



Genesis: Key to Evangelism Today

GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH

MAN DECIDES TRUTH

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Matthew 28:18-20

18. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
19. **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
20. **teaching them** to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



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YOU OVER
FOR TEA.

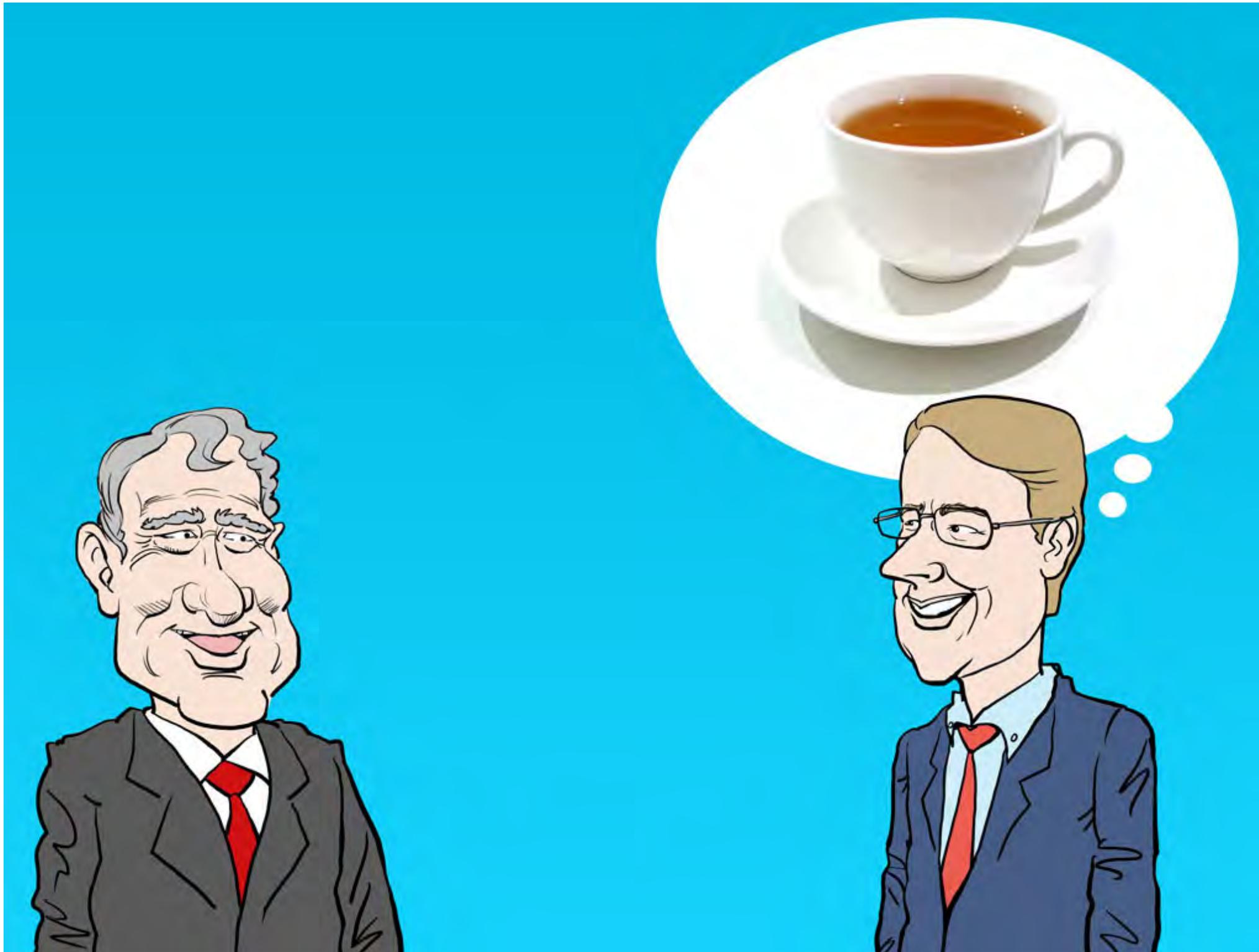


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GREAT!
WE'D LOVE TO
COME OVER
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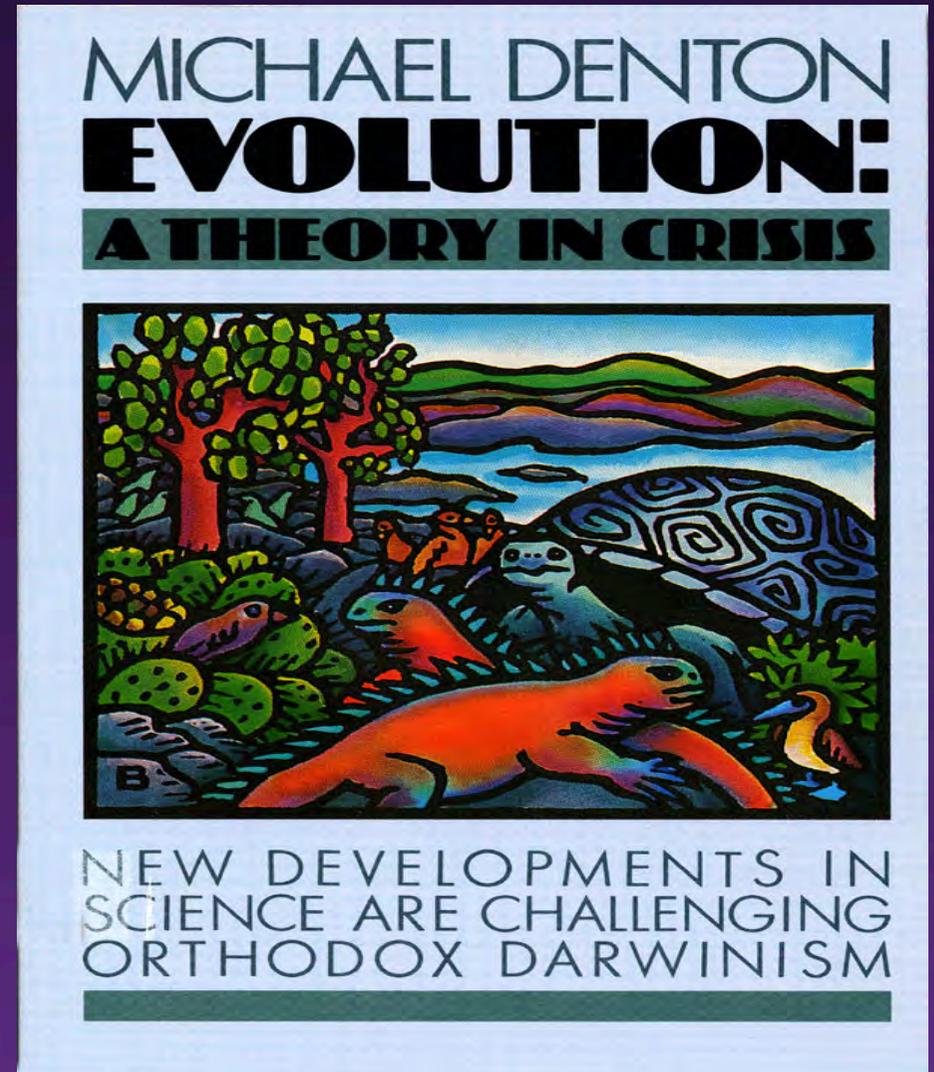


1 Chronicles 12:32

...of the sons of Issachar who
had understanding of the times,
to know what Israel ought to do



“Today it is perhaps the Darwinian view of nature more than any other that is responsible for the agnostic and skeptical outlook of the twentieth century.”



Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*
(London: Burnett Books, 1985), p. 358.



GOSPEL



GENESIS

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures,**

4. and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day **according to the Scriptures.**



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.





SIN

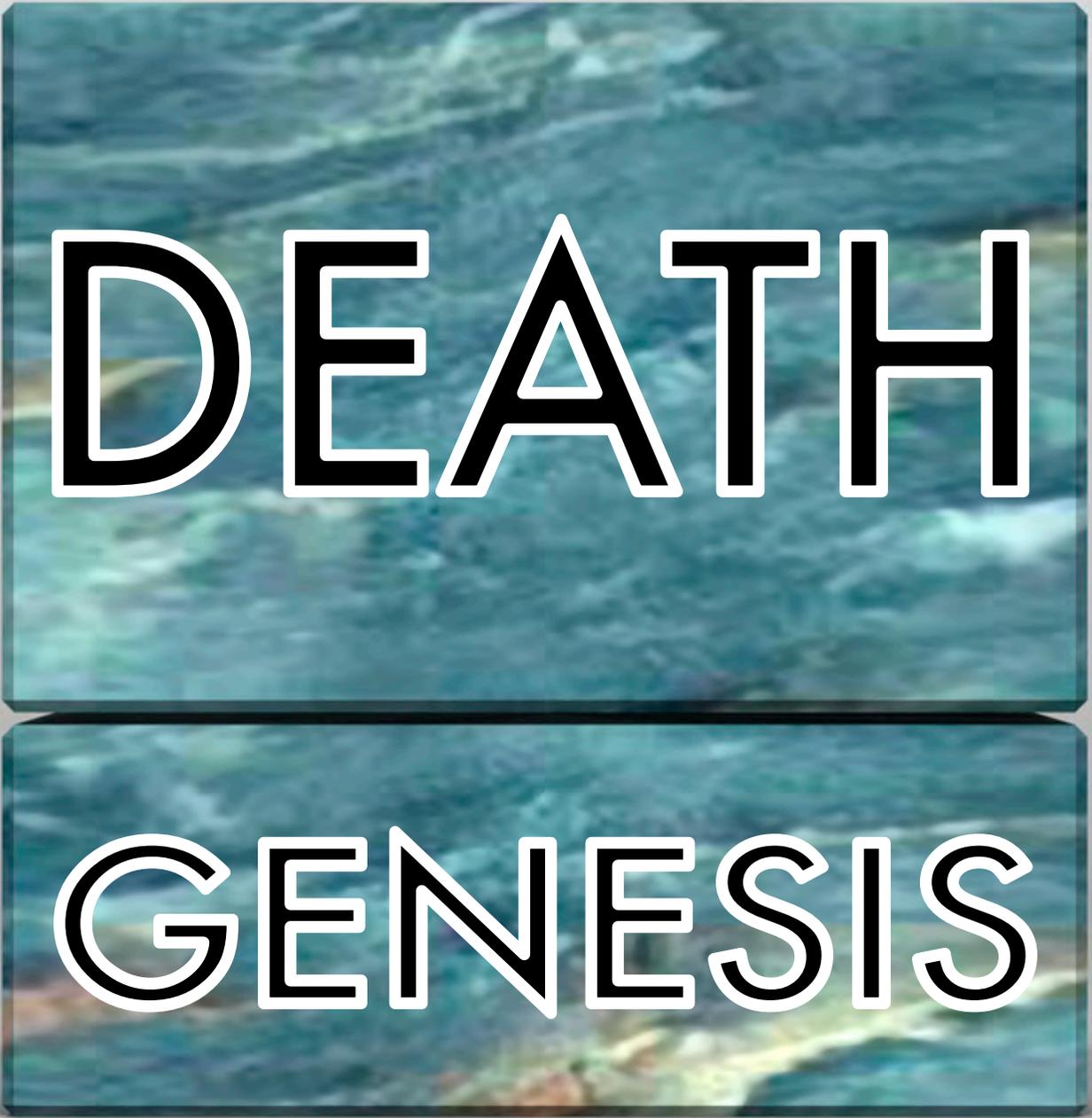


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1 John 3:4

Everyone who practices sin
also practices lawlessness;
and **sin is lawlessness.**





DEATH

GENESIS

EVOLUTION



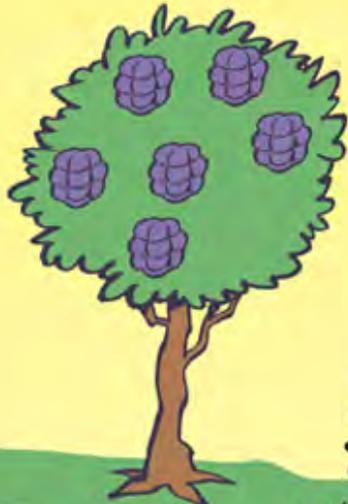
DEATH MILLIONS OF YEARS

Suffering • Disease • Bloodshed



**MAN'S
EXISTENCE**

CREATION



**MAN'S
ACTIONS**

DEATH



Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered into the world,** and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.



**Jesus
Christ
"The Last
Adam"**

1 Cor. 15:45



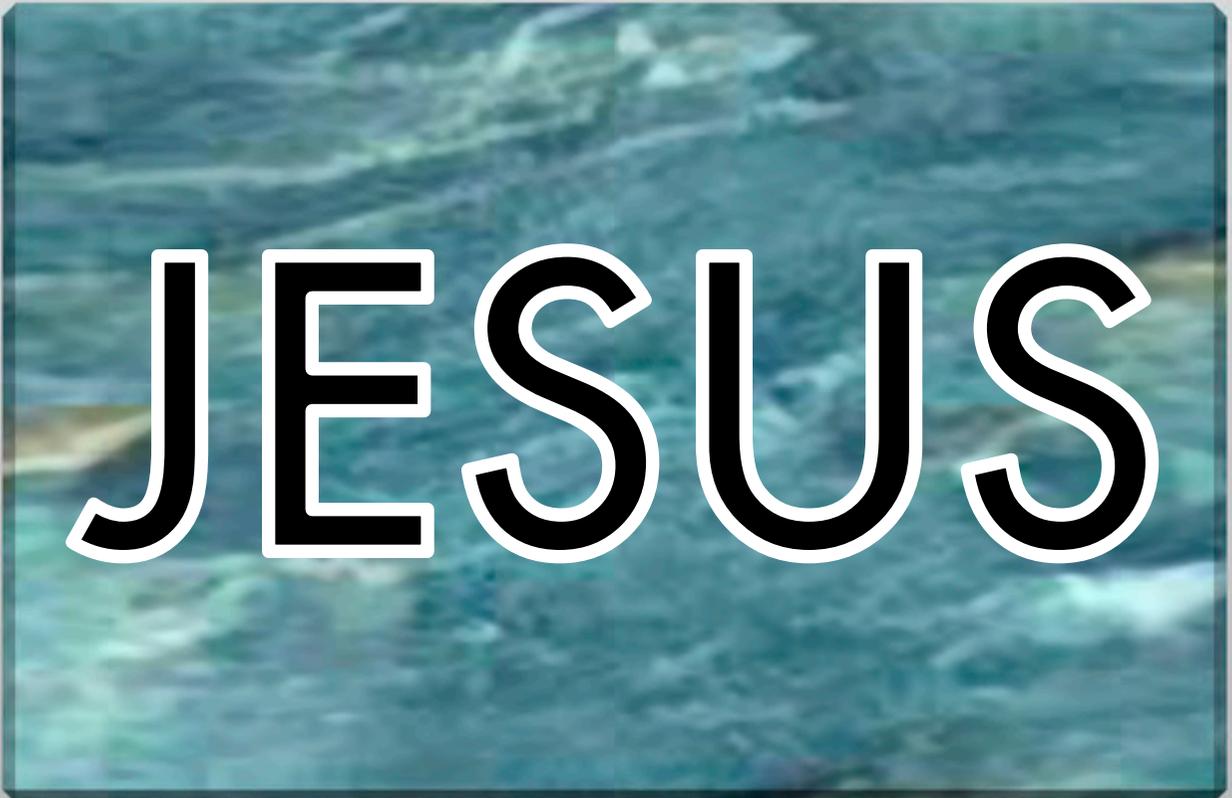
**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ
shall all be made alive**

1 Cor. 15:22



**"The
First
Adam"**

1 Cor. 15:45



JESUS



GENESIS

Jesus believed the literal truth of the Old Testament history:

Adam and Eve—1st marriage (Mt. 19:4-6)

Abel (1st prophet) murdered (Lk. 11:50-51)

Noah & the Flood (Mt. 24:37-39)

Lot & the fall of Sodom (Mt. 10:15)

Lot's wife turned to salt (Lk. 17:28-32)

Moses & the serpent (Jn. 3:14)

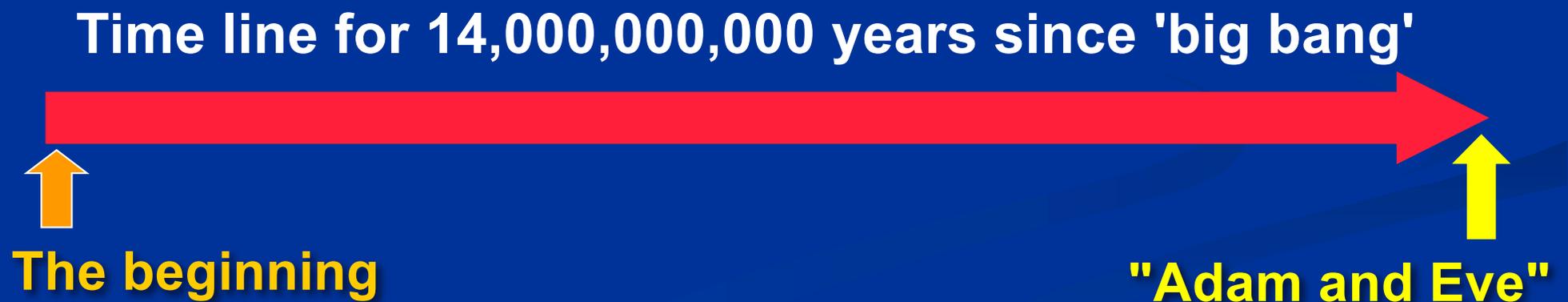
Moses and the manna (Jn. 6:32-33, 49)

Elijah's miracles (Lk. 4:25-27)

Jonah in the fish (Mt. 12:40-41)

Jesus and the age of universe

“But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.” Mark 10:6



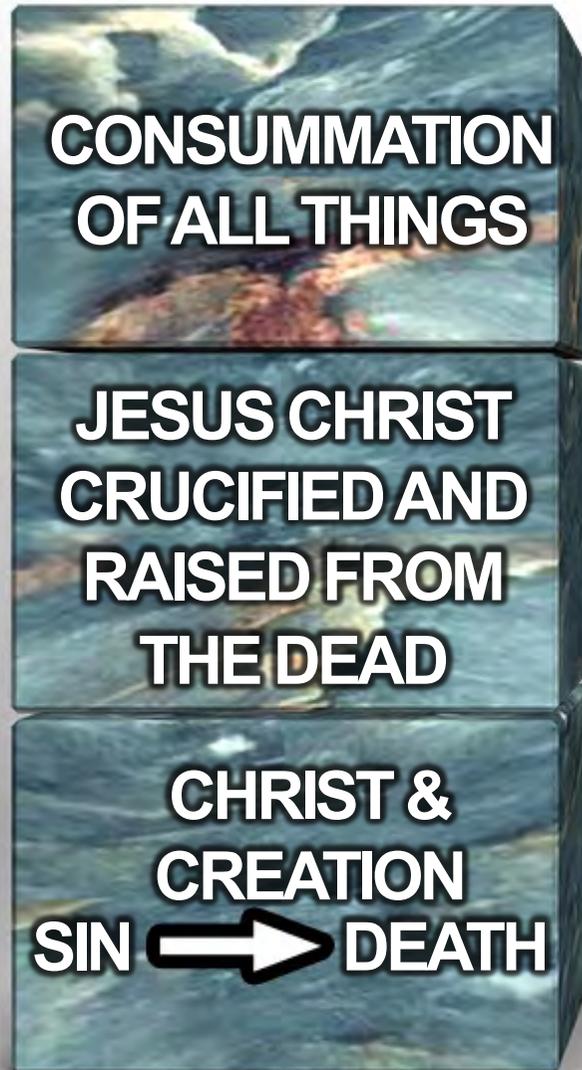
**If Jesus is our Lord, can
we have a different view
of the age of the earth
than He had?**

John 5:45-47

Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. **But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?**



THE GOSPEL



CORRUPTION

CREATION



CATASTROPHE



CONFUSION

THE SEVEN C's OF HISTORY

CHRIST



CROSS

CONSUMMATION



1 Corinthians 1:23

But we preach Christ crucified,
to **Jews a stumbling block** and
to **Greeks foolishness**.



JEW'S

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to the Jews a stumbling block,
and to the Greeks foolishness;

1 Corinthians 1:23

GENESIS



GOD'S

GOSPEL



OUCH!

Acts 2:22-24

22. "Men of Israel, listen to these words: **Jesus the Nazarene**, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

23. this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, **you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.**

24. "**But God raised Him up again**, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."



Acts 2:37-38 & 40

37. Now when they heard this, **they were pierced to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

38. Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ...

40. And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “**Be saved from this perverse generation!**”

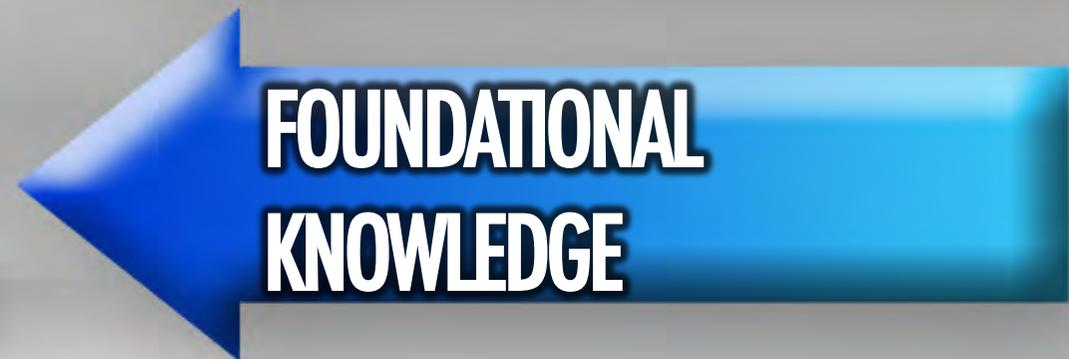
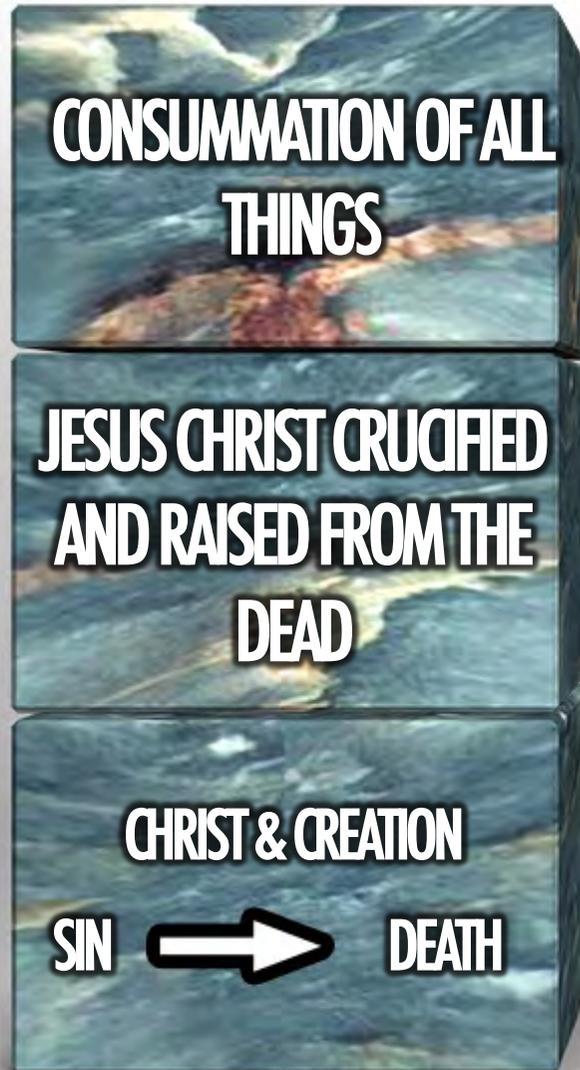


Acts 2:41

So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about **three thousand souls**.

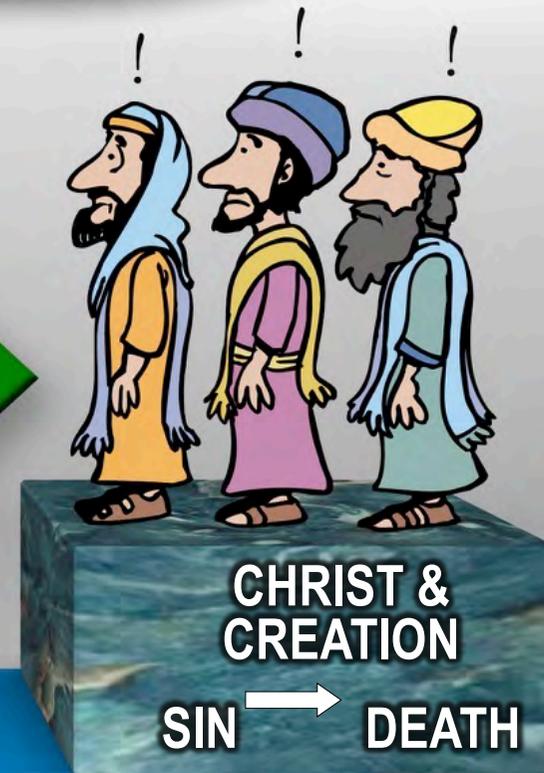
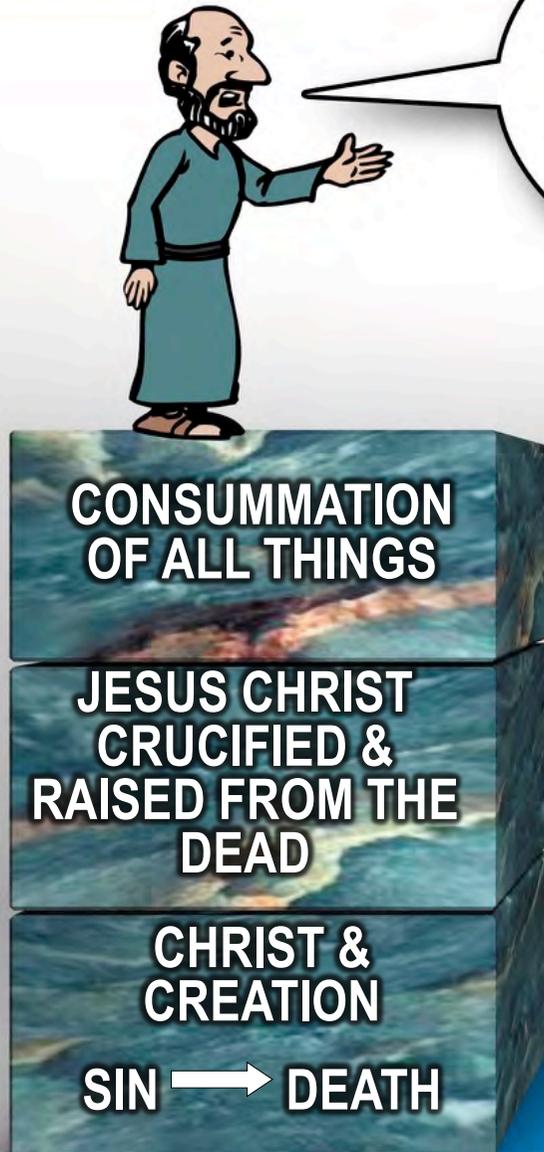


THE GOSPEL



Acts 2

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made the same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36).



FOUNDATION
ALREADY IN PLACE



STUMBLING BLOCK

JESUS AND RESURRECTION

UNDERSTAND

GOD-SIN-DEATH

CREATION

BASED

GREEKS

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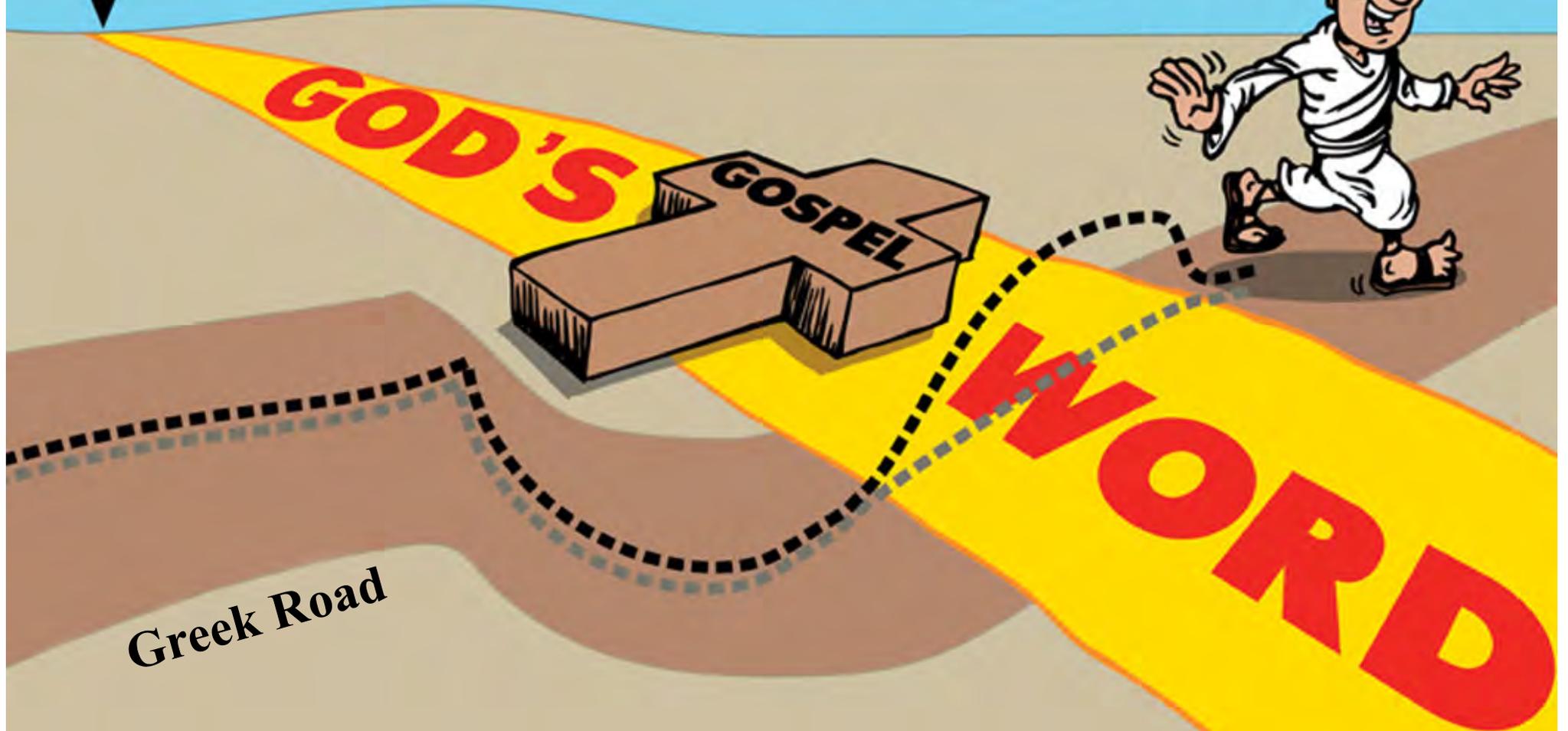
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HA! FOOLISHNESS!



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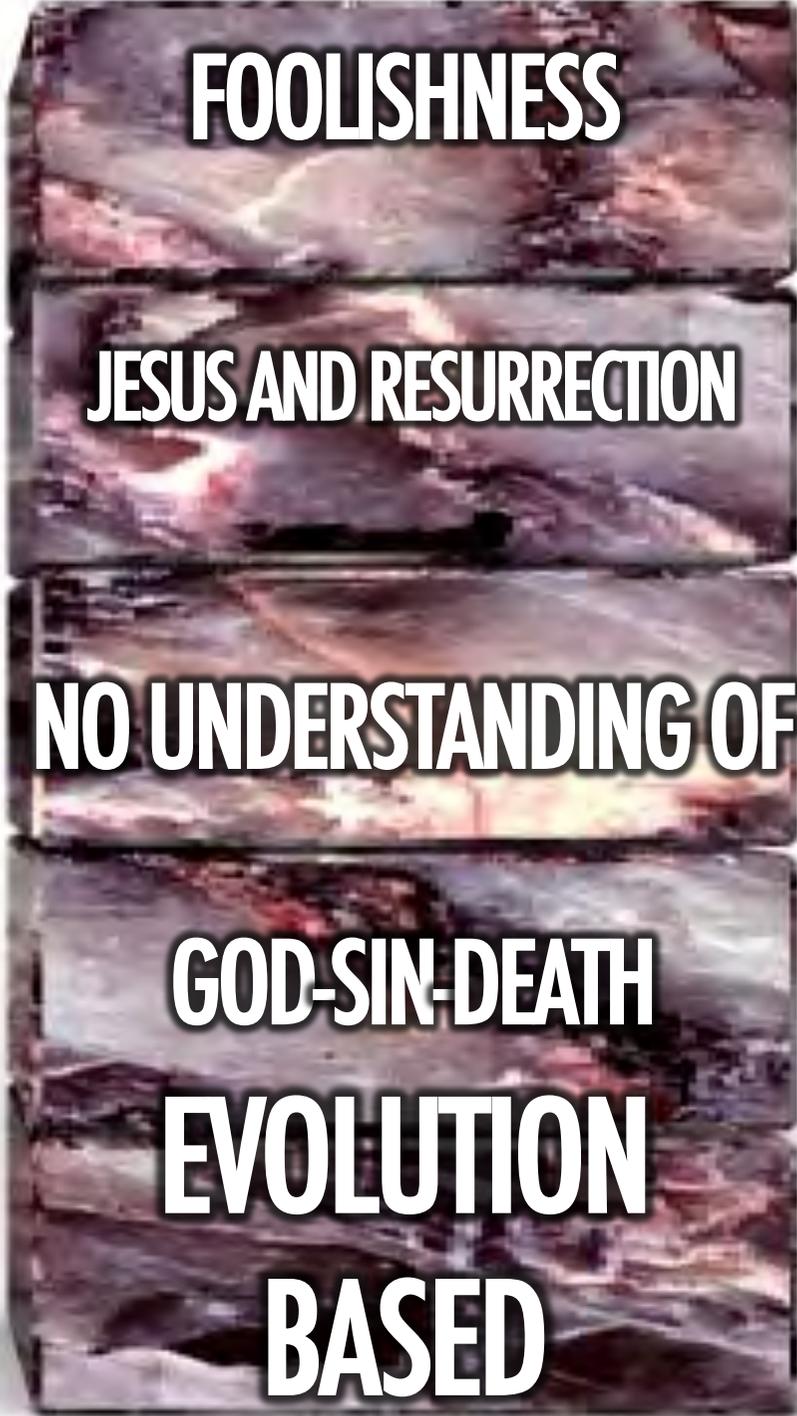
Greek Road



Acts 17:18

And also some of the **Epicurean and Stoic philosophers** were conversing with him. Some were saying, “**What would this idle babbler wish to say?**” Others, “He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,” — **because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.**





FOOLISHNESS

JESUS AND RESURRECTION

NO UNDERSTANDING OF

GOD-SIN-DEATH

EVOLUTION

BASED

Acts 17:23

For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, **I also found an altar with this inscription, “TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.”** Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.



Acts 17:24-25

24. **The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth,** does not dwell in temples made with hands;

25. nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;



Acts 17:26-27

26. and **He made from one man every nation of mankind** to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,
27. that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;



Acts 17:30-31

30. Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that **all people everywhere should repent,**

31. because He has fixed a day in which **He will judge the world** in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, **having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.**



Acts 17:32 & 34

32. Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, **some began to sneer**, but **others said**, “**We shall hear you again** concerning this.”

33. So Paul went out of their midst.

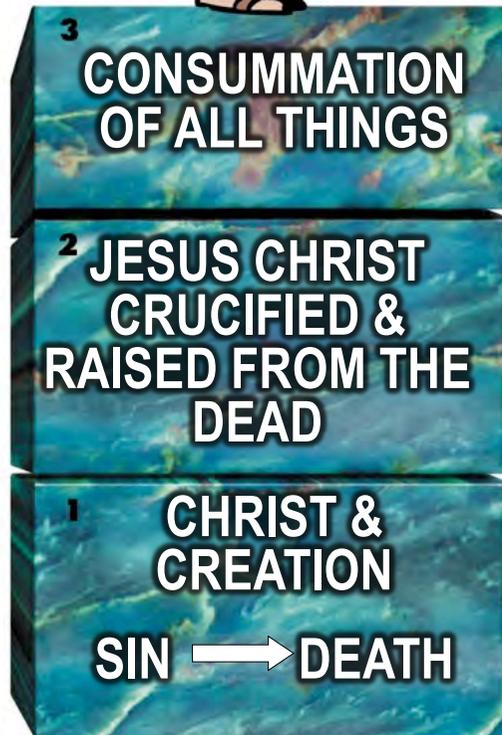
34. But **some men** joined him and **believed**, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.



Acts 17



...I Found an altar with this inscription, to the unknown god. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth...
Acts 17:23-24



ALTAR TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

REMOVE OLD FOUNDATION FIRST

NO CHRISTIAN BASIS



Acts 17

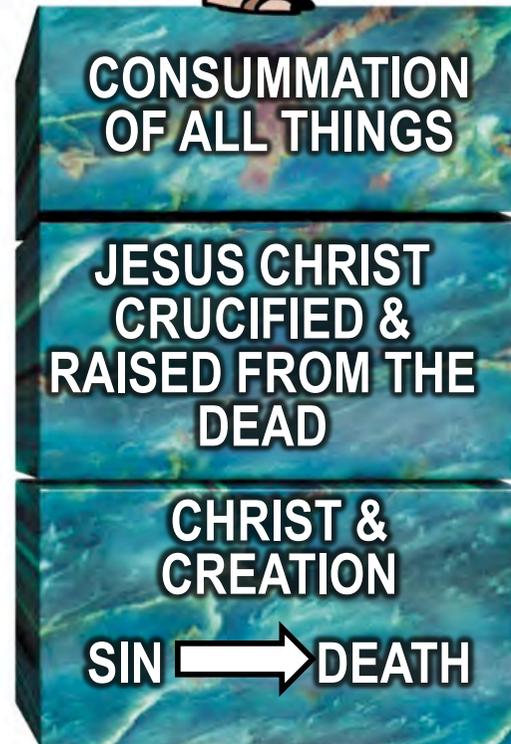


Paul

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Acts 17:23-24

Greeks



REPLACE WITH
THE CORRECT
FOUNDATION



REACHING THE GREEKS

LET'S START FROM THE BEGINNING!

GENESIS
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Greek Road

**THE
CHURCH**

**CONSUMMATION
OF ALL THINGS**

**JESUS CHRIST
CRUCIFIED &
RAISED FROM
THE DEAD**

**CHRIST &
CREATION**

SIN → DEATH

**REPENT!
JESUS DIED FOR
YOUR SINS!**

I understand.

**THE
WORLD**

"JEWS"



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TODAY'S "GREEKS"

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GOSPEL

REPENT!

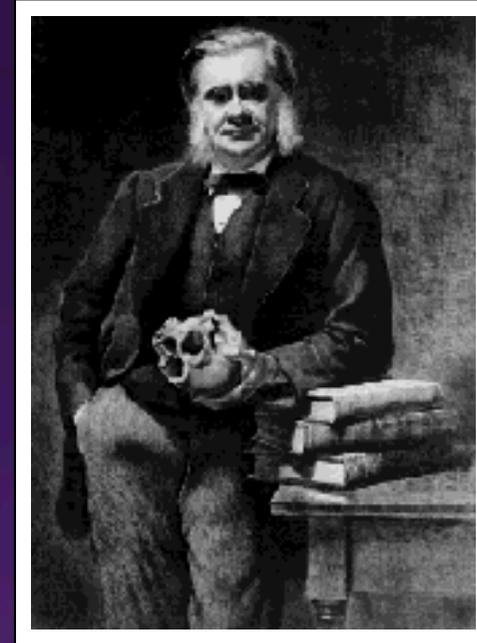


**HA!
FOOLISHNESS!**

WORD

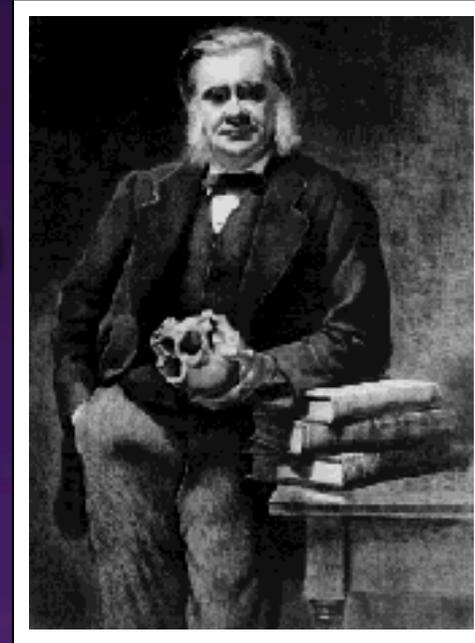
GREEK ROAD

“I am fairly at a loss to comprehend how any one, for a moment, can doubt that **Christian theology must stand or fall with the historical trustworthiness of the Jewish Scriptures.**”



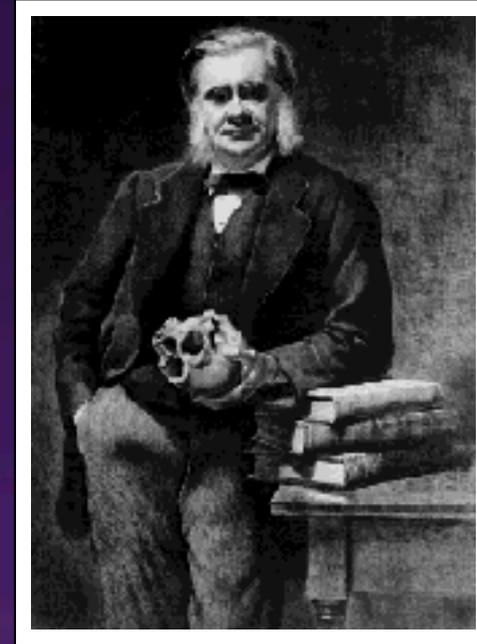
Thomas H. Huxley, *Science and Hebrew Tradition*
(New York: D. Appleton, 1893), p. 207-8.

“The very conception of the Messiah, or Christ, is **inextricably interwoven with Jewish history**; the identification of Jesus of Nazareth with that Messiah rests upon the interpretation of the passages of the Hebrew Scriptures which have no evidential value **unless they possess the historical character assigned to them.**”



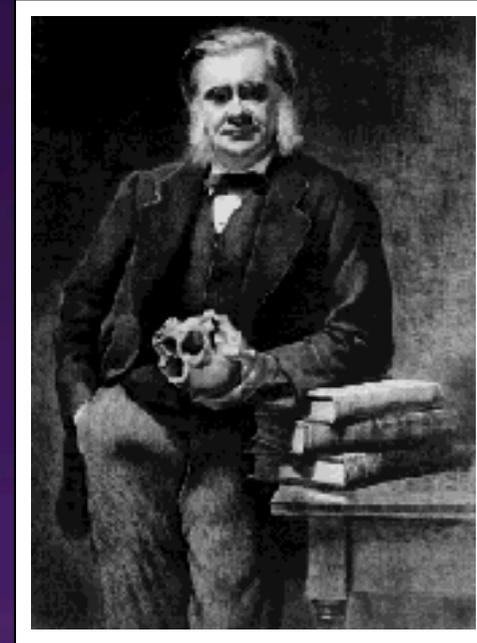
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“If the **covenant with Abraham** was not made; if circumcision and sacrifices were not ordained by Jahveh; if the **'ten words'** were not written by God's hand on the stone tables; if Abraham is more or less a mythical hero, such as Theseus; the Story of the **Deluge** a fiction; that of the **Fall** a legend; and that of the **Creation** the dream of a seer;”



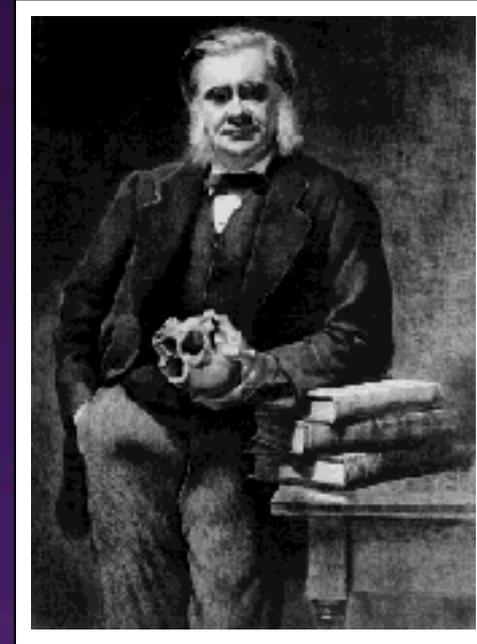
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“if all these definite and detailed narratives of apparently real events have no more value as history than have the stories of the regal period of Rome--what is to be said about the Messianic doctrine, which is so much less clearly enunciated?



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“And what about the authority of the writers of the books of the New Testament, who, on this theory, have not merely accepted flimsy fictions for solid truths, but have **built the very foundations of Christian dogma upon legendary quicksands?**”

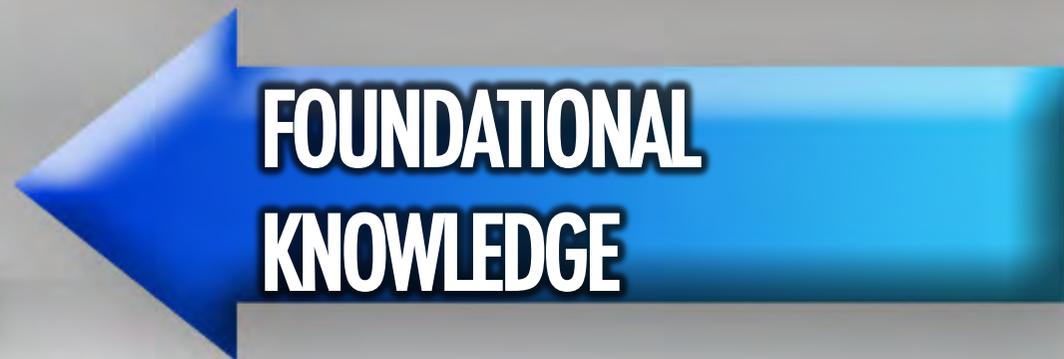


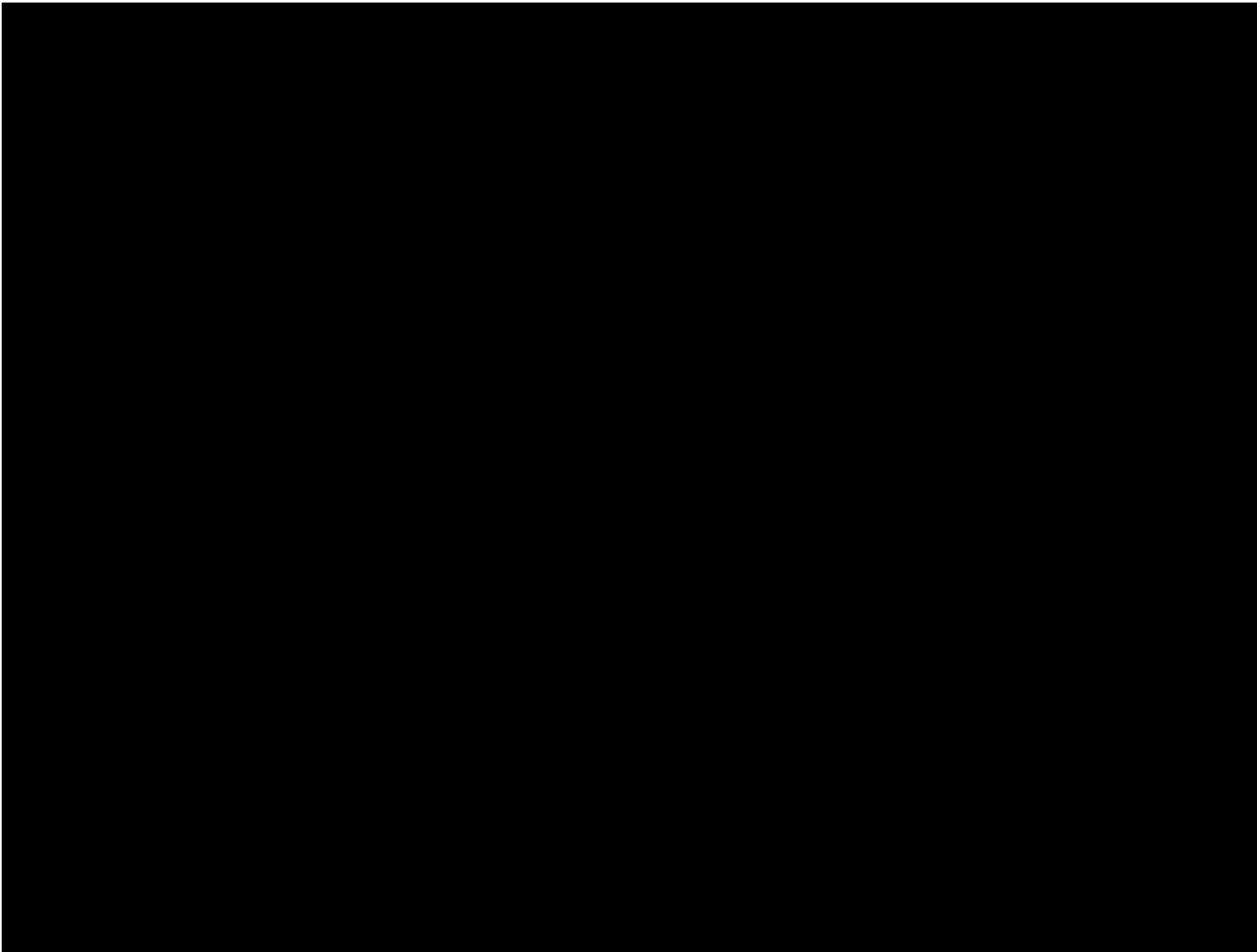
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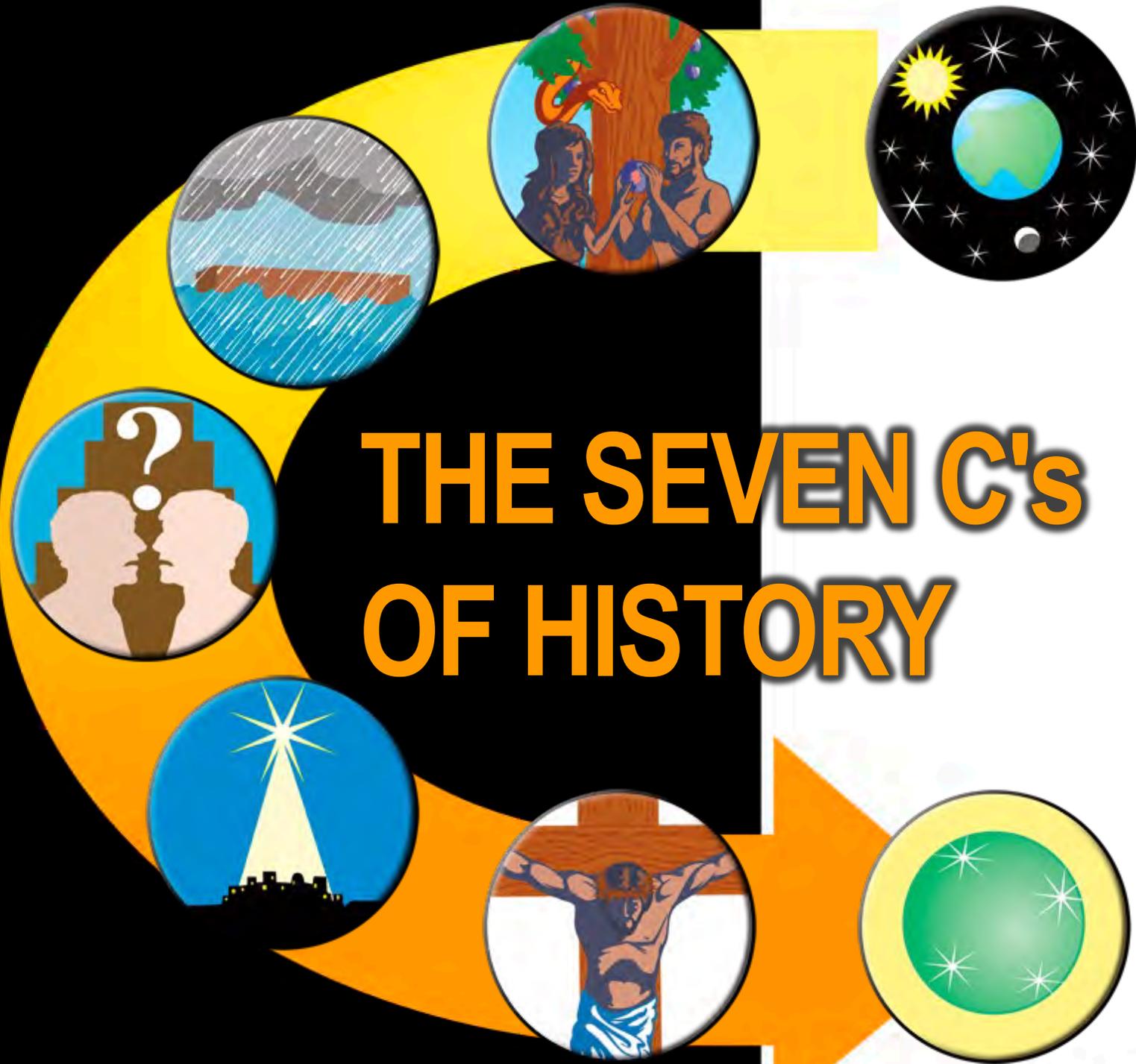
It becomes clear now that the whole justification of Jesus' life and death is predicated on the existence of Adam and the forbidden fruit he and Eve ate. Without the original sin, who needs to be redeemed? Without Adam's fall into a life of constant sin terminated by death, what purpose is there to Christianity? None.

**G. Richard Bozarth, "The Meaning of Evolution,"
American Atheist, 20 Sept. 1979, p. 30**

ANTI- GOSPEL





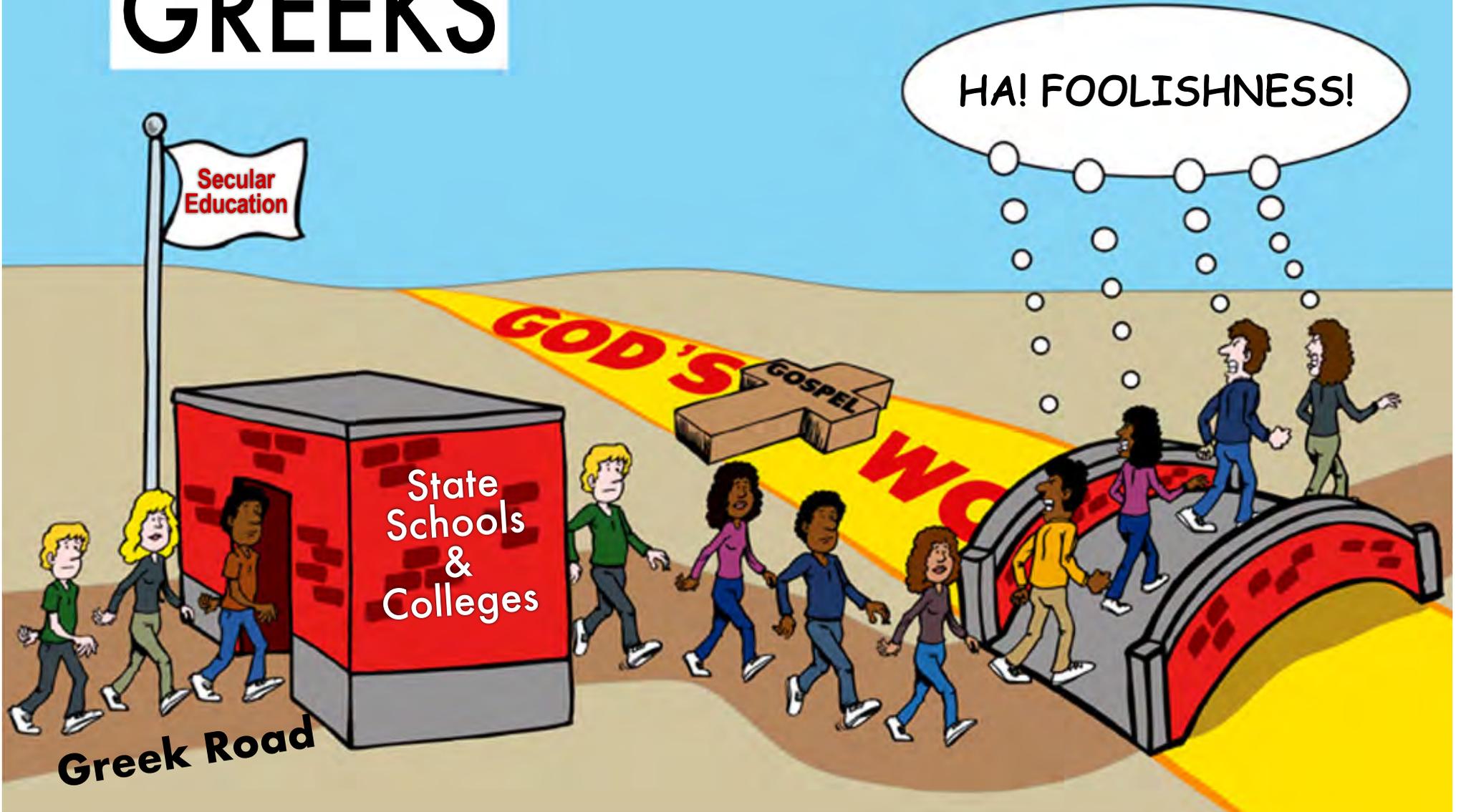


THE SEVEN C's OF HISTORY

GREEKS

educating

GREEKS



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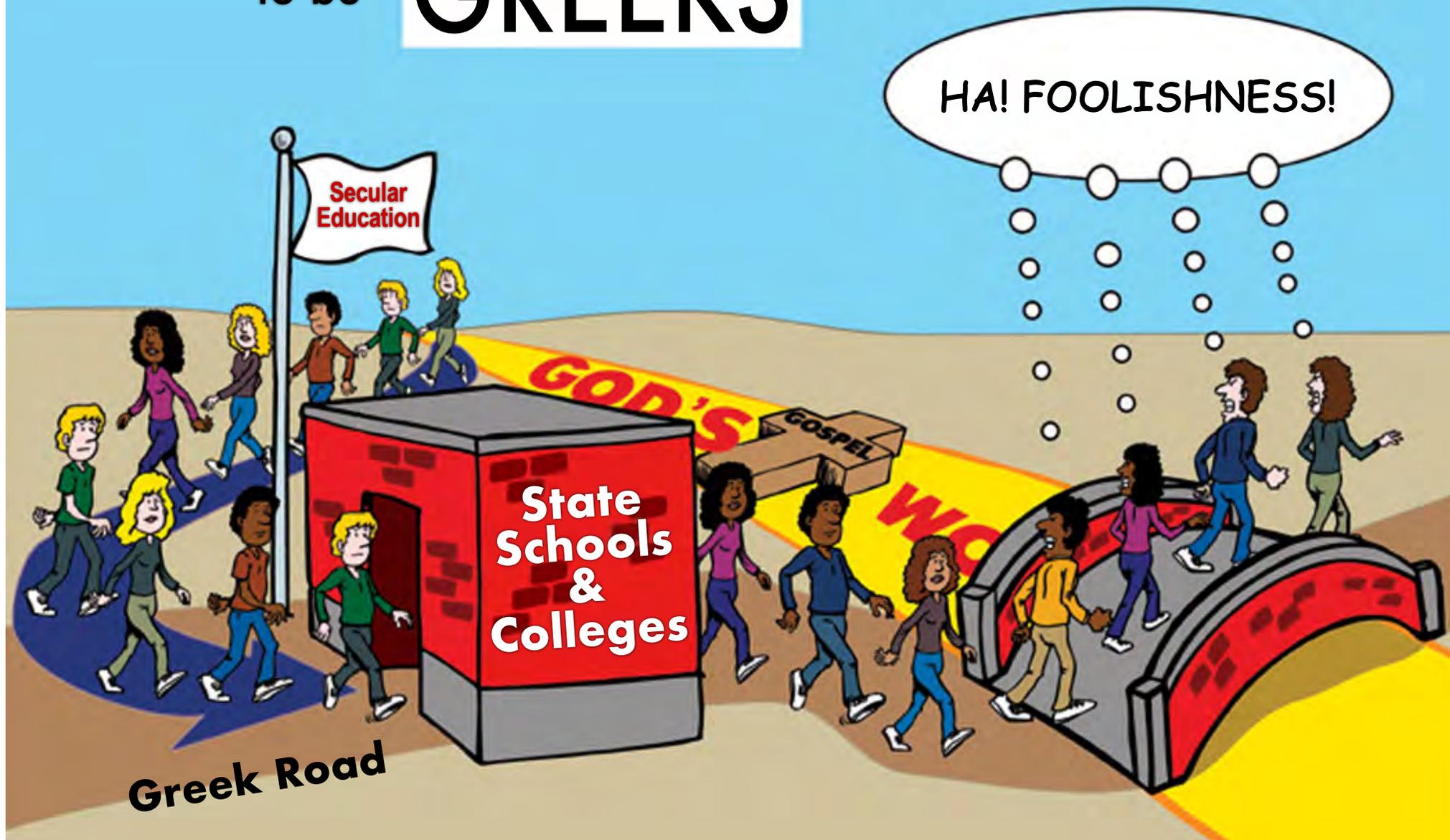
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Christians don't have to believe in six days! We can accept millions of years and the Big Bang.

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GREEKS

IN THE FAMILY

GENESIS



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WORD

Why don't our children share our faith?!

Ha! Foolishness!

Parents are "JEWS"
Children are "GREEKS"



REACHING TODAY'S GREEKS

GENESIS
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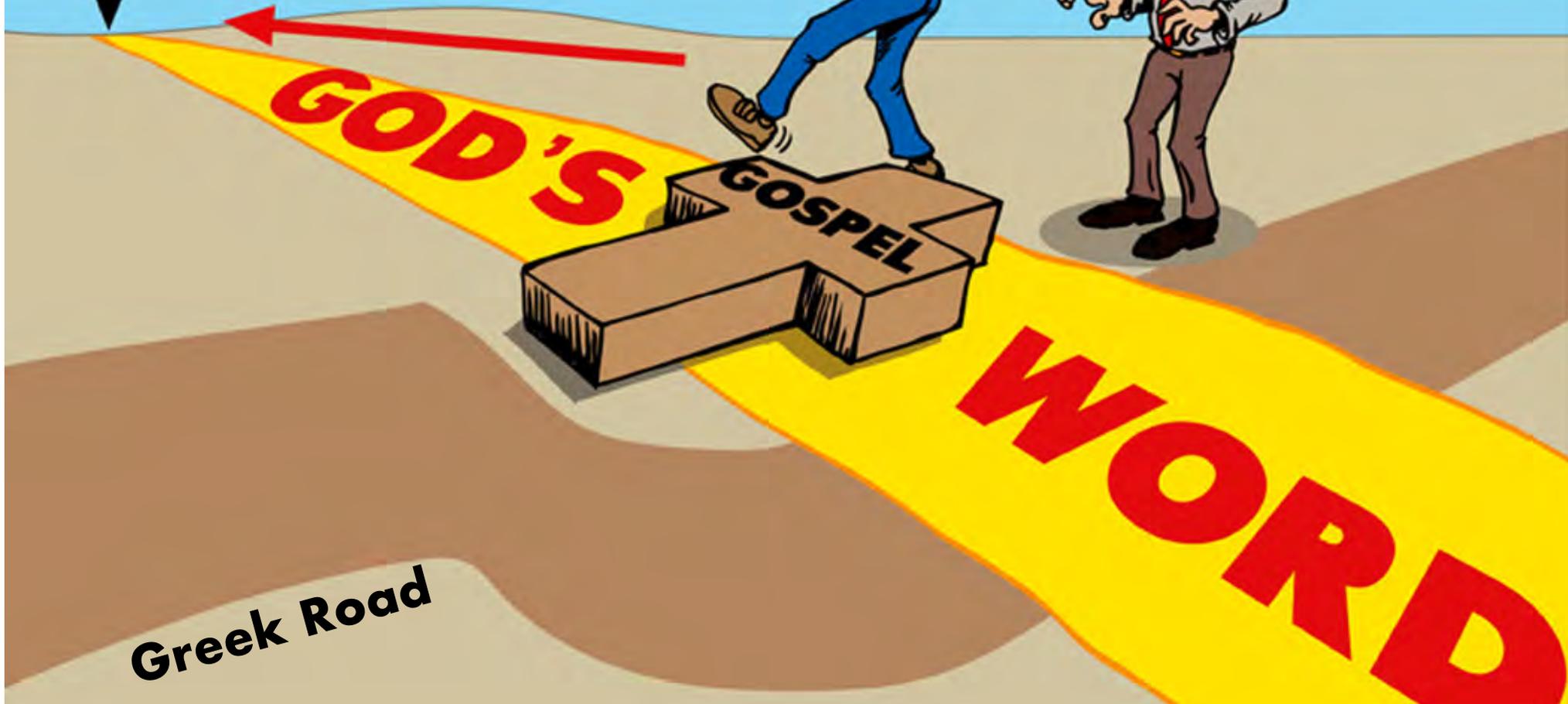
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We can believe
the Bible is true history.
Let's start from the
beginning!



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

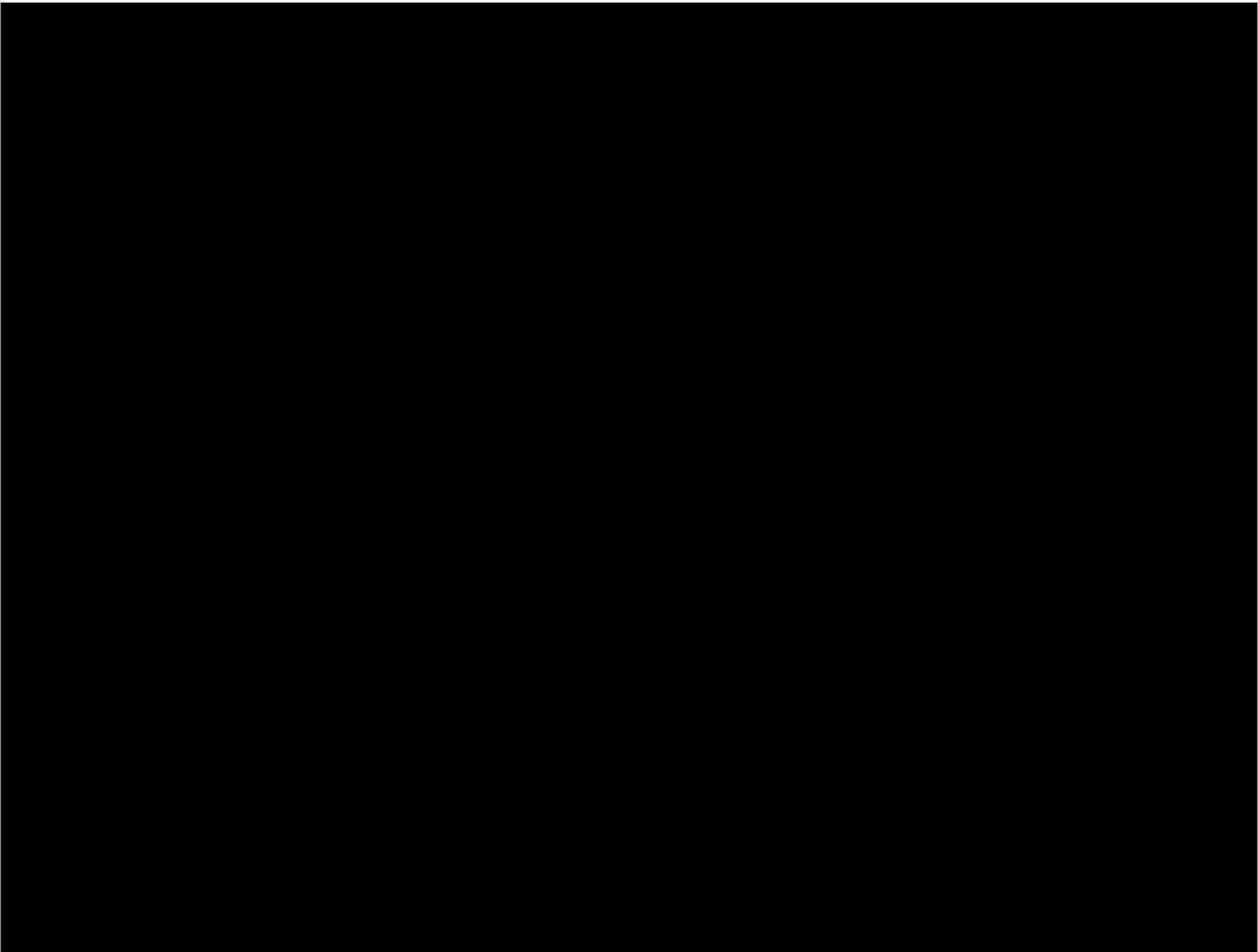
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

! Evolution is true!
The Bible is wrong!





Sowers, Know Your Soil!

I know where these seeds won't grow!

Good Soil

Hard Soil

Rocky Soil

Thorny Soil



“JEWS”

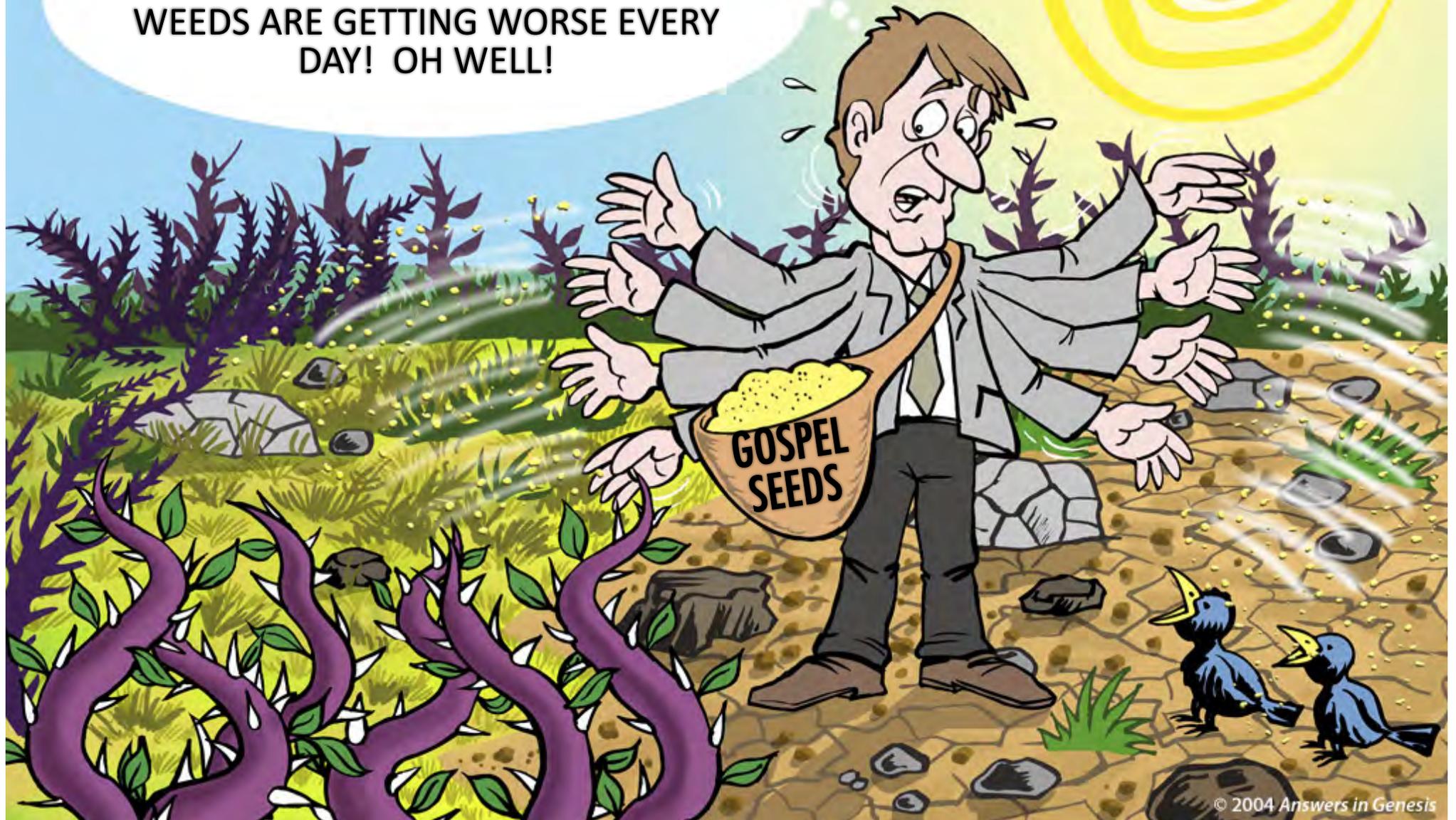


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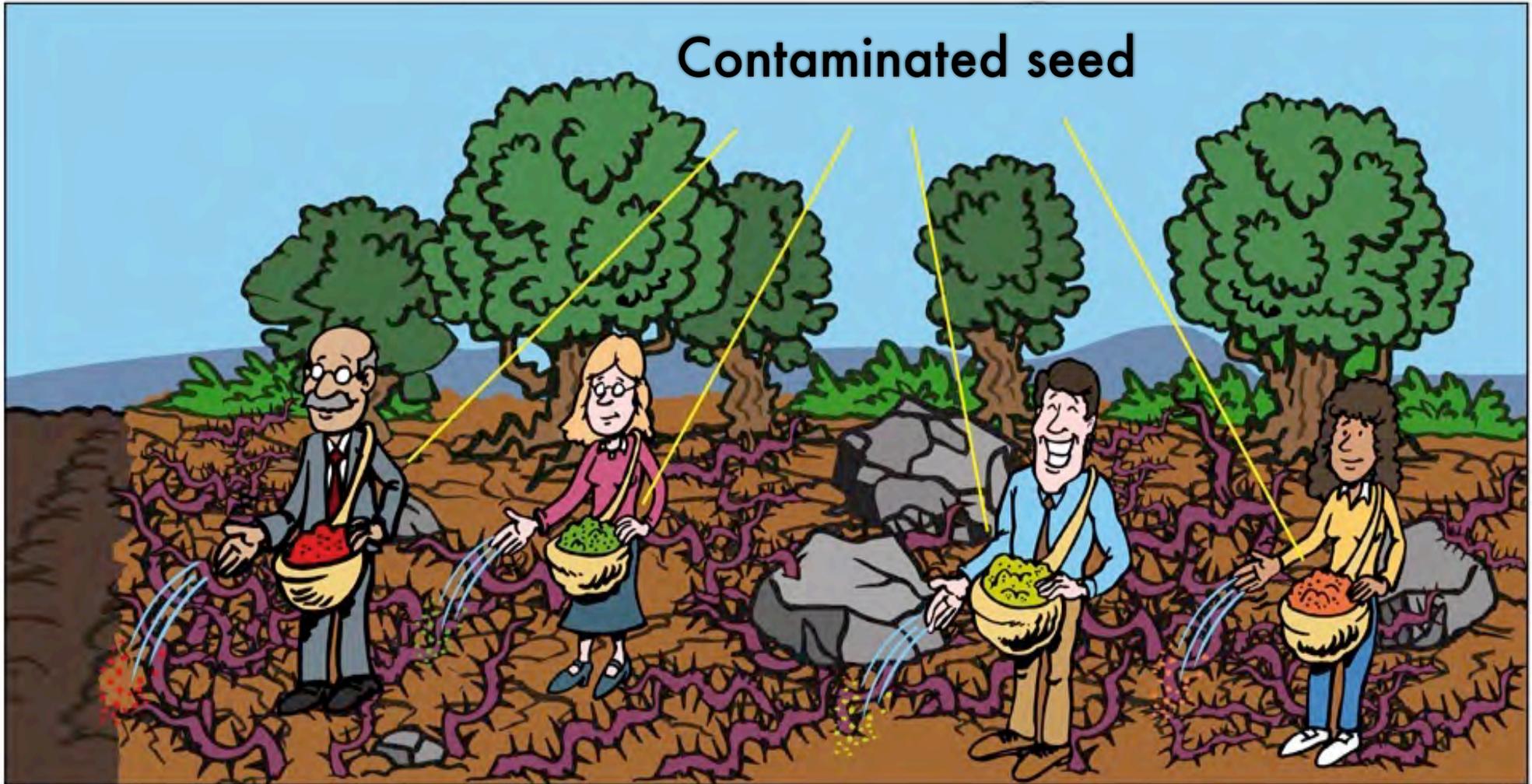
THE CHURCH TODAY

THIS IS THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS SPREAD THE GOSPEL IN THE PAST. WOW! THESE WEEDS ARE GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY! OH WELL!



“GREEKS”

Churches, schools, media & homes are sowing seeds of destruction.



Contaminated seed

Plowed
ground

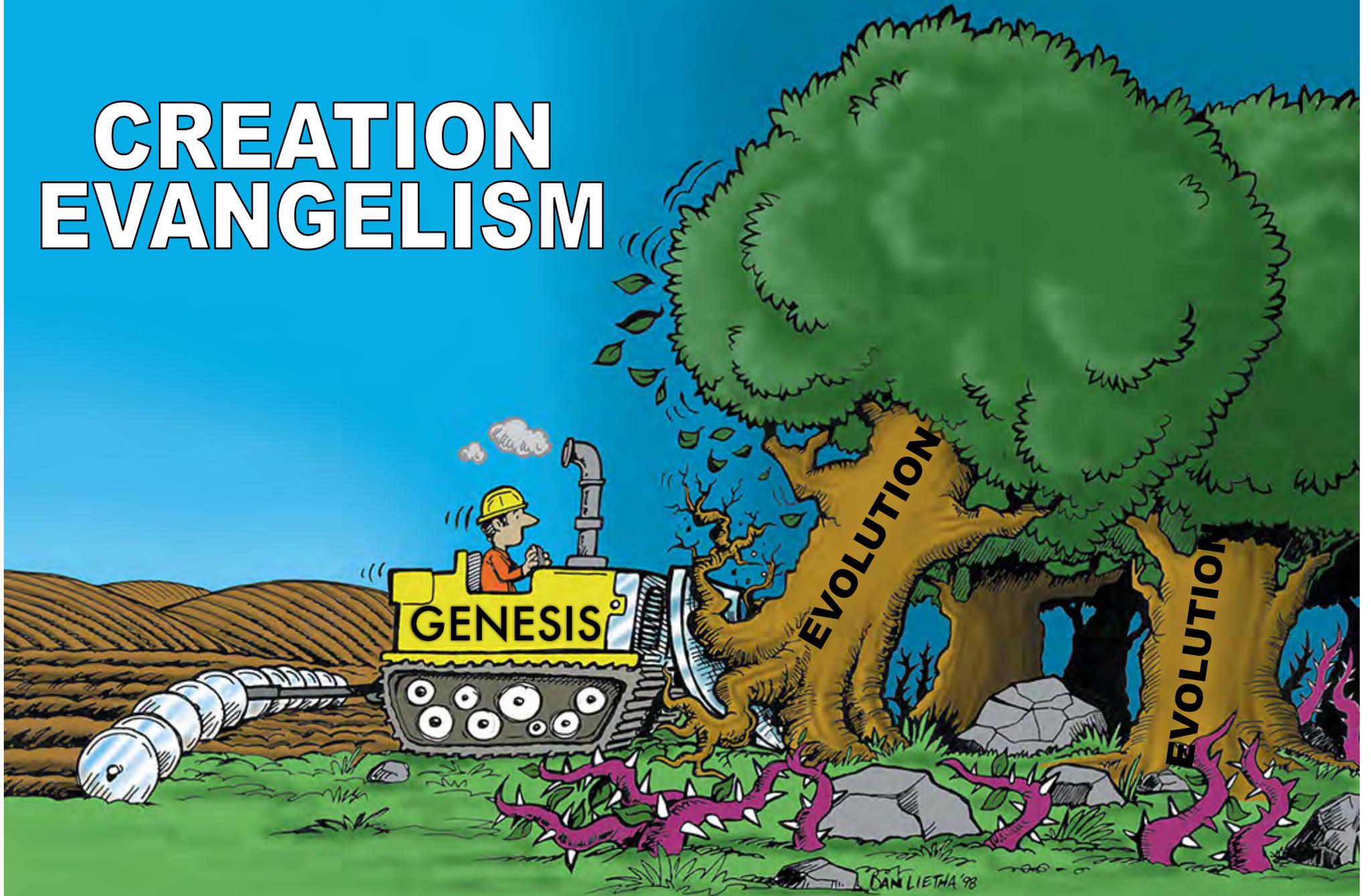
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Jeremiah 4:3

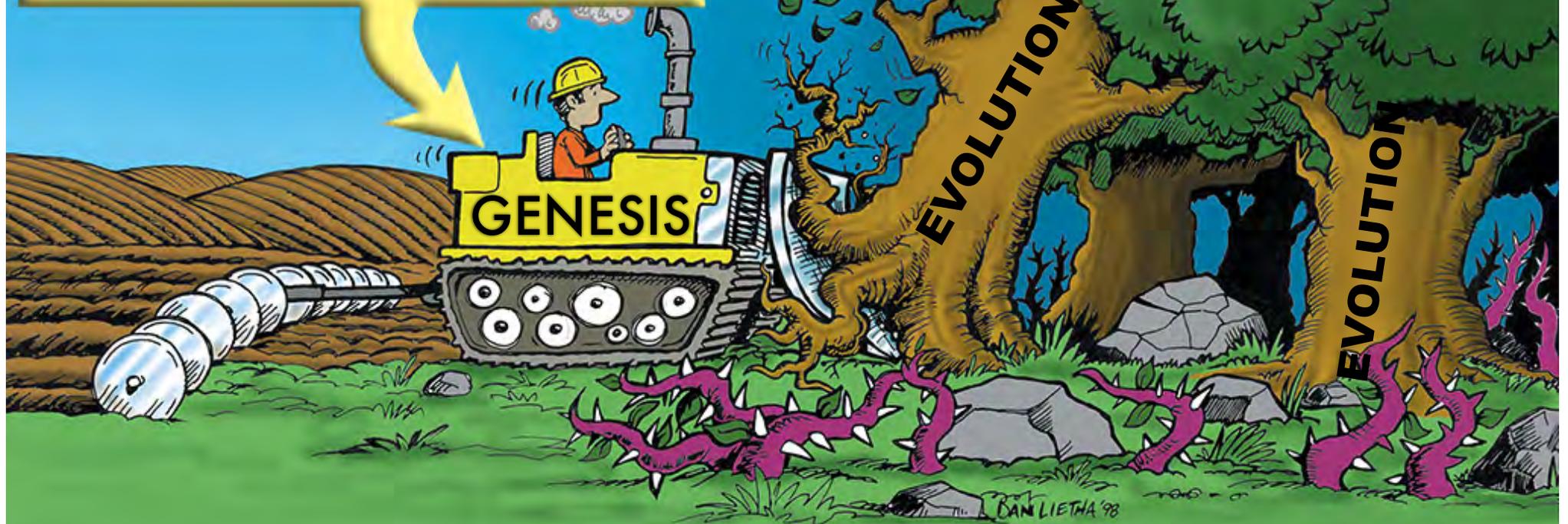
For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem,
"Break up your fallow ground,
And do not sow among thorns."



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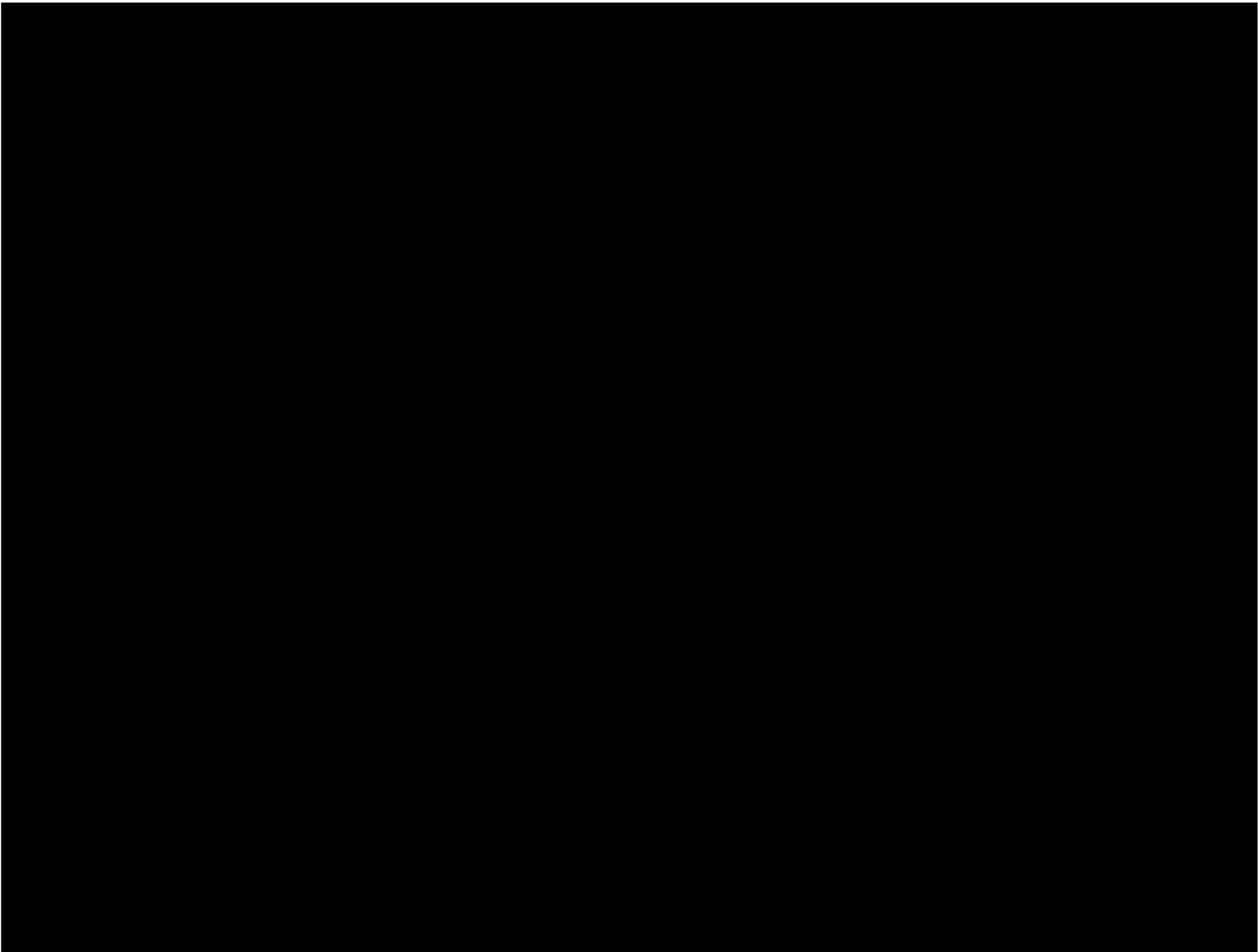
Revelation 14:6-7

6. And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an **eternal gospel** to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

7. and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; **worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.**”







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***Biblical or
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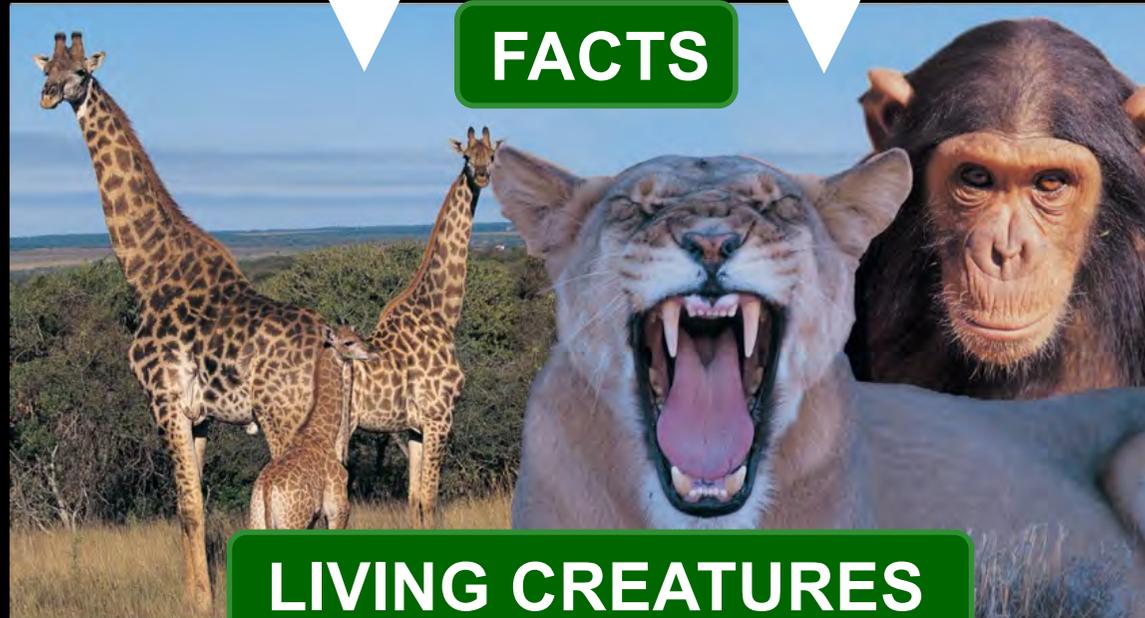
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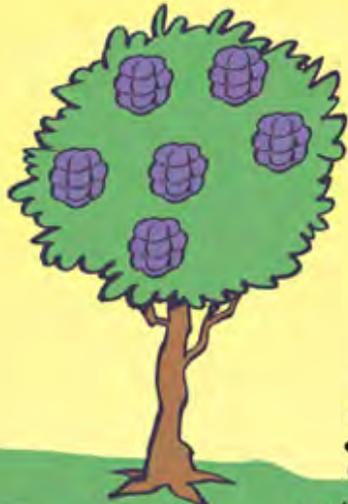
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Biblical

Secular



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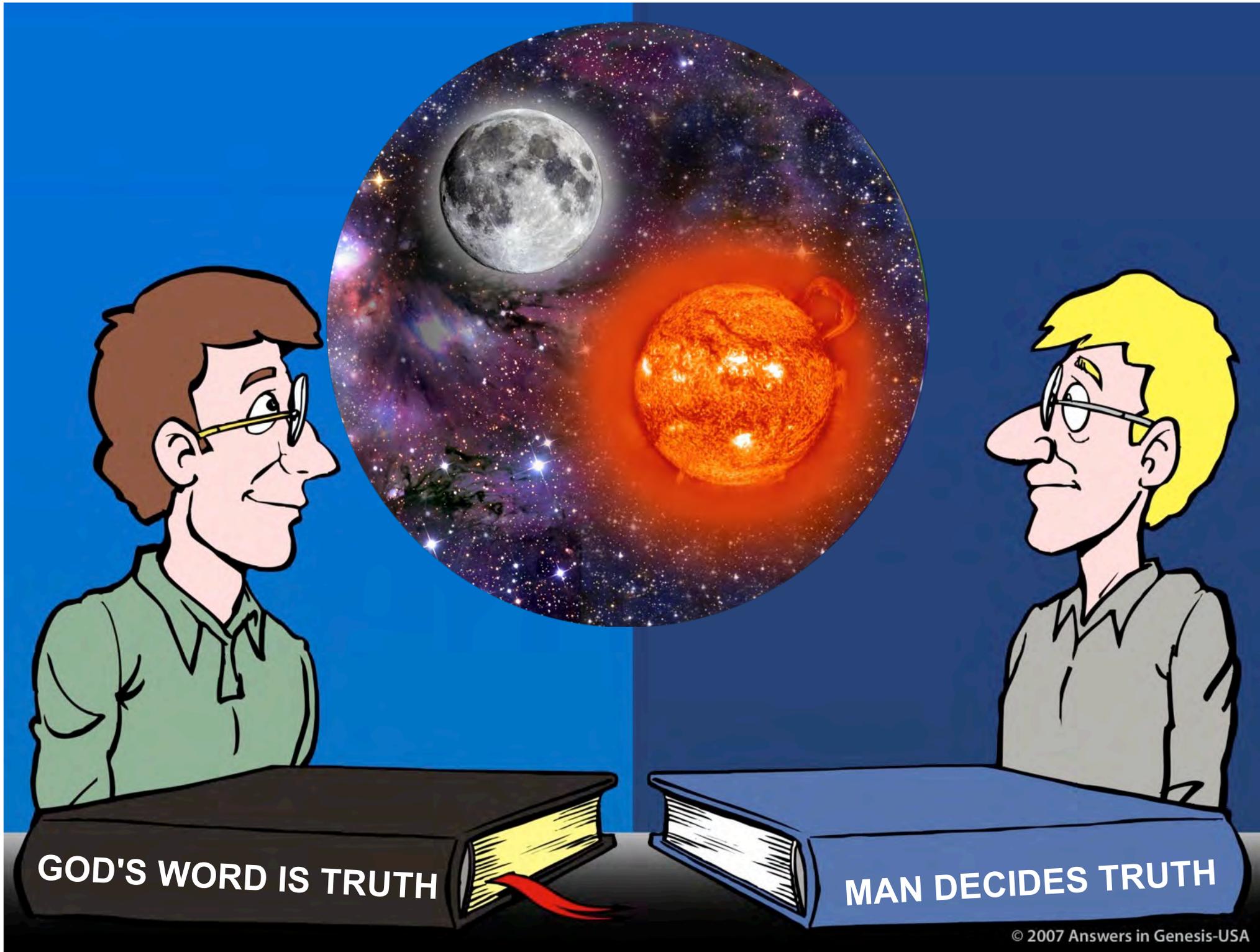
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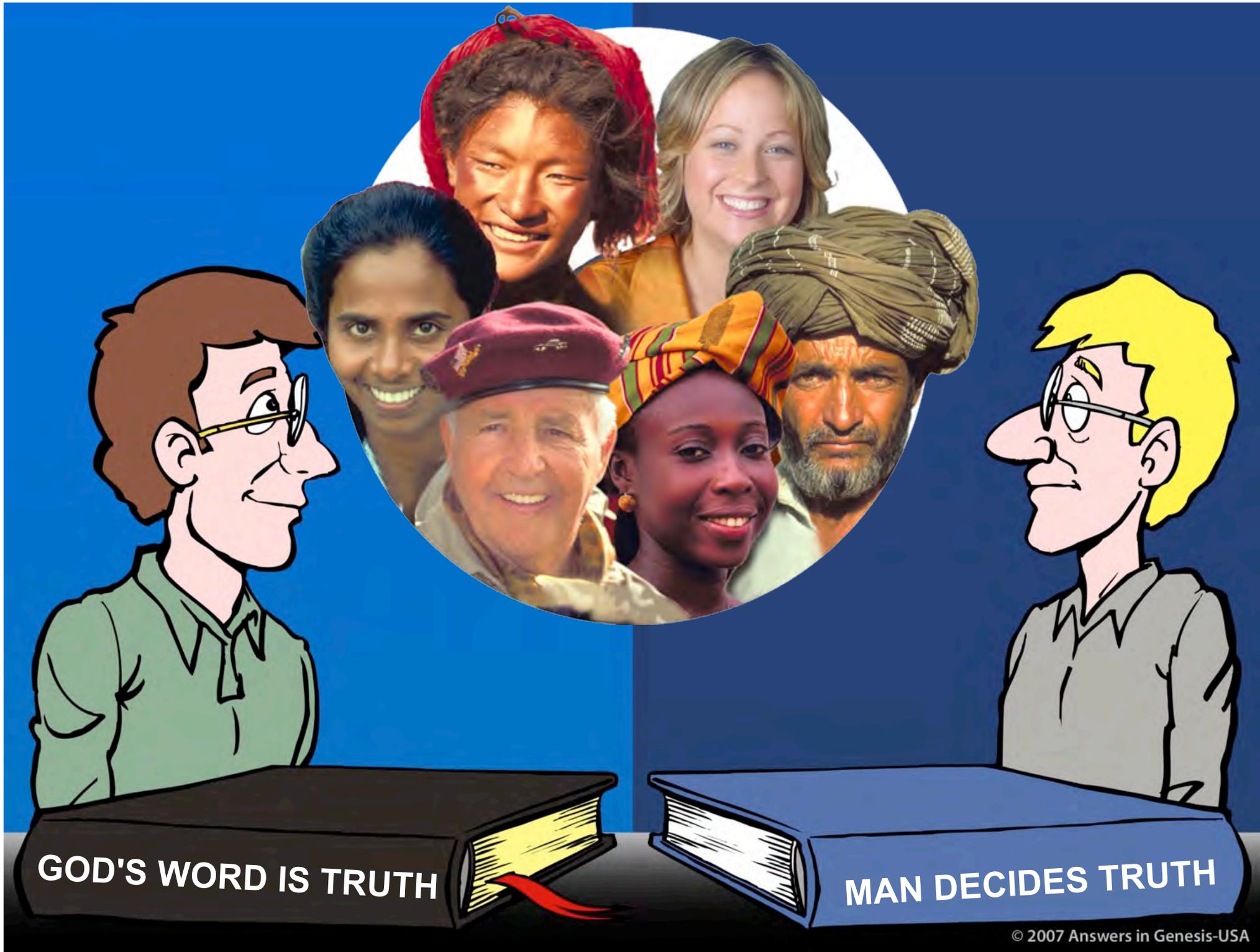
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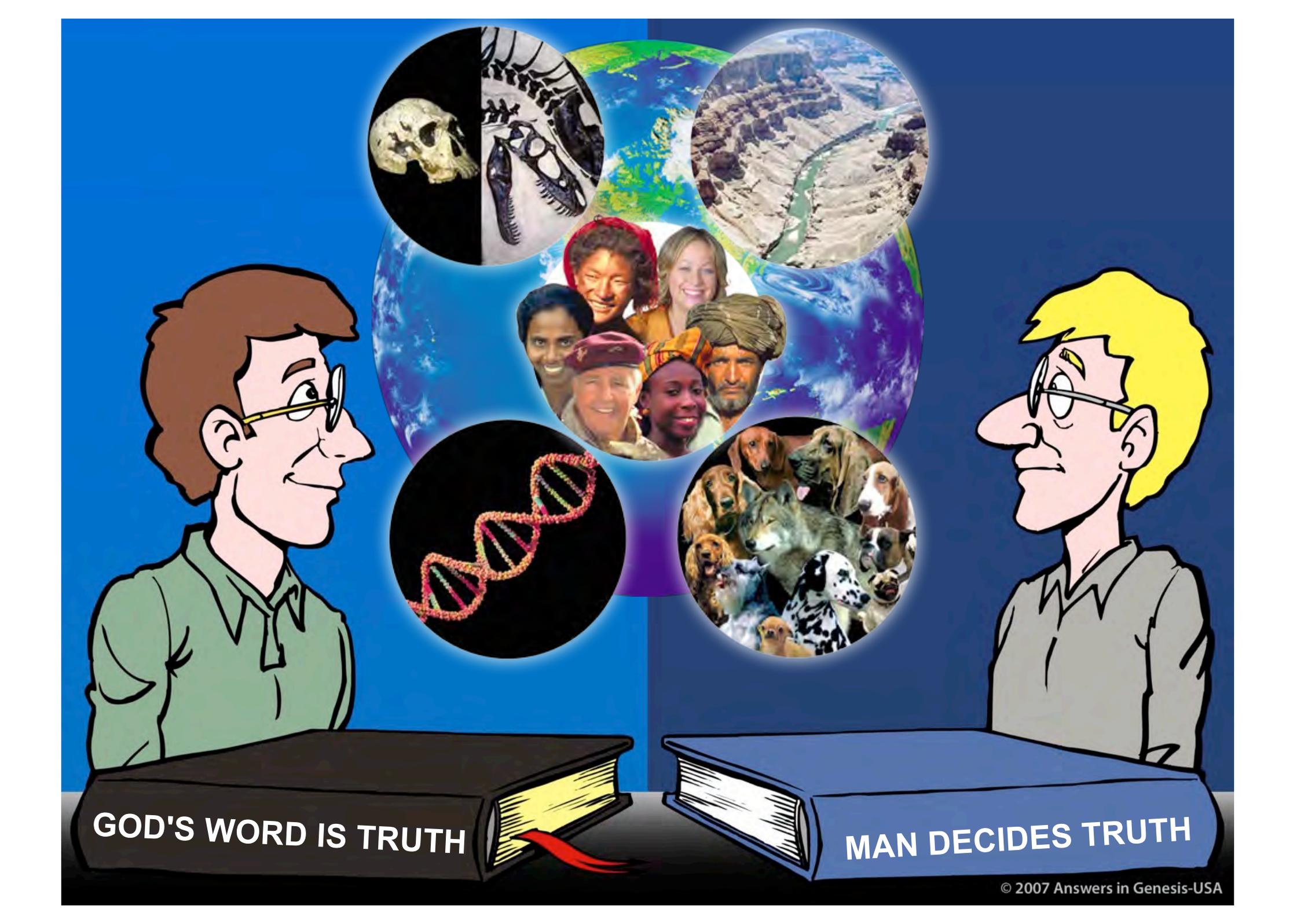
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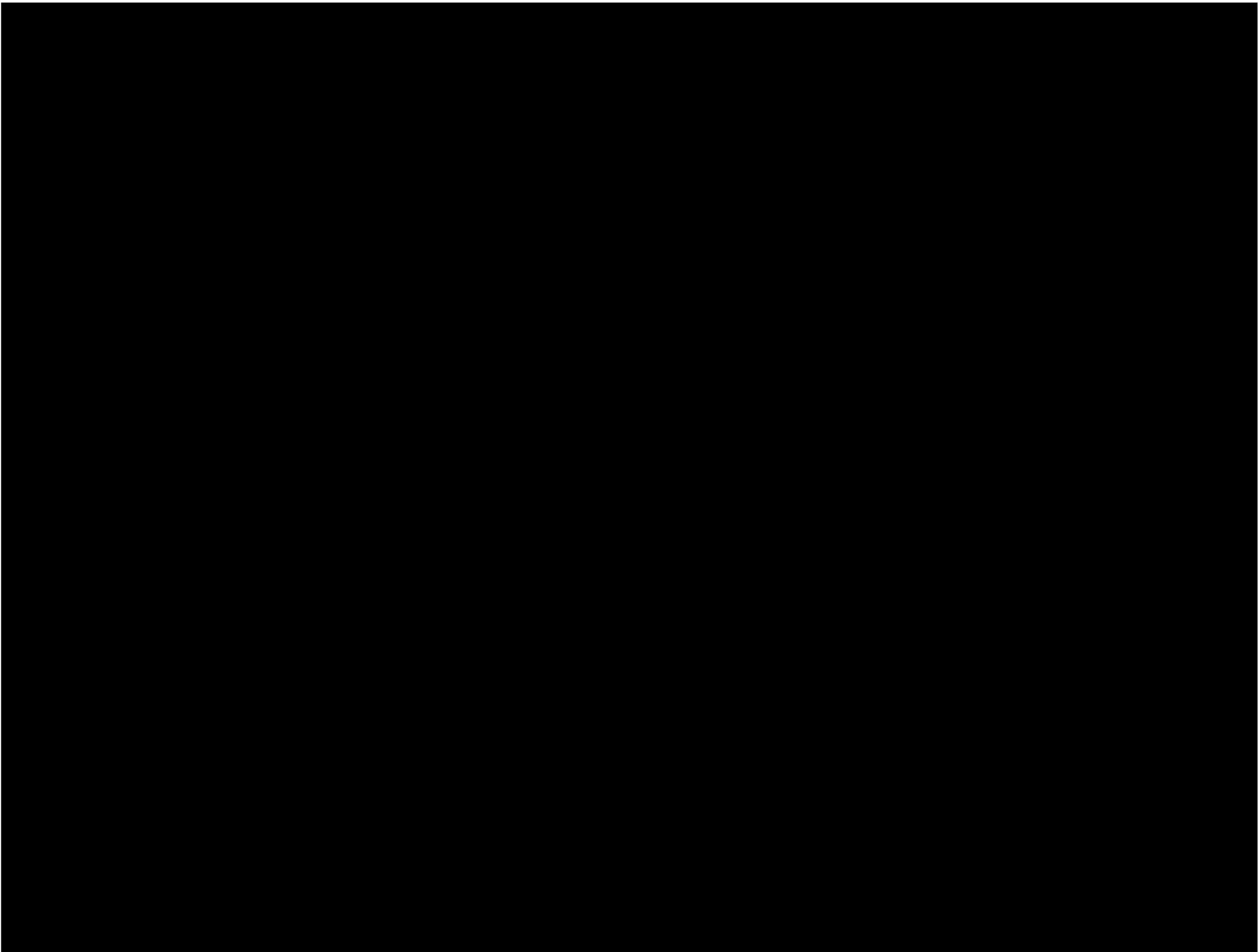
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