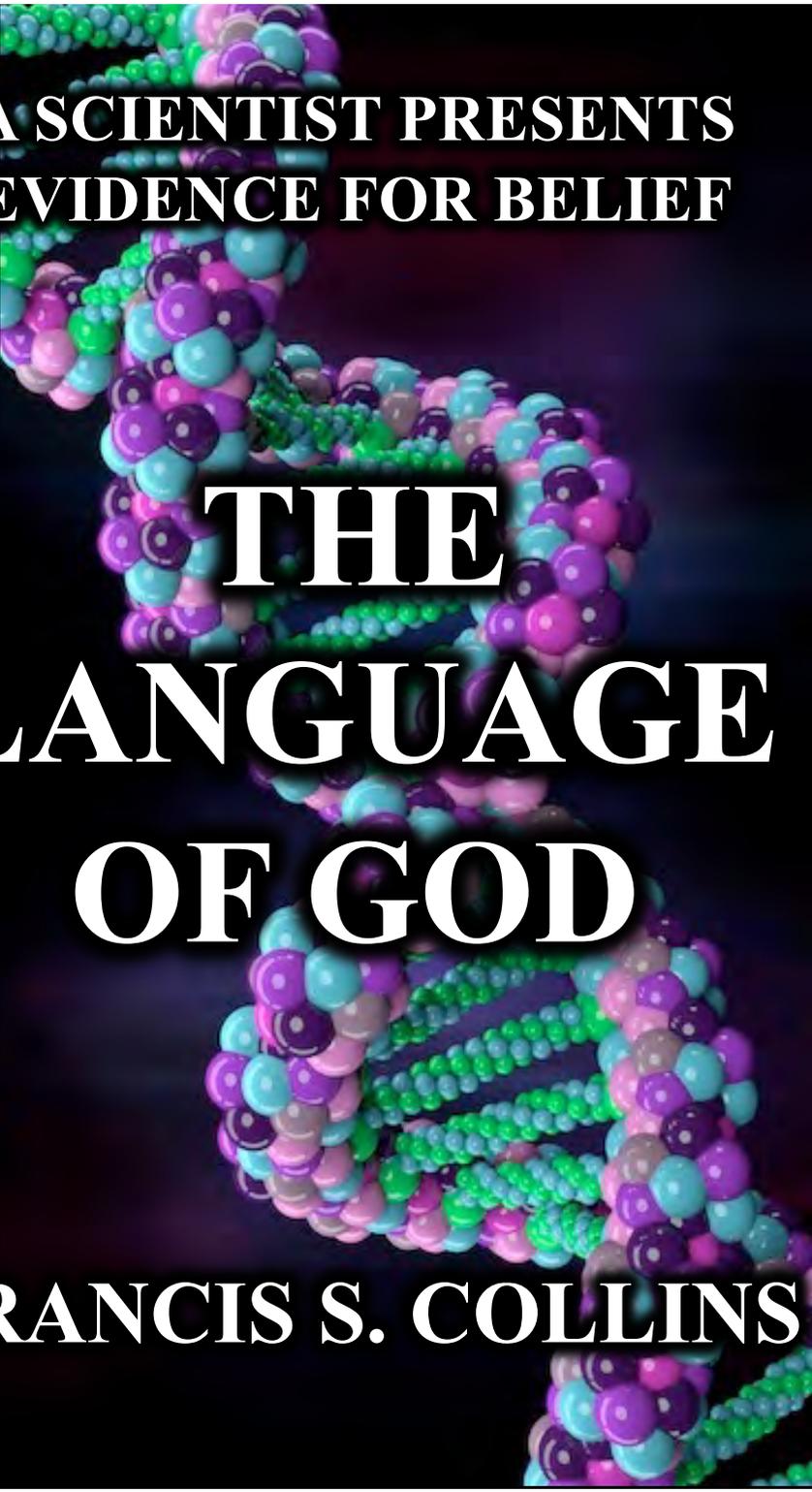
Questions About Origins



- **How did the Universe get here?**
- **Creation? Or Evolution? Or Theistic Evolution?**
- **What does Genesis say?**

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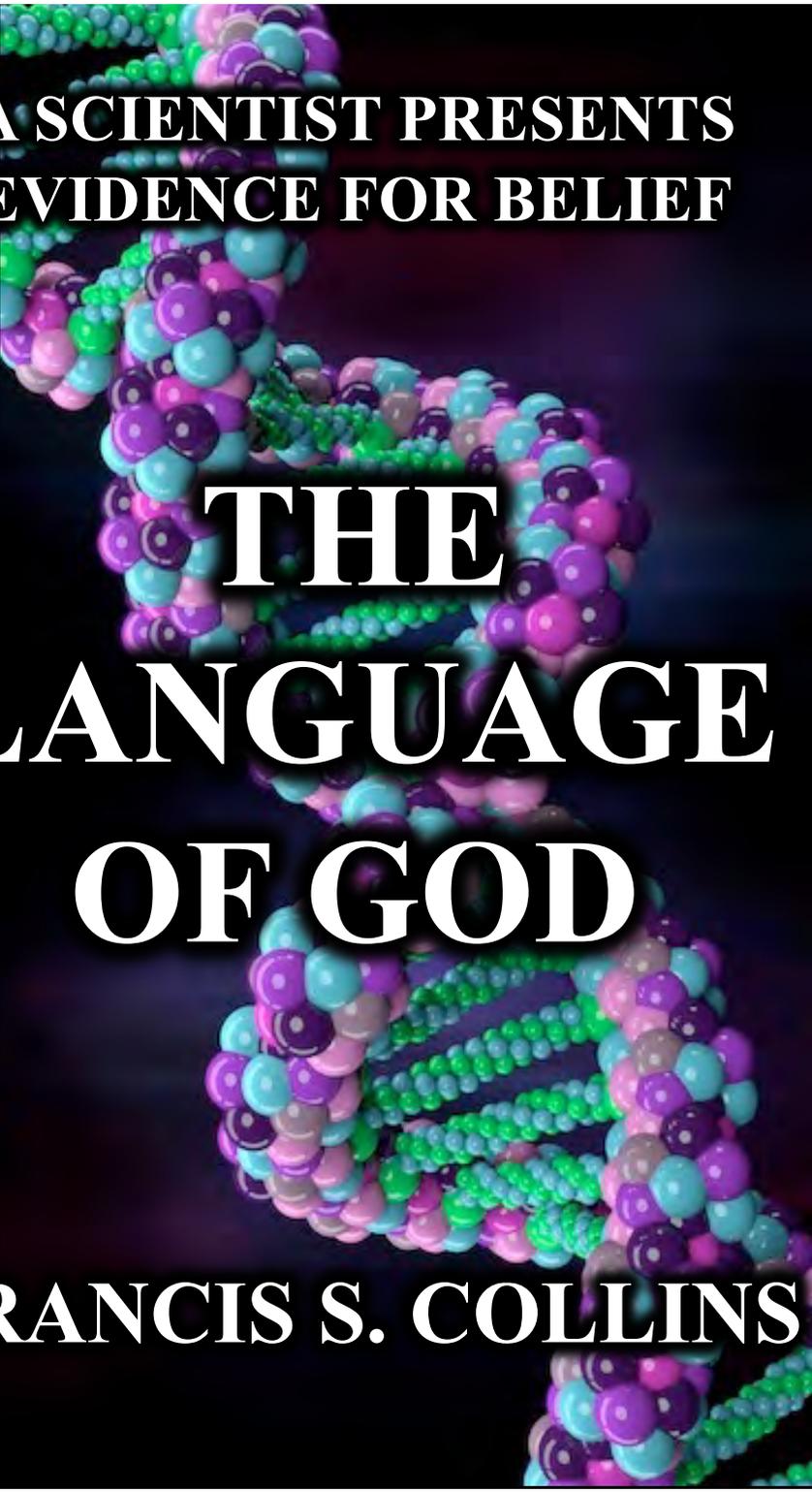


**THE
LANGUAGE
OF GOD**

FRANCIS S. COLLINS

***A Recent
Defense of
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**New York:
Free Press, 2006**



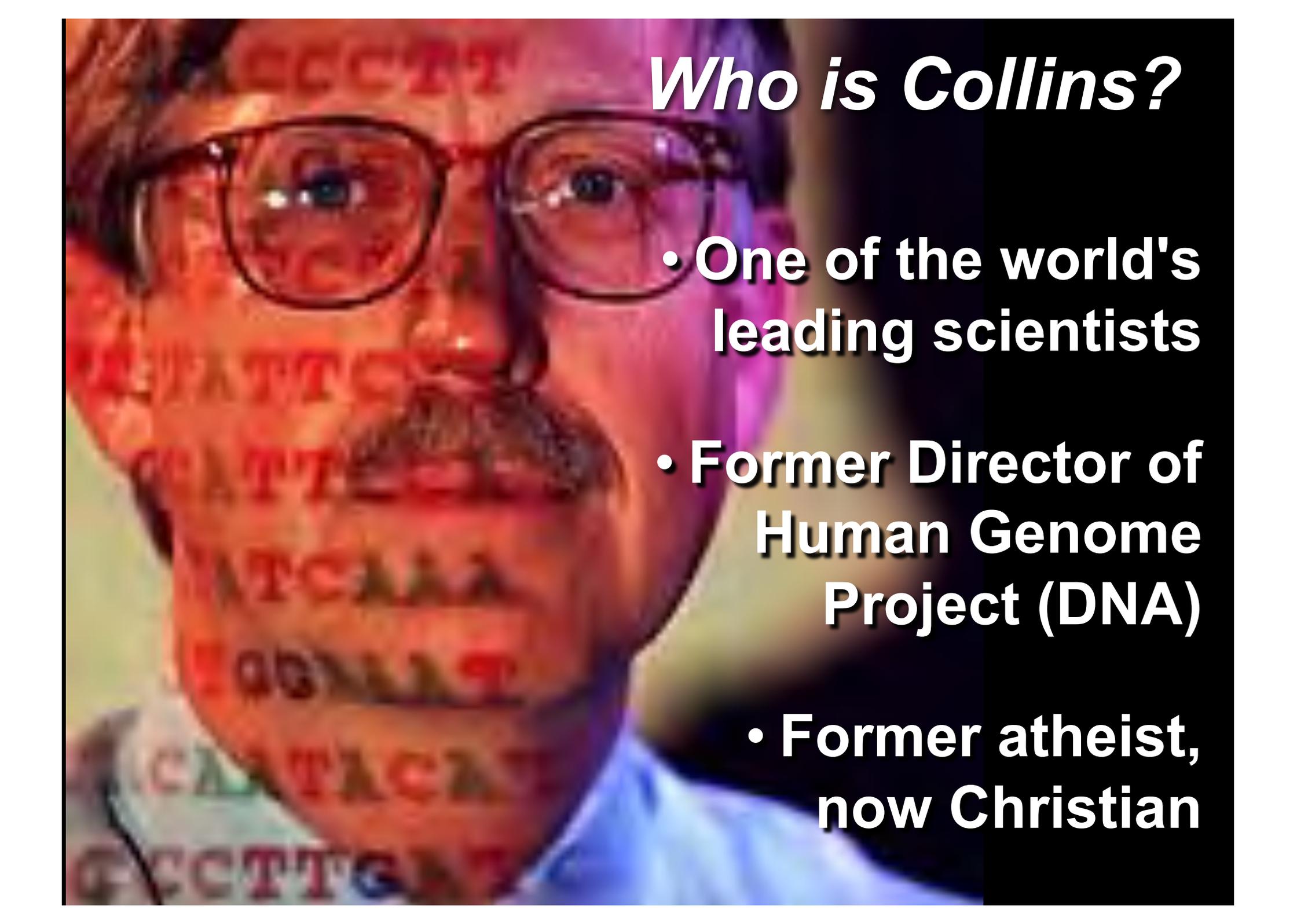
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***General
Observations***

- **Simple language**
- **Inductive approach**
- **Apologetic stance**
- **Debt to C. S. Lewis**
- **Little interaction with
Scripture**



Who is Collins?

- **One of the world's leading scientists**
- **Former Director of Human Genome Project (DNA)**
- **Former atheist, now Christian**

His Surrender



"The next morning,... as the sun rose I surrendered to Jesus Christ" (p. 225)

Great Reviews

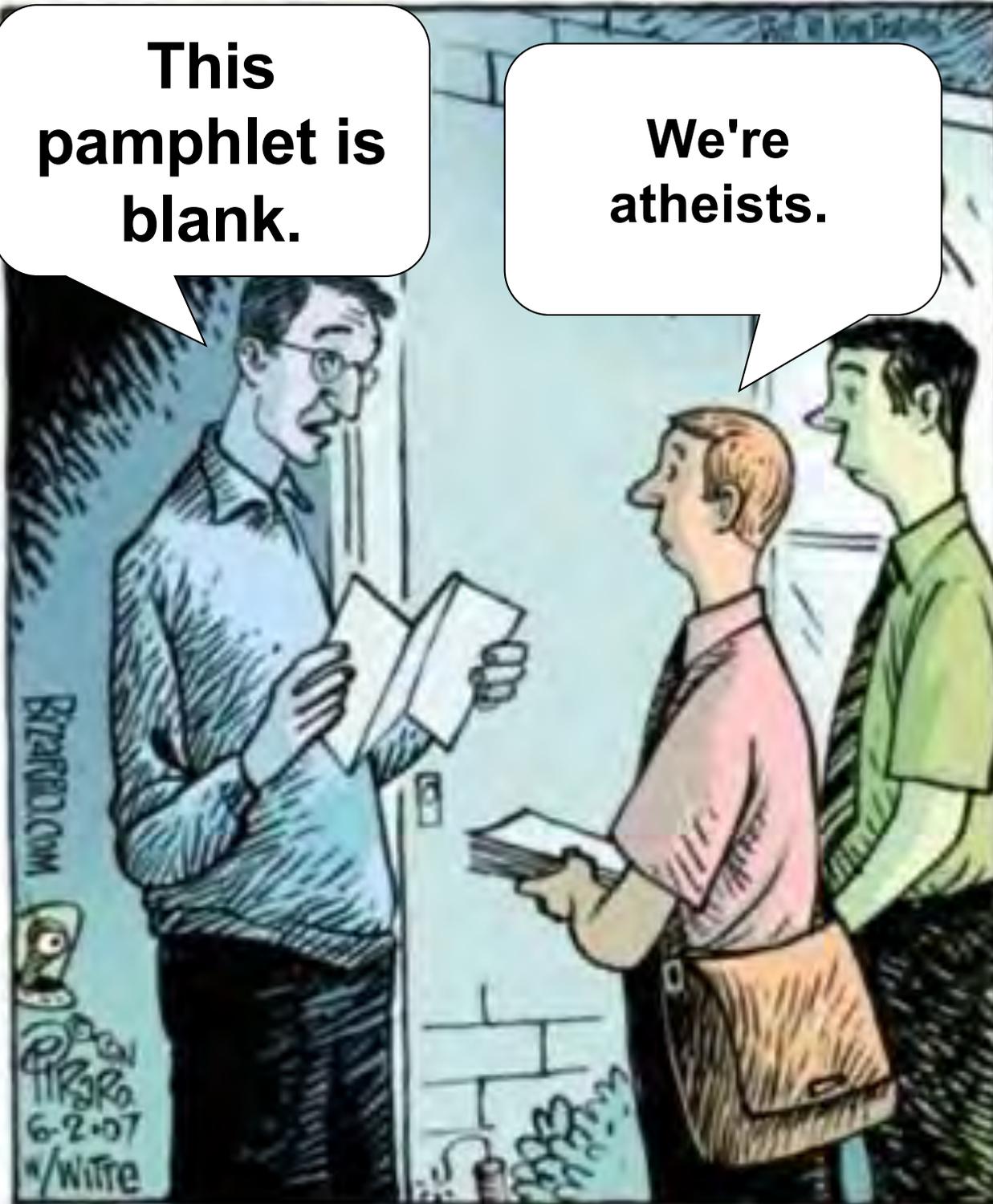
"Francis Collins has written an extraordinary personal testimony about the compatibility of God and science. His explanation of DNA as God's instruction book is persuasive. His explanation of his personal faith is compelling reading"

–Newt Gingrich



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We're atheists.



A Spectrum of Views



**Atheism
(Richard
Dawkins)**

"Faith is the great cop out, the great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence. Faith is belief in spite of, even perhaps because of, the lack of evidence..."

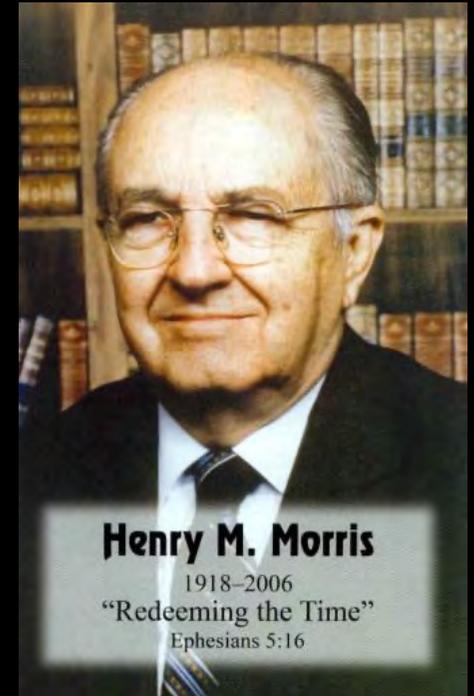
Faith, being belief that isn't based on evidence, is the principal vice of any religion."

A Spectrum of Views

"Evolution's lie permeates and dominates modern thought in every field... [it] is basically responsible for...

disintegrations that have been accelerating everywhere...

■ When science and the Bible differ, science has obviously misinterpreted its data."



**Creationism
(Henry
Morris)**

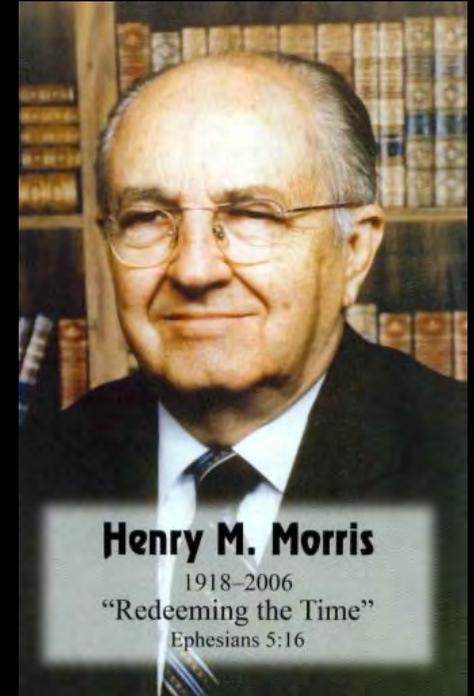
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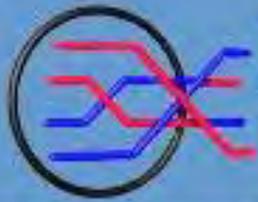
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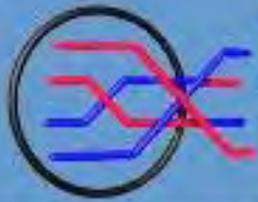
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The Episcopal Church reaffirms evolution education

At its 75th General Convention in June 2006, the Episcopal Church passed a resolution supporting the teaching of evolution in schools. The resolution, titled "Affirm Creation and Evolution," declared that "evolution is entirely compatible with an authentic and living Christian faith."



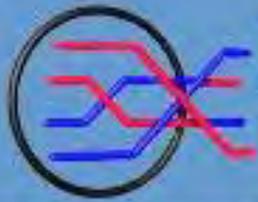
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It also encourages state legislatures and boards of education "to establish standards for science education based on the best available scientific knowledge as accepted by a consensus of the scientific community..."



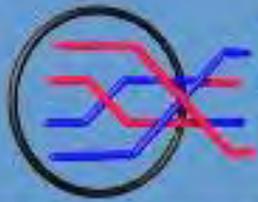
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Also occurring at the convention was the election of new Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, who, as well as being the first woman elected to the position, is a former oceanographer with a strong evolutionary background...



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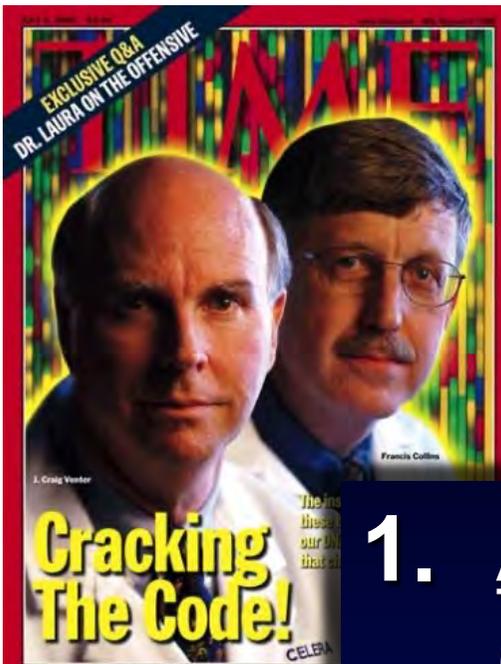
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Schori said... "Evolution most definitely should be taught in school. It's a well-tested premise and the best model that fits the data available. Creationism can't make that claim. I believe in the creeds. They say God created the world, but they don't say how."

28 June 2006 *New York Times*



Options by Collins on Faith in Science & God

1. Atheism & Agnosticism
(When Science Trumps Faith)
2. Creationism
(When Faith Trumps Science)
3. Intelligent Design
(When Science Needs Divine Help)
4. BioLogos
(Science & Faith in Harmony)

Must we accept evolution?



**"No serious biologist today doubts the theory of evolution to explain the marvelous complexity and diversity of life"
(Collins, 99)**

How is Collins a Theistic Evolutionist?

We normally CONTRAST these, but he believes BOTH

Theism

Miracles

God cares

Creation

Moral Law



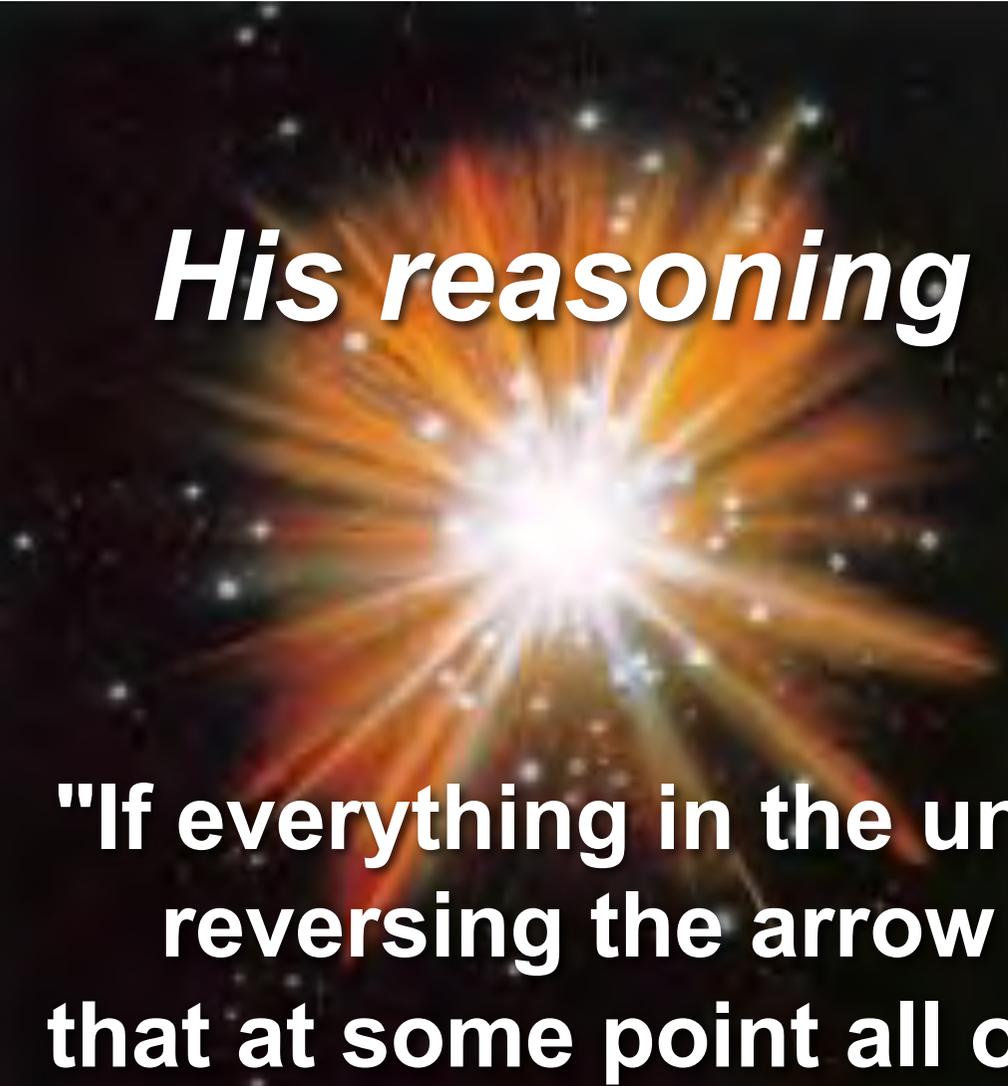
Evolution

Big Bang

Atoms afterwards

Earth 4.5 billion yrs. old

Cooling into planets



His reasoning for the Big Bang

"If everything in the universe is flying apart, reversing the arrow of time would predict that at some point all of these galaxies were together in one incredibly massive entity... the universe began at a single moment... 14 billion years ago" (Collins, 64).



His reasoning for the Big Bang

- **Microwave signals throughout the galaxy**
- **Constant ratio of hydrogen, deuterium, and helium throughout the universe**

(Collins, 64-65)

"...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep..."

Genesis 1:2 *NIV*

Creation & Blessing

A GUIDE
TO THE STUDY
AND EXPOSITION OF
Genesis

Allen P. Ross

The Best Commentary on Genesis

- Very Readable
- Exegetical
Outlines
- Sermon Outlines
- Theology of
Genesis
- Evangelical

How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3?

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Original Creation (Traditional View)

• Leupold, Keil, Cassuto, Griffith

1- Creation of the original mass out of nothing on Day 1

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (1:1)

2- Three disjunctive, parallel clauses describe the condition of the earth immediately after the creation of the universe.

"Now the earth **was** formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (1:2 **NIV**)

3- An independent, narrative sentence shows the manner in which God worked—by His Word.

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (1:3)

How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3?

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Gap Theory

- Pember, Hengstenburg, Scofield Reference Bible (1st ed.)

1- An independent narrative of the original, perfect creation

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (1:1)

Satan's fall

2- Satan fell between 1:1 and 1:2, followed by God's judgment which put the earth into a chaotic state

"Now the earth **became** formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters"

-an improbable translation of the Hebrew disjunctive (1:2 NIV margin)

3- An independent, narrative sentence describes the first step to reconstruct & reform the judged earth

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (1:3)

How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3? ³⁴

Relative Beginning (5 variations)

- Rashi/NEB, Speiser, Unger, Young, von Rad/Waltke/Ross

Satan's fall

1- Relative clause (dependent or temporal to 1:2) or title

"When God began to create the heavens and the earth"

Implications:

- a) "For the initial creation, or original creation, one has to look elsewhere in the Bible"
- b) "This view in no wise teaches evolution or allows for it... It simply recognizes that 'beginnings' with God are not necessarily absolute beginnings" (Ross, 723)

3
When God recreated/refashioned the earth into its present state (not creation out of nothing) after divine judgment.

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (1:3)



**GOD: I just created a
24-hour period of alternating
lightness and darkness on
earth...**

**GOD:
Call it
a day.**

**ANGEL:
What are you
going to do
now?**

Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation*

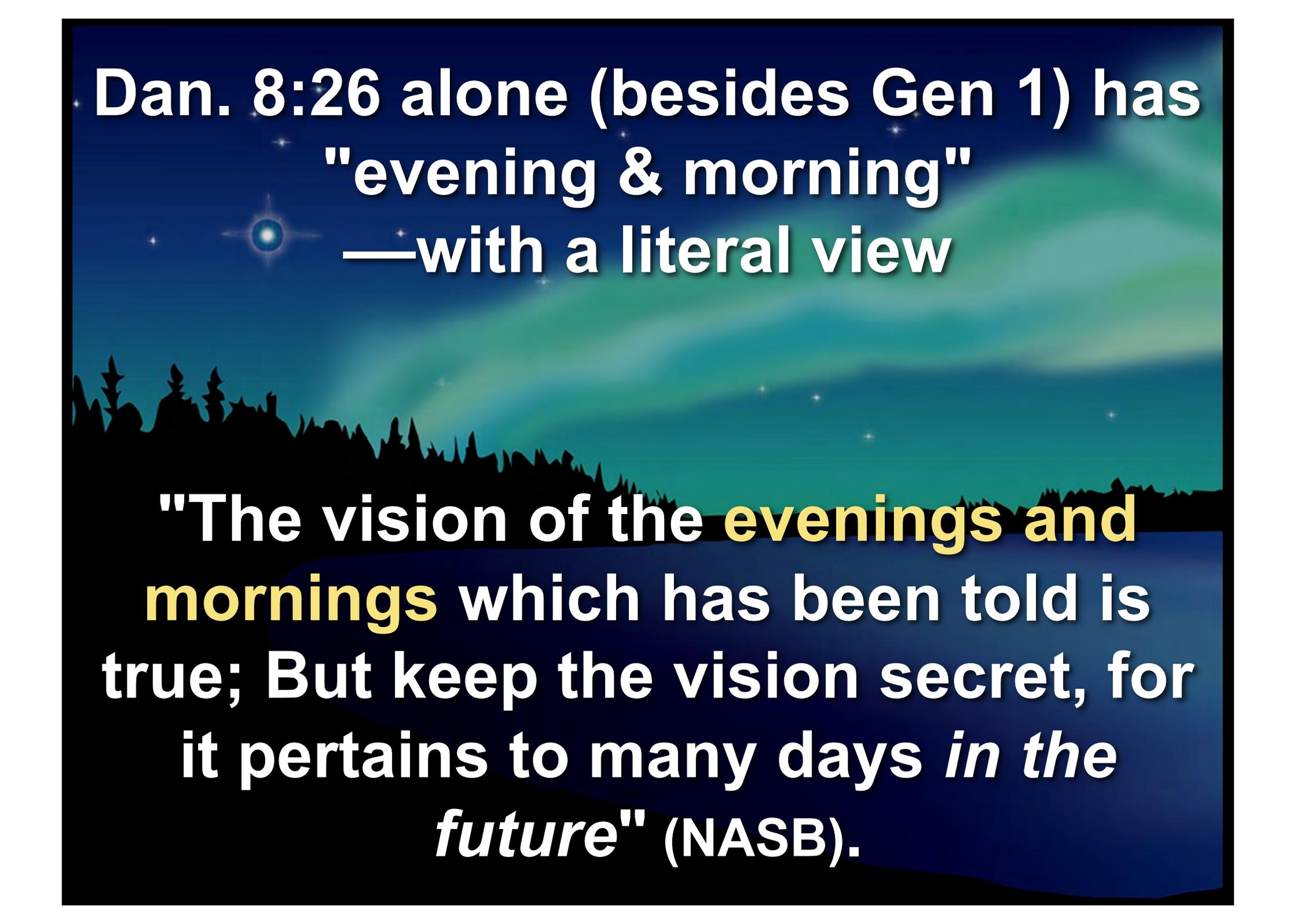
"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth" (Ps. 33:6)

"There is certainly no thought here of delay, or a trial-and-error process, or a gradual, step-by-step fulfillment"

– John Whitcomb, The Early Earth, 24

Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*



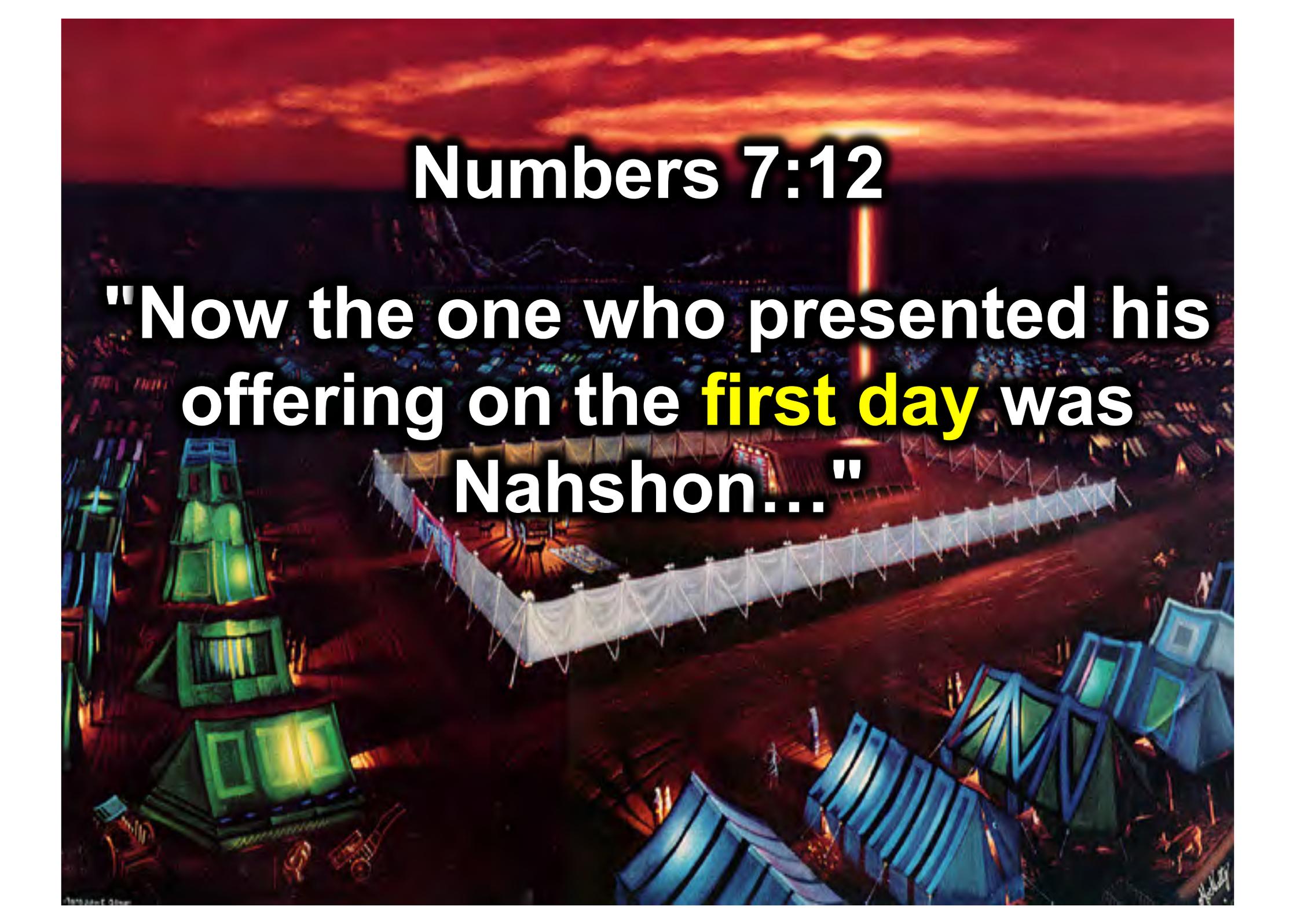
Dan. 8:26 alone (besides Gen 1) has
"evening & morning"
—with a literal view

"The vision of the **evenings and mornings** which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, for it pertains to many days *in the future*" (NASB).

Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*
- *Numerical adjective ("second...")*

In Hebrew, when "day" (yom) is preceded by a numerical adjective, "day" is always literal!



Numbers 7:12

"Now the one who presented his offering on the **first day** was Nahshon..."

God's Creation...Day 1

God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, **one day** (Gen. 1:5).

Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*
- *Numerical adjective ("second...")*
- *Pattern for work & rest*

We get our 7-day week from Genesis 1





When to Start the Day...



**6
PM**

**12
AM**

**6
AM**

**12
PM**

**6
PM**

**12
AM**

**6
AM**

**12
PM**

**6
PM**

Roman

Day 1

Day 2

Jewish

Day 1

Day 2

There was evening...

...and morning...

There was evening...

...and morning...

...one day.

...the second day.

Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*
- *Numerical adjective ("second...")*
- *Pattern for work & rest*
- *Sun & moon not until day 4*

Romans 1:20

Since the start
of creation...

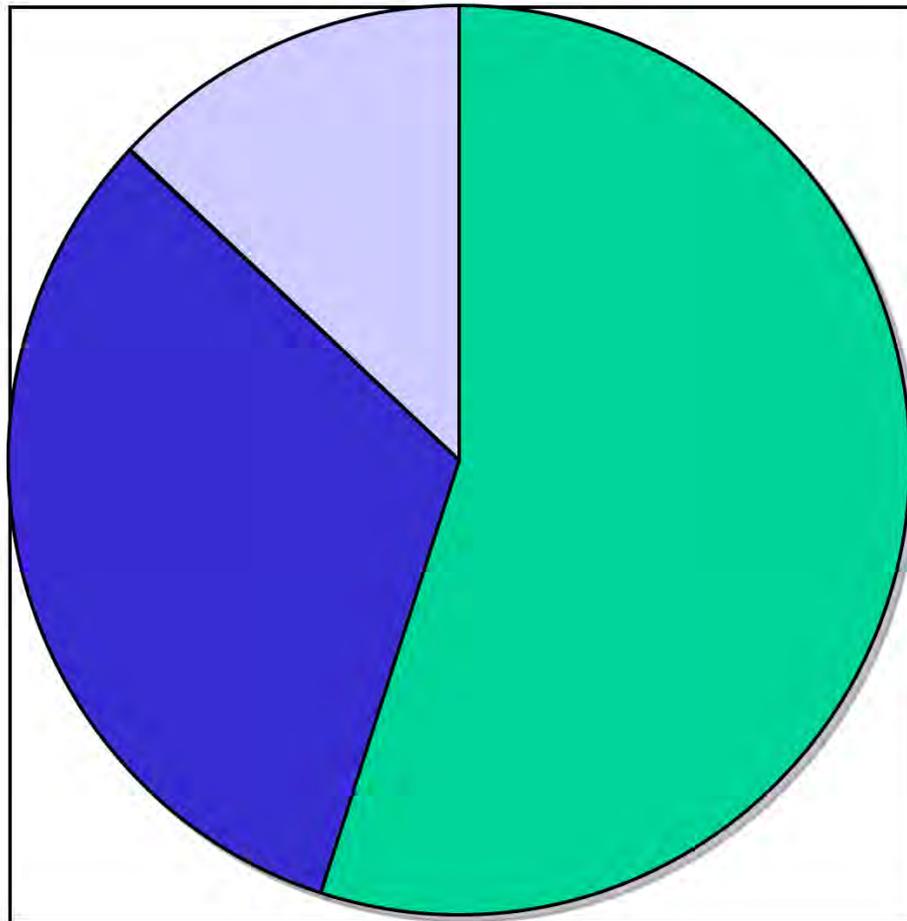
people have
seen God

= literal 24-
hour days

~~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 (NIV).~~



Who believes what?



- **Creationists (55%)**
- **Theistic Evolutionists (32%)**
- **Darwinists (13%)**
(the view that leading scientists and educators accept)

2005 CBS News/*New York Times* Poll

***Problems
with
Theistic
Evolution***

**Scientific and
Theological**



Young Earth Creationist Groups that Critique Evolution (Both Atheistic and Theistic)

- 1. Creation Research Institute –
Santee (near San Diego), CA, USA
(icr.org)**
- 2. Answers in Genesis–Kentucky,
USA (answersingenesis.org)**



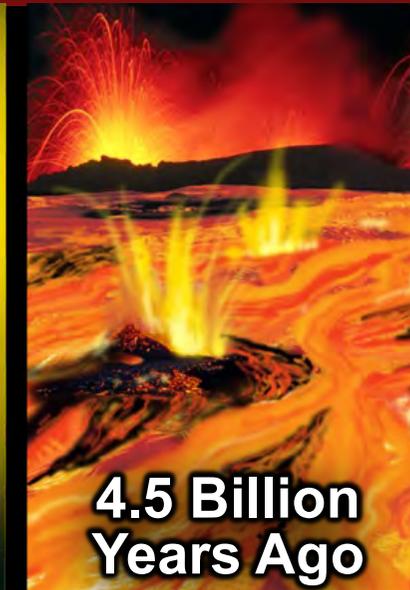
Big Bang

Stars

Sun

Molten Earth

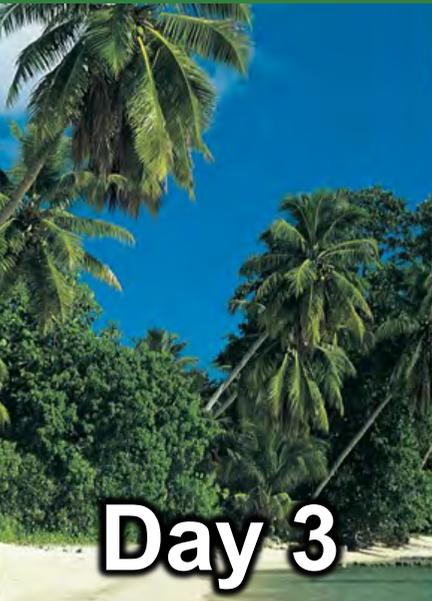
First Oceans



Water Covered Earth

Dry Land and Plants

Sun, Moon, and Stars



Day	Biblical Creation	Points of Conflict	Big Bang Evolution	Sequence
1	Earth		Light	1
1	Darkness		Darkness	2
1	Water		Stars	3
1	Light		Water	4
2	Oceans		Solar system	5
3	Dry land		Earth	6
3	First life (vegetation)		Dry land	7
3	Trees		Oceans	8
4	Solar system		First life (single cellular)	9
4	Stars		Fish	10
5	Fish		Trees	11
5	Birds		Insects	12
6	Mammals		Reptiles	13
6	Reptiles		Birds	14
6	Insects		Mammals	15
6	Man		Man	16

Adapted from Dr. John Hartnett (Associate Professor, Physicist, Cosmologist at The University of Adelaide) at <http://johnhartnett.org/>

Incompatible Explanations



Big Bang

**Elements beyond
hydrogen and
helium formed after
millions of years**

**Earth formed long
after the stars**

Bible

**All elements made
together**

**Earth formed before
stars**

Incompatible Explanations



Big Bang

**Plants evolved after
the sun**

**Birds evolved from
reptiles**

Bible

**Plants formed
before the sun**

**Birds created before
reptiles, mammals**



Incompatible Explanations



Big Bang

**Sun formed before
the earth**

**Sun formed from
older stars**

Bible

**Sun formed on the
fourth day, after the
earth**

**Sun, moon, and
stars formed
together**

Astronomers Now Doubt Big Bang

"If the universe came from a big bang, then matter should be evenly distributed. However, the universe contains an extremely uneven distribution of mass. This means that matter is concentrated into zones and planes around relatively empty regions.

Astronomers Now Doubt Big Bang

"Two astronomers, Geller and Huchra, embarked on a measuring program expecting to find evidence to support the big bang model. By compiling large star maps, they hoped to demonstrate that matter is uniformly distributed throughout the cosmos (when a large enough scale is considered).

Astronomers Now Doubt Big Bang

"The more progress they made with their cartographic overview of space, the clearer it became that distant galaxies are clustered like cosmic continents beyond nearly empty reaches of space. The big bang model was strongly shaken by this discovery."

Werner Gitt, answersingenesis.org



**Dr. Duane Gish
(Creation Research
Institute)**

Theistic Evolution is...

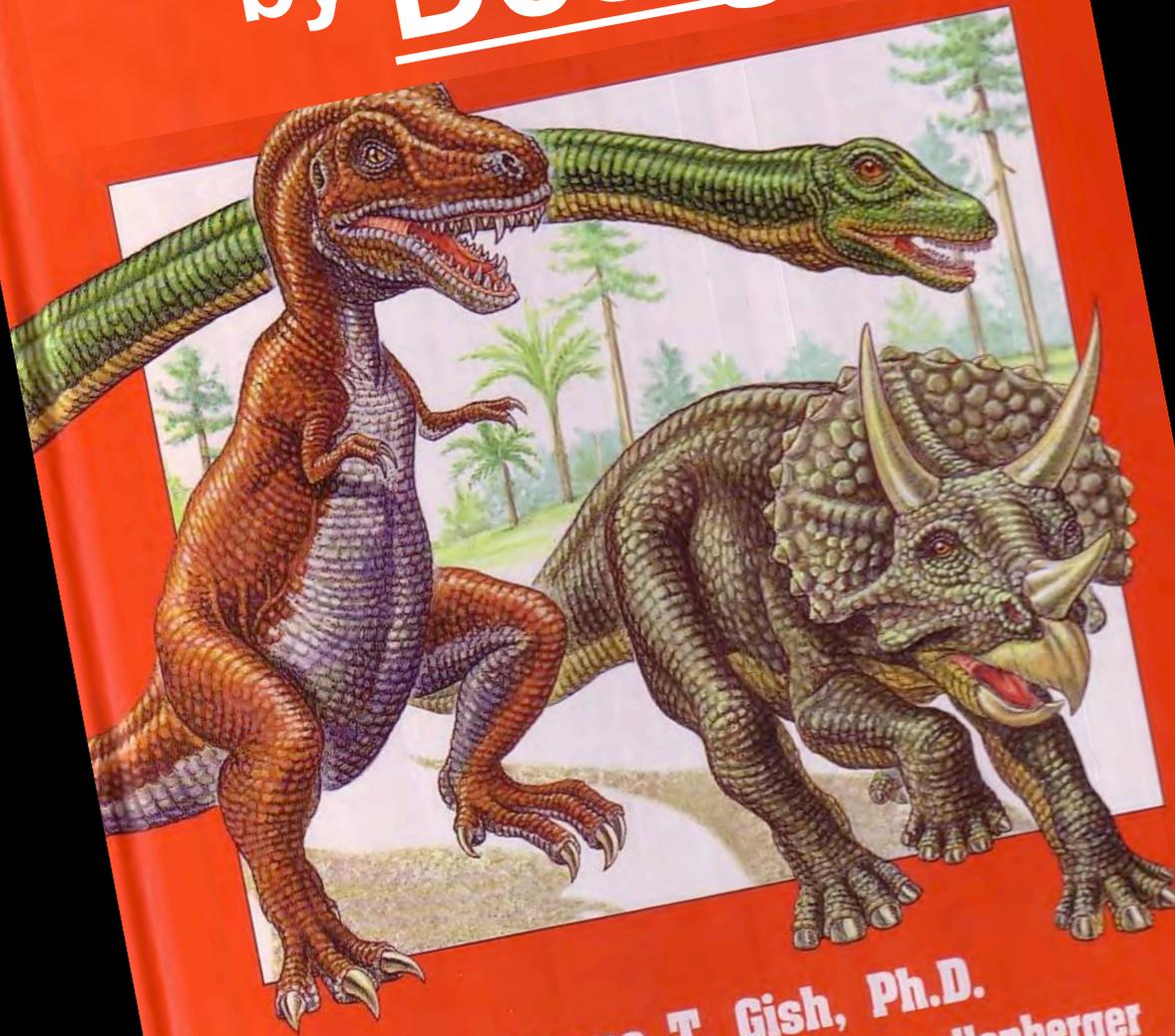
- 1. Inefficient**
- 2. Unscientific**

Evolution relies on a theory of transitional forms which would have been easy prey!

Evolutionary Fairy



Dinosaurs by Design

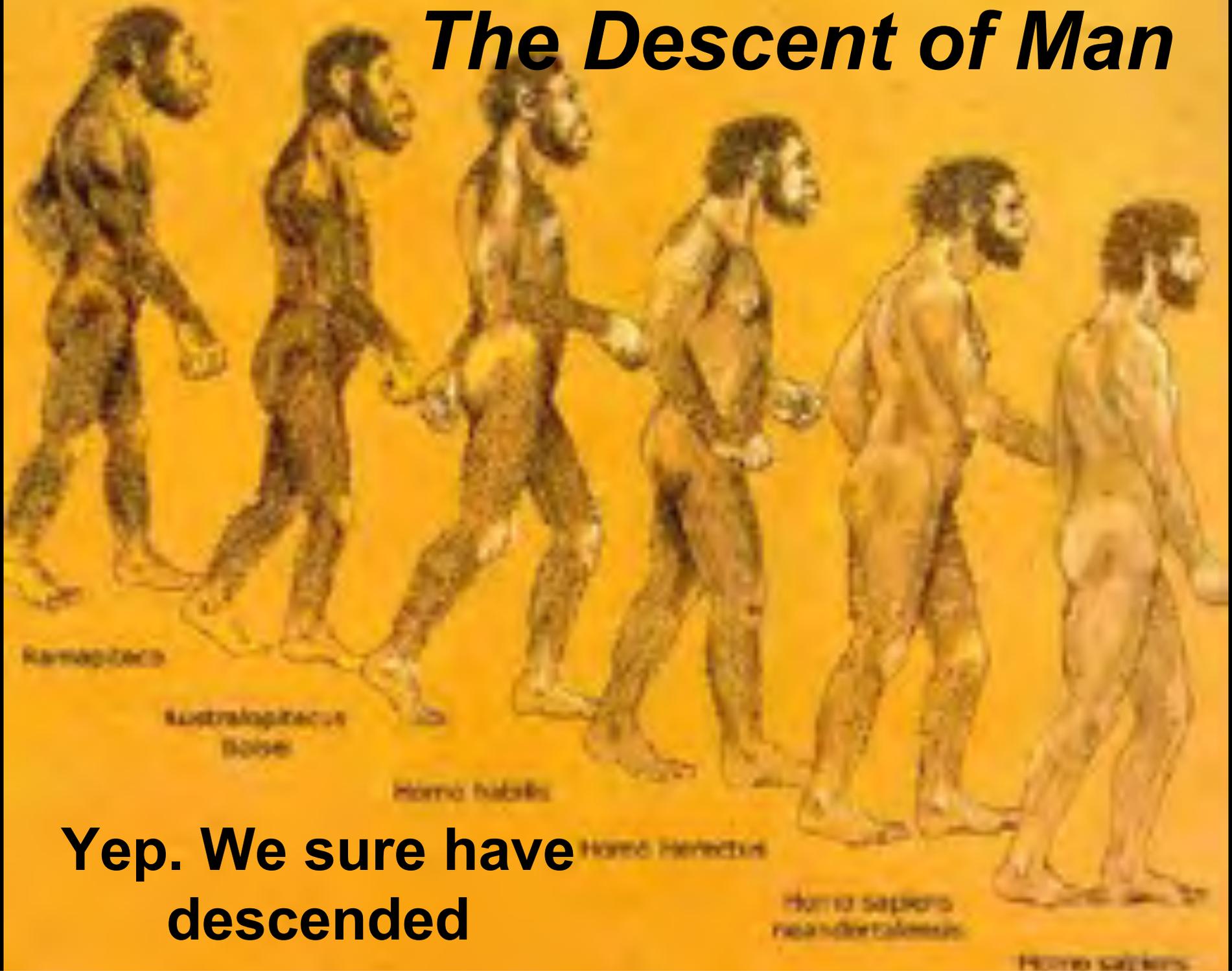


Duane T. Gish, Ph.D.
illustrated by Earl and Bonita Snellenberger

**Did dinosaurs
come before
man?**

**Yes. God
created
dinosaurs
earlier on the
sixth day of
creation!**

The Descent of Man

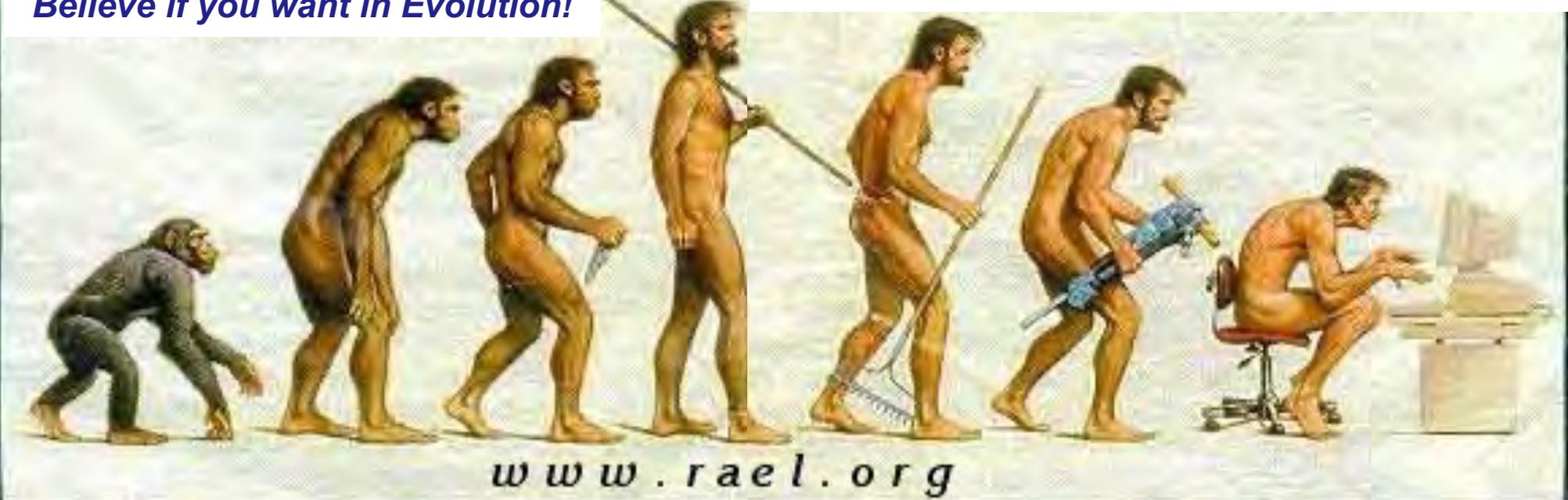


Yep. We sure have descended

The Descent Continues

Believe if you want in Evolution!

'cuz your "uncle" is behind you all the way!



Pittdown Man (1912)



Pittdown Man (1912)



He went from being one of the biggest discoveries of the 20th Century to being its greatest scientific embarrassment. The remains of a human ancestor called *Eoanthropus dawsoni*, were found during 1911-1915 at Pittdown, Sussex.

www.bbc.co.uk 23 Nov 2003

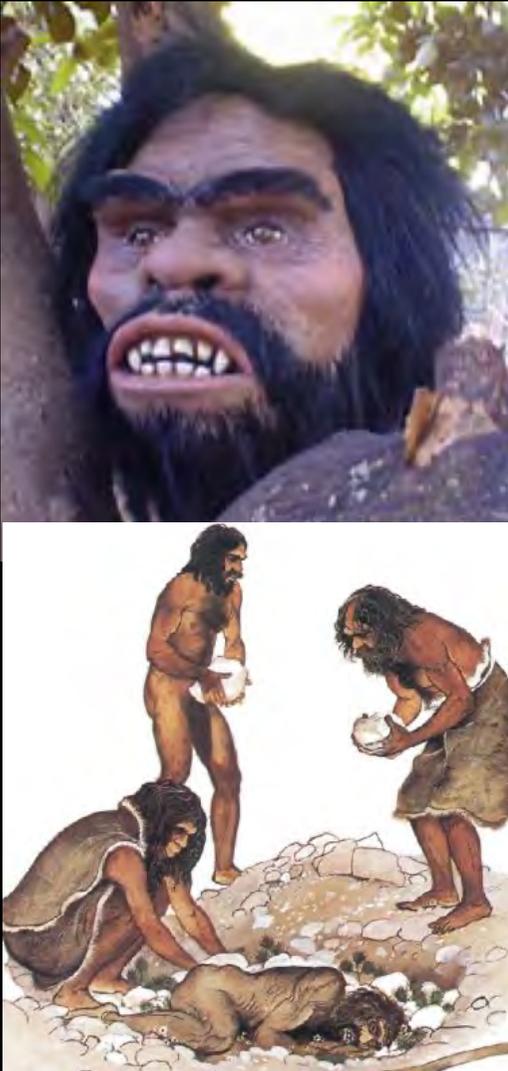
Nebraska Man (1922)



Lookie here, someone's desecrated Uncle Buck's grave!



Neanderthal Man (1860)



- Hunched over
- Flatter skulls
- After 1908 shown by Rudolph Virchow to be a Frenchman with arthritis!
- Others walked erect
- X-rays confirm them to be humans with rickets (caused by lack of vitamin D)

"I Love Lucy" (1973)

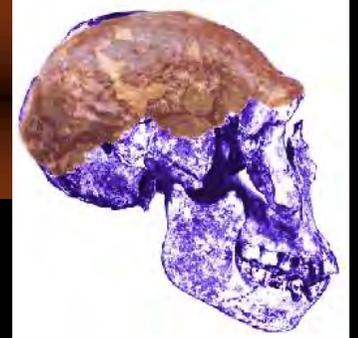


Australopithecus afarensis
(nicknamed "Lucy")

When a knee joint was needed to prove that "Lucy" walked upright, they used one found more than 60 meters lower in the strata and more than three kilometers away!



All Others Disproved



Ramapithecus

= Orangutan

Orce Man

= Six-month-old donkey

Australopithecus (1924)

= Ape

Java Man

= Giant Gibbon

Peking Man

= Ape

Cro-Magnon Man

= Modern European

Ben Stein

EXPELLED

No Intelligence Allowed

Big science has expelled smart new ideas from the classroom.
What they forgot is that every generation has its **Rebel!**

In Theaters Nationwide April 18th
www.expelledthemovie.com



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Produced by LOGAN CRAFT, WALT RULOFF & JOHN SULLIVAN Associate Producer MARK MATHIS

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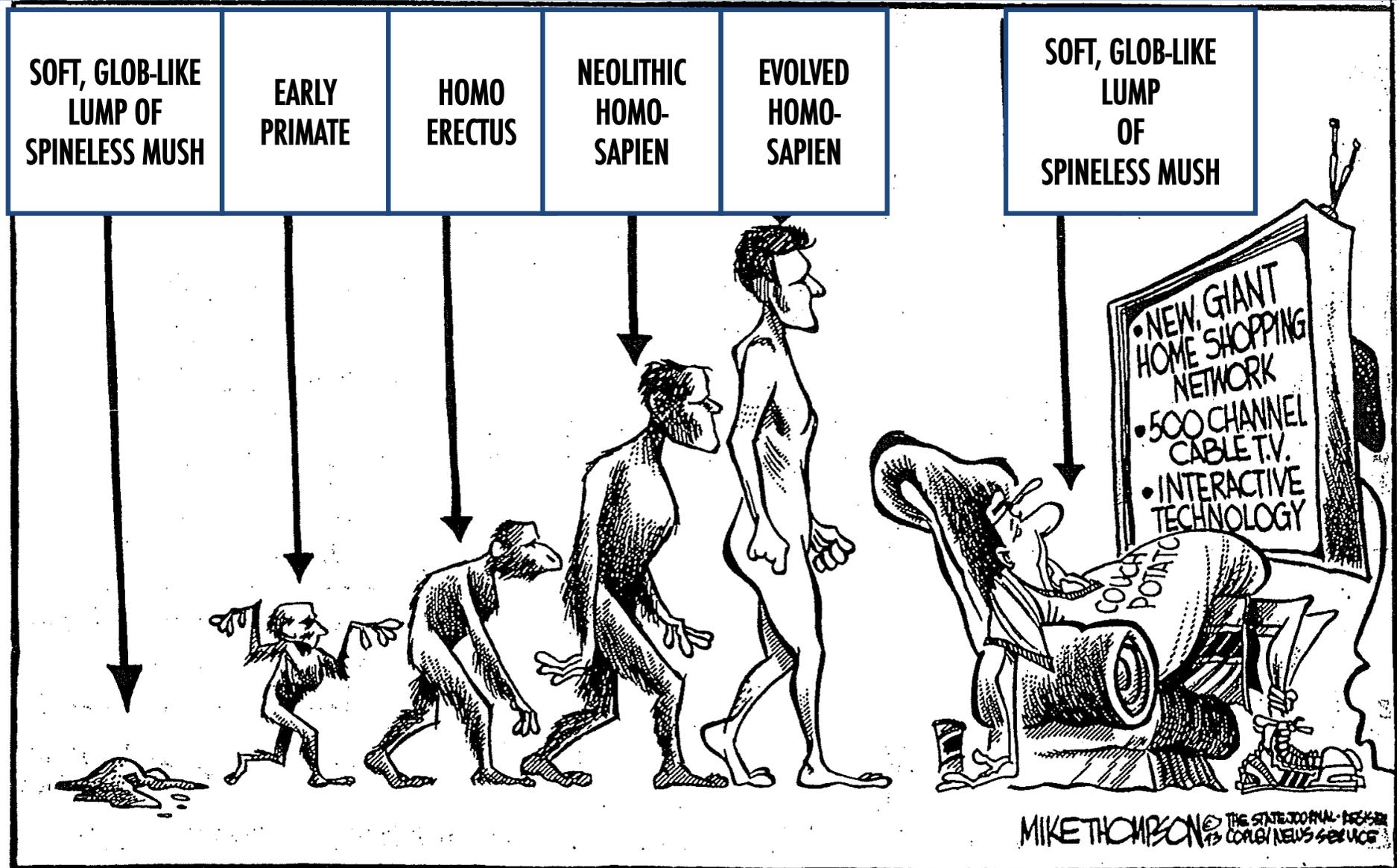
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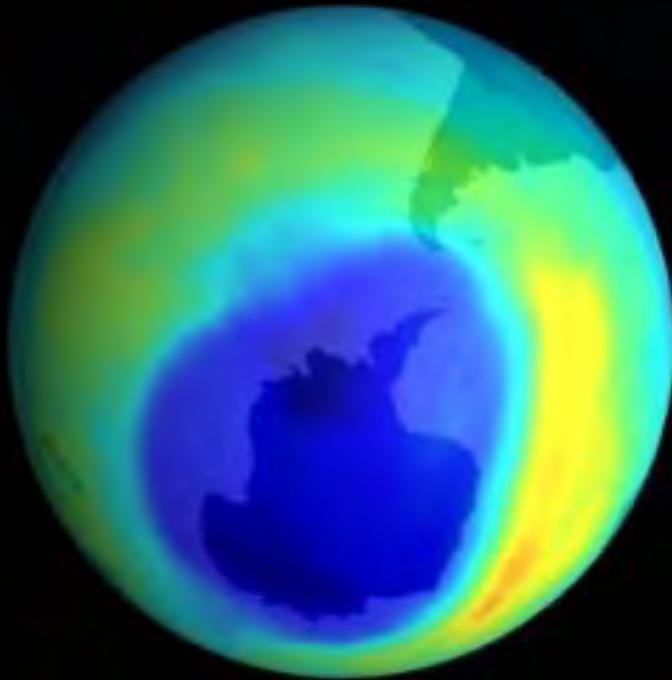
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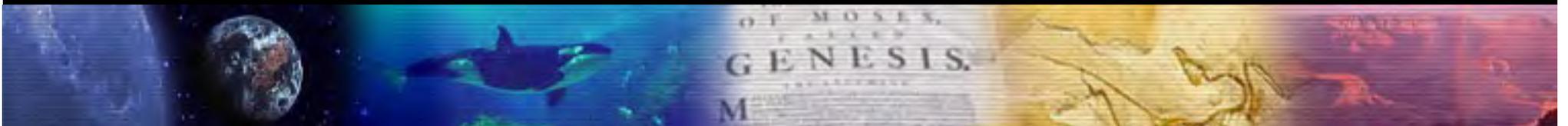
The Evolution of Man



Theological Problems with Theistic Evolution

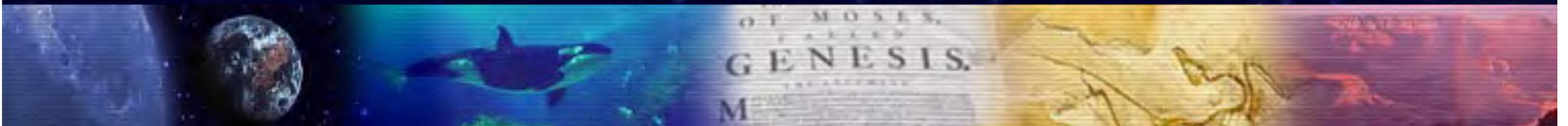


Like this huge Ozone Hole (2000), I believe theistic evolution has some "theological holes" that must be addressed...



The Creation Account

**Genesis 1–2 is a
straight-forward
account of creation
that does not even
hint at evolution**



700
3.a.



When to Start the Day...

6 PM 12 AM 6 AM 12 PM 6 PM 12 AM 6 AM 12 PM 6 PM

Roman

Day 1

Day 2

Jewish

Day 1

Day 2

There was evening...

...and morning...

There was evening...

...and morning...

...one day.

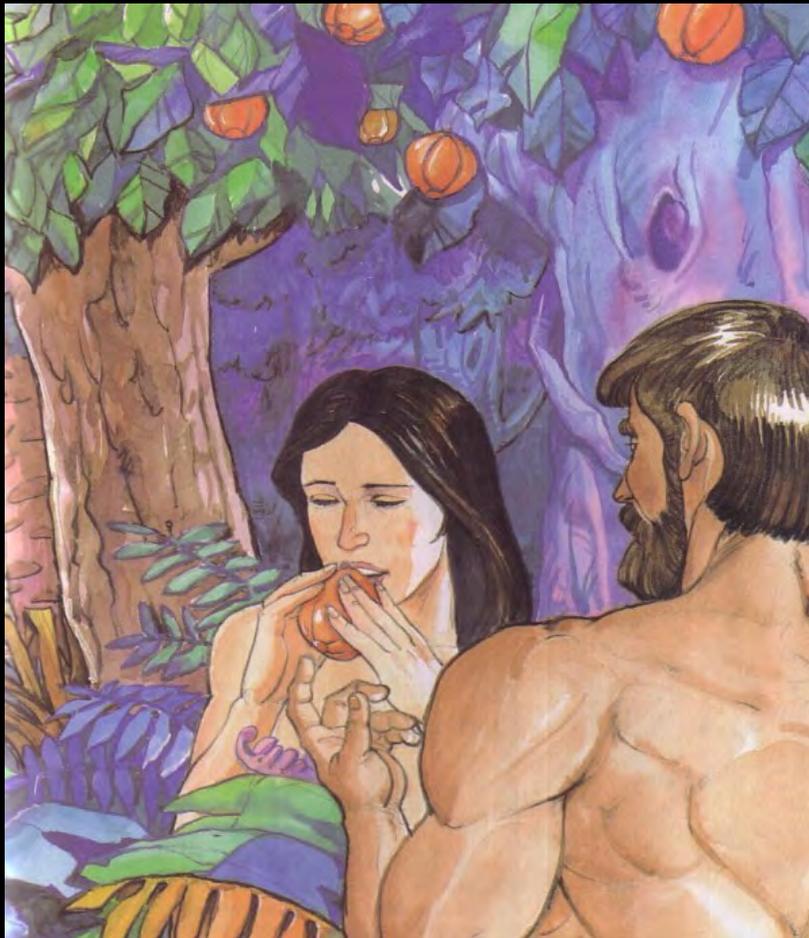
...the second day.

Is Genesis 1–11 Real History?

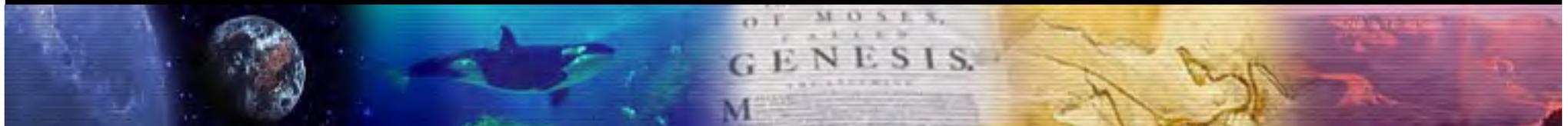
1. Myths don't teach "deep truths" better than history
2. A non-historical approach is very subjective
3. Genesis 1–11 has vital information otherwise not known
4. Genesis 1–11 fits into the book's argument on election
5. Events are presented as historical
6. Science confirms the Genesis 1–11 historical record
7. Christ said these events are historical (Matt. 19:4-6)



The Fall and the Origin of Moral Evil

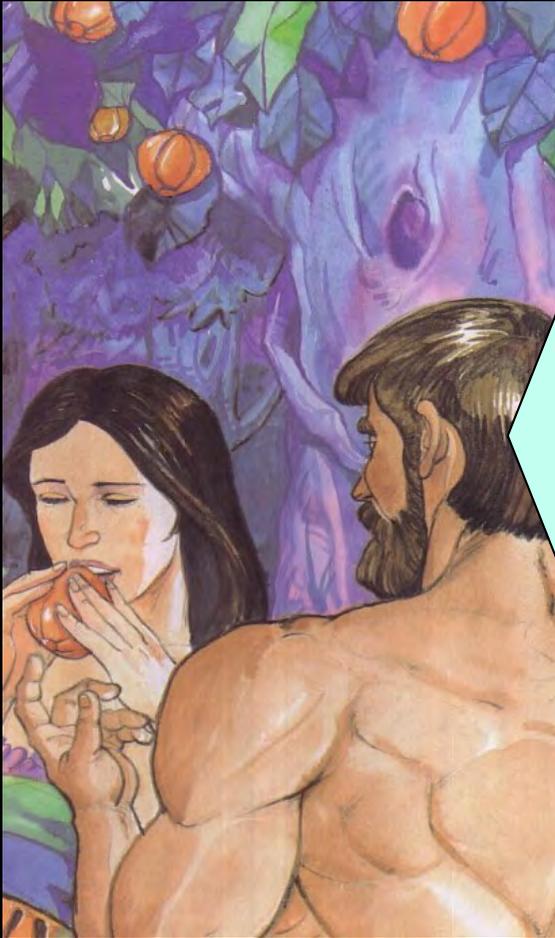


- The story of Adam and Eve is "a poetic and powerful allegory of God's plan for the entrance of the spiritual nature (the soul) and the Moral Law into humanity" (Collins, 207).



Adam versus Christ

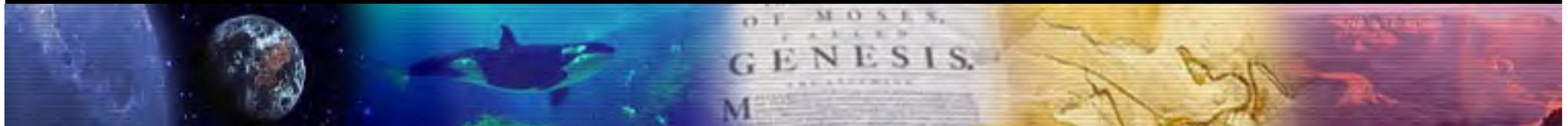
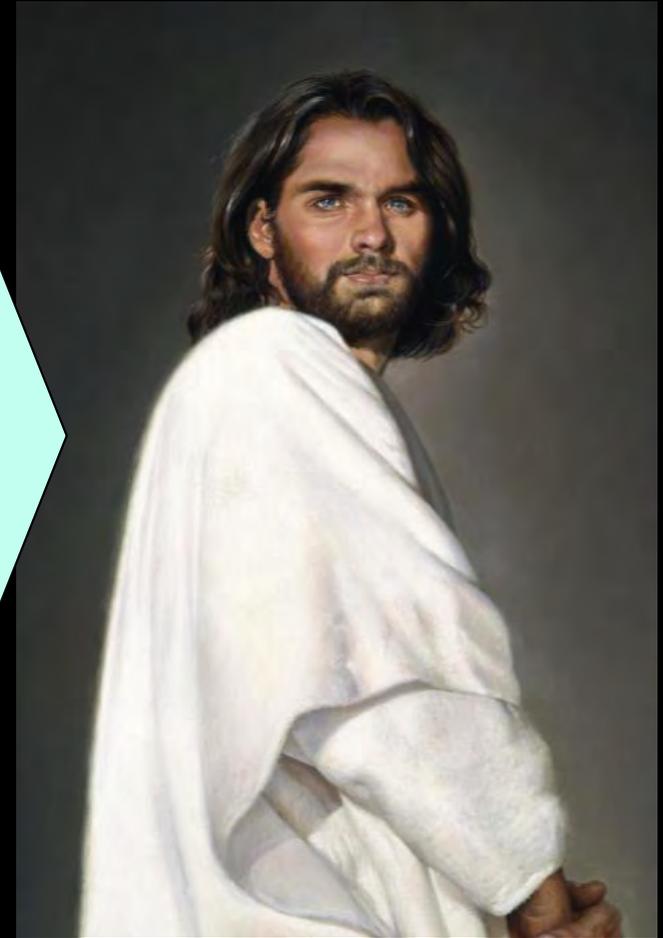
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Romans 5:12-14

1 Cor. 15:22

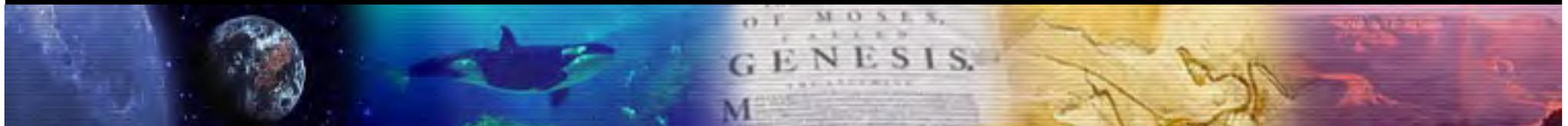
1 Cor. 15:45-49



The Origin of Man



- Created from dust (Gen. 2:7; Matt. 19:4)
- Image of God (Gen. 1:26-27)—not of apes
- or... • Eve was "mother of all living" (Gen. 3:20; Acts 7:26)
- All sinned in Adam (Rom 5:12)



Did death exist before sin?

What do you think?

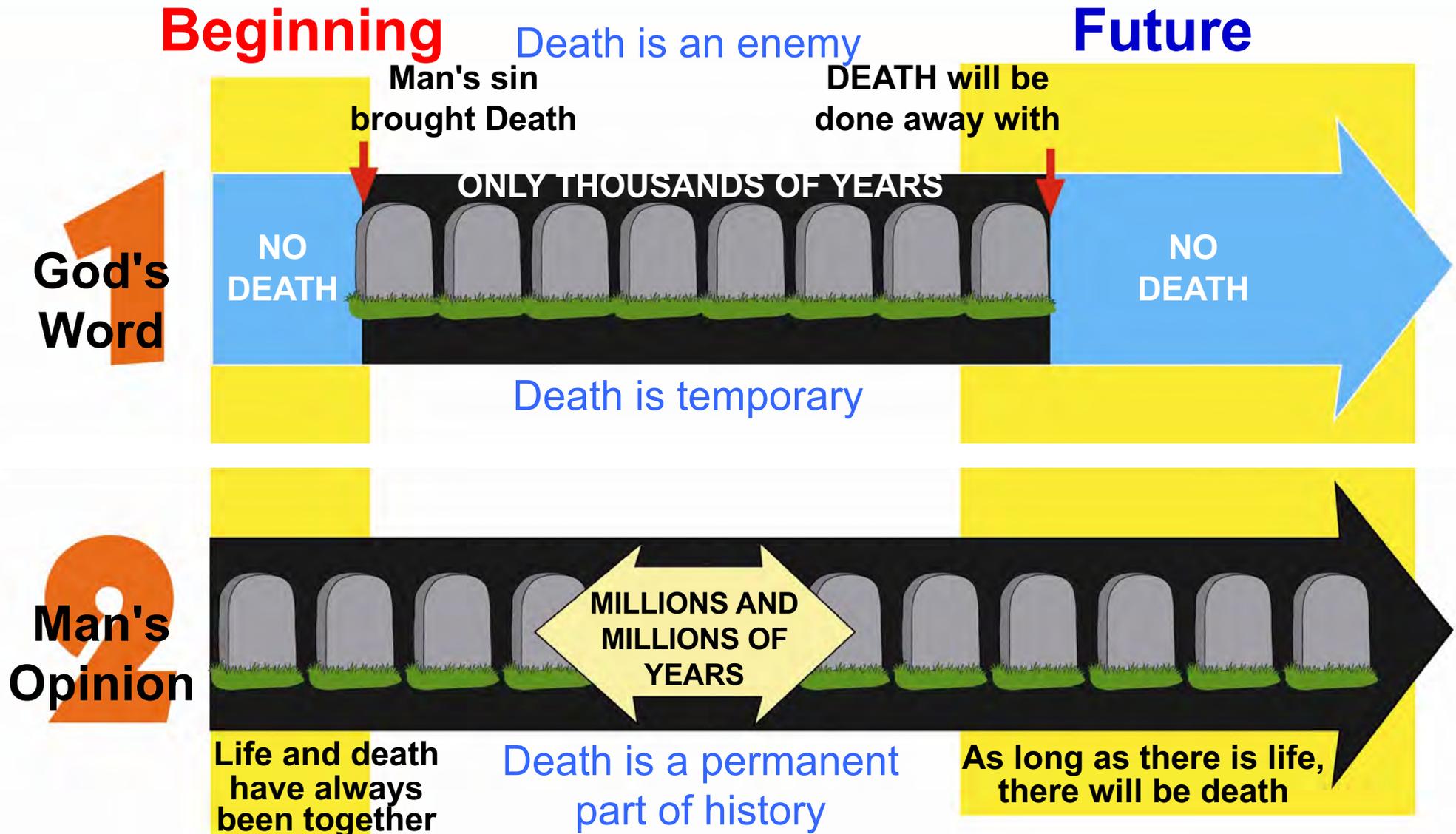
**VERY
GOOD**



What does it mean that creation was "very good" if death existed then?

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

Two Histories of *Death*



Romans 5:12 (NLT)

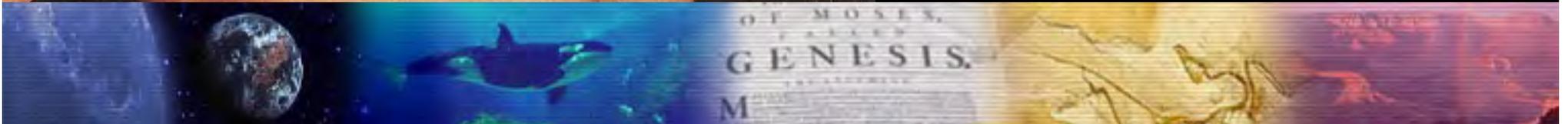
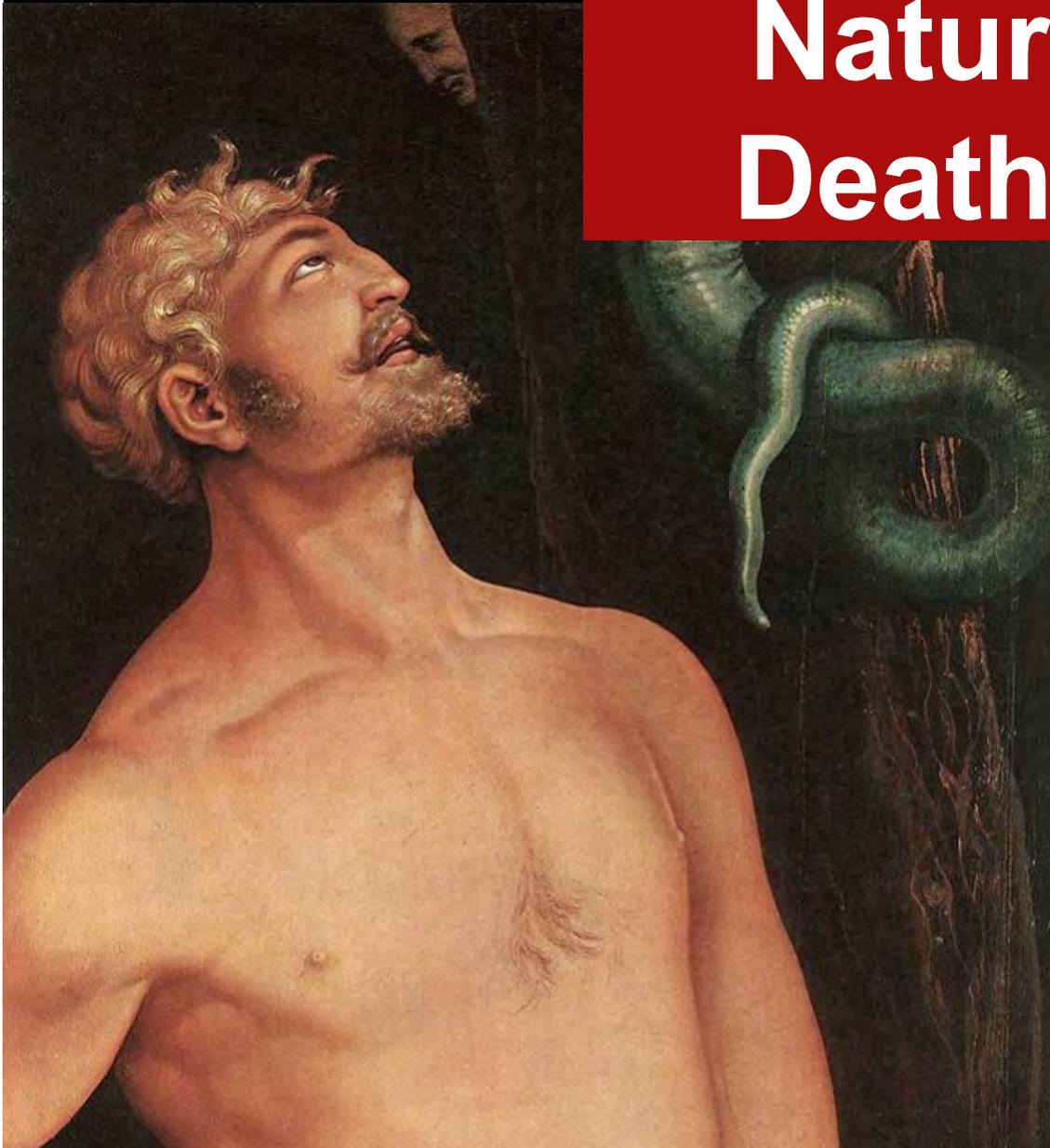
"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned"



Natural Selection, Death, & Suffering

Creation Going into Genesis 3:

- Monotheism
- Sovereign God
- All is "Good"
- Man without sin
- No pain or evil
- Ruling with God



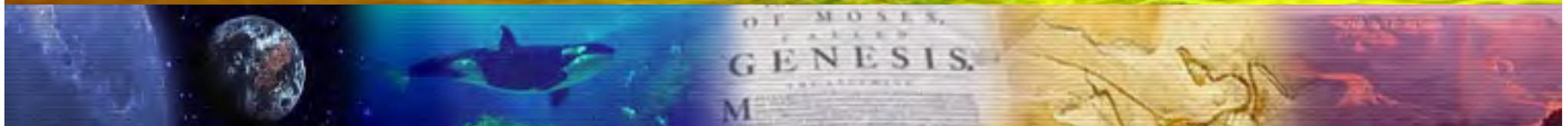
Who is Man—Really?

- Created from the dust (Gen. 2:7)—not from lower life forms
- Highest of created beings (Gen. 1:26-27)—made in God's image
- Commissioned to rule with God (Gen. 1:28)—neither an animal nor a god

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**Man, like the animals,
reproduces after his own kind**



Distinctions Between Man & Animals

- Ability to discern truth (2:16-17)
- Ability to speak (2:23)
- Marriage & relationships (2:24)
- Creative abilities



What is this image?

- **Right to rule creation (1:26)**
- **Ability to relate to God (2:16ff.)**
- **Dignity of humankind (9:6)**

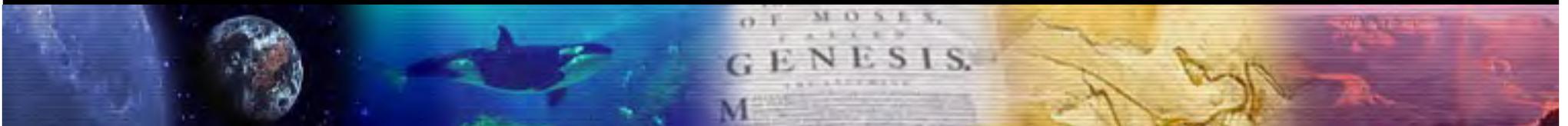
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The Image of God



Is there evidence of intelligent design?



**Francis Collins
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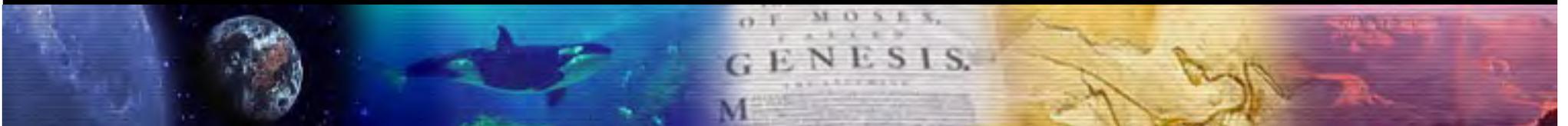


The Watch Illustration

(William Paley, 1802)



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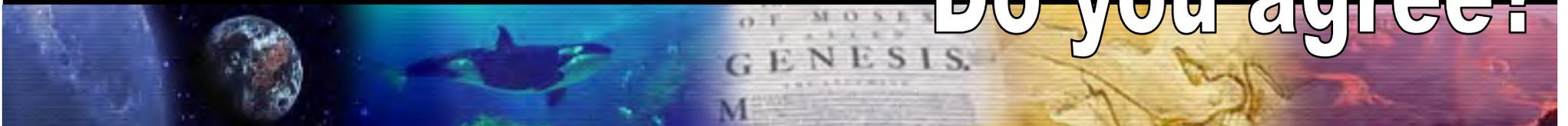
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"The fact that two objects share one characteristic (complexity) does not imply that they will share all characteristics" (p. 87)

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2. Electric current comes from the power company.
3. Lightning consists of a flow of electrons.
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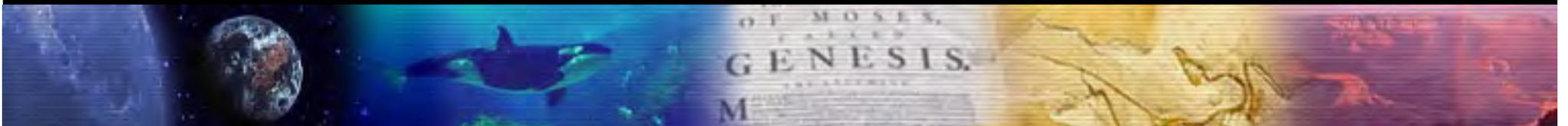
Do you agree?



A Better Parallel

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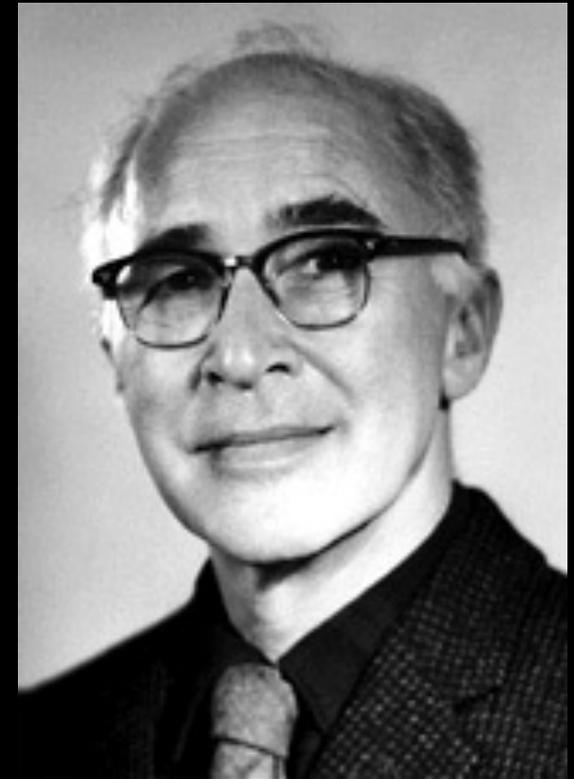
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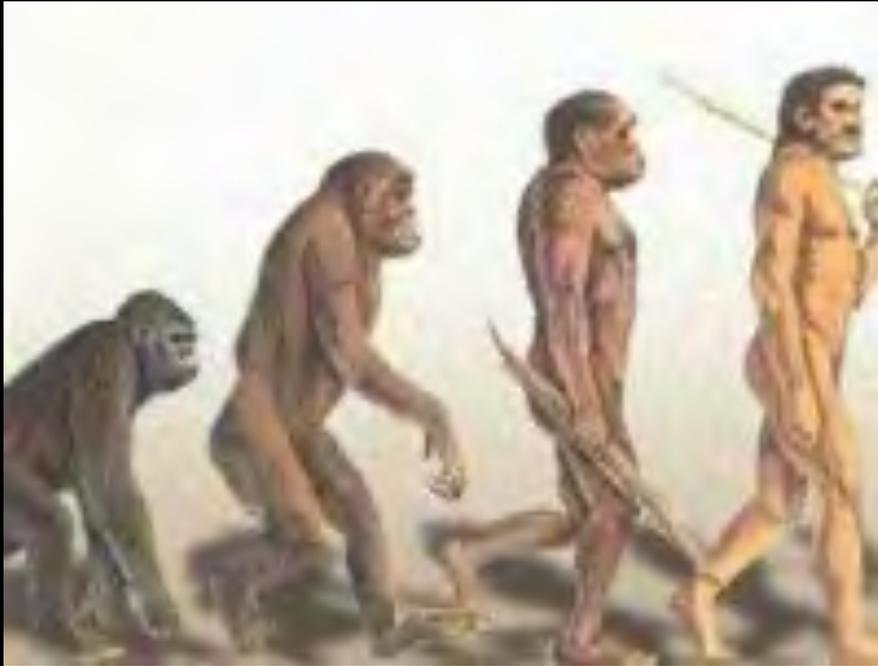
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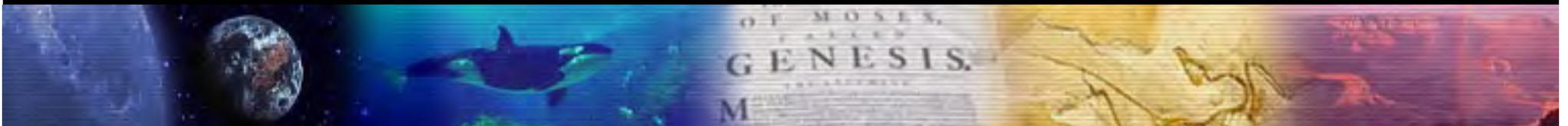
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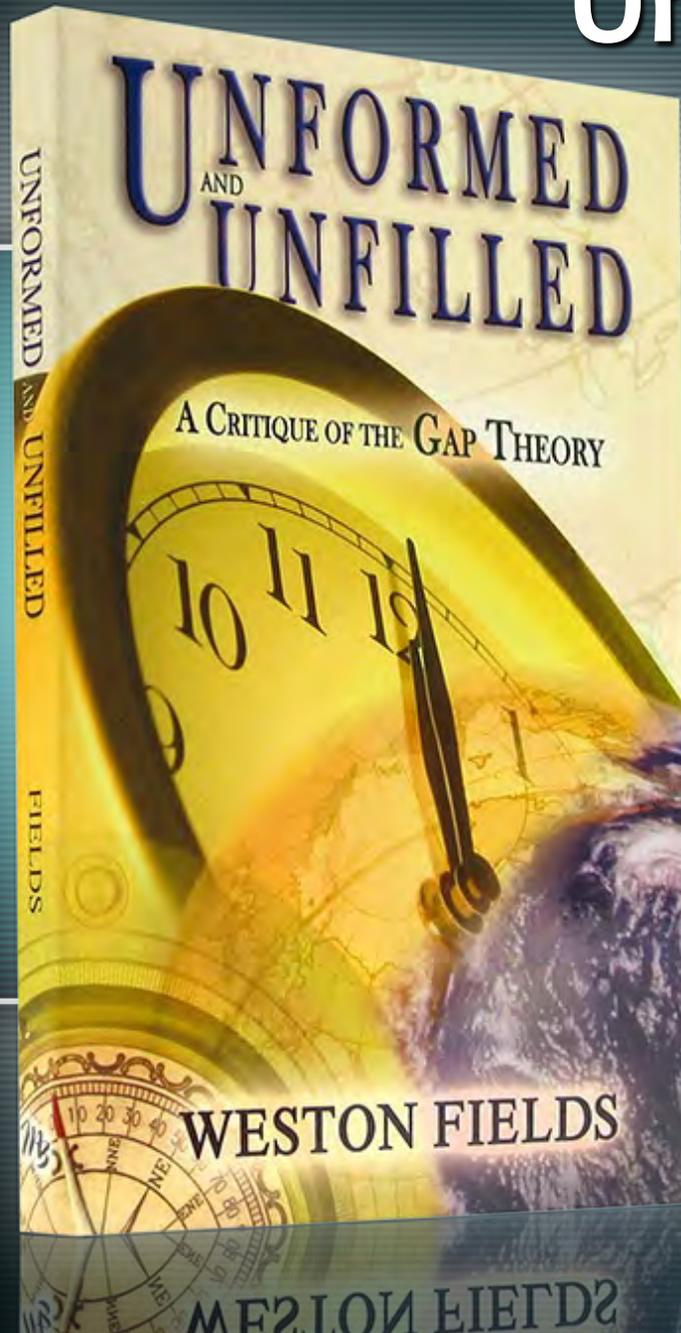
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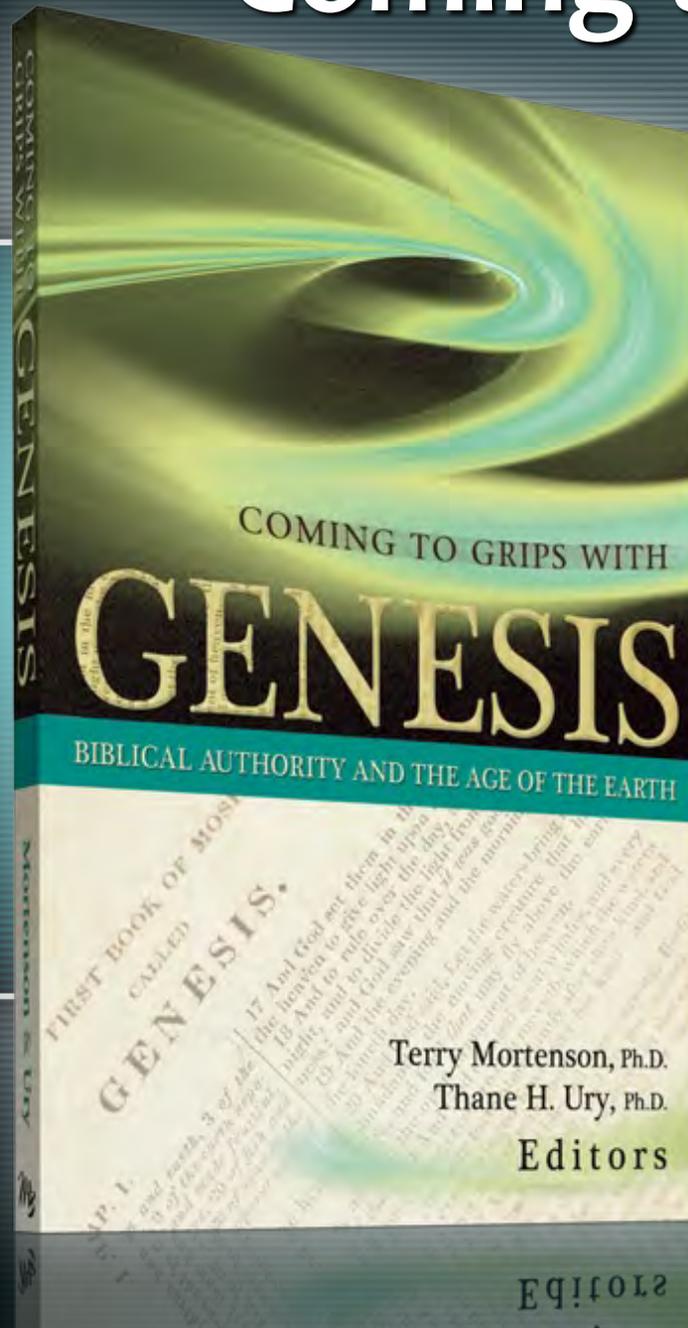
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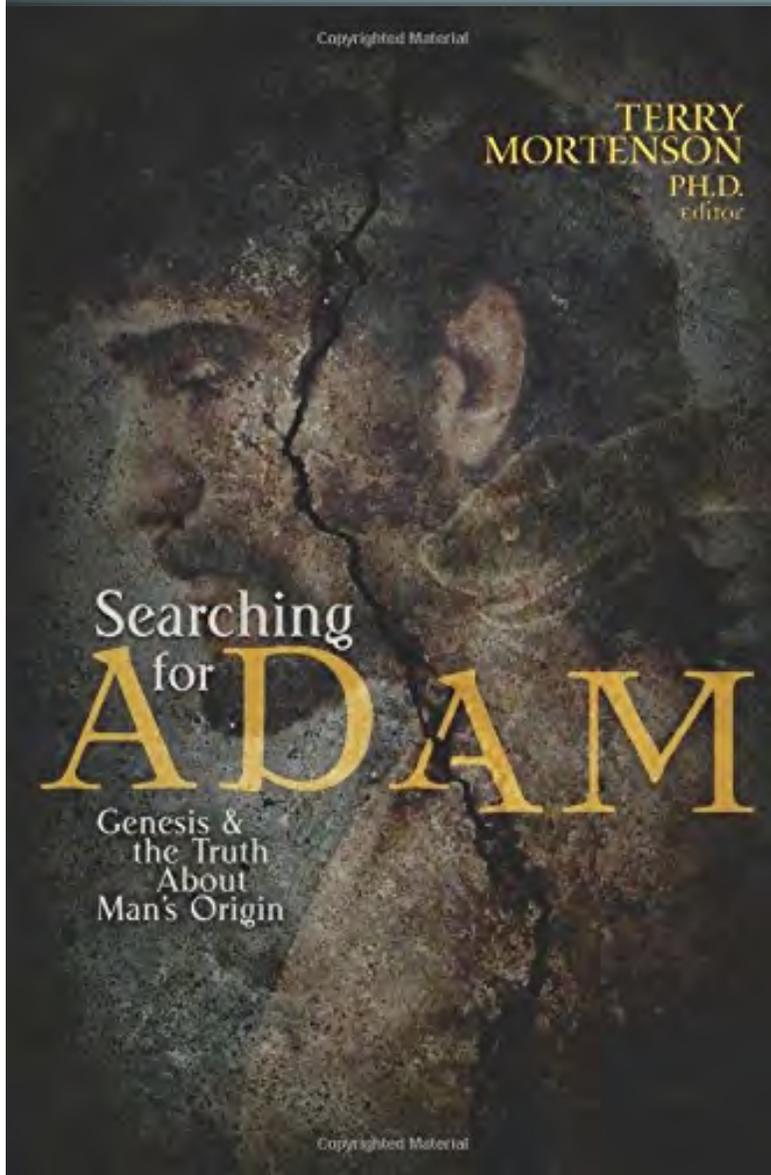
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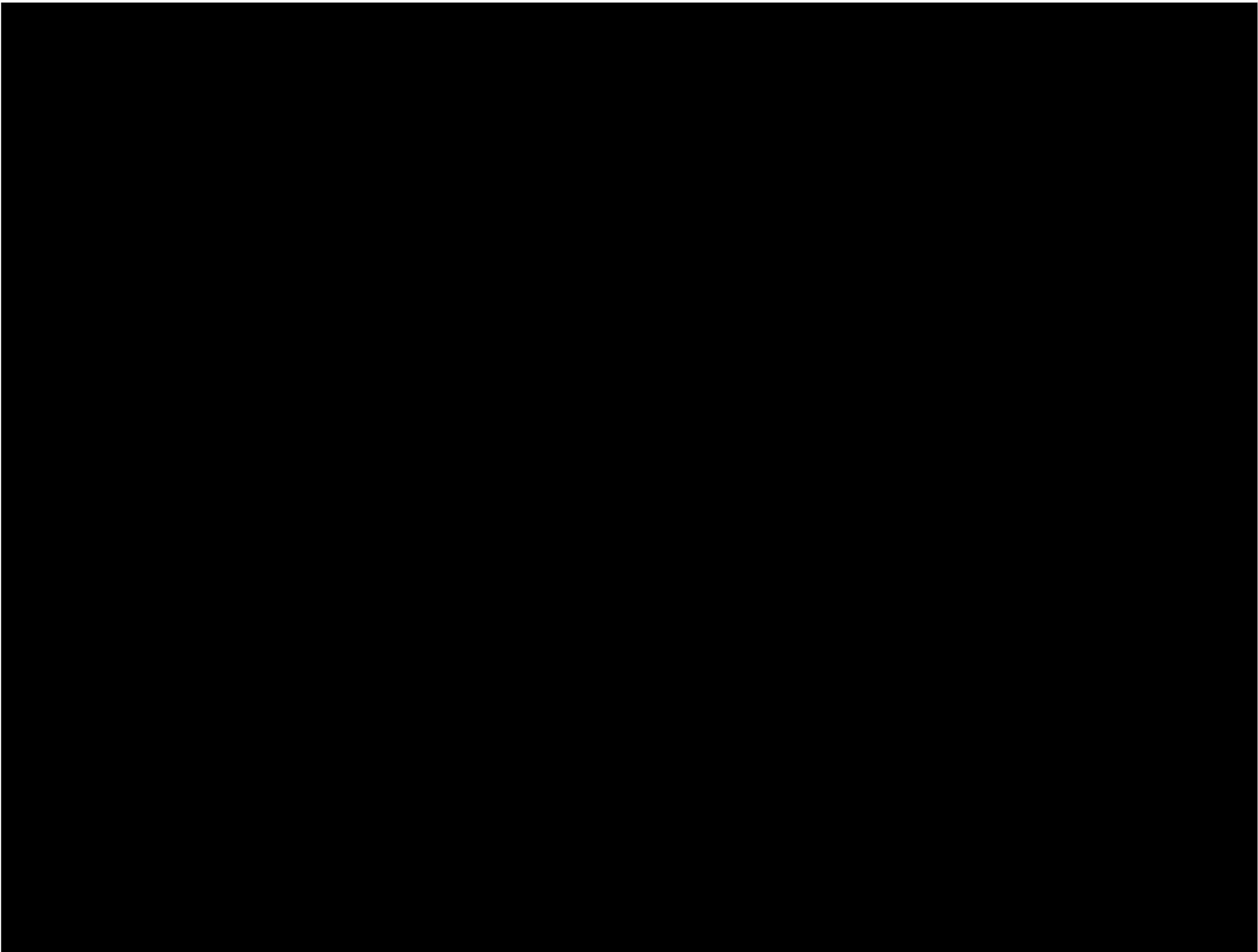
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