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Can the Absolute Truth Be Shared with Mankind?

By Robert L. Moak, President of CRSEF

We all have a worldview that has been established by the training we have received, that we believed. The truth to mankind is based on the lessons which have been taught, and then, we glean out the parts of such training that we are willing to accept. This is why people from the same family believe different things, sometimes their beliefs may be stretched to extremes. This is true although they both have received the training from the same parents. Of course, sometimes it can be tied back to which parent was favored by which child or student.

There is a similar effect seen within schools, as some students like a certain teacher and other students may prefer a different teacher. Therefore, students attending the same school and taking the same classes may come to believe vastly different messages from the same teachers. Do you remember how you may have come to like certain teachers, and some of your friends did not like the same teachers. So, your retention of what was being taught may vary significantly from that of even your best friend. Why does it then seem to amaze us when people from our country have such divergent ideas?

When we factor in cultural differences there becomes almost no common ground for belief systems that would appear to be rooted in truth. This is because in this cursed world truth is limited to accepting something as being true only because you have come to believe it! Therefore, if absolute truth is presented to any group of people there will be some who are willing and able to accept it, and the rest will not accept it! Some people hearing it will become violent if pressed to accept it as the truth! Everyone has developed a worldview that limits what they will accept as being the truth. Because of this great divide, there is no way for this world to ever come to believe the exact same things even if it is the absolute truth!

Of course, in this article, the reference to the absolute truth refers to the absolute truth as the Word coming from God. Does the Bible contain God's truth? Is it the only book written by mankind that contains the absolute truth? If Christians agree that the Bible is the only source of absolute truth, then why are there so many Christian denominations!

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The Castration of Jesus Christ, “His Church”, and the Gospel The Cause Part 1

By Terry Ivers

I am a sixty-five-year-old man, living in the Commonwealth of Kentucky which is centrally located in the United States. Because I believe that the One True God is sovereign, I am grateful to Him for allowing me to be born in this great country. Because I am a born again Christian, I look at the world around me through a Biblical worldview, and what I am seeing in this country makes me feel like I am stuck in a never-ending episode of the Twilight Zone. For you younger readers, the Twilight Zone was a made for TV series that began in October, Nineteen Fifty-Nine. I don't remember the original episodes, since I was only four years old, but I watched reruns through my teen years. I wasn't a big fan of the show because it usually frightened me and caused me to have nightmares. I thought I had outgrown the Twilight Zone, but here we are sixty-years later, and I can find no better description for the chaos and evil that is being perpetuated in this country along with the rest of the world.

Like I previously stated, I am a born again Christian, therefore I believe that the Bible is the true, inerrant, and infallible word of God and that it is the special revelation of our Creator to His created beings. That being stated I believe that the Holy Scriptures are the standard for human interaction with each other and the rest of God's Creation. For the past two thousand plus years, Jesus Christ has gathered His followers, who we will refer to as "His Church", to be a reflection of His ministry that He demonstrated while on the earth. The Bible also gives us four thousand plus years of recorded history before the birth of Jesus, which was given to us by the Holy Spirit through Moses' writing in the Old Testament. A careful reading and exegesis of the Old Testament and New Testament scriptures provide a precise account of mankind's depravity and God's never-ending mercy and grace.

Even though the Bible is the most printed, sold, and distributed book in the world, as I look around, I see the absence of God everywhere in our current culture. How can this be, if after, six thousand years, mankind has not progressed from the original sin of Adam and Eve in the garden, where they chose to be god instead of glorifying God. The very decisions of our original parents on that fateful day have been continually repeated through-out the ages, with, dare I say, the same eternal consequences. In the United States today, Jesus Christ, “His Church”, and the Gospel have been castrated, causing great devastation and calamity to humankind as well as chaos and confusion for the nation. The attacks on Jesus Christ and the Gospel are increasing at an alarming rate, our elected officials, the media, academia, and the culture are all responsible for the disappearance of God's influence in our country. Although all the fore-mentioned causes are part of the problem, the main issue is that "His Church", that is the people that consider themselves born-again Christians, has not been what Jesus called them to be. In the book of Matthew, we find the words of Jesus as he taught the Beatitudes also known as the Sermon on the Mount in Galilee almost two thousand years ago.

¹³ ***“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.***

¹⁴ ***“You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house.***

¹⁶ ***In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*** Matthew 5:13-16 (CSB)

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What it means to be a Child of God

By Bob Bernet

God is the Creator. We are His created beings. We can never come close to understanding the true nature of God. As we try to understand God, and as we pray to understand His Will for our lives, we mature in spiritual thought and understanding. We grow in our understanding of our spirituality, or more correctly stated, we grow in our relationship to Christ. This is a process just like we grow our self-confidence or understanding of ourselves. Below is a very rough outline of this spiritual maturity process.

Step 1: As a child our mind develops, and we first realize the difference between our bodies and the physical world around us. A child begins to name things around it, Mommy, Daddy, food, kitty. The mind then begins to learn to communicate and to reason. Noam Chomsky one of the greatest linguists of all times says there is innate knowledge that you are born with that helps you learn language to communicate with others.

Step 2: Your mind becomes a “self-ware I” and realizes it is unique and can imaginatively recreate its environment and itself.

Step 3: The mind becomes aware of a spiritual side to existence and you can communicate with God just like you realized as a child that you could communicate with your parents. You realize that there is a Wi-Fi connection to God that is innate, just like the knowledge you were born with that helped you learn to communicate to your physical parents. As you grow you begin to develop a relationship with the Creator.

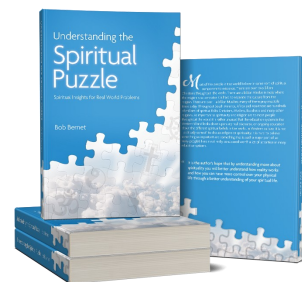
Step 4: As your understanding and relationship with God grows you realize that your relationship with God is the difference between knowing someone and marrying someone. By spending time with God, talking to God and listening to God, you realize God is all loving, all merciful, and that His love for you and His creation is far greater than a human parents’ love for a child. You realize that all the love, forgiveness, and grace that you develop is just a tiny manifestation of the wondrous, marvelous, awesomeness of a self-sufficient and self-existent God who loves YOU.

Step 5: The Holy Spirit works through you and indwells in you. Your relationship with God goes beyond reason. You realize that your subconscious transcends your conscience, but God’s spirit transcends and is the foundation of your consciousness and subconscious.

Step 6: Your spirit, words and actions begin to be in line with God’s Will for your life. You stumble off the path from time to time, but you manage to find your way back. You realize that God is infinite and eternal, and your path to eternal life is through Jesus Christ.

Congratulations, you are a child of God.

Bob Bernet
Author of [Understanding the Spiritual Puzzle](#)



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Origin of Life, Part 2

Eric Jesse Norman, Ph.D.

The purpose of this paper is John 20:31: "but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name."

Many people today and in the past have rejected the Bible thinking that science has proven evolution to be true. They have believed that humans have evolved from the first simple life form. If this belief is shown to be scientifically impossible, they may realize that the God of the Bible has the answer.

Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth and, the life; no one comes to the Father but by me."* John 14:6 and *"Sanctify them in the truth; my word is truth."* John 17:17

The opposite of the truth is a lie. John 8:44 *"You are from your father the devil.... there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his nature for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

Joshua 24:15 *"...choose this day whom you will serve."* Fill your mind with truth: Psalm 119:105: *thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

When I was working toward my Master's Degree in biochemistry, I choose a project to synthesize a potential cancer drug. My professor said this project was more suited for a Ph.D. dissertation, but I was full of interest and enthusiasm. The goal was to build a chemical that would fit into the DNA molecule and kill the cancer cell. I found connecting DNA molecules together was very difficult work. They did not simply assemble in a water solution like the proposed primordial soup origin of life model. In fact, if there was any water in the solution the reaction would not take place. Even if you left your flask momentarily open, the moisture in the air could stop the reaction. You had to put blocking groups on the molecules so they would connect right and use a condensing agent to make the reaction take place. (Eric J. Norman and Joseph Nagyvary, Synthesis of Some Trinucleoside Monophosphates of Biological Interest. J. Medicinal Chemistry, 17, 473 (1974)). After over a year of hard work, I had connected three DNA bases together using the best laboratory conditions. The E. coli bacteria has over 4 million bases. It could not have formed naturally.

In 2006, I volunteered at the Creation Museum to research the origin of life. I selected to study the simplest form of life that can reproduce independently, the E. coli cell. It is 2 micrometers long and 1 micrometer in diameter. The division time may be as short as 20 minutes using only glucose, nitrogen and phosphorus salts, and trace metals. The DNA molecule is 4,639,675 base pairs. To live independently the cell must generate energy, produce proteins, RNA, DNA, lipids, sugars and, various other molecules.

I used the textbook (Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, fourth edition, Nelson and Cox, 2005). There are up to 20 different amino acids in human proteins. A single protein can have over 100 amino acids each precisely arranged to give it a unique function.

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I counted over 700 different types of proteins in the E. coli cell. The amino acids can be shaped in a D or L configuration. This can be compared to your hands which are the same but cannot be superimposed on each other. If amino acids formed randomly, they would be both L and D. However, for true proteins in life they must all be L. Once again, this is an example of the impossibility of life forming randomly.

"Ribonucleotides, the monomeric units of RNA, have not been formed in the laboratory under prebiotic conditions, so, it is possible, that prebiotic evolution began with an RNA-like molecule, rather than with RNA itself." (Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, seventh edition, Nelson and Cox, 2017, page 34). This statement illustrates that evolutionists continue to propose theories without evidence. Better yet, believe God's Word which has never been disproved.



EDITOR'S THOUGHTS?

By Terry Ivers

"I think the whole d... thing
is overexaggerated. . ."

Harry R Truman, March 31st 1980
The Longview Daily News

Welcome once again, brothers and sisters in Christ, to the latest edition of the World By Design Newsletter, the publication of Creation Research Science Education Foundation.

Our nation has been through three turbulent months of political and cultural upheaval since the November 2020 election. For people who consider themselves followers of Jesus, the political leadership now in control of the nation for at least the next four years is a cause of concern.

In a culture where the topics of conversation are on critical race theory, intersectionality and, other socially created ideas, Christians, now more than ever need solid biblical answers for those people that we encounter in our lives that are seeking the truth, to all the questions that are being raised by secular America. Questions about marriage, sexual identity, and sanctity of life, which are among most of the other common questions in today's world, are explained and dealt with in Genesis the first book of the Bible.

In this edition of the World By Design Newsletter you will find articles that may help you give answers to your friends and neighbors, so that you may introduce them to Jesus and the gospel message, which is truly the only hope that we have in the pagan nation we currently live.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ’For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17 CSB.

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. Acts 10:42 CSB

CRSEF publishes this newsletter so that we may provide you encouragement and answers so that you may engage in the spiritual battle that God has called us to. We should never forget that only through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit we were born again and able to see and understand the TRUTH!

God Bless America!

Terry Ivers

We welcome your questions and concerns and ask that you send us information and articles that you would want us to share in upcoming issues of the World By Design Newsletter. Thank you for your interest and involvement in CRSEF and we look forward to hearing from you, we may be contacted at

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CRSEF Monthly Program for March Thursday, March 18 2021

Thursday, 03/18/2021- From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

The Heavens Declare is a 12-part documentary showcasing compelling evidence for a universe created by God just a few thousand years ago. Experts in astronomy, astrophysics, and cosmology build their case for a biblical worldview.

Episode 2 - "Challenges to the Big Bang"

Main points include:

- How do the laws of physics contradict the Big Bang?
- Challenges in antimatter and the "horizon" problem
- How the Big Bang does not adequately explain galaxy formation
- Why the biblical model works better with the evidence?

Presenter: Bob Moak of CRSEF will field questions after the video

Location: Brecon United Methodist Church

Directions: [Driving Instructions](#)



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CRSEF Monthly Program for April Thursday, April 15 2021

Thursday 04/15/2021 - From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

The Heavens Declare is a 12-part documentary showcasing compelling evidence for a universe created by God just a few thousand years ago. Experts in astronomy, astrophysics, and cosmology build their case for a biblical worldview.

Episode 3 - "The Starlight Travel Dilemma"

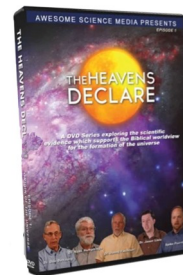
Main points include:

- How one's worldview shapes your ideas about the data?
- What are the two main worldviews and their implications?
- How the laws of nature are compelling proof for creation?
- Why using the Big Bang presents big challenges?

Presenter: Bob Moak will field questions after the video has been shown!

Location: Brecon United Methodist Church

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CRSEF Monthly Program for May Thursday, May 20th 2021

Thursday, 05/20/2021 - From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

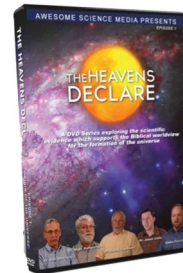
The Heavens Declare is a 12-part documentary showcasing compelling evidence for a universe created by God just a few thousand years ago. Experts in astronomy, astrophysics, and cosmology build their case for a biblical worldview.

Episode 4 – “Our Amazing Solar System”

This episode explores the amazing solar system we live in, designed by God in just a few days.

Our experts will explore:

- How our solar system looks designed by God
- What makes each planet unique
- Why the Earth is so special among planets in our vast universe
- Evidence of our solar system being just thousands of years old



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CRSEF Monthly Program for June Thursday, June 17th 2021

Thursday, 06/17/2021 - From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

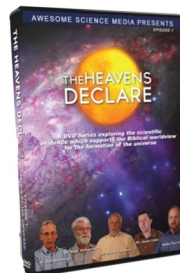
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Episode 5 – “Our Incredible Sun”

This episode explores the incredible sun God created on the fourth Day of Creation.

Our experts will explore:

- How our sun formed and its purpose in Creation
- What makes our sun unique from other stars
- The science of the sun, flares, sunspots, and fusion
- The future of our sun



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From I-71

Merge onto I-275 W toward I-75
Take the REED HARTMAN HIGHWAY exit- EXIT 47
Turn LEFT onto REED HARTMAN HWY
Turn LEFT onto ramp (To KEMPER ROAD)
Turn RIGHT onto E KEMPER RD
Proceed on Kemper Road about ½ mile, the church is on the left side of the road.

From I-75

Merge onto I-275 E toward I-71
Take the REED HARTMAN HIGHWAY exit- EXIT 47
Stay to the left and then from the right lane
Turn RIGHT onto REED HARTMAN HWY
Turn LEFT onto the ramp (To KEMPER ROAD)
Turn RIGHT onto E KEMPER RD
Proceed on Kemper Road about ½ mile, the church is on the left side of the road.

Enter the church from the parking lot through the back door; then proceed to the sanctuary, see the lighted sanctuary sign, just slightly to the left of the entry door.

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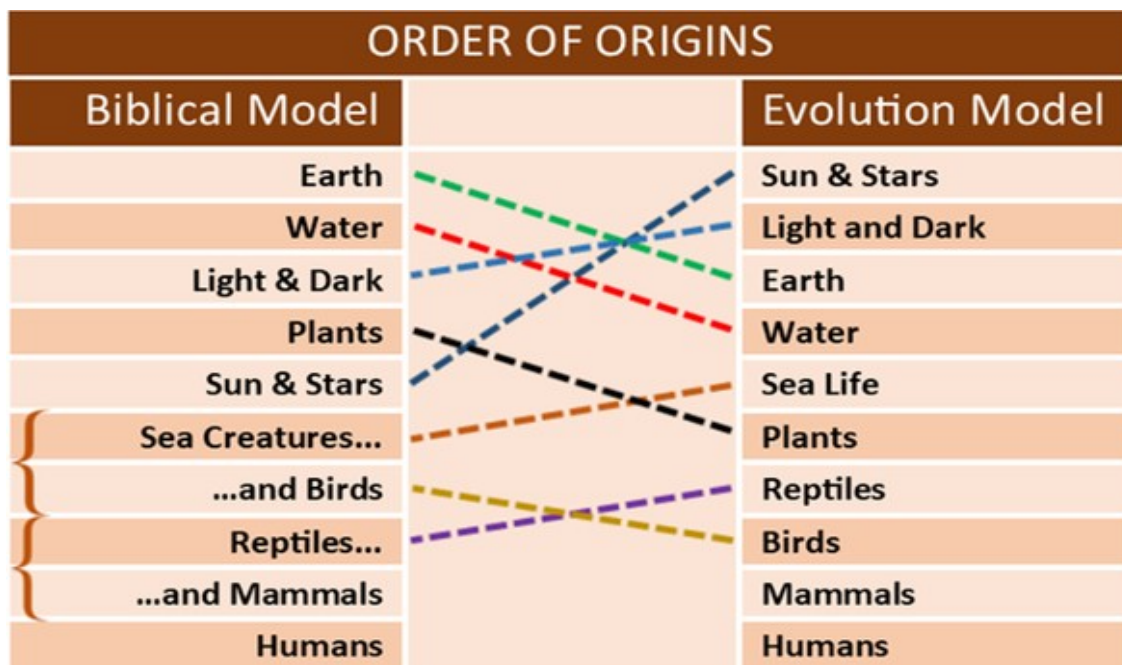
An Origins Dichotomy
Remember your Creator in the days of your youth!

By Mike Snavely

There are many people who try to blend the biblical account of origins with the evolutionary one. These perhaps well-meaning people think that God might have used evolution to accomplish the works found in Genesis. There are numerous reasons why this view is false. Here is just one:

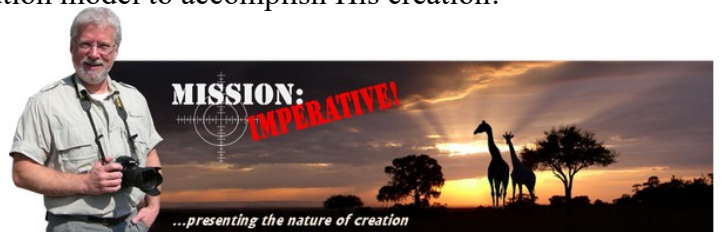
If evolution is true, then there is a specific order in which things appeared in space and on the earth. This progression is taught universally as fact, and would seem reasonable if the evolution scenario was true.

However, the Bible teaches a very different progression. The order in which things appeared is very different. So, right at the beginning, you start off with conflict. The question remains, then ~ *Which one* is true? They can't *both* be! You can't mix oil and water. This chart shows the difference...



Evolution claims one order of events. The Bible claims a very different one. If the Bible is true, then this reason *alone* shows that God did not use the evolution model to accomplish His creation!

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What Defines Your Moral Consciousness? God or Society?

Posted on February 4, 2021 By David Rives

What defines your moral consciousness? Why should you believe in creation, and not evolution? I mean, scientifically speaking. Haven't we proven that evolution is a fact?

Well, the word "evolution" can mean a lot of different things today. One way it is frequently used is to describe the supposed process by which a single-celled organism slowly, over millions of years, turned into every living thing we see today. This is probably what most people think of when they hear "evolution." Now, if this idea is true then everything had to have evolved at some point, including immaterial things such as human moral consciousness. But this poses a question. You see, evolution is supposedly a naturalistic process that works on material such as DNA. How does a completely naturalistic process evolve moral consciousness—something that is completely immaterial!

This question is a puzzle for many evolutionists. William Provine, an evolutionist and biology professor at Cornell University, once said that one of the implications of evolution is that "No ultimate foundations for ethics exist, no ultimate meaning in life exists, and free will is merely a human myth."

If humans are just the product of evolution, we are nothing more than highly-evolved animals and our brains are nothing more than chemical reactions. So, how can anyone hold someone accountable for simply behaving according to chemical reactions in their brain?

But human experience clearly shows us that we should be held accountable for our actions. Most evolutionists would agree that if someone murders another person, he should be punished. But the question is why? If man is nothing more than another animal, how can we be held accountable? After all, no one punishes a lion for killing a gazelle or -- an eagle for snatching a trout from a stream. What makes humans so different?

Some evolutionists will argue that society defines morality. For example, as an American society we've decided that murder is wrong so it is wrong. But this can't be right. Other societies, such as Nazi Germany or radical Islamic groups today, believe that murder is perfectly acceptable if it accomplishes their purpose. To be consistent with the idea that ethics are decided by a society, an evolutionist would have to admit that murder is okay for these societies, but just not for ours. But we intrinsically know that murdering millions of people in death camps or detonating bombs and killing civilians is morally wrong. Morality simply can't be decided by what a society thinks.

A consistent evolutionist would have to admit that there is no such thing as a universal moral ethic in his ideology. And yet most evolutionists certainly would not admit to this. They are being inconsistent with their worldview.

But the creation worldview does not have this problem. The Bible, the Word of our Creator, Yashua of Nazareth, provides a foundation for morality. We were created in the image of God. We are not animals. As our Creator, only God has the right to set the rules and He holds us accountable to them

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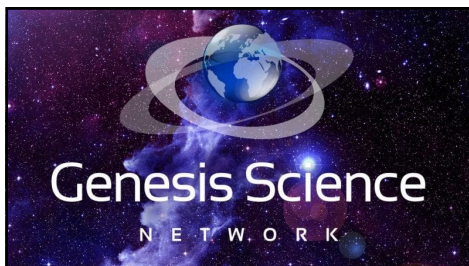
In the book of Romans we read that God has put His law in our hearts. In other words, we have moral consciousness because God's law is in our hearts.

The Bible also explains why no one can live a perfectly moral life, and why we see death and suffering. In the book of Genesis we read that God created a perfect world but the first people, Adam and Eve, rebelled against God. They introduced sin into the world and now we all sin and fail to live up to God's law. But Jesus Christ, our Messiah, stepped into history, living a perfect, sinless life, and died on the Cross taking the penalty for our sin upon Himself. He then rose from the dead and offers forgiveness and eternal life to all who will believe.

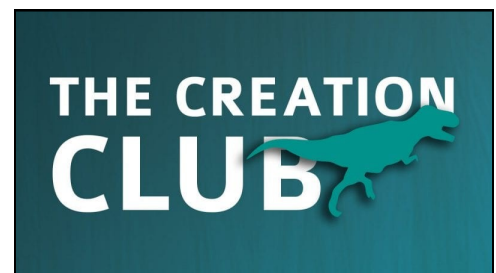
The evolutionary, naturalistic worldview cannot account for the existence of morality. But Creation, as we find in the Bible, explains why we have a moral conscience, why it is broken, and why we can have hope – and where we can find forgiveness.

Just one more scientific reason that you shouldn't believe in molecules-to-man evolution. It takes a LOT of faith.

I'm David Rives, Truly, the Heavens Declare the Glory of God.



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Can the Absolute Truth (Continued)

Since this is the most important belief aspect it is no big surprise that we do not believe in the same Creation plan. However, this article is going to concentrate on the Creation plan and attempt to supply a defense of the Young Earth Creation theory.

Many Christians and Christian churches have come to believe that the earth is billions of years old, and thus they will not accept the first 11 chapters of Genesis as being true. Not only are these verses not considered as absolute truth, but they are not even believed to be true! Many churches now teach theistic evolution, in other words, God used evolution as His method of Creation. This idea is what is called Old Earth Creation (OEC). The important lesson here is that if you believe in OEC then you cannot believe in a worldwide Flood which is described in Genesis chapters 6-8. As such a Flood would destroy the geologic layers presumably laid down over millions of years by only normal layering as assumed by secular scientists today!

So, a question for those who believe in the OEC theistic evolution, is when does God's Word catch up with the truth espoused as evolution? It seems most OEC start to take at face value the Scriptures starting with Chapter 12 of Genesis. Thus, they believe that those first 11 chapters of Genesis are just mankind's ideas based on their educational abilities, and thus, these opinions could be wrong! Thus, they are willing to accept that the first 11 chapters of God's Word, is NOT, God's word, but just the undirected writings of a mankind that is still evolving! If you believe this, please send me comments to back up your belief system. The question for you is, "When does God start revealing and sanctifying His Word?"

The problem becomes troublesome for me to believe that if God did not direct and reveal the writing of the first few verses of His Word, how can we accept that God directed the writing of the rest of His Story? If the Creation story is possibly wrong or even lacking in content, then can we, believe God directed the rest of His Story in the remaining chapters? Use of His Story is a way of indicating that His Story supplies (all history)! If we cannot believe the "In the Beginning" part of God's Word, how can we then believe the rest of the History?

There are several theories of how to change God's Word to fit in the idea that the earth is possibly billions of years old, and that evolution is how every living thing on this earth got here through evolution that occurred over millions of years. Be careful what books you read that are labeled as presenting the Creation story, as some are trying to convince you the earth is billions of years old, and that God used evolution as His method of creation. Some groups teach theistic evolution and have caused churches and Christian schools to adopt this idea of how God created all life. Another old earth creation group believes and teaches that the earth is billions of years old, but evolution did not occur, they refer to their teaching as Progressive Creation.

I once believed in theistic evolution, because I had become convinced the earth was billions of years old and life came about on this earth millions of years ago. Imagine how startled I was when the first evidence was shown to me that began to convince me that evolution is not the absolute truth but is in fact a lie. Did you know that there is NO evidence for evolution on this earth, or in outer space?

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First, evolutionists do not know how life began on this earth. The Law of Biogenesis states that life only comes from life. Therefore, for life to start on this planet from non-life is a violation of this natural law. The second problem for evolution is that the geologic column is believed to support that life gradually evolving would leave behind evidence of evolution showing linkages from one animal turning into another different kind of animal. However, these links have come to be known as the “missing links,” because there have never been any found in digging in the geologic column!

The next huge problem for evolution is that it states that life is evolving upward, going from simple to more complex. However, this idea is, in violation of the Second Law of Thermodynamics, which claims that just the opposite is occurring on this earth. Thus, evolution is, in violation of this natural law. A description of the second law: “The Second Law of Thermodynamics says that processes that involve the transfer or conversion of heat energy are irreversible. ... The Second Law also states that there is a natural tendency of any isolated system to degenerate into a more disordered state.”

As the second part of this law states, scientific observation shows that every living thing on this earth is de-volving, not evolving! We see evidence of this de-volving all around us, as animals become extinct because they could not adapt to changing environments, and every new generation is losing information, and more defects are added to the next generation. This is seen in human beings as we cannot marry close relatives as we would share many of the same genetic disorders, and thus their offspring would be negatively affected! God told us about this problem in Leviticus. *Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD. No-one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD.* (Leviticus 18:5-6), see Leviticus 18: 5-17 for the rest of the story. God told mankind this as He knew about the de-volving problem brought on by the curse of sin committed by Adam and Eve. This de-volving is evidence of this decline and death brought on by that first sin.

Evolution teaches that death and suffering brought about mankind through evolution! However, the Bible, God’s Word, teaches that sin brought on death and suffering and that until the first or original sin was committed, there was NO death and suffering. Since these are opposites stories, both stories cannot be TRUE! One of these stories is a LIE! Which one do you believe?

Since science and the scientific method are limited to the present, how could fallible, limited scientists possibly reconstruct unobserved history? Origins events are one-time, non-repeatable, unique events, inaccessible to the scientific method. Empirical science, locked in the natural world as it is, can never succeed in reconstructing the supernatural acts of God without revelation, especially ultimate origins. (This was taken from the book “Is the Big Bang Biblical” page 31, by John Morris of ICR)

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We sometimes confuse ourselves as we believe there are only a couple of worldviews, but the fact is there is a myriad of how people see this world, and how everything came to be on this earth. Jesus warned us about false prophets, that is people who will attempt to confuse us about what is true and worth believing. *Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.* (Matthew 7:15). Jesus warned us about people who are getting their guidance from the devil, not from Him. Jesus said to them, *"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."* (John 8:44).

Remember Jesus told His followers that there are, in this case, only two kinds of people in this world. The ones who follow Him, and the rest who follow Satan. *"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters."* (Matthew 12:30). This is a difficult teaching, as it demonizes all the worldly religions! Paul wrote about this from a different perspective. *We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.* (2 Corinthians 10:5). Here Paul is telling us to depend on the Word of God, as contained in the Holy Scriptures.

Paul wrote about the Gospels being written about Jesus Christ and how he felt about our need to study and thus understand God's Word. *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.* (Romans 1:16). Next, Paul wrote about how the Body of Christ is to be structured based on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ.* (Ephesians 4:11-13). This desire of developing *"until we all reach unity in the faith,"* has obviously, not been obtained, as there are numerous, different churches professing to be Christian.

Perfect unity of the Body of Christ will never be obtained in this cursed world! Paul wrote about his dream of unity in the Body of Christ, and what it would look like to the church in Ephesus, and for us. If our church could ever mature, we would see constant peace, but we know that cannot happen in this world. If we could mature and become perfect and thus truly unite as Christians! *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.* (Ephesians 4:14). Therefore, since perfection is not attainable in this cursed world, be on your guard for *"the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming."*

In conclusion, be prepared for disagreement in this world, and do not expect many people to agree on anything, especially for anyone to, really believe there is anywhere that the absolute truth can be found and believed. If the question is, "Can the absolute truth be shared with mankind, and understood and accepted?"

Can the Absolute Truth (Continued)

The answer to the question is a resounding NO! Please remember, that salvation is given only to individuals, it is never given to any group of people or any church! The church of your choice cannot save you, however, if you are truly saved you will seek to find a group of people to which you will profess your belief. And if you have been born again you will seek a group to share your worship of God. No one who has believed in the absolute truth will choose to worship alone in this cursed world!

Jesus did not instruct His followers to be born again, and then to keep their faith, to themselves! Jesus commanded His followers to go tell others about Him so He can save their immortal souls. *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; **but some doubted.** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:16-20). Who will you bring to Jesus and assist in "*teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded?*"

In this world, there will always be those who will doubt there is any absolute truth available to mankind! We can see this element of doubt even in the disciples that Jesus had chosen to join Him in His ministry. When the Eleven apostles came to worship the risen Lord, it says, "*but some doubted.*" So, even the apostles who lived with Jesus for three years still experienced some doubt about His truth being absolute! Please do your best to study the Bible seeking its absolute truth, because it is God's Word, and it is the only source of the absolute truth in our world!



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The Cause (Continued)

God's influence and participation in the early history of America have been well documented, even though the current culture wants to deny it. Biblical "Christian" foundations are what the fore-fathers of our republic used as the basis for the democratic system that has governed the United States of America for over two hundred and forty-four years. The world and our nation have undergone many changes physically as well as spiritually during this period, many of those changes have been positive for the nation, while others have been detrimental.

Many of those coming to the colonies from Europe in the 17th century were coming to escape religious persecution, along with others that were coming for economic opportunity. The church and the Christian religion played a great part in stabilizing everyday life in the New World. Early in the 18th century, the ongoing Enlightenment movement in Europe was starting to infiltrate the colonies, with the idea of secular rationalism. During the 1730s and 1740s, the Great Awakening moved through the English colonies, with preachers like Jonathan Edwards, David Brainard, Samuel Davies, and George Whitfield. Many historians have credited the religious activities of the colonies as a major inspiration for the Revolutionary War through the encouragement of nationalism and individual rights. The Great Awakening also led to the establishment of several renowned educational institutions, including Princeton, Rutgers, Brown and Dartmouth universities, which later became the breeding ground for the liberalism of culture in America.

As enlightenment thinking continued throughout Europe and the colonies, James Hutton wrote *Theory of the Earth* (1785) popularizing uniformitarian geology thinking, as a competing idea to catastrophism, which had been the dominant theory in Geology until this time. Sir Charles Lyell an attorney by trade, followed Hutton's ideas and wrote a three-volume set called *Principles of Geology* (1830-1833) which became even more influential in the field of geologic studies. *Principles of Geology* became very influential to Charles Darwin in his writing of *The Origin of Species* (1859). This is the point that was most influential in the castration or neutering of the church in America as well as Europe, from this point on science would become the dominating driver of church sermons and teachings. One hundred and sixty years later most church pastors remain afraid to preach from the Book of Genesis because it will become a controversy amongst the members of their congregations, leading to a division in their churches. This is why I believe that "Christ's Church" has been made sterile and non-productive in the last one hundred and forty years, taking us back to what Jesus said in Matthew 5:13.



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Scripture is the revelation of God, in its entirety and must be read and studied as a whole, especially when used in a sermon to proclaim what God proclaims. ¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,* ¹⁷ *so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (CSB) When the church will not preach Genesis, it allows Satan to win, because the very foundation for all scripture and theology comes from Genesis. The Book of Genesis was written by Moses (through the Holy Spirit) to be an apologetic description for the Israelites, who had heard origin myths from the pagan nations which surrounded them. The lack of teaching from Genesis for the past one hundred and forty-four years has led to the chaos and confusion that we see in the culture today. The western church has been mostly ineffective in training its congregations, the principal teachings of Jesus, which are:

¹⁰ *If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.* John 15:10 (CSB)

²¹ *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.* Matthew 7:21 (CSB)

The purpose of this article is to show that we as a body of Christian believers need to be more intentional than ever before, we need to engage the culture with Gospel and stand strong against liberalism false teaching, especially in our churches. In the coming months and years, Christians in America are going to experience the loss of religious liberty like no other time in our history, these attacks will come from all directions and all groups. We need to pray for our nation, our leaders, our churches and, our families during these troubling times. Just as King David prayed: ⁴ *Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.* Psalm 23:4 (CSB)

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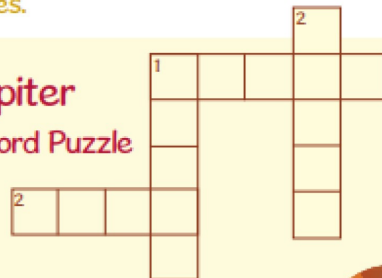


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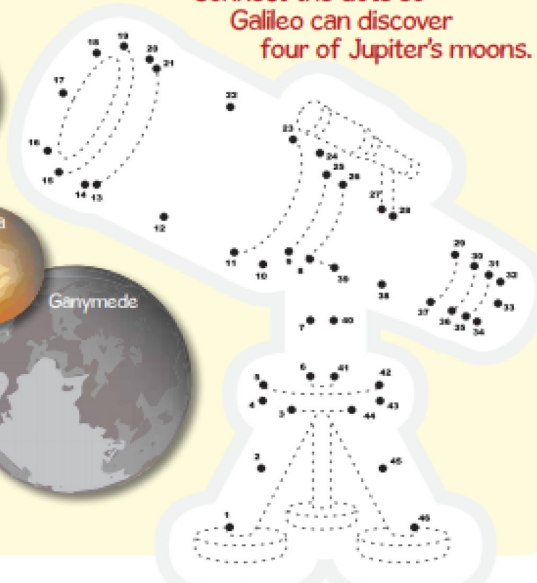
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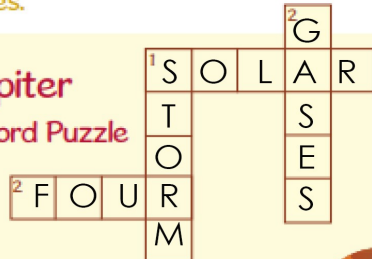
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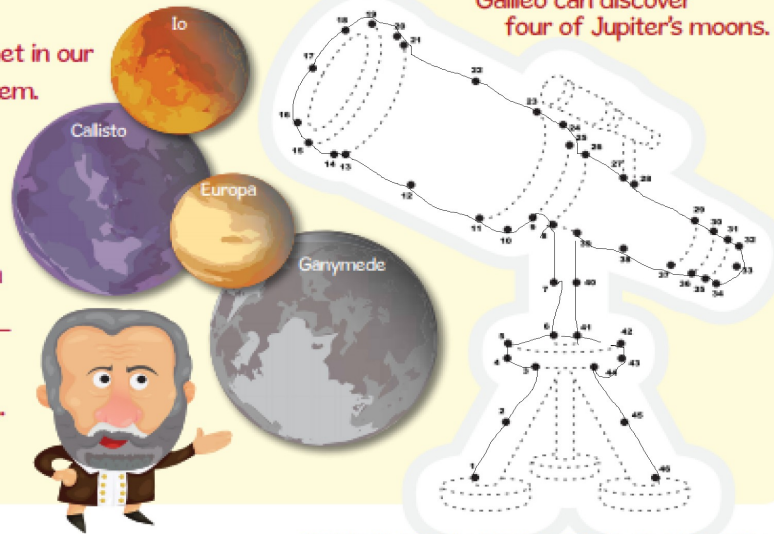
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