

Searching for the Truth on Origins

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I want to set the foundation for this thirteen-part series. It is entitled, *Creation: The Foundation of the Christian Faith*. This is session one and as I said, it is going to be the foundation. This is going to be a bit of an overview of some of the materials that we are going to be covering over the next twelve sessions.

I am sure many of you, have asked these following questions: *Why do I exist? Is there a God who created me or do I exist because of some kind of a process—some kind of chance event?* Of course, we are familiar with the term “evolution” and throughout this seminar we want to resolve this issue. We want to search for the truth on origins. We want to examine the claims of those who believe that the evolutionary worldview is true and we want to examine the claims of those who believe that the biblical creation worldview is true. And so, that will be our goal and that will be our objective.

You see, the world, often supported by what is called “science,” makes the claim that evolution is the only credible view when it comes to the subject of origins. But the Bible makes it rather clear that there is a Creator and there has been a creation. Many of you were perhaps brought up in Christian homes or have gone to Christian schools. You have been taught there is a Creator—that the biblical worldview is true. But the world itself comes up with all kinds of reasons to discredit the biblical creation perspective. And so, we are going to deal with this issue.

There are many who are brought up in the Christian worldview who attempt to reconcile the dilemma. They say, “Well yes, I believe that there is a God and that creation happened. But, they say, “Perhaps God used evolution to create.” And one of my objectives in this seminar will be to make it very, very clear that there is a Creator. There has been a creation process that has occurred and there is no possible way that we need to combine the two worldviews. And as we go through these presentations, it will become very, very clear.

Now, what does the Bible have to say about creation? I have a challenge this evening in that I am going to do a Bible study from Genesis through Revelation and it is going to be on the subject of creation. We are going to pick and choose a few Scriptures, because I want to show you that the Bible makes reference to origins from the beginning through to the end and that it is foundational to the Christian faith.

So let us begin where the Bible begins, in Genesis 1:1, a verse, of course, which everyone can quote.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (KJV)

It is interesting (very significant) that the Bible begins with God and origins (creation) in the very first verse. And so, this should tell us that it must be very significant. It must be very important.

And then, when we go to the last verse of the first chapter, Genesis 1:31, we read:

And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
(KJV)

So again, just choosing a Scripture (the last verse of the first chapter), it tells us that the Creator made everything. You see, it did not come into existence by some sort of a chance process.

There is a supernatural Creator who had a plan, a purpose and He brought things into existence by His design. And notice that it says that it was good; in fact, it was perfect!

Now there is another important principle that we need to establish right at the beginning of this seminar: there is a God who created and things were good, things were perfect, but something happened to the creation and it became imperfect. And we read about that also in Genesis 3:1-6.

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (KJV)

So a significant event occurred according to the Scriptures. God had created Adam and Eve with a free will to choose whether or not they would be obedient to their Creator. And rather than being obedient, we see that they chose to be disobedient. Eve took of the tree, Adam took of the tree, and as a result, something happened to the perfect creation. We read about it in Genesis 3:17-19.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (KJV)

It is at this point we see in biblical history that some major event occurred. The perfect creation became imperfect because of man's sin, and death was introduced.

Now in spite of this, we see that the creation message (the importance of creation) continues to appear throughout the Scriptures. Just because Adam sinned and Eve sinned, it did not end the significance of this creation message. It does continue, as we read in Psalm 148:1-5. This is what the psalmist writes:

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye

waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. (KJV)

Or let us now look at Isaiah 45:11–12 which is another reference to creation.

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. (KJV)

Now we move to the New Testament, Mark 13:19, where Jesus said:

For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. (KJV)

You see it is very clear. Jesus pointed us to the reality of creation and that there is a Creator.

Now in John 1:1–3 we begin to see some very vivid clues of who the Creator is.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (KJV)

And then we move to Ephesians 3:8-9, moving now through the New Testament, Paul writes:

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: (KJV)

There it is, you cannot miss it. Paul says there is a Creator who made all things and he tells us who the Creator is—it is Jesus! Are you beginning to see the importance of creation? It is the foundation of the Christian faith.

Now we move to the last book of the Bible, Revelation 4:10–11, and here John describes what he saw in his vision in heaven.

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” (KJV)

And then one final verse taken from Revelation 14:6–8, where again, John describes something that will be taking place in the not too distant future. He speaks of a time when two angels will

proclaim the eternal gospel to the whole world. It will be worldwide crusade, so to speak. And notice what one angel says, John writes:

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”
(KJV)

The second angel proclaims the judgment coming: “Fallen, fallen, Babylon,” he states.

So there we have it, very briefly from Genesis to Revelation, the mention of creation. Now what should this tell us? Well, there is another principle of Scripture which is very important. Jesus said it in John 17:17. It is very simple, Jesus said, “Thy word is truth.” And this evening we have been reading the Word from Genesis to Revelation, given by inspiration of the Creator. And it is true. That is what Jesus said, “Thy word is true.” And we have been reading these verses about creation, which means there is a Creator. That means there has been a creation.

But there is another important principle we need to understand and we have made reference to it already—something happened to the creation. Why? The Bible says God has an adversary, Satan (the devil, the dragon, the serpent), the one who deceives the whole world. And so wouldn’t it be reasonable to suggest that if God the Creator has an adversary and that creation is true, that the adversary would do all he could do to cause people to doubt the reality—the fact of creation? I think that is reasonable. And one of the things that I want to demonstrate to you in these lessons is that there is an active agenda to advance the idea of (the belief in) evolution, in order to undermine the fact of creation.

There is an adversary who has an agenda, and Paul says that agenda is very effective to deceive the whole world. He wants to deceive people from believing there is a Creator. Why? Because as we are going to see later in this series, creation is foundational to the greatest message that has ever been told and that is the gospel message—that God created. God created man and that man was in a relationship with the Creator, but he fell from that relationship because of sin and from that point on he has been separated.

But the Creator had a plan: He Himself came to this earth in our place. He lived a perfect life. We could not do this, but He did. And His life was sacrificed upon the cross and His blood was shed. The Bible says that whosoever would believe that the Creator did this for us and acknowledges who he is (a sinner) and who He is, could enter into a relationship with the Creator once again, that would last forever. That is the Good News. One of the greatest ways of undermining that message is to cause people to doubt the existence of the Creator.

Creation and evolution are two very different words. I have chosen two colors: white and black (white to represent creation and black to represent evolution). You cannot choose two colors more opposite; so too, are the meanings of these terms. Creation is founded in the truth of what the Bible says. Evolution is based upon the ideas or the speculation of men to try to explain away the Creator.

Now the Bible warns that even believers need to be cautious regarding this agenda to cause people to doubt the truth. For example, in Colossians 2:6–8, Paul writes:

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (KJV)

You see, there is this tendency to place our trust in men, their ideas, their speculations, their reasonings, and their philosophies, rather than in what God has said. And that is understandable in light of the Scriptures. Satan came to Eve saying, “Do not believe what God has told you, there is much more. And of course, we know what happened. It continues today. There are many who are brought up to believe the truth of Scripture and creation, but later they fall away.

Then we have another warning, this time in First Timothy 6:20–21. Now Paul is writing to Timothy,

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called. Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. (KJV)

Now this is very interesting. Paul is telling Timothy, “Be careful that you do not place your trust in—and he used this term—‘oppositions of science, falsely so called.’” What does Paul mean by that?

Well, first of all, what do we mean by science? Science is an endeavor to search for the truth. Science must be based on facts and observable observation, experimentation. But, Paul says there is a science that is not science. Why? Because this “science” is not based on fact, observation, or experimentation. And I would suggest to you that there are many things that are taught in the name of science that are not science. And I would also suggest to you that there are many people who have been caught up in deception who once believed but later were deceived, because they placed their trust in science falsely so-called.

Now every time I read this portion of Scripture I am reminded of my own personal journey. And I am sure that most people do not know who I am or what my background is. So I want to begin this first presentation with a short word of testimony, then you will understand why I am here doing what I am doing.

You see, as a child I grew up in a home where my parents revered and trusted the Bible. I grew up on a farm in western Canada, province of Saskatchewan—a small town. And as a child, I believed there is a God. I can vividly remember on numerous occasions asking my dad questions, particularly at harvest time. I would be sitting in the field at night and I would look up and see the moon and the stars. And I can remember asking my dad, “Where did they come from?” And my dad, in his simple faith said, “God created them.” And I believed it. I believed there was a God who created. Do you know that coded into our hearts is that understanding, that knowledge of God?

Well, I was fascinated with science, particularly biology. And as I went through public school, I wanted to be a biologist. I spent my spare time hunting butterflies and bugs. I wanted to be an

entomologist. I had heard some of the ideas in grade-twelve biology about Darwin, but I kind of dismissed it. However, when I graduated and went on to university, something changed.

I will never forget particularly the first midterm. You see, my professor had spent several weeks teaching us the foundations of Darwinian evolution and I had some real problems with it. When it came midterm time and I was writing my exam, rather than answer the question exactly the way I had been taught, I gave some opinions. And when I went to see how well I had done (to see where my name was posted), I discovered it was not there!

And so I went to my professor, who was the head of the biology department, and I asked him, “What happened to my paper?” And he dug my paper out of a stack of about 500 others and he put it to the top of the pile, where all I could see were red marks and slashes. And he said, “You are wasting your time and your parents’ money.” And I discovered something: that if I was going to be successful, I needed to listen carefully to what I was being taught. And I made that choice and I did it. And I went on to graduate and did quite well by the world’s standards.

You see, biology taught me that God could be explained away. There was no need for a Creator, it was a Darwinian, evolutionary process. Geology taught me that it was a worldwide flood - Oh, that was mythology—that it happened by a gradual process. And then there was psychology, and then there was philosophy, and it did not take long before my worldview was entirely changed. During the ‘60s I became (as I understand it now) a product of the humanist agenda, and then I became a lecturer and I taught others.

I stand before you by the grace of God. I cannot go into the details, but I came to the realization that what I had believed about evolution could not be substantiated by the facts. I started to consider the possibility of creation. And then later I started reading the Bible and I was amazed! I became a Bible-believing creationist and I discovered there was a Creator. But I also discovered something else—He is perfect and I am not.

One night in my living room, after several months of going down this road of searching, I cried out and said, “God, what will You do so I can have peace?” And a verse came into my mind. It was a verse my dad had written in the front page of my Bible that I had been given when I was nine years old. And I went to the Bible and I opened it and I read in his handwriting: John 3:16.

That was twenty-five years ago and from that point on my life has been an adventure, as God has opened doors for me to be able to take the message, not only of creation, but the message that the Bible is true regarding the past. It gives us insight into the present and where we are headed in the future.

We moved to Southern California from Canada in 1988, where I was on staff for three years at Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa. Then God opened the doors internationally and through this seminar I will be telling about certain experiences we have had in various places—over forty countries—but in particular the former Soviet Union how the message for creation has been presented.

Our ministry is called Understand the Times. We use the Scriptures as our source of insight to understanding what has taken place here on this earth and where we are headed in the future.

Now let us continue with an overview of the next twelve lessons. Again, this will be very brief, but it will give you an idea of where we are headed. We are going to talk about the facts regarding origins.

Is the evolutionary theory based on facts and good science? Can the creation view be supported by the observable evidence? This is what we want to uncover in our search for the truth on origins.

First of all: the origin of the universe. I want to read a claim by a scientist who was an evolutionist, Carl Sagan, who is now deceased.

Ten or twenty billion years ago something happened—the Big Bang, the event that began our universe. Why it happened is the greatest mystery we know. *That* it happened is reasonably clear. All the matter and energy now in the universe was concentrated at extremely high density—a kind of cosmic egg reminiscent of the creation myths of many cultures—perhaps into a mathematical point with no dimensions at all. (Carl Sagan, 200)

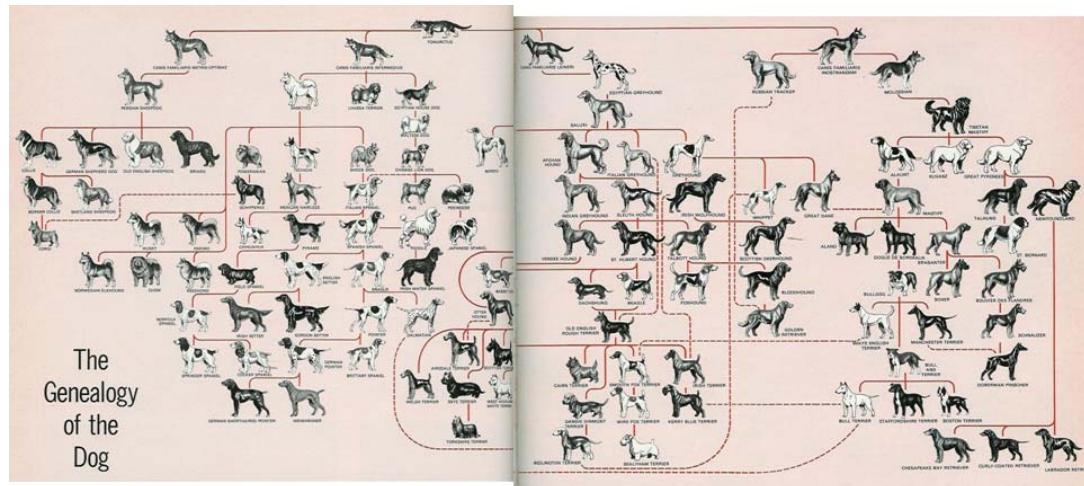
This is a statement by a scientist, but if you listen carefully, it contains no science. He says that a minute clump of matter and we have everything which exists in the universe. Could that be demonstrated? Absolutely not! Again, this is a statement by a scientist, but no science.

Regarding the origin of life, Raymond Hawkey, from the book, *Evolution: A Story of the Origins of Humankind*, states:

After countless chance encounters between organic molecules, an event as miraculous as that which created the universe occurred in the depths of the seas. About 3,500 million years ago, groups of organic molecules came together to form living cells from which all life was ultimately to descend. (Hawkey, 1)

Notice what is said in these three statements: a minute lump of matter exploded and we have the cosmos; these particles came together by chance, bumped into each other and formed a Planet Earth, by chance; and thirdly, non-living particles came together to form life spontaneously. No one has ever observed any facts to support these statements, yet they are believed.

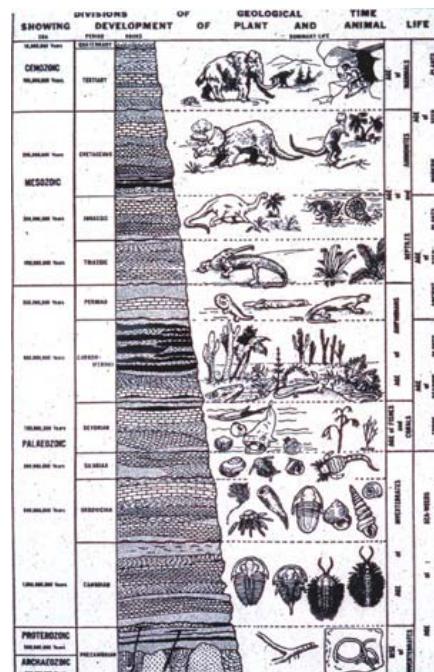
With regard to what happened to life, the evolutionary assumption is that through time (and we will go into this in detail in this series) there was a progression of development from simple to complex. An amoeba over millions of years became a man, and everything in between. But as we are going to observe, there is no evidence in the fossil record to show that this has ever occurred. And you cannot find any living representatives. So again, this is another statement that is not based on science.



What we observe (and we will look at this again in much detail) is the fact that life always comes from preexisting life and that is a law of biology. No one has ever seen life come from non-life. It must come from life. We see that within life we find variation can occur horizontally within genetic boundaries. This we will look at in more detail as we see the variation separated vertically, but horizontally it does occur.

We are going to examine the complexity of life. The claims that evolution says that life can come into existence by chance and progress gradually through time. And we will look at the complexity of cells and cellular functions in the human body. And we will discover that there is no possible mechanism that ever could verify that it has happened.

Another major area that we will examine is the history of life from two perspectives: the evolutionary worldview and the creation worldview, which is based on the Scriptures. We will look at this idea: the evolutionary claims that through time, layers have been laid down gradually over hundreds of millions of years.



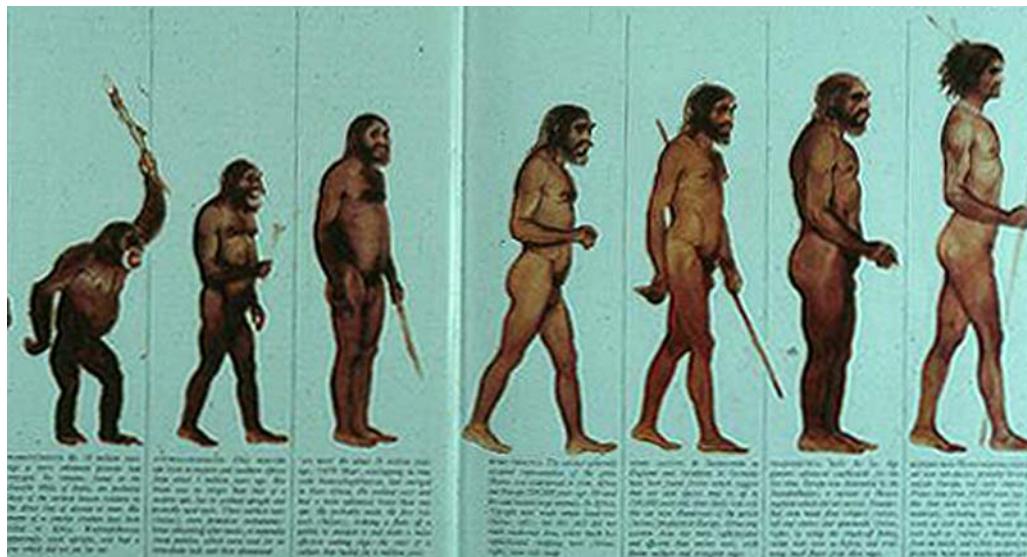
It claims that the earth is very, very old and over these hundreds of millions of years as these layers were laid down, they say life lived and died and was buried in a sequential order from simple to complex. But just so that we know in advance what I am going to be showing you, there is not one place in the world where you can find this. It can only be found in a textbook—not in the real world.

Oh yes, we can find layers all over the planet, but the question is, “How long did it take to lay them down? Did it happen gradually or could they have been laid down quickly and catastrophically?” And again, we will show you evidence that it is catastrophic and that we have evidence that has occurred in recent years.

Evolution claims the fact that we find fossils, shows that life has lived millions and millions of years ago. We will examine these claims and how the fossils are found, not in the sequence of evolutionary change from simple to complex, but mixed together, buried, and scrambled. This is exactly the way we would expect it to be from a creation perspective, where the Bible says that God created and things were perfect.

The original earth, also based on Scripture, was much different and something happened to that creation. In the Genesis record, we will study what occurred as the fountains of the great deep broke up, the earth’s crust fractured, the windows of heaven were opened, a cosmic catastrophe occurred as materials were rained down, poured upon the earth, and life was buried and destroyed suddenly—catastrophically! We will examine the two worldviews.

And then another major area we will deal with will be the subject of the origin of man and the evolutionary assumption that we have evolved from brute, apelike creatures. We will compare that with the biblical perspective that man has always been man and he was created. All of us are familiar with this idea that the further back we go in time, the more brute-like were our ancestors. But I will show you the facts. What we have been presented is not a neat sequence of fossils, but paintings and murals and models that are based on fragments.



There are no intermediates that show there has been this process of evolution from apelike creatures to modern man. When the facts (that is the artifacts from archaeology) are presented,

they will show that after a great worldwide flood, the world's population started again in ancient Babylon. And from there after their languages were confounded, they separated and spread around the world and suddenly appear. And we see great civilizations doing exactly what we would believe they could do, based on the Scriptures.

The creation-evolution battle—and that's what it is. You see, those who believe in evolution say, "We have science to support what we believe." They also say that those who believe in creation are religious people who refuse to look at the evidence. There is a battle going on for the minds of our generation.

Now, you may have this question: "Why is it then, if the evidence does not support this evolutionary worldview, are there so many people who believe it and teach it?" Well, I asked the same question after I became a creationist and then a Christian and this is what I have come to believe: people believe in evolution because they are taught to believe in evolution. And then they are tested on how well they believe. It starts in kindergarten, then continues through high school, college, and museums. You read about it in magazines and hear about it in the news, documentaries and movies.

Another interesting thing to note is that the founding fathers—Charles Lyell, Charles Darwin and others—were not men who were overwhelmed by facts that caused them to question creation. They were looking for ways to explain away the Creator. And again, we will document historically what they believed and why.

Fallen man has always looked for an excuse so that he does not have to believe in God. And as we have already mentioned, he has spiritual help. The Bible describes that the god of this world has blinded human minds.

Evolution, as we are going to see in this series, has had a tremendous impact on the world. For example, atheism is based on evolutionism and I can demonstrate it. I have been to Russia many, many times, and to other parts of the former Soviet Union where Marxism was advanced, based on Darwinism. You see, man was at the top of the evolutionary pile, and in fact, it was enforced that one could not really be educated unless he would accept that there is no God. Evolution was the foundation.

But here in the Western world we have somewhat of a different plan. Humanism is also based on evolutionism. And the founding fathers of the Humanist Manifesto, John Dewey, Francis Potter and others, clearly made it part of their agenda—there is no God. The reason we exist is because of evolution. And by the way, our public schools have become the seminaries to advance that religion.

And then there is a third area that we are going to spend time in this presentation dealing with. And that is the connection between evolution and mysticism. Well, perhaps a better way to describe it would be the New Age. You see, there are many claiming that we are living in an era where man is advancing. This is based upon the Darwinian view that through time there has been this elevation from simple to complex (from lower to higher) and that evolution connects everyone with everything. It is that guiding, directing force which leads us onward and upward that man might emerge to become a super-being.

There are various methods, therapies, and techniques that one can use to attain this level of super-being. By the way, these are not new ideas; they are very old and they are based on Eastern religion, teachings, beliefs, and practices (like yoga and mediation, contacting the spirit

world). And so there is a whole religion world wide that is being established. But as we are going to see from the creation worldview, it is not new but the Bible predicts it!

Now, let us kind of draw this all together. Why is creation important? Because it is true! It is so true that Paul tells us in Romans 1 that if you do not believe, there are consequences. And again, I will paraphrase for shortness of time. Paul tells us the following: Evidence that God has created is so obvious from the things that He has made, that if we reject that evidence, we are without excuse. Our foolish hearts are darkened. Professing to be wise we become fools. And rather than believe the truth of creation, Paul says, people will believe a lie (cf. Romans 1:20–25).

If creation is true, then what would be the lie? It seems to me that the lie would be the belief that there is no Creator. And that, it seems to me, would be in line with what we are talking about in this study. The lie is that we exist because of a natural process of chance.

And then Paul describes—and we will have one entire session dealing with this in detail—that when man tosses God off the scene one can make some predictions. And this is what will happen: he will become very spiritual. Oh, he will not worship God who created everything, but he will worship everything that God has created. He will worship the earth as god, the moon as god, the sun as god and he will even worship himself as god.

Secondly, Paul says, “you will note that human behavior will change sexually, men with men, women with women” (cf. Romans 1:26–27).

And thirdly, Paul gives us a whole list that describes human behavior as immoral, having depraved minds (cf. Romans 1:28–31). And by the way, when we read our newspapers it is happening every day around the world.

Creation is foundational because if there is a Creator, we are accountable to Him.

Now, there is one further question that we want to establish from the beginning. Did God use evolution to create? I do not believe so, and I think this is very important. That is why I am establishing it up front. There are people wherever I go in audiences like this, who say, “I believe in God but I believe in evolution.” This is called theistic evolution and I am going to give you the reasons why I do not believe it.

These are my reasons: the first is my testimony. When I was an unbeliever, I was an evolutionist; and evolution, for me, was my excuse not to believe in God. My conversion was from evolution to creation to Christ. And now as a Christian who believes in creation, I cannot understand why a Christian would want to accept evolution, which is what I used to use to explain away God.

My second reason is the evidence. I want to demonstrate to you that evolution is a belief system that is not based on fact, and yet, people say that it is. And we will take a lot of time dealing with this. The evidence points to creation, not towards evolution.

My third reason for not believing in theistic evolution is that when Charles Darwin was asked, “Do you think God could have used evolution to create?” He said, “Absolutely not! You do not understand my theory. My theory is based on a natural process. It does not require the supernatural, so do not tie God to evolution. Evolution is this directing force.” Darwin himself made it clear you cannot connect the two.

And the fourth reason is that it is just a plain, outright contradiction of terms to say that God used evolution. To say that a supernatural Creator used a natural process of chance, survival of the fittest, dog eat dog—I do not find that in the Scriptures. We will make it clear, as we go through these lessons.

Creation is important because it is absolutely foundational to the Christian faith. You cannot understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ unless you understand that there is a Creator. And Paul demonstrates this in Acts 17. Again, I will paraphrase. Paul, in Athens on Mars Hill, was witnessing to the pagans of his day who were worshipping anything and everything but not the Creator who made everything. And Paul said to them, “I see that you are very spiritual, but,” he said, “you are wrong.” He pointed out to them that they were worshipping a deity amongst the other deities, called the unknown god. And Paul said, “I will identify to you who this is.” He said, “He is the one who created you. He gave you breath. He gave you life. He created the nations. That is why you exist.” And then he went on to tell them that they were separated from the Creator because of their sin. And that they needed to repent and to ask the Creator for forgiveness. And then he told them what they could do to acknowledge the Resurrected One, Jesus, the Creator (cf. Acts 17:22–32).

Paul presented the gospel by beginning with creation and in one of our lessons toward the end, that is exactly what we are going to do. We are going to show that in order to present the gospel message to people today in our generation, it is absolutely essential to establish why they exist and give them reasons, give them evidence.

I trust that over these next twelve lessons we will be able to do that: show that there are facts for creation; show that the evolutionary worldview and these assumptions are based on speculation; and show that in order to be able to present the gospel message to our generation, we need to understand these issues. I trust that this will be a beneficial time for all who are doing this study, *Searching for the Truth on Origins*.

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The second session for this series is entitled, The Origin of the Universe: The Solar System and Planet Earth. As you can understand, with only forty-five minutes or so in a presentation we can only touch on these topics, but we want to look at some of the essentials in our search for the truth on origins.

As we mentioned before, everyone at one time or another has asked these basic questions. They are so important. No matter where I travel, in any part of the world, people are asking the same things and they want answers.

For example: How did it all begin? How did I get to be who I am? Am I merely the product of chance and time? Or is there a Creator who made all things? How can I know the truth about origins?

The goal for this series is to be able to examine the claims of evolution, the claims of creation, and to see which of these two views is the most credible. So in this presentation we will look at the subject of the origin of the universe, our solar system, and earth. But before we do, there are some other things that we need to look at to lay our foundation for this creation-evolution debate.

When it comes to the subject of origins, there are really two choices regarding our existence. We either exist because of chance and time or we exist because there is a Creator. Our goal will be to examine the facts about the subject of origins and to do it openly and honestly.

You see I have had the opportunity to be on both sides of this issue, as I mentioned in the introduction. I have taught biology as an evolutionist and now I am a Christian who is a creationist. But I am not here to dogmatically convince you that you have to believe in creation. I want to reason analytically, critically, and I want to present the facts, present the truth, and then let you decide.

The foundation for education should be based on the truth. And it is interesting to note that when new facts are discovered, we must be willing to consider these facts. Just because a theory has been established does not mean that it should last forever, particularly if new information is discovered that contradicts preconceived ideas. When we willingly choose to ignore facts and continue believing based on blind faith, we reject the search for the truth.

You see, the human mind functions somewhat like a computer. There are inputs that come to our minds from various sources. They come through our eyes, through what we see and through our ears, in what we hear. Inputs come through feeling, through tasting, and through smelling. Just as if we were to code data into a computer, so too our minds, from the moment we are born, are inputted with information. And it is very important, it is crucial in fact, that we program our minds with truth and not be deceived. And deception can easily happen.

What happens when we code our brains with faulty information? Well, let me give you an analogy of how easily that can happen. Let us say you are using a calculator and you are doing a simple calculation—two times four equals eight. Well of course all of us know that is the right answer. But what if your finger slipped slightly and rather than your finger coming upon the number four button, it slips and you touch the *five*. And the answer comes up in the monitor as *ten*. You see, you believe that you had inputted the calculator correctly but you did not.

And that is exactly what happens to the human mind. When we are taught information, we are told this is the truth, when in fact it is not true. And when it comes to the subject of a worldview regarding the topic of origins, we need to be very careful not to embrace everything that we are told just because someone says that it is fact. Remember that Paul said, “There are many things that are called science that are not science” (cf. 1 Timothy 6:20).

Now, speaking of science, it must be based on observation. Something that cannot be observed cannot be investigated by science. Secondly, observation must be repeatable—one-time events are beyond the realm of science. Thirdly, the observer must be careful not to exhibit a bias. Fourthly, repeated observations need to be done by more than one observer.

Now when it comes to the subject of origins (believe me), there are people on both sides who have strong biases. There are evolutionists who do not want to hear any information about creation. There are creationists who say, “I do not even want to hear about what evolutionists believe.” What I would like to do in this series is to present what both sides believe, without being dogmatic, and let each person make their own decision.

Now with regards to this search for the truth on origins when looking at evolution and looking at creation, scientific discoveries require: observation, repeatable experimentation, and consistent, unbiased data. That is important.

But when it comes to this topic of origins, right away we have a problem. What is that? Well, how can a person go back into the distant, unobservable past and make observations? It cannot be done. So to claim that we can prove evolution or creation scientifically is not possible.

Secondly, as we said, just because a theory has been given scientific status does not mean that the theory is valid for eternity. And there are so many people today who believe that all of the worldly intellects believe in evolution. How could someone even consider challenging it? Again, remember that when new facts or information come to light that contradict old ideas or old theories, if those theories do not change, then they are no longer scientific. Science, in order to be science, must constantly undergo testing, and evaluation, and correction—based on the facts.

In our search for the truth on origins, we are going to be examining the evolution worldview—a natural process where chance, time, and no supernatural creator is

necessary. We will compare this with the alternative model of creation, which is clearly a supernatural process. We cannot go back into the past and make observation, so all that we can do is look at the facts and the observable evidence as we see in the present. Then we can test the claims of evolution and the claims of creation.

So keep this chart in mind as we go through the next several presentations. We are going to look at what evolution teaches, but test it with the facts. We are going to look at what creation teaches and also test it with the facts.

The evolutionists insist that their worldview is based on fact, therefore it is scientific. And often they look to those who believe in creation and they say, “These are religious people.” In fact they say, “They are very bigoted.”

But on the other side of this issue, we have creationists who look upon those who believe in evolution and they say, “They are fools and idiots.” I want to tell you something. Some of the most intelligent people that I know believe in evolution. And the question is, *if evolution is not true and it can be demonstrated, why is it believed?* I can tell you from personal experience that there is a blindness which occurs when people willingly choose not to look at the facts. Do not consider someone who believes in evolution as fool, but as someone who needs to understand and know the truth.

Now let us begin this topic for this session, The Origin of the Universe. There are two possibilities. Either it happened as a result of the Big Bang (an explosion), or the other alternative is a big God. In our first session we looked at this quote from Carl Sagan’s book *Cosmos*, where he gives his opinion on how the universe came into being.

Ten or twenty billion years ago something happened. The Big Bang—the event that began our universe. Why it happened is the greatest mystery we know. That it happened is reasonably clear. All matter and energy now in the universe was concentrated at extremely high density, a kind of cosmic egg reminiscent of the Creation myths of many cultures. Perhaps a mathematical point with no dimensions at all. (Sagan, 246)

He is saying that in the distant, unobservable past (he is not sure when, maybe ten, maybe twenty billion years ago), a minute lump of matter—he says, “Well maybe no dimensions at all”—exploded. And as a result of that explosion in time, we have the universe.

Science Digest, page 36, May 1981, makes this statement:

To the astonishment of the layperson, scientists are pushing back the barriers of time to reconstruct the first billion, billion, billion, billionth of a second. Using a simple system of logic, we can now deduce in exact detail what happened during the first second of Creation. (Author, 36)

This statement is telling us what scientists are able to do, when science by definition says that this is impossible.

From *Fast Forward Planet Earth*, by Kathryn Senior, we read:

The universe began with a big bang. This is the same name given to the huge explosion that happened fifteen billion years ago. In a split second the universe expanded from almost nothing, a tiny dot smaller than a pin prick, into the vast expanse of space. The universe is still expanding. In billions of years since the big bang, galaxies, solar systems, planets, and moons have formed. (Senior, 6)

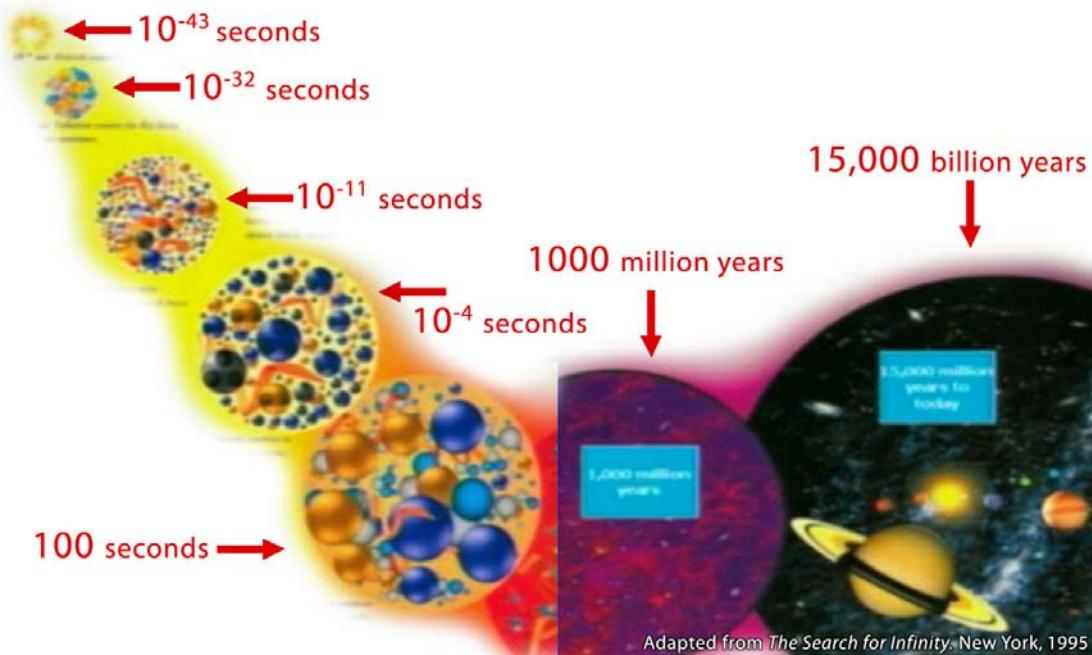
Notice these tremendous statements and assumptions. Has anyone ever observed an explosion that has produced order? The answer is *no!* Explosions bring chaos and disorder. Yet it is the foundation of the evolutionary worldview that in the beginning there was—not God, but an explosion. I cannot think of anything more opposite from the truth.

From *Big Bang: The Story of the Universe*, Heather Cooper and Nigel Henbest, make this statement:

In the beginning there was nothing. It was a nothing so profound it defies human comprehension. A long, long time ago, there was no matter and no radiation. More importantly, space did not exist. Time did not flow. Our story begins, once upon a time when there was no space and there was no time, from nothing a tiny speck of brilliant light appeared. It was almost infinitely hot. Inside this fireball was all of space. With the creation of space came the birth of time. The energy in the fireball was so concentrated that matter spontaneously started to appear: a distant ancestor of the matter that would later become the building blocks of stars, planets, and galaxies. The infant universe hit the ground running. As soon as the fireball appeared, it started expanding not into anything, but throughout, because the universe was and is everything everywhere. (Cooper and Henbest 8-10)

And if you are having difficulty understanding what they said, so am I. These are examples of statements regarding the origin of the universe which you can find in any high school textbook. And people are tested on whether or not they believe it.

Here is a book, *The Search for Infinity: Solving the Mysteries of the Universe*. And here again is the explanation of how the universe came into existence. We see these diagrams:



Adapted from *The Search for Infinity*, New York, 1995

First seconds, 10^{-32} seconds, 10^{-11} seconds, 10^{-4} seconds. After a hundred seconds, after one thousand million years and fifteen thousand billion years—there it is, in a textbook. They claim that it happened as a result of matter exploding, plus time.

Well then, there is always the debate of *when* did it happen? *Time Magazine*, February 24, 2003, page 45, has an article saying there has been a lot of debate on when it happened, when the explosion occurred. But now they say they have discovered for sure the universe is 13.7 billion years old. And there was a 200 million year interval between the Big Bang and the appearance of the first stars. How is that possible to know?

But you see, people place their trust in people with credentials. But what if they are wrong? What if there was not an explosion which brought the universe into existence? What if there is a Creator who had a plan and a purpose?

They say that the cosmos, the galaxies, are all the result of a random explosion and billions of years of time. And that it all came from this minute lump of matter, smaller than a dime. Is it reasonable?

What about our solar system? Well that is important to us. Planet Earth is part of the solar system. Well, how did it come into existence? Here is a textbook, *Formation of the Solar System: Hyperspace our Final Frontier* and in it they tell us that after the explosion, this collapsing cloud of dust gets hot inside. As a star forms, matter settles into a disk around it. Matter in the disk begins to clump together. Rocks form around the star. Gravity becomes important because the lumps get bigger. Gravity pulls the large lumps into spherical shapes. Planets like Earth coalesce under the rocky material. There it is—all by chance! Is it reasonable? Is that how Earth came into existence?

Now I want to show you a short clip. We are going to show a few clips during this series. This first one is taken from the documentary called, *A Question of Origins*. Now we are going to hear some statements in this short clip regarding evidence that perhaps this did not happen by chance.

Announcer:

Many observations contradict the current theories on how the solar system evolved. The most popular theory holds that the solar system formed from an interstellar cloud of swirling gas and dust. If the sun, planets, and moons evolved from the same material they should have many similarities; yet each planet is unique. Since about 98% of the sun is hydrogen or helium, Earth, Mars, Venus and Mercury should have similar compositions. Instead, less than 1% of these planets are hydrogen or helium.

If the solar system evolved, all planets should spin in the same direction; but Pluto and Venus rotate backwards, while Uranus is tipped on its side and rotates like a wheel. All moons in our solar system should orbit their planets in the same sense, but at least six have backward orbits. Furthermore, Neptune, Saturn, and Jupiter have moons orbiting in both directions.

Growing a planet by many small collisions will produce an almost non-spinning planet since the impacts will be largely self-canceling; yet, all planets spin—some much more than others.

Growing a large, distant, gaseous planet such as Jupiter or Saturn, poses an insurmountable hurdle for evolutionists because gases dissipate rapidly in the vacuum of outer space. And even young stars, similar to our sun, do not have enough orbiting hydrogen or helium to form even one Jupiter.

Scientists have no answer as to why four planets have rings or why each planet is so unique. Theories on the moon's origin are also completely inadequate. The moon's elements are too dissimilar to those of earth's and its orbital plane and circular orbit offer strong evidence that the moon was created in its present orbit.

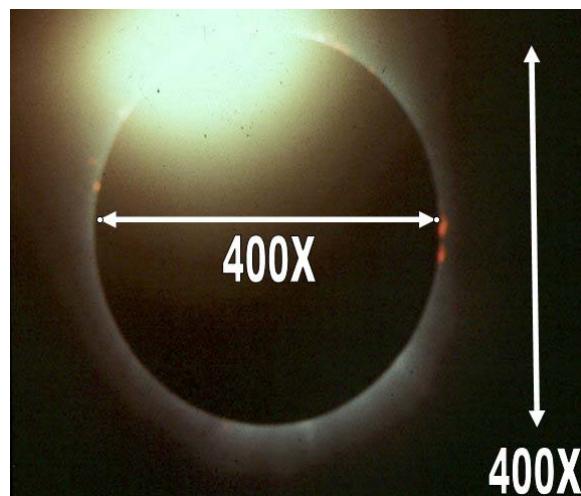
Another voice:

There is no evidence that a planetary system could have come about by mechanical means. However, the more that scientists began to look at the amazing universe that they inhabited, they began to realize that there were certain factors that were simply very, very fine-tuned for the existence of man, of molecules, of organic life. And the more they looked, they more they realized that we are, in effect, on really quite a knife edge and there are many, many indications that this universe has been very specially designed and man is at the very center of it.

I had the privilege of being involved in this documentary video, actually as the host. It was produced by Eternal Productions. Some of the other participants are people you probably know—Dr. John Morris, Dr. Duane Gish, and Pastor Chuck Smith are involved, as well as Chuck Missler and others. And the video has now been made into DVD format and it is in eight different languages, including Russian and Spanish. So this may be something you would be interested in.

Now back to our subject, the moon. How did it come into existence? Is it reasonable to say that the moon is simply the product of chance?

Well, I think it can be demonstrated that the moon was designed. You see at certain times in Earth's history when the moon passes between the sun and the earth, this phenomenon occurs. It is called an annular eclipse. And as you can see, it looks like the moon is exactly the same size as the sun. It appears to be the same diameter, but of course, we know that that is not the case. If you measure the diameter of the sun and the diameter of the moon (which can be done), the diameter of the sun is actually 400 times greater than the diameter of the moon. But as we said, it looks like the same diameter during the eclipse. So, why is that? How can that be explained?



Well obviously it is the positioning of the moon and its distance from the earth. When we measure the distance of the sun from the earth and the moon from the earth, we find that it is exactly 400 times further away. The sun is 400 times wider in diameter. And it is 400 times farther away to produce this effect. Is it by chance?

You see, the Bible says that God created the sun, the moon, the earth. And He created the heavenly objects for signs, for seasons. I would suggest that this is a sign that it happened as a result of design.

Now planet Earth, is very important to us. How did it come into being, by chance or by design?

For a moment I want to take you on sort of a mind journey. Let us say that somehow you were transported to the moon and when you were awakened you see planet Earth off in the distance. And now you are being transported back toward the planet. You have never been there before and as you approach planet Earth, you see some of the amazing scenes—the clouds, and beneath them, the oceans, and islands with beautiful waters. In the waters you see all kinds of life, cellular life and multi-cellular life. From there you are transported to other parts of the planet; to the North or to the South Pole, and you see life. It is all over the planet! You see magnificent mountains and lakes and streams and various kinds of vegetation, subtropical and tropical, tremendous redwoods, and ferns. The entire planet is populated with life in various places. There are not only plants, but insects—credible, complex creatures. And you ask yourself, *How did this come into existence?* There are many different kinds of life, with a variety of cats and dogs. Think of this. How can it be explained?

You see, these are legitimate questions. Are we willing to say that it just happened? How did all of this come into existence? Was it chance or was it by design? You see, these are questions that need to be answered.

Juri van den Heever, in the book, *Prehistoric Life: Questions and Answers*, gives his opinion:

Earth is our home planet. It is also our life support system in space. So it is important to know how the earth began, as well as where life on our planet came from and how it developed. In our solar system nine planets circle around the sun like spaceships. The earth is the third planet from the sun and the fifth largest. It is unique amongst the planets because of its special atmosphere and the presence of large amounts of water. Both of these are very important for life to continue. (van den Heever, 6)

Well, I would agree. This is an amazing spaceship, but how did it come into existence? Juri van den Heever, asks that question:

How was the earth formed? From an enormous cloud of gas and dust, in fact our whole solar system was formed this way. It started as a spinning cloud, then began to shrink under the influence of gravity. This increased the temperature and pressure of the cloud. The circular movement shaped the cloud into a flat disk spinning around the center where the sun was forming and as the particles around the disk bumped into each other, more and more of them stuck together to form planets. (van den Heever, 6)

That is Mr. van den Heever's opinion. But again, we must ask the question: *Is it scientific?*

You see, for there to be life on planet Earth, we would have to have the right atmosphere. We do. The planet would have to be the right distance from the sun so that we can have the right temperature. And we do. The right gravitational field, the presence of water, an ozone layer which protects the earth from harmful short-wave radiation—all of these things and many others have to be in place or there is no possibility that life could exist. Did that happen by chance? Again, each one of us has to make the choice.

I want to show you a short clip taken from the same documentary film, *A Question of Origins*. This time Chuck Missler is explaining why he believes it could not have been by chance.

Voice of Chuck Missler:

If we try to model the universe (as we know it), as we try to build a mathematical model that reflects what we know, we quickly discover there are thousands of parameters and ratios that if you adjust them even a little bit, life is impossible. We quickly discover that if the earth was a little closer, or little further from the sun, it's either too warm or too cold. Or if it turns at a little different speed, if the masses are a little different, it would hold too much or too little atmosphere. As you start trying to model this, you quickly discover that all the parameters involve an incredibly delicate balance. And so, they call this the Anthropic Principle, meaning it's as if everything we know was skillfully designed or balanced for man.

Another voice:

The earth is at a very specific distance from the sun. And they have calculated that if we were only 5% closer the water would boil up from the oceans. If we were just 1%

further away, then the oceans would freeze. And that gives you just some idea on what sort of knife edge we are on.

Chuck Missler:

The surface gravity of the earth is exactly where it needs to be. More, you have too much atmospheric pressure. Less, you don't have an atmosphere. The thickness of the crust is critical. The rotation period of the earth—the gravitational interaction between the moon, strangely enough, has to be—as all of these contribute to what makes life possible. And so, they call that the Anthropic Principle, which collectively is an overwhelming argument for a Designer. Scientists don't like to acknowledge that because a Designer implies accountability.

So this evening we have started our introduction to this series called, *Searching for the Truth on Origins*. In our first presentation we looked at Creation from the biblical account as being foundational to the faith. We looked at this agenda to advance an alternative. In this session here, we just looked briefly at the subject of the origin of the universe, the origin of our solar system, the origin of our planet, and asked some basic questions. There are only two possibilities: either all of this came into existence by a process of chance, or it came into existence because of a Creator, by design.

There are two worldviews. Evolution is based on man's beliefs—perhaps we should better say man's speculation. Creation (as we read from the Scriptures) is based on Scripture, which is God's revelation. Paul states in Romans 1 that every one of us has a choice. We can either believe that all of this came into existence as a result of an explosion of matter plus time or we can acknowledge there is a Creator who had a plan and a purpose and who brought everything into existence by design. And what does the evidence point toward? Again, that is a choice that each one of us can make.

In Psalm 19:1 we read,

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork. (KJV)

Psalm 148:1–4 says,

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him all His angels; Praise Him all His hosts! Praise Him sun and moon; Praise Him all you stars of light! Praise Him you heavens of heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. (NKJV)

The Scriptures tell us that all things exist (including ourselves) because there is a Creator and the heavens declare it. When we see the cosmos, the various galaxies, and our solar system, we have a choice to make—was it chance or a Creator? I think the evidence points toward a Creator.

In Isaiah 44:24 we read,

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer and He who formed you from the womb. (NKJV)

See, the Bible says that you exist because He (meaning the Creator) made you. He says, “I am the Lord who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself” (cf. Isaiah 44:24). It is recorded in His Word.

Now I often think of this scenario. Imagine if you were an artist and you had painted a beautiful painting that had taken you several months. Now your painting is on display in an art gallery. You are standing there as people walk by, and someone looks at it and says, “It happened by chance.” How would you feel?

What about the Creator who made everything, who made us when we willingly choose to ignore His existence and say we are merely the product of chance? I think it is very important to come to the right conclusion.

In our next session, we will begin by looking at the origin of life and the progression of life. Then we will talk about the complexity of life and we will examine the claims of evolution, but we will look at the facts based on biology. Then we are going to look at the area of the history of the life. We will look at the claims of geology and compare these claims with the fossils and the strata.

Then we are going to be looking to the Scriptures to see what God has said regarding what has happened in Earth’s history. Then we will look at the subject of the origin of man and what evolution claims regarding from where we have come. We will examine these ideas that we have evolved through time from brute, apelike creatures. Then we will turn to examine the facts that have been left to us by the ancients through archaeology. All of this information we are going to present will show you the factual information on the screen—something that even a child can understand.

As we continue through this series, we will discuss: What if we do not believe? What if we refuse to believe in creation and we promote evolution? What difference does it make? And again, we will look to the Scriptures which tell us exactly what we can expect.

Then we will move on and look at the impact of evolution on society, both morally and spiritually. How it is preparing us for the New Age, which the Bible says is part of the end times scenario.

Finally as we complete the series we are going to be looking at how to apply this information so that we can share our faith with others, pointing people to the reality that there is a Creator.

Before we conclude, I want to give you one example of what we call “creation evangelism.” Remember early in our presentation I shared with you that Paul witnessed to the crowds on Mars Hill, pointing people to the Creator. One of our goals and objectives in our ministry is to take the message of creation to people in other parts of the world that have not yet heard but want to hear. That is why we have spent so much time in the former Soviet Union and there are some folks here tonight that I have worked with in Russia. They will relate to me and understand some of the things that I am going to say. I started going to Russia for the first time in 1990 before the Soviet Union collapsed, and I discovered the incredible openness there was to the message of creation.

A few years ago, I was speaking at a conference in Vancouver when a gentleman came up to me and asked some questions. I could tell by his voice that he spoke Russian, so I asked him if he was from Russia. He said, “No, I am from the Ukraine.” So I said to him, “I would like to give you a gift. It is a book that we have had translated and printed in Russian, as a gift from our ministry.”

I gave him a copy of our book called, *The Evidence for Creation*, which I will show you later. He took the book. The next night when I returned, he was the first person at the door and he was excited and he wanted to tell me what had happened. He said, “You will not believe what happened last night when I went home.” He had given the book to his son and when his son saw the book, he said, “Dad, that is the book! That is the book on creation that I used when I was in Odessa.” And then he told me this story.

His son, Alex, was in grade ten. His teacher was teaching biology—evolution. After the class he went up to the teacher and he said, “You know, I do not believe in evolution.” (You see, their family had become Christians.) The teacher laughed and asked, “Alex, you do not believe in evolution? What do you believe?” He said, “I believe in creation.” She said, “Oh, Alex, that is a myth! But I tell you what, if you can find some evidence for your belief, let me know. I will let you teach a class.”

So Alex went home and he called a friend. The friend said, “Oh, I know where you can find a book in our library. It is called, *The Evidence for Creation*.” You see these books were first printed in the early 1990s for just a few pennies a book, and they were distributed in many places. Alex read the book and he got some information and some facts.

He went to the teacher and he said, “I’d like to present a class,” and she let him present the class. After the class was over she said, “Well that is interesting, Alex. Could you present a second class?” He presented a second class, and after the second class she said, “Alex, I would like the other teachers of the school to come, plus my husband who is a biology professor, and you can do a third class.” Alex presented a third class, and after

that, his father told me that many of the students and some of the teachers started attending their church and they became Christians, because they came to the realization there is evidence for a Creator.

That is why I am here doing these presentations. I am not here just to present to you some interesting facts that support creation or counter evolution, but to build up faith for those who believe. I am here to provide information or tools for you to share with others in various ways.

There is a Creator. There has been a creation and there is ample evidence. We will continue in our series to examine evolution and creation in our search for truth on origins.

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We begin now with the third session of our seminar entitled, *Searching for the Truth on Origins*. We will continue to look at the facts regarding the Creation-evolution controversy. The title of our topic in this particular session is called, “The Origin and the Progression of Life.”

As with the origin of the universe, we really have two choices regarding the origin of our planet Earth. Either life originated by process of chance or it came into existence because of a supernatural Creator-Designer. In our last session we looked at this subject of why the universe exists—why the solar system and our planet exists. Now we want to get down to the basic point regarding the Creation-evolution controversy and that is: *How did life come into existence on this planet?*

Again we turn to some of the statements made by individuals who claim that evolution is the only credible worldview. They claim that science has proven that life has originated not because of a Designer-Creator, but because of a natural process. We can quote Isaac Asimov for example, a former promoter of evolution who is now deceased. Asimov has made this statement in the past regarding the origin of life:

We can make inspired guesses, but we don't know for certain what physical and chemical properties of the planet's crust, its ocean, and its atmosphere made it so conducive to such a sudden appearance of life. Nor are we certain about the amounts and the forms of energy that permeated the environment in the planet's early days. Thus the problem that scientists face is how to explain the suddenness with which life appeared on Planet Earth.

(Asimov, 58)

Now this is a rather significant statement. Asimov was willing to admit that the best that we could do regarding the subject of the origin of life is to make inspired guesses. But as we mentioned in our previous presentations, science must be based on fact, observable evidence, and repeatable experimentation. Certainly there must be more than this in order to verify the idea that life has evolved.

Regarding the origin of life, John Reader, evolutionist and scientist, from the book *The Rise of Life*, makes this statement:

Once life began, its story becomes a logical (not to say inevitable) sequence of evolutionary cause and effect which science is able to recount in fascinating detail. But just how life began is still something of a mystery. Not incontrovertibly explained. The chemical constituents of

organisms have been identified. The biochemical processes that keep organisms alive are known in complex detail, but the vital spark that initiates life awaits precise definition. Life: so obvious and simple a phenomenon, yet so hard to explain. (Reader, 9)

Well that is another interesting statement made by a scientist who is an evolutionist. And as you can see, there is no proof that life has originated from non-life by chance.

Then we could look at another statement by Raymond Hawkey, a scientist who is an evolutionist, in his book, *Evolution: The Story of the Origins of Humankind* (page 1). Regarding the origin of life, he states:

After countless chance encounters between organic molecules, an event as miraculous as that which created the universe occurred in the depths of the seas. About 3,500 million years ago groups of organic molecules came together to form living cells which all life was ultimately to descend. (Hawkey, 1)

So as we can see from these three statements, there is one common denominator and that is that the evolutionary worldview is based on the assumption that in the distant, unobservable past, non-life became life—spontaneously, without a designer and without a creator.



All of us, at one time or another, have seen typical charts like this one taken from a *National Geographic*. It is showing how life takes hold of an infant planet and there on this mural we see the sequence. On the bottom left-hand corner, we see lightning bolts striking the primitive pond. Then above that we see the appearance of atoms forming molecules; then these molecules become more complex and we see the appearance of a cell, and then we see a multi-cellular creature. There is the sequence. That is how they say it happened, but is this chart proof?

A number of years ago (in the late 1980s) I had an opportunity to be involved in a documentary film called, *The Evolution Conspiracy*. We traveled around North America, in Canada and the United States, to major museums and universities. We interviewed curators of museums and professors asking them why they believed that evolution was true. One of the locations we went was the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. And when we were interviewing the curator of the non-life to life portion of the museum, he was standing in front of a mural very much like the one above. We asked him this simple question: “How did life originate?” He attempted to answer, in fact, three times he attempted to answer and each time he stuttered and stammered. Finally after the third attempt, he stopped and said, “You know, I just can’t formulate the words in order to make a proper presentation.” He said, “You’ll have to find somebody else to do this.” He refused to continue and we were unable to use anything that he had said. He would not even sign the release.

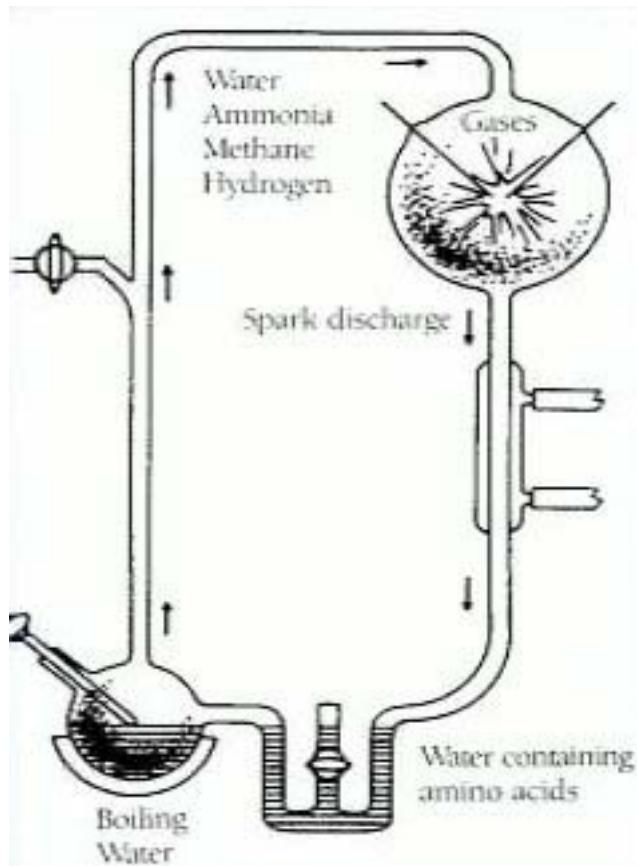
Then as we were taking down the camera equipment, the curator of the Smithsonian Institute walked over to the cameraman and he started to chuckle. He said, “You know, I’m almost embarrassed but I realized as I was attempting to answer this question that the whole idea of the origin of life is so speculative. I certainly don’t want to be in this film representing the evolutionary position.”

Now that is amazing because over six million students are bused to the Smithsonian every year and they see the same presentation. In fact, there is a little theater there called the Chon-Chon Theater. Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen are cartoon characters and they do a little dance and join hands together in a film. Poof! All of a sudden they become a cell! But cartoons and paintings do not prove that non-life can become life. No one has ever observed it.

You see a number of years ago, Immanuel Reddy proved to the world that you cannot get life from non-life spontaneously. At that time people believed that if you put garbage outdoors it would eventually turn into maggots and flies and rats. And so, he placed garbage outdoors, covered it over with a screen, and of course the flies and the rats were not able to get to the garbage. And he verified that it is not possible for non-life to become life. Well, the evolutionary assumption is that it did happen a long time ago in the distant, unobservable past.

The idea that non-living materials can assemble to become life has been accepted by the intellectual community that support evolution. And of course, one of the experiments that is commonly referred to is the Stanley Miller experiment. It goes back to the 1950s.

Many people today still argue, “Well you know, it’s possible in a laboratory, given the right conditions, to produce building blocks of life.”



And this is what Miller did. He had an apparatus which included boiling water. He created an oxygen-free environment; methane was added, hydrogen was added, ammonium hydroxide, and then a 50,000 volt spark. There was a cooling chamber and a trap, and yes, he was able to produce some building blocks—amino acids, glycine, alanine, aspartic and glutamic acid. There were non-biological amino acids—urea, organic acids, formic, acetic, succinic, and lactic.

But, there were problems. You see, this was an oxygen-free environment and that would have been totally unrealistic in the original earth if life originated from non-life. And of course, there would be no trap present when life was formed. There was a production of these toxic chemicals which would have destroyed any of these building blocks that were supposedly created spontaneously. Left-handed amino acids are the only ones that are required for life—when in this particular situation, both left-handed and right-handed amino acids were produced. Today most scientists do not refer to Miller’s experiment as verification of the proof that non-life can become life.

For example, an article entitled “A Calculation of the Probability of Spontaneous Biogenesis by Information Theory,” from the *Journal of Theoretical Biology*, volume 67, page 396, Hubert Yockey states the following:

The warm little pond scenario was invented *ad hoc* to serve as a materialistic, reductionist explanation of the origin of life. It is unsupported by any other evidence and it will remain *ad hoc* until such evidence is found. One must conclude that contrary to the established and current wisdom, a scenario describing the genesis of life on earth by chance and natural causes, which can be accepted on the basis of fact and not faith, has not yet been written.

(Yockey, 396)

It could not be clearer. In other words, what Yockey is saying, is that it has never been observed that non-living materials can spontaneously formulate life.

Nevertheless, we continue to see this propaganda proclaimed. For example, in *National Geographic*, March 1998, page 60, there is an article about Stanley Miller’s experiment (father of pre-biotic chemistry) and this statement:

Approximating condition on the early earth, in a 1952 experiment Stanley Miller, now at the University of California at San Diego, produced amino acids. “Once you get the equipment together it’s very simple,” he says.
(Monastersky, 60)

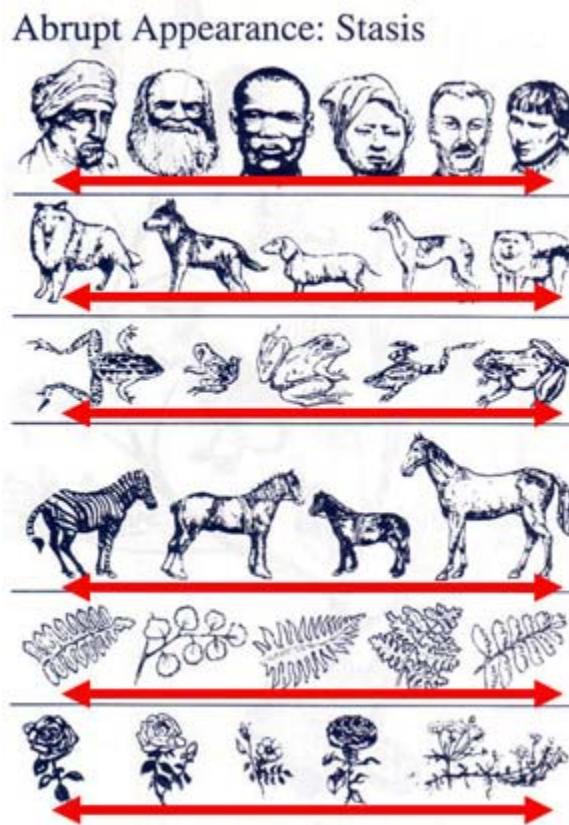
Well, what are they talking about? A building block. They are talking about an amino acid, which is a component of a protein. Now, scientists have attempted to look at the possibility of proteins formulating spontaneously from amino acids at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and through statistical analysis they came to the conclusion that the possibility of a protein molecule being formulated by chance would be one over ten followed by fifty-six zeros. Now that is an extremely small possibility. How small? Well, this is the analogy which they gave. They said it would be like walking down the street one day and seeing a lottery ticket on the sidewalk, picking up the lottery ticket and discovering that you had won the lottery for that week! But you would also have to do it the second week in a row, and the third week in a row. You would also have to find a winning lottery ticket the fourth week in a row, the fifth week in a row—in fact, every week in a row continuously for one thousand years. That is the possibility of a protein molecule coming into existence by chance.

A protein molecule is a building block of a cell. You see there is not a chance that it could have happened. This idea that molecules can become cells is nothing more than science fiction. There are no facts to support it.

Another fact of biology is that life must come from pre-existing life. It is called the law of biology. When I was a student and when I taught biology, we taught this law. No one has ever observed life coming from non-life. But the evolutionary assumption is that it had to have happened in the past. All life that we have ever observed comes from life which already exists. Nobody has ever seen anything different. Dogs have puppies, cats have kittens, and that is how life perpetuates.

HORIZONTAL GENETIC VARIATION

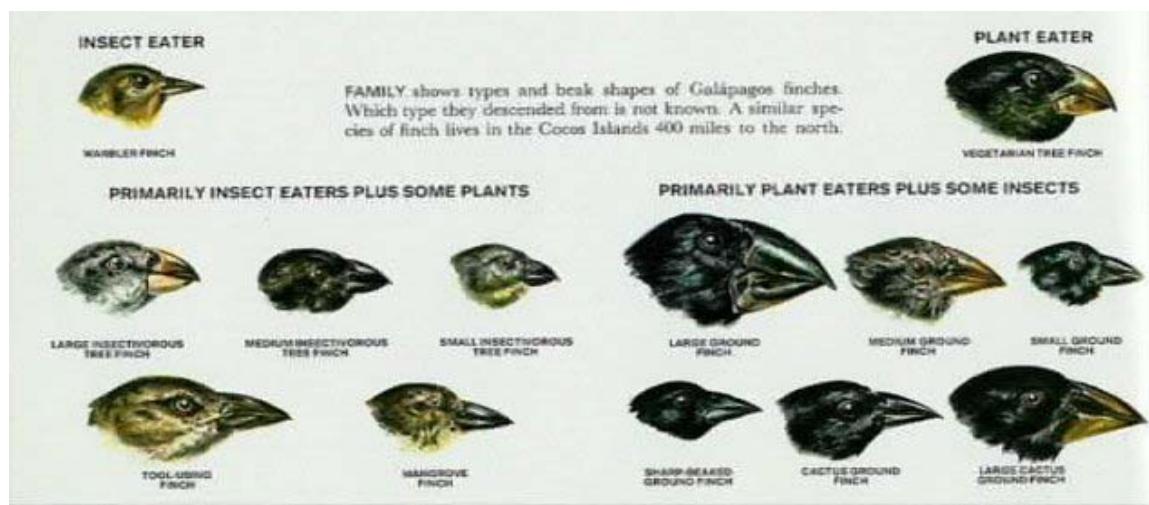
Now there is another important principle that we can observe—that is within the lifecycles of the things which we see. We see what we call “kinds of life” that show the appearance of variation—variation which occurs within genetic boundaries, horizontally. And a good example would be the dog kind. There are many different varieties of dogs but they are all dogs—from Chihuahua to Saint Bernard. Now if evolution is true, we should find some sequence showing something becoming a dog and a dog changing to become something else. That is not the case. We see variation within genetic boundaries and that variation is horizontal, not vertical.



For example, this chart taken from John Morris's book, *The Young Earth*, shows the variation within the humankind. There are over six billion of us and we all are different, but we are all humans. There are variations within the dog kind, the frog kind, the horse kind, and of course, various kinds of plants. That is what we can observe.

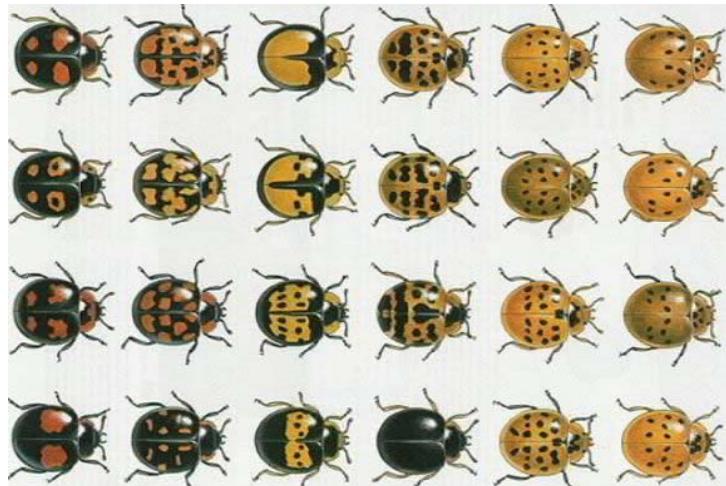
And by the way, that is what Charles Darwin observed. You see, evolution is based upon one important fact and that is the idea that through time there are changes that do occur. But these changes, as we observe, are horizontal. Charles Darwin (often called the father of evolution) was one of the individuals who contributed to this concept. In some of our later seminars we will present other founding fathers of the evolutionary idea.

But Darwin observed, in the Galapagos Islands, variation within genetic boundaries. He saw that there were numbers of different kinds of finches with different beaks—some short, some long, some medium. And he said, “Look at this, there is a variation of beaks within the finches.” So this was the basis of his whole theory that through time, gradual change occurs. Well that does happen, but as we are going to see, the gradual change that occurs is horizontal.



BEETLES ARE BEETLES

Now there is a picture of Charles Darwin in the Darwin Museum in Moscow. In the introduction it was mentioned that I have had the opportunity to travel in Russia and various places to speak with various groups of scientists and educators. As you can understand, for many years the former Soviet Union was based on an atheistic worldview, which was based on Darwinism. The whole concept of evolution was foundational to that atheistic belief. Here in the Darwin Museum I will show you one of the examples that presented to show that evolution is true. There we have a series of beetles with different color variations. And they say this shows that change can occur gradually through time. Well yes, but these beetles are beetles. They remain beetles. They do not change to become something else. And that is exactly what we would expect from the biblical Creation view.



THE PEPPERD MOTH

Now another argument for evolution is the existence of the peppered moth. We will just go through this briefly. Before the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain there were two kinds of moths, a dark variety and a light variety. During the revolution when coal was burned and there was a lot of pollution, the bark of the trees darkened and as a result the light variety was easily seen—this is the theory. Then the dark variety increased in population because it was protected by the environment. Following the Industrial Revolution, when the pollution was cleaned up, then the lighter varieties supposedly increased. And so what does this show us?

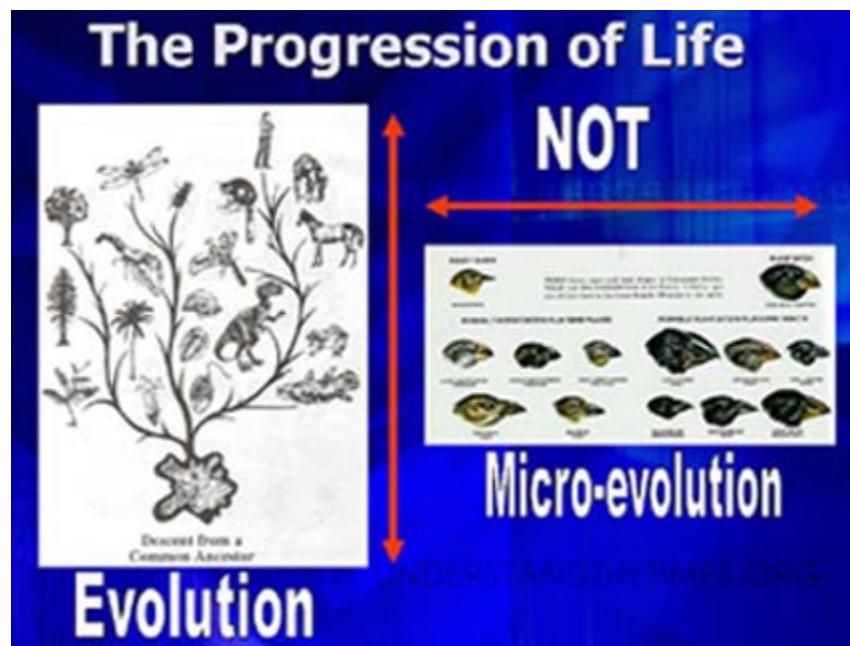
First of all, there is research that has been done recently suggesting that some of the data that was collected to try to prove the peppered moth theory was somewhat tainted. But nevertheless, whatever the case, this is the argument: Before the Industrial Revolution there were two varieties of the peppered moth, dark and light. Following the Industrial Revolution and the cleaning up of the pollution there were two varieties, dark and light. And one kind did not change into another. The population changed but we do not see a change taking place from one kind to another. So this whole idea has been used really as some of the basis of the evolutionary assumption.

Creationists believe that natural selection occurs and that in fact, it is a fact of nature. But natural selection does not change one kind of life into another. It only preserves the best that is suited. The environment provides the factors that assist in selecting out the best suited for life so that the perpetuation of life may occur rather than become extinct.

THE DARWINIAN TREE OF LIFE

You see when it comes to this idea of the progression of life, the evolutionary assumption is that given time, once non-life evolved into the mother cell, that this cell then progressed and developed and became the mother of all life forms of the Darwinian tree of life. And so, at the bottom of the chart we see an amoeba. At the top of the chart we see a man. And the belief is that over hundreds of millions of years of time, as these layers were supposedly laid down, life lived and died and the progression occurred from

simple to complex. And that is how we should find it in these geological layers. So as you can see there is a vertical progression from the bottom to the top, from simple to complex. This is what the evolutionary assumption teaches.



And here is the typical Darwinian tree of life showing the amoeba at the bottom and the man at the top. But is this what Darwin observed? Absolutely not! What Darwin observed is change or variation that took place horizontally. And many people call this kind of change micro-evolution. But as you can see, we are talking about two different things. The variation of life that occurs horizontally does not verify the idea that life changed vertically from simple to complex. And this is what confuses many people. They say, “Well I know evolution takes place because life changes.” It changes horizontally within genetic boundaries.

SINGLE TO MULTI-CELL

So, now we move on and we look at the next level of the progression of life and that is from cell to multi-cellular. We have already looked at this idea that non-life cannot become life, but what about the suggestion that a cell can become a multi-cellular creature? Well, let us look at what has been proposed.

Here is an example of an article called, “The Cambrian Period and the Explosion of Life,” taken from *National Geographic*, October 1993, page 120. And here you see a couple of individuals and who are in the Canadian Rockies in British Columbia, Canada—near Field, British Columbia. And as you can see they are picking in the rock and what they find there is very interesting. Let me read to you from the article.

More than half a billion years ago, the world’s first monster appeared. With bulging eyes and fearsome grasping claws,

Anomalocaris cruised the seas during the geological period known as the Cambrian. Its mouth was a nightmare of hard plates and teeth. Its body looking like a cross between a stingray and a lobster. It could grow three feet in length, a giant for its time. For millions of years animals have been simple, mostly anemone like creatures or worms. Then in a geological blink of about ten million years virtually all the phyla or groupings based on body design of animals alive today, came into being. Perhaps encouraged by an increase of oxygen in the seas, this Cambrian explosion was the greatest burst of animal evolution the planet has ever known and new fossil finds are highlighting its detail.

(Gore & Mazzatorta 120)

Well, this is amazing! What are they telling us? They are telling us that at the bottom of the geological chart, the Cambrian layer (one of the oldest supposed layers of earth's history) there is a sudden appearance of complex creatures. Here are some of the examples. You see all of a sudden, multi-cellular creatures appeared and many of these creatures look like something out of science fiction. Some of them have eyes, tentacles, and complex organs. So now we have a great problem because in the Cambrian, which is supposed to be down at the bottom of the chart as one of the oldest layers, we have the appearance of these complex animals. And they have no intermediates that they can trace in order to show that single-cell creatures have evolved.

Richard Dawkins, the evolutionist, promotes evolution in a great way in Great Britain. In his book, *The Blind Watchmaker*, he has made this statement:

The Cambrian strata of rocks, vintage about 600 million years ago, are the oldest which we find of the major invertebrate groups and we find many of them in advanced state of evolution the very first time they appear. It is as though they were planted there without any evolutionary history. Needless to say this appearance of sudden planting has delighted creationists. (Dawkins 229)

You see, this is incredible! The facts tell us that in this supposed oldest layer (the oldest layer in earth's history) you have the sudden appearance of multi-cellular organisms and as Dawkins said, "It looks like they have been planted there." And he said, "...to the pleasure of creationists." Why would he say that? Because creationists believe that life came on the scene as a result of a Creator. And as we are going to see later, it was destroyed and that it is not found in the sequential evolutionary pattern. Amazing!

And so that brings us to our second major point. There is no evidence that single-celled organisms have become multi-cellular organisms. There are no facts. These multi-cellular creatures are complex and they suddenly appear.

NO BACKBONES TO BACKBONES

Now let us move on to the next level on the way up the Darwinian tree of life, from multi-cellular creatures without backbones to multi-cellular creatures with backbones. For example—fish. This is another evolutionary assumption but is there any evidence?

Now this is very important. If evolution is true don't you think that there would be countless examples in museums showing this intermediate? You see fish have backbones. We have backbones. So the evolutionary proclamation is that we are related to fish. So certainly, there should be this link between creatures without backbones and those with backbones, so there must be examples in the fossil record that would be on display in the museums.

And now I quote to you from *The Fishes* by F. D. Ommanney, who states:

How this earliest chordate stock evolved, what stages of development it went through to eventually give rise to truly fish-like creatures, we do not know. Between the Cambrian, when it probably originated and the Ordovician, when the first fossils of animals with really fish-like characteristics appeared, there is a gap of 100 million years which we probably never will be able to fill. (Ommanney 60)

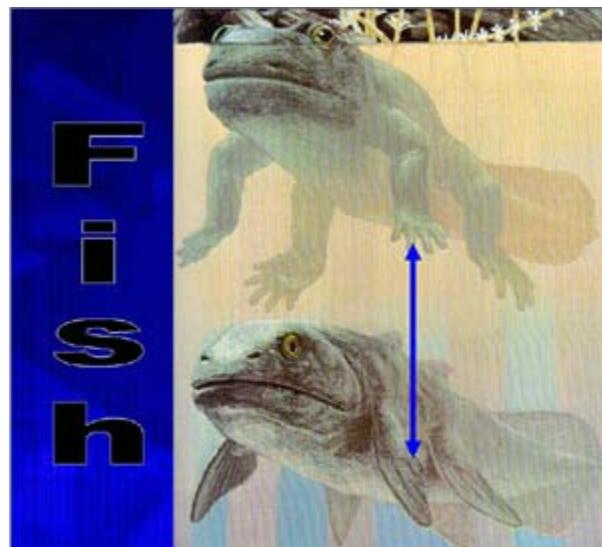
You see this is not a creationist making this statement. This is someone who is in support of evolution. And he is simply saying this: Between multi-cellular creatures without backbones and multi-cellular creatures with backbones there is a hundred million year gap and there is no evidence. He says we will probably never find the evidence. That is very significant.

So now we have another problem. Not only do we not have any evidence that non-life could become life, there is no evidence that single-cell organisms can become multi-cellular. There is no evidence now that multi-cellular organisms without backbones can become multi-cellular creatures with backbones. So, there is another major problem for the evolutionary worldview. There are no facts.

FISH TO AMPHIBIAN

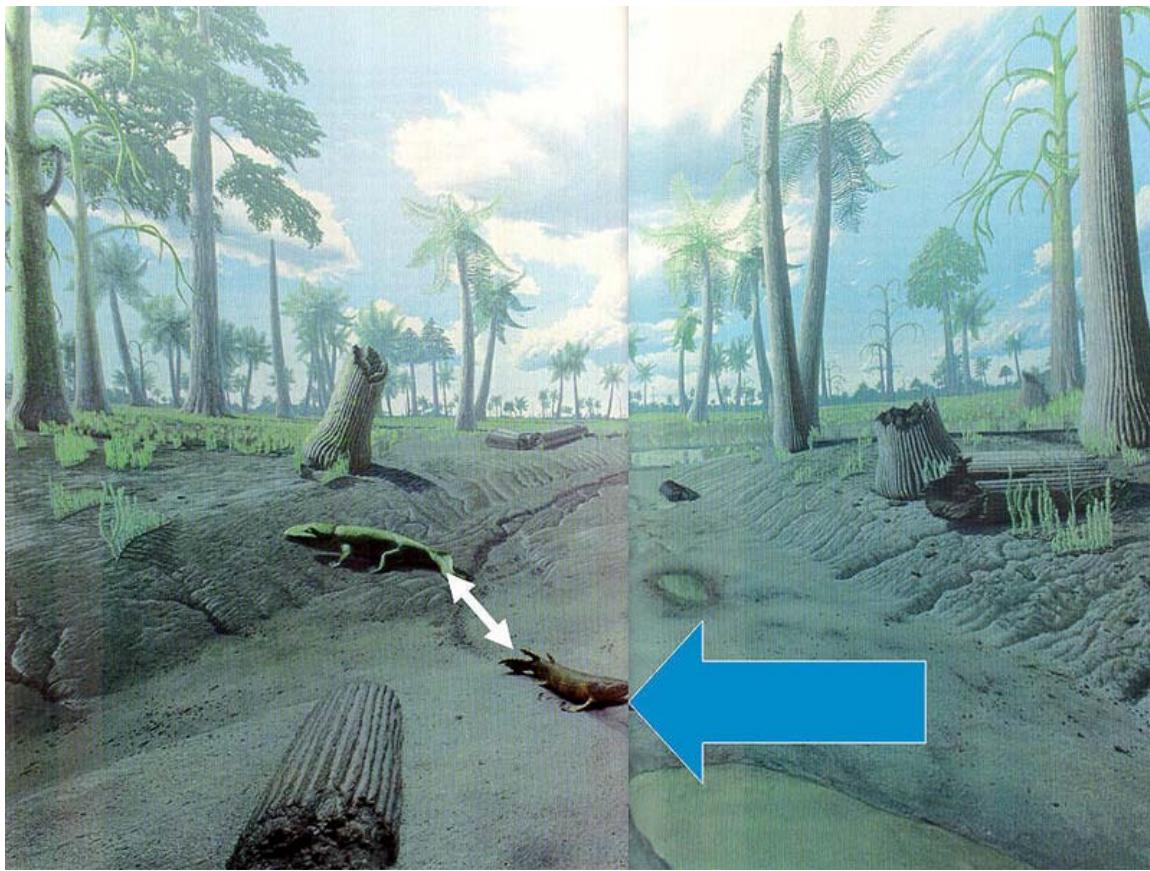
Moving on now, from fish to amphibian, again this is a major assumption of the evolutionary model and the Darwinian tree of life. The belief is that through time fish have evolved to become amphibious creatures. Well how did that happen? What kind of evidence do we have?

I would like to refer to this book. It is called, *The Rise of Life, The First Three and Half Billion Years*, by John Reader. This book I obtained at the Smithsonian Institute when we were there doing the documentary film that I mentioned earlier. And in the book there are a number of artists' conceptions. Particularly the ones that I am going to be showing you supposedly demonstrate how fish evolved into amphibian.



And here is the first artist's conception. You will see at the bottom - a fish. And notice what happens as the fish begins to rise up towards the top of the pond. You will notice that the fins change to become legs. Has this been observed? Well again, what we have here is an artist's illustration.

Let us look at another illustration from the same book.



There we see a stream which appears to have dried up. And notice at the bottom of the stream near the edge of the water that remains, there is a fish-like creature with fins. Then notice what you see crawling up the side of the bank—now you have an amphibious creature with legs. So it is amazing what can be done with artists' illustration. But the point that we are trying to make is we need more than artwork in order to verify a theory. We need the fossils. We need facts.

People have said we do have facts—the *Coelacanth* that was a missing link between fish and amphibian. Well, the *Coelacanth* is an interesting discovery. You see it was believed to have been extinct for over seventy million years, until in 1938 a *Coelacanth* was caught alive and well off the coast of Madagascar. Up until that time the *Coelacanth* had been used in order to try to date layers. And when they found a *Coelacanth* they knew that the layer had to be at least seventy million years old. It was called an index fossil. So as you can see, this would create a problem. Now they found a living *Coelacanth*. That means they are still alive. And the *Coelacanth* was no longer used in order to date the layers of the earth. The *Coelacanth* was a fish and *not* a link between fish and amphibian.

R. L. Carroll, again an evolutionist, from *Vertebrate Paleontology and Evolution*, makes this statement:

No one can be certain which group or groups of fishes was the first to make the transition to land, or what their

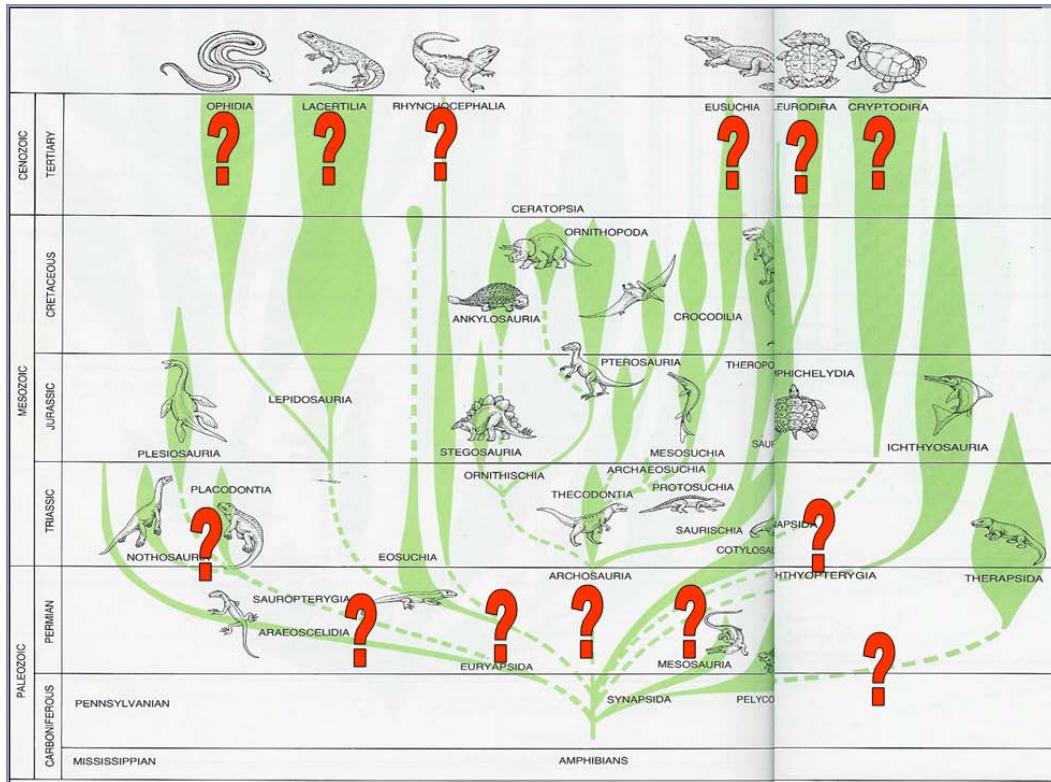
evolutionary pathways may have been. The transition from water to land occurred long ago and various family trees suggested by the fossil record are so tangled that scientists acknowledge they may never be able to sort them out definitely. (Carroll 198)

So now we have another problem for the evolutionary worldview. Although the claim is made that fish have evolved to become amphibians, the evidence is very questionable.

AMPHIBIANS TO REPTILES

Now we move on to the next level of this evolutionary idea that life has evolved through time, vertically. It is also believed that amphibians through another channel evolved to become reptiles. But again we need to ask the question, what is the evidence? Well there are numerous kinds of reptiles. We have turtles. We have serpents. There are various kinds of lizards and even flying reptiles. So there is quite a differentiation. And in fact when we talk about the reptilian kind, we see some rather interesting creatures like crocodiles or alligators and it is generally believed that the dinosaurs also fit into this category. So when we look at dinosaurs (one of the most fascinating subjects when it comes to the subject of fossils and the past) we see there are many, many different variations and these creatures grow to tremendous sizes—not all of them but many did. And they are found all over the world. So how did they come into existence? According to evolutionists, it was by a process of gradual change evolving from the amphibians.

Here is a book put out by Scientific American. As you can see the title is called *Evolution*. And in this book there are a number of charts. I will show you this particular chart which is supposed to show how amphibians evolved into reptilian creatures.



There at the top are the reptilian creatures. At the bottom you see the common ancestor, the amphibian. But now you will note as I put up these question marks at the bottom of the chart, placing the question marks where there are dotted lines. What does that mean? Well, that simply means there are no fossils in order to be able to tie the amphibians to the reptilian creatures at this level. But notice at the top you see the appearance of all of these reptiles. If there is no way to connect the dots, then how can we prove that amphibians have evolved into reptiles? The answer is that we cannot.

In his book *Vertebrate Paleontology and Evolution*, Carroll (an evolutionist not a creationist) states:

The early amniotes [that is, reptiles] are sufficiently distinct from all Paleozoic amphibians that their specific ancestry has not been established.” (Carroll 198)

Now this creates a further problem. This belief that amphibians evolved to reptiles is not based on observable evidence and yet it continues to be presented.

REPTILES TO BIRDS

Now we move to another phase of the evolutionary tree and that is the belief that reptiles have evolved to become birds. And again we need to ask the question, “Is there evidence that this has occurred?”

Again in the Darwinian tree of life you see on the tips of the branches, various kinds of life have been placed. We have already gone through the lower sequence—the idea that non-life can become life—there is no evidence. The idea that a single cell organism can become a multi-cellular creature—there is no evidence. The idea that a multi-cellular creature without a backbone can become a multi-cellular creature with a backbone, like a fish—there is no evidence. There is the belief that fish have become amphibian or that fish have become reptiles—there is no evidence.

Now we look at this next thing—that is that reptiles evolved into birds. Well, surely there must be evidence! As with these other examples that we have looked at, there are no intermediates. Now think of this. This should be an easy one of which to find an intermediate. If a reptile has evolved into a bird, obviously there are a lot of differences. But let us just look at one difference. Reptiles have legs, front legs. Birds have wings with feathers. So if evolution is true shouldn't there be countless examples showing legs becoming wings? There are none. None have ever been found.

What about *Archaeopteryx*? This is another example of what they say is a missing link that has been discovered. Well there is a lot of controversy over *Archaeopteryx*. They say it has reptilian characteristics and bird characteristics. Why do they say that? Well it had teeth in its mouth and claws on its wings. But there are countless birds in the fossil record that have teeth in their mouths and they are birds. There are living birds today that have claws on their wings, and they are birds. So these two features should not verify that *Archaeopteryx* is part reptile and part bird. Nevertheless the theory continues.

The evolutionists say it must have occurred that reptiles have become birds. And we often find illustrations showing how this occurred.



Here for example, is supposedly proto-*Archaeopteryx*, which you can see he does not look very confident about flying. Here is another version of *Archaeopteryx* at a later stage with his wings spread out ready to take off and another illustration with *Archaeopteryx* in the air.

You see there has been a lot of debate over how birds evolved, and I find this particular debate very interesting. It is from a science yearbook, 1980, but it is still relevant. Let me quote, regarding the debate over bird flight:

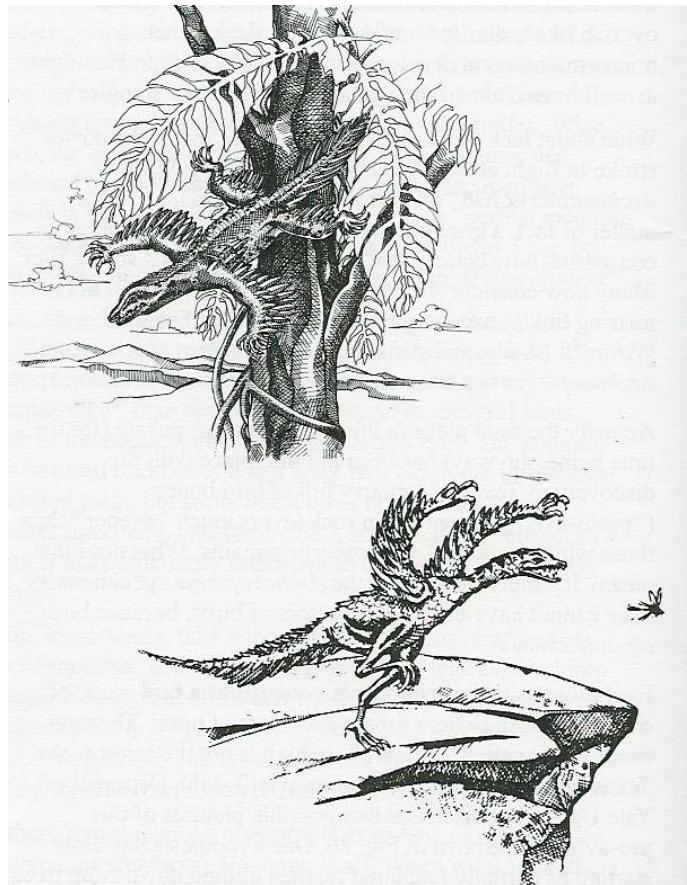
Most paleontologists assumed that *Archaeopteryx* could fly, or at least to glide from tree to tree. They assumed that the bird's ancestors learned to climb trees to escape from predators and seek insect food. Once the bird was in the tree, feathers and wings evolved to aid in gliding from branch to branch. (Unknown)

Paleontologist, John H. Ostrom of Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, reported in January 1979, however, that:

Archaeopteryx learned to fly from the ground up and not from the trees down. Carnivores ran along the ground chasing flying insects, which they nabbed with their teeth or their front legs. Longer feathers in the front legs evolved to act as an insect net and so the legs became wings. Then they used the wings to make flying leaps after insects.
(Ostrom 292)

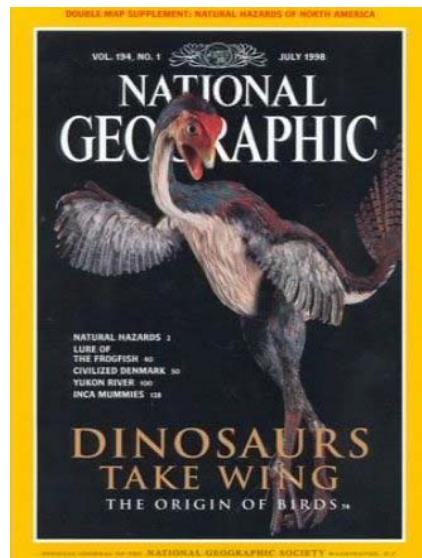
Here are two different views!

I like this particular illustration. Dr. Gary Parker, who is a good friend of mine, has an illustration in one of his books outlining these two views.



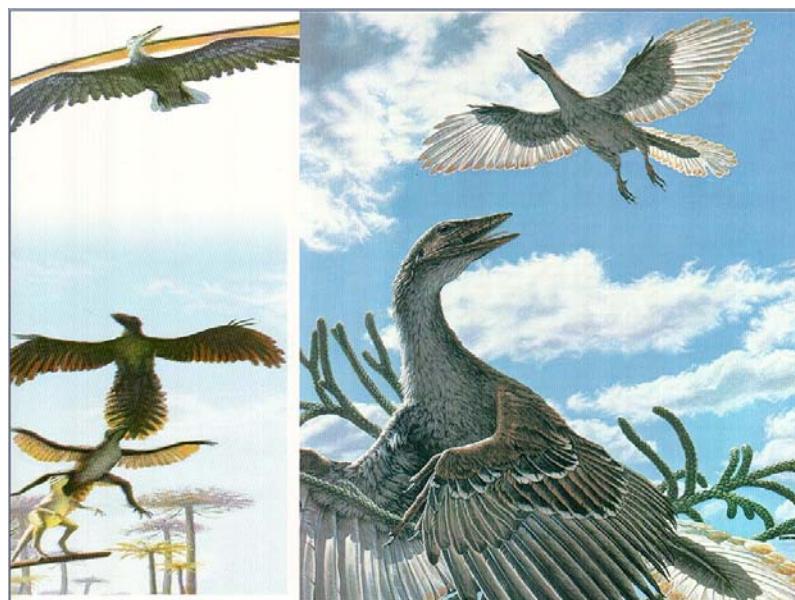
You see the one idea is that this proto-bird climbed up into the tree and needed to find a way to get down, so it evolved wings to glide from branch to branch. But the other idea is no, it did not happen that way, rather that proto-*Archaeopteryx* was running along the ground chasing flying insects. And on one occasion perhaps this flying insect was just hanging over the edge of a cliff and *Archaeopteryx* took a leap after the insect and wings had to evolve. As you can understand, this is ludicrous—there is no evidence that wings have evolved. However, in order for evolution to be true that would have had to have been the case.

Here is the “Dino Bird.”



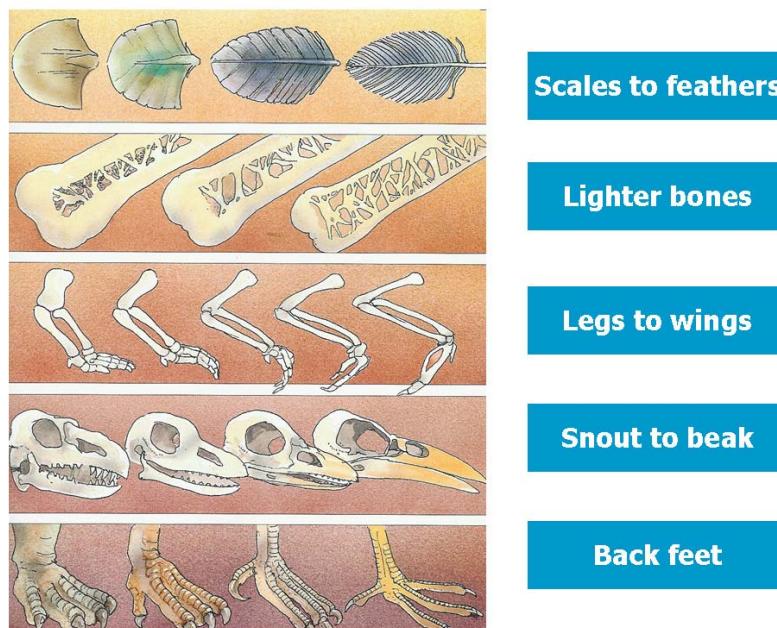
Every once in a while we see discoveries presented in major journals or magazines like *National Geographic*. Now who could deny this? On the front cover of *National Geographic* you see a primitive reptilian bird-like creature. Now where was that discovered? Well first of all, let me tell you that that is a model, not a fossil. And the feathers, of course, have been added. The interesting thing about this *National Geographic* article just a few months later it was discovered that the fossils that were used to formulate this dino-bird were fraudulent. Actually what happened was that they used two separate fossils (a reptile and a bird) and they combined the two. Actually, they found that the fossils were bought from a Chinese farmer and this proved to be somewhat of an embarrassment to those who were involved. What you see on the front of *National Geographic* is not true.

But, in *National Geographic* is this presentation:



And you will see in the bottom left-hand corner there is a dinosaur standing on a tree branch. And above that you see one with wings who has already taken off. Again, you can do amazing things with artwork. But this in no way verifies the evolutionary assumptions.

Regarding what would have to occur for reptilian creatures to become birds, by illustration, *National Geographic* shows us the process that they say occurred.

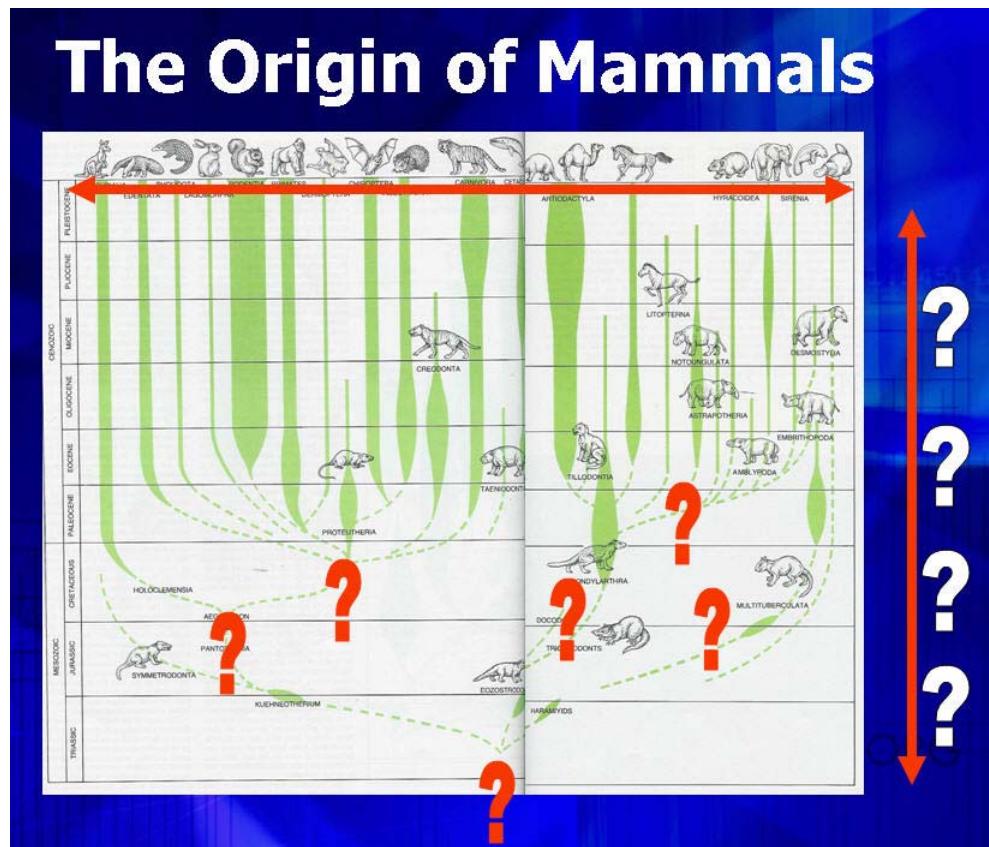


But think of what would have to happen: scales would have to become feathers; there would have to be the formation of lighter bones for flight; legs would have to become wings; the change from a snout to a beak; and then, of course, the change in the back feet. There are many other changes that would have to occur for reptiles to become birds. You see this creates another problem. And this whole idea that reptiles have evolved into birds, again is based on very questionable evidence. There are no facts.

REPTILES TO MAMMALS

Now we move to this other category and that is the change from reptiles to mammals. Evolutionists believe this has occurred. They say that reptilian creatures through time have become mammalian. Now think of what would have to occur for this to be true. Mammals have hair or fur that would have to evolve from scales. Mammary glands for feeding only appear in mammals. How did that occur? Mammals are warm blooded creatures. They require temperature regulation, increased locomotion, a diaphragm for breathing, and their offspring are born alive. You see, it is easy to make a claim that reptiles evolved to mammals, but can you show the process of how that has occurred? It is impossible and yet it is believed! Finally, a fetal circulation system is necessary which I will discuss in another session.

And back to the chart that we looked at earlier from the same book.



We notice that at the bottom of the chart there is absolutely nothing for a common ancestor. And again, you will see question mark after question mark. That is where the dotted lines are. But at the top of the chart you will note that all of the mammals are shown which are supposedly related to reptiles. Based on what evidence? There is absolutely none!

The horse series you will see in almost every museum. That is this idea that a rabbit-sized creature evolved through time to become the modern horse. I was in the Museum of Natural History in New York City, where they have these elaborate paintings and models showing how the evolutionary process occurred. And very few people will question this because, well, it is in the history museum! Surely they know what they are doing.

Regarding horse evolution, let me quote a statement by Professor G. A. Kerkut from the department of Physiology and Biochemistry at the University of South Hampton. In an article called "Implications of Evolution," he says,

It would not be fitting in discussing the implications of evolution to leave the evolution of the horse out of the discussion. The evolution of the horse provides one of the keystones in teaching evolutionary doctrine, though the actual story depends, to a large extent, upon who is telling

it and when this story is being told. In fact, one could easily discuss the evolution of the story of the evolution of the horse. (Kerkut 144-145)

So as you can see this evolutionist is not convinced.

The idea that reptiles have evolved into mammals, like all of the other examples that we have talked about previously, is not based on any evidence.

APES TO HUMANS

Later in our series we are going to be talking about this through an entire session—that is the idea that apes have evolved into humans. This is perhaps the most commonly taught principle that our ancestors are brute ape-like creatures. And we will point out once again that there is absolutely no evidence to support that principle.

But for now, I want to quote from a book by Richard Leakey, *Making of Mankind*. As you may know, Richard Leakey has been one of the major promoters of the evolutionary assumption through the years, and particularly in the relationship of apelike creatures evolving into man. From the introduction of Richard Leakey's book he makes this statement:

I express concern about the growing support for creationism because it has serious and far-reaching implications. If society legislates against the teaching of scientific truth on one issue, where will this process stop? A few people still hold to the belief that the earth is flat. Should they too, have equal time in schools? The great achievements of modern science are gravely threatened by this insane development. (Leakey 2)

Richard Leakey is saying that if you question the evolutionary worldview and you belong to that creationist camp, you are insane. But I think that it can be demonstrated that the assumptions of evolution are without evidence, based on what we have looked at here today. There is no evidence to support:

- The idea that non-life can become life
- The idea that a single cell organism can become a multi-cellular creature
- The idea that a multi-cellular creature without a backbone can become a multi-cellular creature with a backbone
- The idea that fish can become amphibians, or that amphibians can become reptiles, or reptiles can become birds or mammals

So to challenge these things, does that categorize someone as insane? I do not think so. I think that many people have simply accepted what they have been taught and they have not checked it out for themselves.

And as we conclude, I want to refer to the Apostle Paul's warning.

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust,
avoiding profane and vane babblings and oppositions of
science, falsely so called, which some professing have
erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.
(1 Timothy 6:20-21)

You see the creationist view is simple—God created life. And creation came on the scene with all kinds of life, in the beginning in multiplied, perfected forms with the ability to reproduce after its kind. Therefore there will be variation horizontally, but not vertically.

I trust that this presentation will give you a better understanding of why the creationist view is credible.

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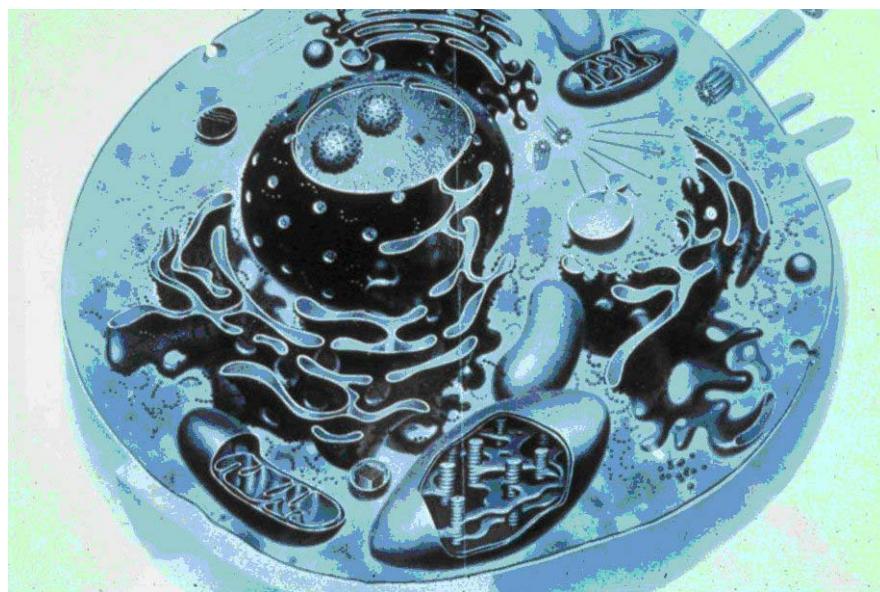
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Let's continue with the subject of the complexity of life. You see, as we started out by saying in our initial presentation, this is a very significant issue for everyone because somewhere along the line we need to determine why we exist—where we have come from. And I would think that every one of you, at one time or another, has thought about this. It is very important.

Why do we exist? Is it by chance or do we exist because there is a Creator? Well, for many of us it seems very obvious. One of the major arguments that people often present is: "My body is very complex," and you have all heard this argument. Paley's argument about the watch is that a watch requires a watchmaker, doesn't it? Then what about the human body? Evolutionists say this is not necessary and so the objective of our presentation will be to look at the complexity of life. What makes us—the complexity of the cells and of the systems that make up our own body? If a watch requires a watchmaker—then what about you and me? Can it be verified that there is a Creator?

Well, with regard to the complexity of life there are two choices. The evolutionary view is that life exists because of random chance. They say all of the complexity that we see can simply be understood given matter, chance, and time.

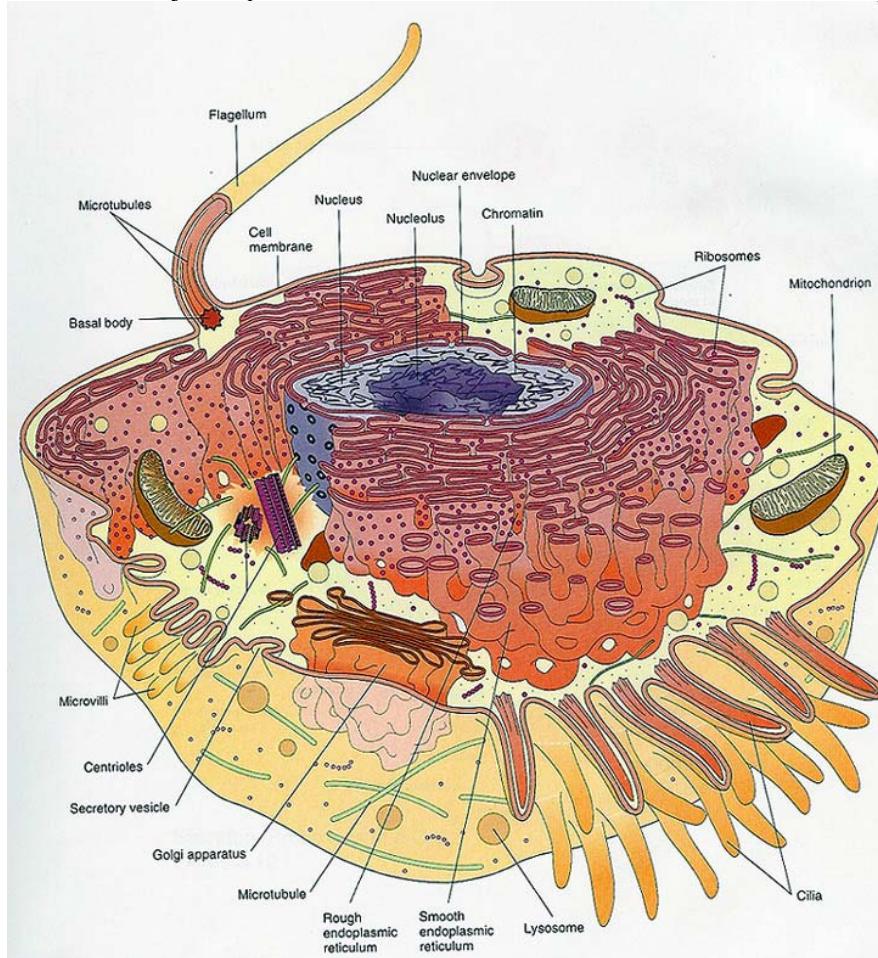
But the opposite of that is the other worldview, which is the Creation worldview that says there has to be an intelligent Designer. And of course, the Bible says that intelligent Designer is the Creator. More specifically, as we have already quoted from Scripture, the intelligent Designer—the Creator—is Jesus Christ.



Let us examine this topic of the complexity of life. This is a very simplified diagram of a cell. And the reason I show this cell is because it means something to me. It is very important and I will tell you why.

Often people want to know what it was in your life that caused you to change. Well, there were many things in my life, but here is one thing. One day I was sitting down and I was reading from a biology textbook that I had looked at many times before. And I had been reading for an hour or so and I laid the book down, placing it on a table. For some reason I started to look around the

room and on the wall before me there was a painting. Well, that painting had hung on the wall for years, but for the first time in my life when I looked at it, the thought came into my mind that “the painting was painted by an artist!” And then I looked down at the book in front of me that I had just laid down and the thought came to me, “Well, I can see the author’s name on the title page—it had been written by an author!” And then I looked at the table that the book was sitting on, which was a table that I had constructed during a woodworking class in high school. When I opened the biology textbook, back to the page where I had closed it, I saw this diagram of a cell. And something came to me for the first time and that was a reality that life was very complex. And if paintings required artists, and books required authors, and tables required carpenters, what about life? That was a major step for me!



You see the cell is supposed to be the simplest unit of life, but everyone knows that a cell is not simple—it is very, very complex. And within this cell wall we see a number of structures and these structures have particular functions. And so, we look at another more sophisticated cellular diagram and we can see more of these structures. How did they come into existence? You see a cell is like a factory. How could a factory containing all of these specific structures with functions evolve? Remember, scientists admit the possibility of a protein molecule evolving to a cell is one over ten followed by fifty-six zeros.

What about the cell? I am going to read to you the definition of various cellular structures. And this is something you do not need to memorize, but I just want you to think about it as we look at

these structures and we give you the definition of what they are and what they do. These definitions are from various biological textbooks, usually high school textbooks.

Membrane proteins—these molecules span the exterior cell membrane and act as a monitor for informing the cell what is outside its boundaries.

Endoplasmic reticulum—a network of channels which store and carries proteins from factory locations to other locations in the cell.

Ribosomes—they are factory locations for the production of proteins.

Lysosomes—they are structures that act as digestive organs, breaking down food into particles a cell can use for cellular processes.

The Golgi apparatus - structures that support proteins, carrying them from the factory locations to the exterior membrane.

Mitochondria—these structures are the power plants of the cell, producing the fuel that gives the cell its energy.

Cell membrane—the exterior covering of the cell which regulates what enters and what leaves the cell.

Microtubules—long, hollow tubes that are the structures which give the cell its shape.

Nucleus—the nucleus contains the data center which governs all of the cell's activities. It contains the chromosomes which make up the blueprint for future generations.

I am giving you some of the structures that make up cells and the definitions of what they do. And notice this term “factory” that is used over and over again.

Now the evolutionary assumption is that non-life became life and this simplest component of life, they say, is the cell. So for a cell to exist, these structures are necessary. How could this possibly have come into existence by chance?

We were referring to the nucleus. This is the location or the governing body of the cell. It contains the genetic information, the DNA molecule that makes up the chromosomes. The DNA molecule provides the coded blueprint for life. And the reason life can be perpetuated from one generation to another generation is that the coded information is passed down. What do we mean by coded information? Well, DNA (it is called a double helix) is made up of four different molecules that combine together. That is: adenine with thymine, and cytosine with guanine. There you see this DNA molecule and the steps of the ladder are made up of the combinations of these four different molecules. And it is the sequence of these combinations that is coded in the molecule which provides the data or the information that produces life.

Now think of this: each one of us originated from a single cell. And in that single cell there was a nucleus, and within the nucleus there were the chromosomes, which are made up of the DNA molecule. And you exist because of the coded information that was contained within that first cell from which you came. Which, by the way, was the product of two other cells—one from the male parent, one from the female parent.

If it were possible to store the coded blueprints for all of the over 6 billion people on the planet, reducing that blueprint to the DNA molecules from which they came (that first cell), it has been calculated that this material could be stored in a container. What size do you think that container would be? The answer is: about the size of an aspirin tablet! You see, when we talk about the complexity of life, we are talking about a dimension that we cannot even comprehend. And the rhetorical question must be: could such complexity have arisen spontaneously, by chance? I do not think so.

When it comes to this combination sequence, adenine combines only with thiamine, or A with T and C with G. And as we said, it is this sequence that produces the code of life. It is amazing. And it must be passed on for cellular function and for the perpetuation of life.

Now the evolutionary assumption is that mistakes in the code produce the variation of life, along with natural selection. Mutations, they say, are very significant in bringing about the variation through time. Do mutations occur? Well, of course! We have done all kinds of experiments through the years.

For example with Drosophila, the fruit fly. They have been bombarded with everything you can imagine—temperature changes, chemical changes, radiation. And numerous kinds of mutations have been induced in the fruit fly. For example: bent wings, no wings, and different eye color variations. But you will note in every case—no one has ever seen anything different—it is always a fruit fly. So is it reasonable to say that mistakes to the genetic code could increase the complexity of life through time? Well, scientists recognize that the vast majority (over ninety-nine percent) of mutations are degenerative, harmful, or lethal. Is this reasonable?

As I mentioned, I am always asked—especially when I am on the secular radio program and I am talking about creation—why I changed from evolution to creation. A few years ago I was in Winnipeg, Manitoba and the host of the program was rather hostile to creationists. On the way to the radio station, I heard him introducing the program and he said, “Please, I want you to call in with all your difficult questions. We have this creationist on this morning and we want to embarrass him.” And the host attempted to do that.

The first question was, “I want to ask you this question, what caused you to change your position from a scientific view of evolution to this religious idea of creation? Could you just give me one thing?”

I said, “Sir, it wasn’t just one thing.”

He said, “Could you just give me one thing?”

And I thought for a moment and then I answered him this way: “One day I came home and I met my wife at the door and she was crying.”

He said, “I don’t want any kind of an emotional story. I want some facts.”

I said, "Sir, let me present what I am going to say." I said, "The reason she was crying is that she had just returned from the doctor's office and the tests had been returned. The child that she had been carrying for over seven months had been determined to suffer from a severe mutation. It would live, and then die at birth. And that is what happened."

He said, "What's this got to do with you becoming a creationist?"

I said, "Sir, you don't understand. You see, up until that point of my life I believed that mutations were involved in shaping and forming life. But for the first time in my life I came to an understanding that mutations are degenerative and harmful and they bring about death. And that is what happened. As a creationist, now I can understand the reason we have mutations is because we live in a fallen world. The Creator created and things were perfect. Genesis 1:21 says, 'It was good.' But something happened to that perfect creation. It became imperfect. And as a result of sin, we have degeneration and we have death. Mutations do not increase order and complexity. But the evolutionists insist that that is what happens."

Now I want to show you a very interesting segment of this documentary film called, *Unlocking the Mystery of Life: the Case for Intelligent Design*, by Illustra Productions. This was done by a group of scientists, most of whom are former evolutionists. They now see the incredible design in living things and particularly in the cell. And so, we are going to look at this four-minute segment of a video. And it is going to be explaining to us what occurs in the nucleus during the process of protein synthesis. It is a computer animation but it represents what takes place.

Announcer:

Chance, natural selection, and his (Kenyon's) own theory of self-organization had all failed to explain the origin of genetic information; now Kenyon saw only one alternative.

Kenyon:

We have not the slightest chance of a chemical evolutionary origin for even the simplest of cells. So the concept of the intelligent design of life was immensely attractive to me and made a great deal of sense, as it very closely matched the multiple discoveries of molecular biology.

Announcer:

In the years since Kenyon's rejection of chemical evolution, science has revealed the details of an entire system of information processing that bears the hallmarks of intelligent design.

With computer animation we can enter the cell to view this remarkable system at work. After entering the heart of the cell, we see the tightly wound strands of DNA, storehouses for the instructions necessary to build every protein in an organism.

In a process known as transcription, a molecular machine first unwinds a section of the DNA helix to expose the genetic

instructions needed to assemble a specific protein molecule. Another machine then copies these instructions to form a molecule known as messenger RNA.

When transcription is complete, the slender RNA strand carries the genetic information through the nuclear pore complex—the gate keeper for traffic in and out of the cell nucleus. The messenger RNA strand is directed to a two part molecular factory called a ribosome. After attaching itself securely the process of translation begins.

Inside the ribosome a molecular assembly line builds a specifically sequenced chain of amino acids. These amino acids are transported from other parts of the cell and then link into chains often hundreds of units long. Their sequential arrangement determines the type of protein manufactured.

When the chain is finished it is moved from the ribosome to a barrel-shaped machine that helps fold it into the precise shape critical to its function. After the chain is folded into a protein it is then released and shepherded by another molecular machine to the exact location where it is needed.

Kenyon:

This is absolutely mind-boggling to perceive, at this scale of size, such a finely tuned apparatus. This bears the marks of intelligent design and manufacture. And we have the details of an immensely complex molecular realm of genetic information processing and it's exactly this new realm of molecular genetics where we see the most compelling evidence of design on the earth.

What is taking place, so that proteins can be produced is that in the nucleus, the chromosome separates and forms a template. A transfer molecule then goes through the pore of the nuclear wall, transported into the cytoplasm to the location of the ribosome and there it becomes the template where various transfer RNA molecules bring amino acids to the location to produce the protein. And of course, as you can see, this was done by very specific patterns and direction. Obviously, the spontaneous generation of an amino acid, as we talked about earlier, has the possibility of nil to occur. But through this process it occurs and this is happening in all of the cells of our body trillions of times every day. Could it have happened by chance or does this point us to the reality of an intelligent Designer, Creator?

Now our second video clip comes from *The Question of Origins*. And this is a short piece showing the complexity of bacteria. This is based on the research of Dr. Michael Behe and others who have come to the conclusion, when we examine life at the biochemical level (the molecular level) we see design that could not possibly have assembled by some spontaneous process of chance.

Announcer:

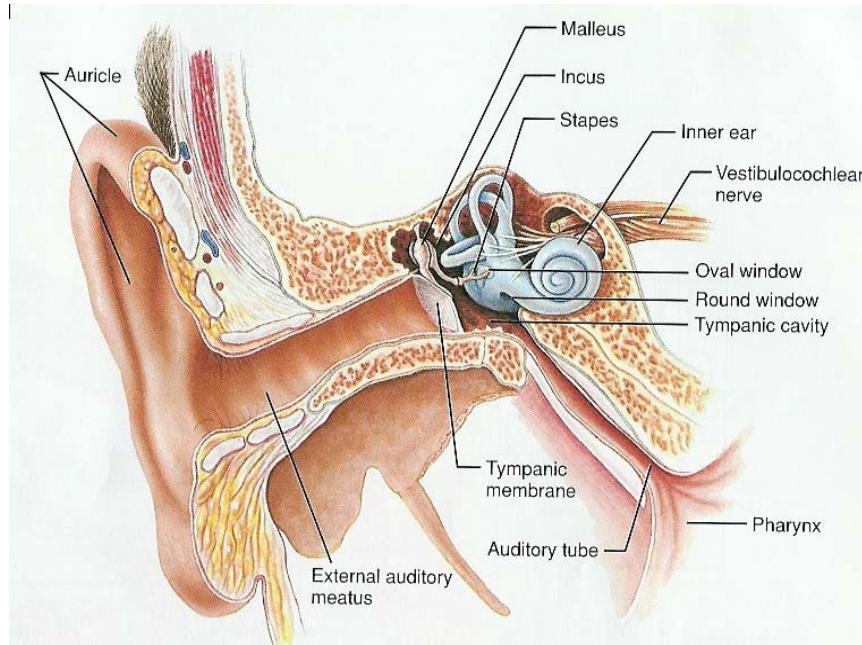
Evolution teaches that bacteria were one of the first life forms to evolve from chemicals. Many bacteria propel themselves with a type of miniature motor called a flagellum. These extremely efficient reversible motors rotate up to 100,000 revolutions per minute. The bacterial motor is similar to an electric motor. It has a filament that acts as a propeller, a universal joint, a stator and a rotor and a drive shaft with bushings. Each part of the motor must function or the bacteria will die. Since bacteria can start, stop and change direction and speeds, they must have sophisticated sensors, switches, and control mechanisms. All of this is highly miniaturized. Eight million of these motors would fit in the cross-sectional area of a human hair. While bacteria are small, they are not simple. (Behe)

And another incredible statement—eight million of these motors would fit in the cross section of a human hair. Again, that video clip comes from *The Question of Origins*, which is available in video and DVD. And one thing about *The Question of Origins* DVD that I would like to mention to you, is that there are eight different translations. So this is an excellent product if you are interested in sending something to a missionary in various parts of the world, including places that speak Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, and there are several other versions.

Another major area that shows the vast complexity of life is in the insect kind. And very good tools are the two DVDs, *The Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution*, by Dr. Jobe Martin. They very clearly show the complexity of life that cannot be explained by chance, but point toward the reality of a Designer.

Now let us move on and talk more specifically about our own bodies. How did it happen? Well, the human body (if we can break it down to the simplest component) would be reduced to the atom. Atoms make up molecules and macromolecules, which formulate organelles—those are structures that we have already looked at within cells—and then the cells. Cells form tissues, tissues make up organs, and organs make up organ systems, which make up organisms—you and me. So in order for us to exist, these are the various components that make up the human body.

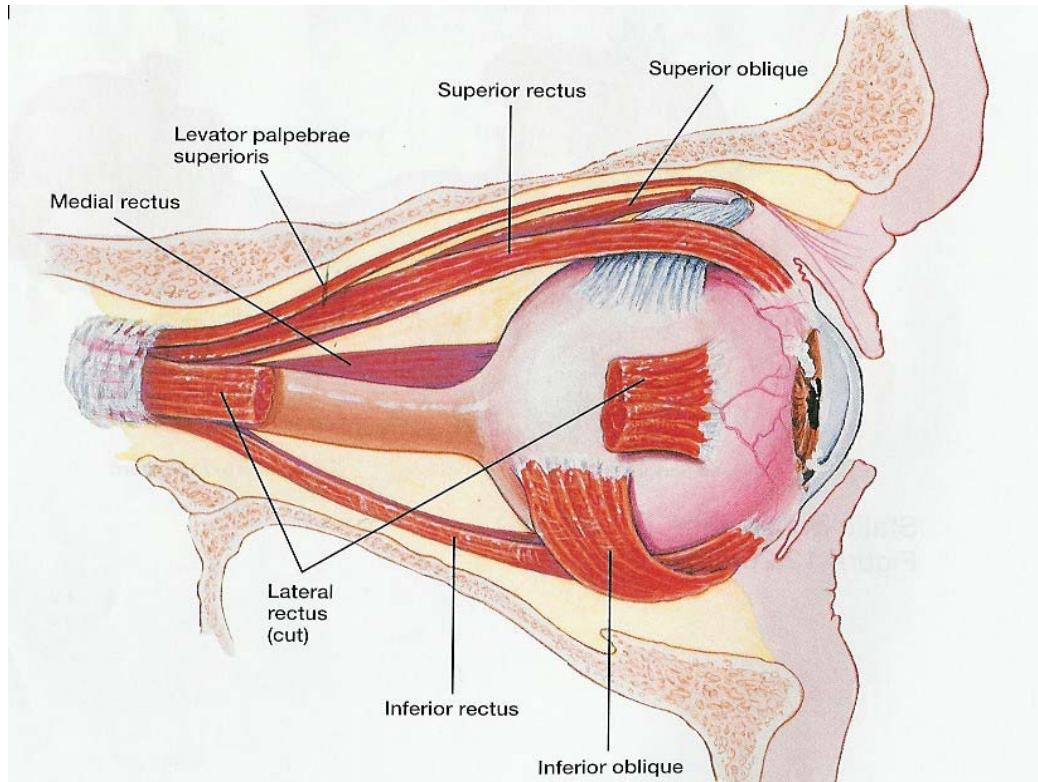
How did this come into existence? I want to talk to you a little bit about some of the biology of things that we, in most cases, take for granted. For example, hearing: How do we hear? And what structures are necessary? If you are listening to this audio presentation, there are frequencies that are coming to your ears from my voice through the PA system and the speakers. And this is transferred from an electromagnetic spectrum to a signal that is recorded in your brain. And everything that you hear will be recorded in memory in your brain for as long as you live.



Well the ear is a very, very complex organ. It is made up of the outer ear, the inner ear, and the middle ear. Sound waves that come to your ear are gathered by the oracle down through the channel to the eardrum, which cause the eardrum to vibrate, and then is transferred into the middle ear where there are three bones: the malleus, the inkus, and the stapes. And this mechanical energy is then transferred towards the inner ear and it is in the inner ear that we have this cochlear structure, which looks like a snail. If it were laid out horizontally, you would see it is made up of three chambers. And it is in the middle chamber where the transfer of mechanical energy is transferred to the nervous system. An electro-chemical stimulus is sent via the nerve systems to the brain. And it is in your brain that this information is processed and recorded and stored.

Well, we have just briefly gone through this very complicated process. But evolutionists insist that hearing is merely the product of gradual, minute changes that have taken place over long periods of time. Is that reasonable?

Our sight is also complex. As you are viewing these illustrations, your eyes are picking up frequencies from the electromagnetic spectrum and then they are also converted and stored in memory in your brain. And what you see (what you observe) will also be recorded in the memory of your brain for as long as you live.



And of course, the eye is an incredible, complex organ with muscles that adjust the eye to look in various directions. The eye itself is a very, very complex organ that adjusts the amount of light that comes into the eye through the iris. And then the lens of the eye focuses the light on the back of the eye and the lens can be adjusted in thickness based on minute, tiny ligaments. In the back of the eye, the electromagnetic spectrum frequencies of the light spectrum are converted to an electrochemical stimulus and then transmitted via the optic nerve to the brain. And that information is recorded. Again we see the incredible complexity of the eye. But evolutionists insist that it simply just happened.

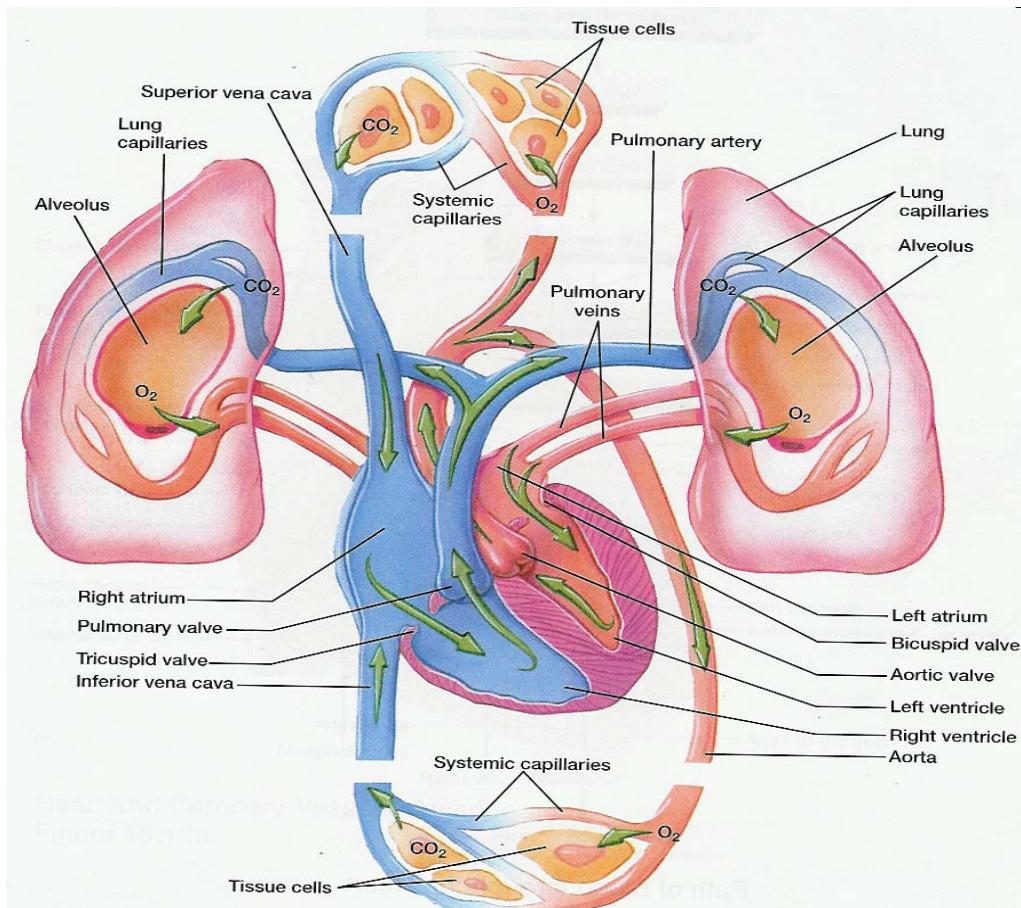
Let me read a statement to you about sight from, *The Eye and Seeing*, by Steve Parker. And this is his statement:

The eye is like a camera, or rather, a camera is like an eye since eyes have been around for several hundred million years longer than cameras. Both the camera and the eye have light proof protective cases and a small transparent window through which light enters. The amount of light coming in must be controlled to prevent over-exposure and damage in very bright light and to admit as much light as possible in very dim conditions.

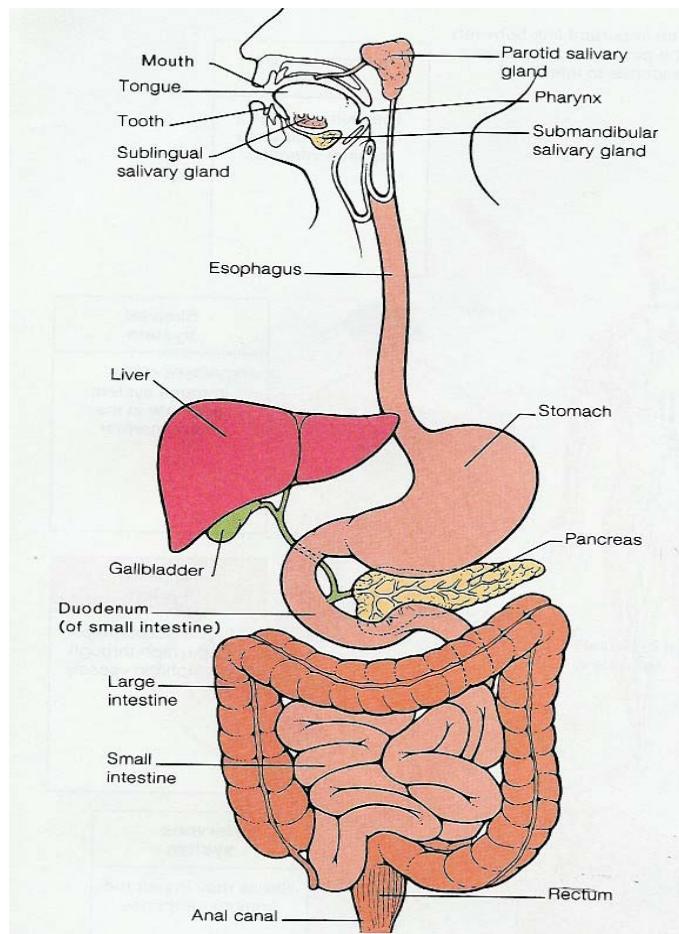
In the eye this job is done by the iris, which becomes wider or narrower and so changes the size of the pupil, the window. The camera has a similar mechanism, a circular shutter that changes the size of the aperture or window. Without a focusing mechanism, both the eye and the camera would just see a huge multicolored blur. The lens carries out the fine focusing of light rays and forms a clear, sharp image on the retina of the eye and

on a film in a camera. However, the two focusing mechanisms are slightly different. In the eye, the lens itself changes shape to focus the light. In a camera the lens moves backward and forward for focusing. In the camera the image is recorded on a light-sensitive chemical in a film. The eye also uses light-sensitive chemicals in the retina, but the chemicals transform light into electrical messages which are sent to the brain.

So here is this evolutionist that looks at the complexity of the eye and compares it to a camera. He recognizes that a camera is something that has been engineered but he cannot see the handiwork of a Creator. Why is that?



The human body is made up of various organs which are necessary so that we can exist. Evolutionists assume that these organs have evolved. Now stop for a moment and think about the circulatory system for example. The circulatory system which is made up of the heart and the arteries, which take the blood away from the heart to the capillary system, and then take the blood to the cells. From the cells, the blood must be returned to the heart by a venous system that must be in place. And then the heart pumps the blood to the lungs or the pulmonary system, so the blood can be re-oxygenated. Now all of this has to be in place or there is no organism with a circulatory system. There is no possible mechanism that can be pointed to that would explain how a circulatory system could have evolved. And yet evolutionists claim that it did.



The digestive system includes the mouth, the esophagus, the stomach, the liver, the pancreas, gall bladder, and small and large intestine. All of this is required for digestion to occur. Evolutionists insist that it is the product of evolution. But what mechanism can you come up with that would explain how this could come into existence by a process of gradual change. It has to come on the scene functioning from the beginning.

The urinary system, which takes out metabolic waste from the blood, requires the kidneys and a bladder. How could such a system have evolved? And when we look at this system (and it is made up of the cells that make it up) again as we go smaller in detail, we see greater complexity. This is a system that is functioning not by chance, but by design. How could an organ evolve? How could a heart evolve? How could a brain evolve?

Then we look at reproduction.



Here you see a developing fetus—an amazing, complex, infant developing within a mother's womb. In order for there to be reproduction there must be a male and a female of the species. The male must have to have the reproductive organs to reproduce himself by one-half genetically, through a complex process called meiosis. That is the production of the sperm cell which contains half the number of chromosomes as the adult. It is the same with the female. She must have the reproductive organs to reproduce herself by one-half genetically to produce the egg cell. When the two unite, we now we have the same number of chromosomes as the adult. Then after fertilization that cell begins to divide (as one becomes two, becomes four, becomes eight, becomes sixteen) through a complex process of embryological development. An infant develops within the mother's womb and it must be in place until a specific period of time when the child is born.

Now during this process there has to be a special circulatory system within the fetus's circulatory system to shunt the blood, so that the blood of the fetus is not pumped to the lungs—otherwise it would drown. The blood from the mother—through the umbilical chord—provides the oxygen. And when the child is born, at the moment of birth, something happens within the heart. There is a hole between the ventricles where the blood is shunted and at the moment of birth there is a flap that comes down, then the child begins to breathe. Think of the complexity. How did it happen?

I have had many opportunities to lecture in Russia, as I mentioned earlier, at the Institute for Science and Atheism and other places of higher education. I have spoken at many conferences on the subject of origins. We have discovered that in Russia many people are open to hearing an alternative to Darwinian evolution. It was several years ago, Dr. Gish and I were speaking in Moscow at a symposium on Creation. My topic dealt with “problems for evolution” and one of the things that I presented was the impossibility for evolution to explain how reproduction could occur. And so, I went through in some detail just what we briefly described here today—the impossibility of explaining how reproduction occurs. I discussed the difference in the sexes and

the complexity of embryological development and the birthing of a child and the development of the heart.

And during the question and answer period, a Russian scientist stood to his feet. There were about 400 scientists and engineers that were in attendance and this gentleman said that he did not have a question but he had a comment. He said, “All of my life I simply have accepted what I have been told.” He said, “Today is the first time I have been presented something and I have been challenged. I do not have any answers but there must be answers.” He said, “There is a number of my colleagues here who are experts in evolution. Could anybody here come up with some kind of an explanation of how reproduction could have occurred through the Darwinian worldview?” And there was silence.

Finally another gentleman stood up and said, “I’m sorry. I don’t have an answer to the question but I have a suggestion. In our midst today is Russia’s most prominent evolutionist, Dr. Gow from the University of Moscow. Dr. Gow, do you have any suggestions?” And I will never forget this as long as I live. I looked over to my right and for about the same distance from me to that first row of chairs, there was an old gentleman. And he stood to his feet and he had two canes and he was trembling and shaking. He was in his late eighties. He said, “These are some questions which I have entertained all of my life, but I have to admit to you at the present time I don’t have any answers.” He said, “But if you give me some more time maybe I’ll be able to come up with something.”

You see there are no answers. But I have also discovered that in the former Soviet Union many people who were forced to believe in evolution for so many years, when they are presented the evidence, they do not challenge it.

I will never forget one particular occasion in St.Petersburg. I had given a forty-five minute presentation on Creation. And after the presentation, a man came up to me and through the translator he said, “I have written seven textbooks that have the word *evolution* in the title.” And I thought, *well I’m in for some opposition!* And then he said this, “Tonight, in forty-five minutes, I have learned that I have wasted my entire life.”

You see those kind of responses are quite typical in parts of the world that at one time were forced to believe in evolution. But here in North America I do not find that that is the case. It seems that here in America evolution is being defended with a greater zeal than ever. And those who challenge it, well, as we mentioned earlier—Richard Leakey says that anybody who challenges evolution is out of their minds!

Richard Dawkins, the promoter of evolution in the UK, says that the design complexity that we see in life does not point towards a Designer. He has written a book called, *The Blind Watchmaker: Why the Evidence of Evolution Reveals a Universe without Design*. And I quote to you from his book:

Paley’s argument is made with passionate sincerity and is informed by the best biological scholarship of the day, but it is wrong, gloriously and utterly wrong. (Dawkins, 5)

What is he referring to here? Paley is the one who had the argument that a wristwatch requires a watchmaker. And if that is the case, the hand of the wrist that the wristwatch is on has also been designed.

But Dawkins says that is wrong:

The analogy between telescope and eye, between watch and living organism, is false. All appearance to the contrary, the only watchmaker in nature is the blind forces of physics, albeit deployed in a very special way. A true watchmaker has foresight. He designs his cogs and springs and plans of interconnections with a future purpose in his mind's eye. Natural selection, the blind unconscious process which Darwin discovered, and which we now know is the explanation for the existence and apparently personal form of all life, has no purpose in mind.

So, there you have it by a scientist who is an evolutionist. He refuses to look at the evidence.

From *The Rise of Life*, John Reader makes this following statement:

The simplest explanation attributes life on earth to the work of some supernatural force which has ordered that things be so. This explanation has the unquestioned merit of encompassing everything. There is nothing that the implication of a supernatural force cannot explain. No question remains if God was behind it all. Belief in the omnipotent God is all that is required. (Reader, 9)

And of course he is writing this with a sarcastic tone. But really what he is saying is true. You see if chance and time does not explain the complexity of life, we have no alternative explanation. The alternative is a Creator!

From the publication called, *Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science*, by the National Academy of Sciences. They determine the scientific curriculum for schools in the United States.

In short, biological evolution accounts for three of the most fundamental features of the world around us: the similarities among living things, the diversity of life, and many features of the physical world we inhabit. Explanations of these phenomena, in terms of evolution, draw the results from physics, chemistry, geology and other sciences. Thus, evolution is the central organizing principle that biologists use to understand the world. To teach biology without explaining evolution deprives students of a powerful concept that brings great order and coherence to our understanding of life. (Academy of Sciences, 3)

And in the Book of Psalms 139:14–18, this is what the Bible states about the complexity of life:

I will praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Marvelous are Your works and that my soul knows very well.
My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret
and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes
saw my substance being yet unformed and in Your book they
were written. The days fashioned for me when as yet there was

none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God. How great is the sum of them. If I should count them they would be more in number than the sand. When I awake I am still with You.

There are two views on the complexity of life: evolution (chance and time) or creation (God and His design) and for each one of us it is a choice.

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We are going to continue with part five of our series called, “Searching for the Truth on Origins.” And now we are going to move into a whole new dimension of the creation-evolution debate in that we are going to look at the history of life based on geology. So far we have looked at the universe, our Planet Earth. We have looked at the origin of life through studying biology. Now we want to examine the history of the earth from two views: the evolutionary assumption and the creation view, based on the Scriptures.

I want to begin by reading to you a portion of Scripture from 2 Peter 3:1–4. Peter writes:

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in [both] which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation.

Now verses 5 to 8:

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Now verses 9 and 10:

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

This is a very interesting portion of Scripture. I wanted to read it at the beginning of this presentation because it is dealing with the history of our planet and geology. Peter’s message, I sense from reading it, had an urgency and a passion. Peter wants the readers to recall the words of the holy prophets and the words of Jesus. And note this: in the last days, a belief in a literal second coming of Jesus will be replaced by a message of uniformitarianism. What does that mean? Well, Peter said there are going to be scoffers that will come and say, “Where is the promise of His coming?” Regarding the second coming of Jesus, they will say, “Oh they have been saying that for years and He has not come. All things are the same as from the beginning.”

That is what I mean by uniformitarianism. That is a big word, so let me define it. It is a term based on geology which implies that the present is the key to the past and that there have been merely gradual changes that have occurred through long periods of time. We will explain this further. They will say, “Don’t get upset. Don’t get concerned. All things are the same. And this idea that Jesus will return, ha!—forget it!”

Peter continues and he makes this point very clear; he said, “I want you to know that God has judged this planet in the past by a flood. It has been destroyed. It has been covered by water.” But he said, “There’s a judgment that’s coming in the future and this time it will be by fire. And that judgment will be for the ungodly.” Peter also says that God’s time table is not man’s time table. And then this important fact: God is not willing that any should perish. God has provided a way of salvation.

You see, one of the reasons why I feel compelled to give these kinds of presentations is to help people to understand that the Bible is true and that what God has said in His Word about what has occurred in the past can be trusted and believed. And if you can trust and believe what God has said about what has happened in the past, then you better pay attention to what He is saying about what is going to take place in the future. And if there has been a judgment that has occurred in the past, there should currently be evidence that it has occurred.

In this presentation, we are going to examine the claims of those who support evolution in the field of geology and see if their claims are true. And then in another presentation following this one, we are going to examine the claims of the Scriptures regarding the origin and the history of our planet. And again we will test the claims based on the same facts, that is, the fossils and the geological layers.

The history of life can be interpreted two ways: first, by man’s speculation and secondly, by God’s revelation. Why do I say man’s speculation? Well you see, when it comes to trying to understand what has occurred in the past, we can not interview anyone who gives testimony of what they saw. We can look at the layers of the earth. We can look at the fossils. What we are going to discover is that man has an agenda to try to interpret the earth’s history differently than what we find recorded in the Scriptures, which the Bible says are given to us by inspiration of the Creator. So, we are going to see two widely contrasting views regarding the history of our planet.

The Bible warns us that we need to be careful about placing our trust in man’s speculation rather than God’s revelation. Jeremiah 17:5–10 says,

Thus says the Lord, “Cursed is the man who trusts in man, makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord, for he shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when good comes but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is the Lord.”

So Jeremiah says, be careful. Do not place your trust in man or man’s speculation. If you do, you will be like a bush in the desert. Place your trust in God and His revelation and you will be like a tree whose roots are planted by a stream of water.

For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters which spreads out its roots by the river and will not fear when heat comes, but its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of

drought. Nor will cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart. I test the mind even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.
(Jeremiah 17:5–10)

We begin by looking at a couple of the founding fathers of modern geology. First we have James Hutton and Charles Lyell. James Hutton was born in 1726 and died in 1797. Charles Lyell was born in 1797 and died in 1875. And as we are going to see, these individuals played a prominent role in providing the time scale or the time frame for Darwin, whose theory came later.

Now let us compare these two men, Hutton and Lyell. Hutton's parents were Christians and so were Lyell's. You see, they were brought up to trust and believe in God's Word. And they were taught about creation and they were taught about the flood. But they changed their views. As I said, Hutton died in 1797—the very year that Lyell was born. Both of these men, if you read their testimonies, rejected the biblical account of the origin and the history of the world. Hutton wrote *A Theory of the Earth*. Lyell wrote *Principles of Geology*. And particularly, it was *The Principles of Geology* that Charles Darwin read. He took it with him on his journey to the Galapagos. And as he read through that book it had a large impact on his thinking. Both men did influence Darwin, but particularly Lyell, as we will later document.

Now the topic of this session is geology. What are we talking about when we refer to geology? It is the study of the rocks and the layers that make up the surface of our planet. Included in this is a study of the fossils that are found in the earth's surface. So it is a study of layers and the fossils that are found in the layers. The fossils are the remains of various forms of life that once lived on earth and have been preserved. And we will give you a number of examples.

First of all, the layers are found all over the planet. On every continent there are horizontal layers that have been deposited. And we know that the vast majority of these layers have been laid down as a result of water activity. In some cases they are limestone. In other cases they are volcanic ash or volcanic mud.

Here are some layers from the Antarctica.



So this is to the extreme part of the planet to the south.



Here are some layers from the Arctic, to the extreme north. And you will find these layers everywhere in between, on every continent, in Australia, in Death Valley in California.



And you will notice that these layers were deposited horizontally, but then this particular mountain has been up thrust, so they appear to be on an angle.



These are some layers in Arizona. Now in these layers we find, as we said, the remains of life forms that once existed in the past. For example, it may be dragonflies that have been caught and preserved. It may be petrified trees as some of them are showing distinct tree rings. There are various kinds of insects and reptiles; some are preserved in amber and some in mud. We see leaves and various kinds of plants, fish, amphibians, and reptilian creatures.

So the question is, how do we interpret this? Why are there layers and why are there fossils in the layers—even worms and trilobites. Well, evolution has this theory that is most widely accepted, and that is that fossils were formed in the past, a long time ago, by sort of gradual processes.

Here is a typical explanation how a fossil forms: “In stage one, the soft tissues of the animal are broken down, leaving only hard parts such as teeth and bones.” So there is a fish swimming around in a lake and it dies and it drops—let’s say to the bottom of the lake—and the tissues decay and what is left is the skeleton. And then over a long period of time, the bones become buried under layers of sediment and the original bones are replaced by minerals from the ground water. Then they claim that with slow movements of the surrounding terrain, the rock holding the fossils uplifted and gradually makes its way to the surface. Once back near the surface, the fossil may be eroded out of its rocky tomb or released by a fossil hunter to disclose its information from the past.

This is a typical explanation of how fossils are formed. Something dies and then it is gradually buried. And then later there is an uplifting of the earth’s surface and these fossils are revealed. But I have a question. Does that happen today? When plants and animals die, what happens to them? They rot. But nevertheless, the evolutionists insist that in the past there was a great percentage of the creatures that died that were preserved by some sort of a gradual process.

Well, here is another interesting explanation of how a fossil was formed. This time it was taken from *National Geographic*. And it is on a subject of dinosaurs, “Cracking the Mystery of How They Lived.” And in this particular article it shows two dinosaurs that were found sort of entangled together. And we have this explanation on why the fossils were formed. The article states:

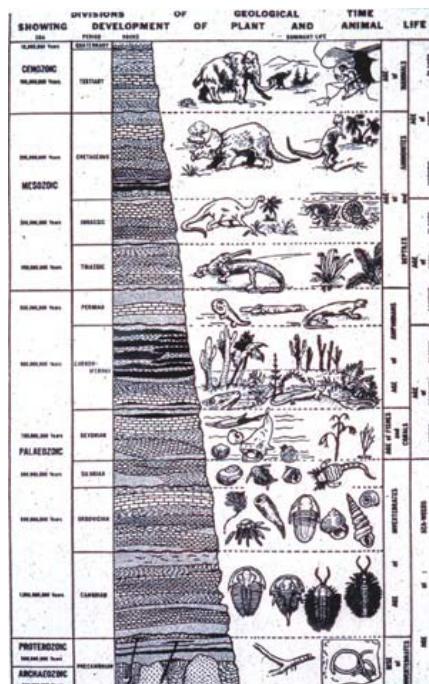
The fury of a life or death struggle contorts a meat-eating Velociraptor and a plant eater Protoceratops, preserved for 80 million years in the sandstone of the Gobi in Mongolia. In this rare glimpse of predation, Protoceratops is biting the right arm of Velociraptor, which has jammed its left-hand claw under the frill of its prey. ‘The claw is huge,’ says Mark Norell a curator at American Museum of Natural History. It’s called the killing claw and it’s right at the base of the neck where the arteries to the brain would be. What likely stopped the action?—[And now this is the statement I want you to hear.]—A huge sand dune saturated with rain slid onto the adversaries writhing below.
(National Geographic)

So this author says that they found these dinosaurs. They are entangled together. They believe that they were fighting, but that is just speculation. And they are buried in wet sand and they say it was a sand dune that was saturated with rain that slid on them. Well, what is wrong with that picture? You see, all over the world we find fossils buried in layers of sand and mud. So the question is this: Did it happen catastrophically or in this case as they say, just some localized flood? Well, we want to investigate the subject in detail.

Fossils are very important, as we said, to geology. And it is from fossils that we often get this concept of the age of the earth. But the question is, when we find a fossil, how do we know how old it is? There are all kinds of fossils, as we have already mentioned. There are lower forms of life to higher forms of life that are buried in the layers of the earth. But if you were asked to identify the age of a layer or the age of any fossil, how old would you say the fossils in the layers were? How would you know?

Well, geologists claim that they know, that they are able to determine the age of fossils and the age of layers. Now remember, they are trying to come up with an explanation of the history of life based on what they see today and they were not there to see how it happened—how the layers were deposited or how the fossils were formed. But they insist that they are able to determine when it occurred.

In order to fully understand the subject, we need to spend some time talking about the very foundation of modern-day geology, and that is the geological chart. And that is why I introduced this session by talking to you about Hutton and Lyell. It was James Hutton and Charles Lyell who formulated this chart which you see, which is called the Geological Column.



And this chart was first constructed in the late 1700s. Remember Darwin's *Origin of Species* was in the mid-1800s. And it was Lyell and Hutton who laid out the idea that the earth's history is very old and that the layers of the earth have been formed gradually by the same kinds of processes that are taking place in the world today. And this is where the term was coined, "The present is the key to the past." It is called uniformitarianism. They say no major catastrophic events have ever occurred. The same kinds of things we see happening in the world today have happened throughout earth's history. And so this chart was drawn to try to explain earth's history by showing the layers.

And on the left-hand side of the chart, you will see layer upon layer upon layer. At the bottom of the chart the layers that are drawn—supposedly are the oldest in earth's history. And as we go up the chart, the layers become more modern. Therefore at the top of the chart, the most recent layers are deposited. Each layer represents millions of years of time, based on their assumption. Now on the right-hand side of the chart, you see various life forms, beginning at the bottom of the chart with single-celled creatures. And as you go up the chart, you see various other creatures that are drawn in an increasing order of complexity. And this is by the way, in the order of the evolutionary model—the Darwinian tree.

So we have single-celled creatures, multi-cellular creatures without backbones, multi-cellular creatures with backbones like fish, and then amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and man at the top. So the fossils at the bottom are supposedly associated with the oldest layers. The fossils at the top are supposedly associated with the most recent layers. And then on the left-hand side of the chart, we have various names and time periods in hundreds of millions of years before the present. And there you see the history of life based on this drawing—the layers and the fossils in that sequence. Now this is all very interesting, but again it is based upon some speculation and some assumptions. And so we want to examine some of these claims.

Claim number one—how long does it take to lay down the layers? Well, for years those who believed in the creation or the biblical worldview suggested that the layers of the earth have been formed catastrophically and quickly. Evolutionists, of course, said that is ridiculous because that is based on the biblical worldview that there was a flood, which they say is a myth. But something has occurred in the last several decades which has caused some people to reconsider. In fact, some things are happening right now.

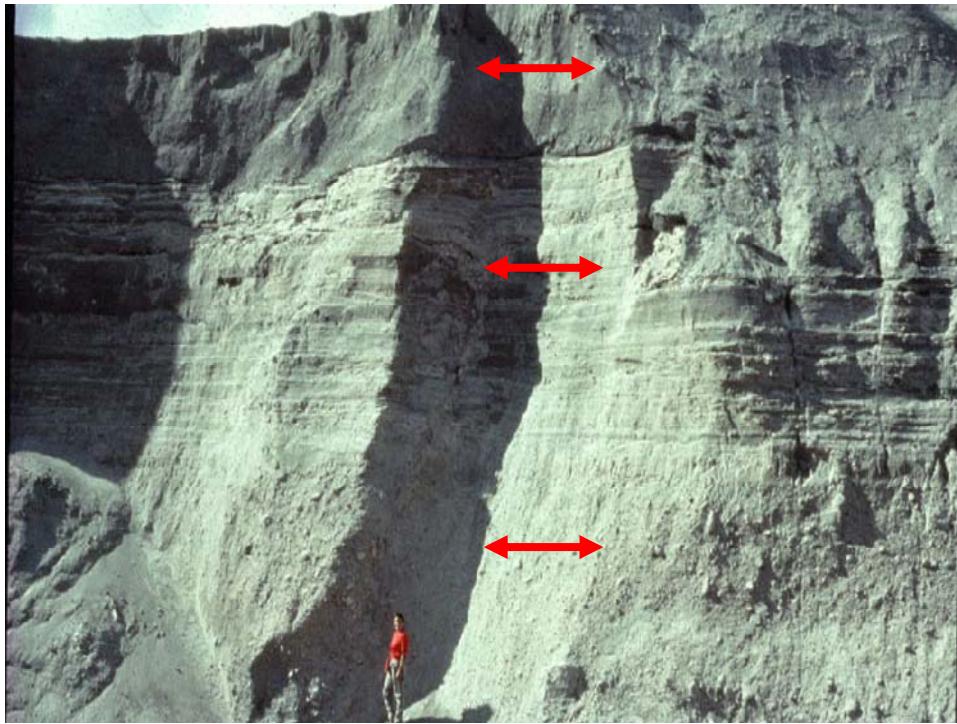
The first major eruption of Mount St. Helens took place in 1980. There was another major eruption that took place in 1982. And this great volcanic mountain in the northwestern United States, in the state of Washington, blew up! And by the way, there was no order after the explosion. In an area about 150 square miles surrounding the volcanic cone, the trees were blasted to the ground like toothpicks. And then this great explosion of volcanic ash and mud caused some other geological features like erosion.

For example, in 1982 after the eruption, this canyon was formed.



Photographed by Steve Austin

And as you can see it is quite an enlarged canyon of several hundred feet wide and a hundred feet or more in height. And as a result of the erosion that took place in 1982, we can see the wall of the canyon very distinctly. And when we look at the wall of the canyon, we observe distinct layers. The top layer that you see was formed in 1982. The middle layer which you see is made up of numerous layers. It was also formed in 1982 by another part of that eruption. And at the bottom, that layer was formed in 1980. What does this tell us?



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Well, if you were to take a geologist there with their blindfold on and ask, “Please tell me how long did it take to form those layers?” And if they did not know where they were, they would tell you, “Well, this is the same as everywhere else. It took a long time—millions of years.” However, it just formed in a manner of a short period of time, not that many years ago.

If you want to study this in detail, I would recommend the Mount St. Helens video or DVD, which is now available. I also recommend this book that has been recently published, *Footprints in the Ash*, by Dr. John Morris and Dr. Stephen Austin. They have done a lot of research and work in the Mount St. Helens area based on the creation perspective.

We could go to other places like the Kilauea crater in the island of Hawaii. The purpose of showing this is to show you that in this surrounding area is volcanic flow and there are fissures that you can actually walk into. Up on the top part of the slide here you will see a fissure. We went to that location. And here you see, in this little mini-canyon, layers. Now this volcanic outflow has occurred within the past several decades. And these layers were formed recently by catastrophe. There you see a closer view showing a quarter and showing the minuteness of the layers.



This is another location where clear, defined layers have formed in the Hawaiian Islands recently. What does this say? Layers can be formed quickly and catastrophically. It does not take hundreds of millions of years.

Now this creates a problem. If layers can be formed quickly, what does this say about the assumption that the layers of the Geological Column took hundreds of millions of years? If that is the case, then our whole concept based on long periods of time to lay down layers could be wrong. And what if the fossils that are found in the layers were not buried gradually? What if they were buried quickly and catastrophically?

You see now we have some reason to question the assumptions of the geological evolutionary worldview. Obviously, there are some huge problems with the way the Geological Column is used to date things and I want to explain this to you.

In most cases today, when geologists want to date a layer or to date a fossil, they use this chart. And they determine the age of a layer based on the fossils that are found in the layer. And they determine the age of the fossils used to date the age of the layer. What do I mean by this? Well obviously, this is a circular way of reasoning and I want to show you that it is wrong. But before we do, I want to give you an illustration of what I mean by circular reasoning.

There was a farmer who wanted to weigh his pig and he did not have access to a scale. He decided he would make his own. So, he found a sawhorse as the fulcrum and he used a plank. He placed his pig on one end of the plank and then he looked all over the farm until he could find a rock that would balance the pig. This took him several hours, but finally he found a rock that would balance the pig. And he reasoned this way: "I don't know the weight of the pig, but if I can determine the weight of the rock, because the rock weighs the same as the pig, then I would know the weight of the pig." So he decided to scientifically come up with a weight for the rock. And in order to do that, he gathered his family together and he had his wife estimate the weight of the rock, his daughter, his son, and himself. He then took the four estimates and he averaged them together and now he had the scientific weight of the rock. Now he knew the weight of the rock;

he also knew the weight of the pig—until he went to market and he discovered that the weight was inaccurate.

You see this is circular reasoning and it is exactly the way geologists use the column to date fossils and to date layers. And now I will illustrate that for you. Let us say you find a trilobite and you want to know how old it is. Well, if you took it to a geologist he could tell you in a matter of minutes. He would say, “Oh that’s a trilobite. I know how old that is.” He would take you to the geological chart and he would show you where the trilobite is found on the chart. Now that you found the fossil on the chart, you go to the chart and you determine the age of trilobites, based on an age that was assigned (or should we say guessed at) in the 1700s.

Let us say you wanted to know the age of a layer. A geologist would look through the layer until he could identify a fossil. Let’s say the fossil looked like this, a coiled Nautiloid.



The geologist would then go to the chart, find the fossil on the chart. Now that they identified the fossil, they know exactly how old the layer is based on the age that was assigned or guessed at. You see the chart is used to date fossils and layers. And the chart is not based on science. It is based on guesswork.

By the way, there is another problem with this chart. It is only found in one place in the world, and that is in a textbook drawing. There is no place that you can go in the world and take a drill and drill down a core and you find this sequence of these layers that are promoted as scientifically accurate. And the same is true with the fossils. As we are going to see in other presentations, we find fossils mixed together, scrambled, and buried. There seem to be some major problems.

Now with regard to dating, this always comes up. When people ask, “There are so many methods of dating the fossils and the layers, so how could you suggest that these geologists are wrong?” Well first of all, let me tell you that the assumption that the Planet Earth is very old is the foundational assumption of geology and it is very difficult to get geologists to think differently. It has been laid down as the basis of evolution since the late 1700s. And as I mentioned to you, the founding fathers who came up with this idea had an agenda. They wanted people to question the authenticity of the Bible.

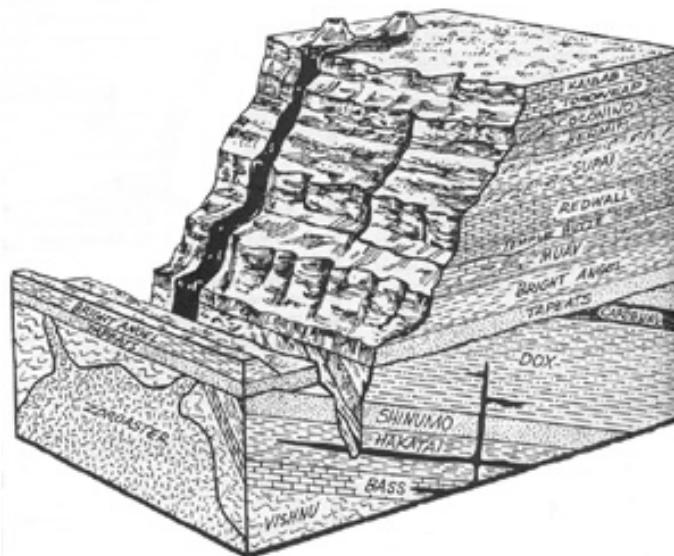
But let us look at some of these so-called modern methods for dating—radiometric methods—which seem to be quite convincing to people. And when we talk about dates and ages, one of the things that always come up is that people say, “What about carbon-14? Doesn’t that prove these long periods of time that evolution supports?” Well, let me make this clear. Carbon-14 is used to date the age of death of a specimen. It requires carbon-14 in the specimen, so only organic material can be dated. When we are talking about fossils and layers, with fossils that have been turned into stone (silica), carbon-14 is not of any use. Carbon-14 occurs in the atmosphere as a result of cosmic radiation. And nitrogen is converted to radioactive carbon, which is then taken in, in plants and animals. And so when a plant or animal dies, that carbon-14 begins to break down with a known half-life. And it is only relatively useful in dating organic materials to short periods of time.

One of the important things to understand is that carbon-14 in the atmosphere is not constant. And in 1908, in Tunguska in Siberia, something occurred. Scientists are still trying to determine whether it was an asteroid or a comet that exploded in the earth’s atmosphere. But it was like a radioactive explosion that occurred. And in an area of forty or more miles the trees were blasted to the ground like a nuclear explosion and it caused a lot of radioactivity. Scientists have determined that in tree rings around the world the following year, carbon-14 increased to a greater density. So that one radioactive explosion caused carbon-14 to increase. We know that today, with the change in ozone layer and atmosphere, carbon-14 could fluctuate.

One of the things that we can test is the known age of certain items, versus the carbon-14 age. And again there are many, many discrepancies. If you are interested in looking at some of these discrepancies, I would recommend our book *The Evidence for Creation*. And as we are going to point out a little later, John Morris’s book, *The Young Earth*.

Carbon-14 is dependent on having organic samples that are preserved. And it is only relatively useful to a period of a few thousand years. This of course, does not substantiate the evolutionary time scale.

The other methods for using radiometric testing to date volcanic rocks, are methods such as potassium-argon and uranium-lead. The goal there is to measure the date of the age of formation of the volcanic rock which requires volcanic material. These kinds of radiometric testing do not date organic material, it dates inorganic materials. And again, if you are interested in going into this in detail, here is an excellent book by Dr. John Morris, *The Young Earth*. And in this book it will give you this illustration regarding some dating that has been done in the Grand Canyon.



There you see a graphic drawing of the Grand Canyon. And you will notice this volcanic flow that comes down from the top of the canyon down to the bottom of the canyon. Dr. Steve Austin has taken samples from this volcanic flow and sent them to the various radiometric labs and had them dated. It is estimated that this volcanic flow has occurred in recent history—perhaps in the last several hundred years. At the bottom of the canyon, I want to point out another layer of volcanic material, this is the Cardenas basalt. Samples have also been taken from that area and sent to various radiometric labs and dated. And the result? This is what they discovered. The rocks at the top of the canyon date older than the volcanic rock at the bottom of the canyon, which is illogical according to this whole concept of when these layers were formed. There is a problem. And so, I want to simply say this about radiometric dating: it is not as reliable as a Swiss watch, there are many problems. Volcanic materials have been dated in the Hawaiian Islands that have been formed recently, and they were dated at hundreds of millions of years.

This is the same as with the lava dome at Mount St. Helens—recent formation of volcanic rock in the last twenty-five years. Samples have been dated and they date in millions of years, not accurate in terms of the last couple of decades. So relying upon radiometric methods may create some problems.

Now scientists rely upon these methods and I want to give you an example. *Time Magazine* had an article called, “The Father of Us All,” about the discovery of a fossil that we will be talking about later in another session. They say, “This chimpanzee-like creature roamed the woods of Central America seven million years ago. Today it is shaking up the human family tree.” Well how did they know that it lived there seven million years ago? They show us the lineage, placing it further back in the lineage of man than anything that they ever discovered before. It is called, “The New Kid on the Block,” and here is how it was dated:

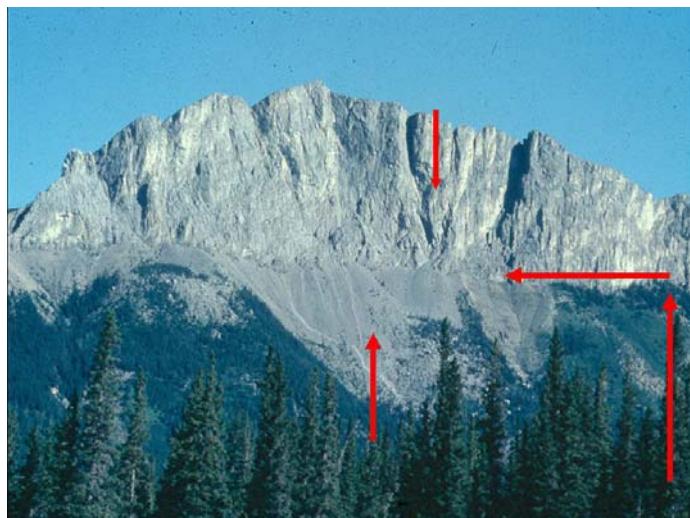
Ideally, the researchers would have preferred to find the bones sandwiched between layers of volcanic ash containing potassium and argon, as they can be precisely dated by tests involving radioactive decay. Unfortunately, the geology at Toros-Menalla did not cooperate. But the scientists found something nearly as good—the other primitive animals, including fish, crocodiles,

rodents, elephants, giraffes, aardvarks, and more—42 types in all. Many were identical to specimens that have been radiometrically dated with great precision elsewhere. As a result, the team led by Vignaud, confidently pinpointed the skull's age at between six and seven million years, probably much closer to the latter.

Well, this is amazing! You see they did not even find any volcanic rock in association with this skull, but they found other fossils that were in that area. And they said that in other parts of the planet they found similar fossils and there was volcanic material surrounding them and they dated those. Then they came up with this age, between six and seven million years. You see, a lot of speculation is being made to try to verify the belief in a long period of time.

What about layers and fossils? Is uniformitarian geology credible? Could layers have been formed by catastrophe rather than gradually? Could the fossil record be better understood through a catastrophic model? These are legitimate questions.

Let me propose to you another major problem. Here is a mountain in the Canadian Rockies that is west of Calgary, Alberta on the number one highway.



It is called Mount Yumnuska and this is a problem for modern-day geology because it is a mountain that is geologically upside down. Now what do I mean by that? Very simply this: that the top part of the mountain you see the vertical part of the mountain, because of the fossils that are contained in it, supposedly belong to the Cambrian layer. You find trilobites on the peaks of these mountains, just like in Field, British Columbia which I showed you earlier. So, because there are trilobites in this layer that has to belong to what they say is the Cambrian. It is one of the oldest layers in earth's history. That is at the bottom of the column. But the foundation to the mountain, because of the fossils that are found in it, belongs to a period of history called the Cretaceous. That is supposedly several hundred million years younger. What am I saying? Simple this: there is an old layer on top of a younger layer. How could that be? Well, they say the top layer used to be on the bottom but over hundreds of millions of years this layer lifted up vertically and then it moved horizontally. So now the older layer is on top of the younger layer. Well, it is not just seen in this mountain, there are hundreds of thousands of square miles like this.

And by the way, when I was younger and much lighter, we climbed this mountain to the transitional zone. There is absolutely no evidence that anything has moved. When facts like this are presented to confront the evolutionary assumptions, most generally they are ignored. That is not good science. We could go all over the world and we could see the evidence for catastrophe, not gradualism or uniformitarianism.

And now I am going to read to you several quotes from “The Climactic Factor,” *The Geological Record Quarterly Journal* from the Geological Society of London.

In the case of the perm-Carboniferous rocks of India, the Barakar beds of the Damuda series- overlying the Tachir boulder bed, includes numerous coal seams, some up to a hundred feet thick, occurring in well-developed, and oft repeated cycle of sandstone, shale, coal. The vegetation is considered to be drift accumulation...As an explanation for the fifty to sixty cycles of the Damuda system, it has an element of unreality.

This is a quote from an article written by Hugh Miller in 1841, “The Old Red Sandstone,” he writes

Some terrible catastrophe involved the sudden destruction of the fish in an area at least one hundred miles from the boundary to boundary, perhaps much more. The same platform, Cromarty, is strewn thick with remains, which exhibit unequivocally the marks of violent death. (Miller)

From William Buckland, describing a scene in northern Italy, in 1836 from Geology and Mineralogy, I quote:

The circumstances under which the fossil fishes are found at Monte Bolca seem to indicate that they perished suddenly. The skeletons of these fish lie parallel to the laminae of the strata of the calcareous slate; they are always entire and closely packed on one another... All of these fishes must have died suddenly.
(Buckland)

You see all over the world we find mountain ranges buckled up, after the layers have been deposited. There are huge volcanic lava flows, like the Columbia Plateau, the Canadian Shield, the Siwalik Hills, and the foothills of the Himalayas. There are thousands of feet of strata, packed and jumbled with the bones of scores of species—terrestrial animals. And in Burma there are hippos, mastodons, ox, wood, logs, sandstone, sediments, and layers 10,000 feet thick. There are two fossil beds separated by 4,000 feet of sandstone.

What does the evidence say? What does it reveal to us? Have these layers been formed gradually over long periods of time? Have the fossils simply been buried by some process that is occurring today? Or has something occurred in earth’s history that has brought about a destruction of life and layered down the layers? Remember the layers? They are all over the planet. How were they formed? Well, there is evidence that it happened quickly, catastrophically.

In the words of Peter:

For this they willingly are ignorant, that by the word of God the heavens were of old and the earth, standing out of water and in the water, whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.” (2 Peter 3:5-6)

Peter says that in the last days they will deny that this world has been destroyed by a great flood.

In our next session, we are going to look at the history of life from the Genesis record, in terms of what God has revealed in His Word regarding what life was like and what happened to it. And again, we have this choice. We can trust in the speculation of man or we can consider the revelation of God. According to the Bible, the Creator inspired the record that we can read. And if the Bible is true, we should be able to go out and find the evidence, in the layers and in the fossils that support the biblical Creation account. And in our next session that is exactly what we will do.

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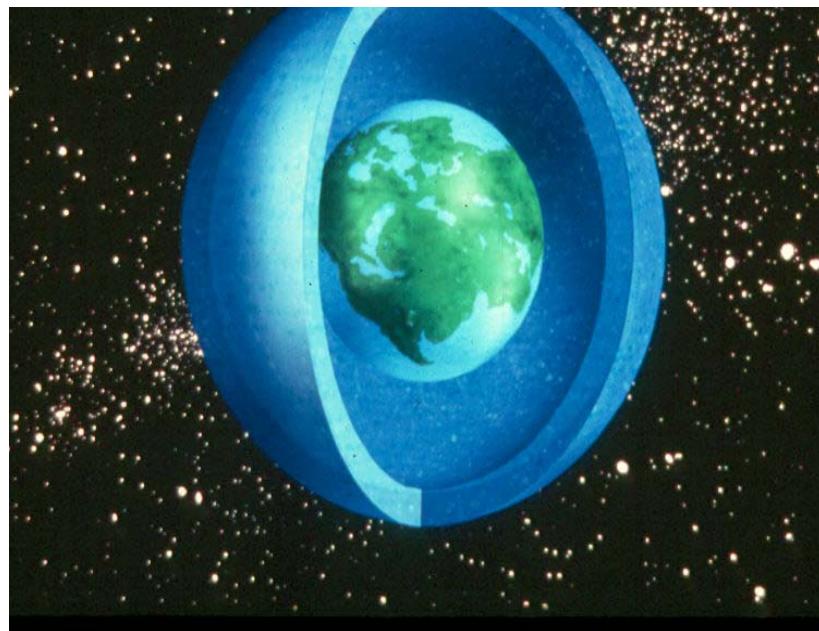
William Buckland, describing a scene in northern Italy, in 1836 from Geology and Mineralogy

Welcome back to our seminar entitled, *Searching for Truth on Origins*. We are moving on now to session number six. We are going to continue discussing the subject of the history of life, only this time from a biblical perspective.

In Genesis 1:6-7, the Bible seems to indicate that God created the earth and that the original earth was created in a somewhat different form than what we see today. Beginning with verse 6:

And then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters. And let it divide the waters from the waters.” Thus God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament and it was so.

What is the Bible referring to? Well, it is interesting that if we take this verse literally, it would seem that the original earth was created with some form of water surrounding the earth.



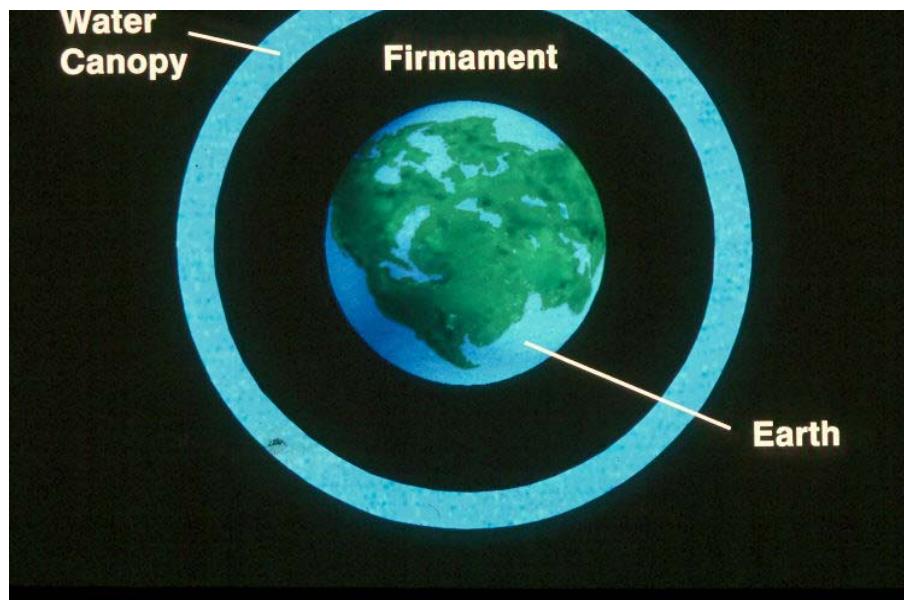
What we are looking at here is not a photograph of the original earth, obviously, but it is a graphic artist's illustration or representation based on what the Scriptures are saying. God created the earth with water above the earth separated from water on the earth.

There are many creationists (including myself) who consider this canopy model in order to try to understand what the earth was like and what happened to the original earth. Obviously, this is based on a certain amount of speculation. This is not a photograph—no one was there in space and took the photograph. But the verses in Genesis 1 describe some form of water above the earth that was separated from water on the earth. We certainly do not know how high the water layer would have been above the earth. We do not know how thick it was. We do not even know in what condition the water may have been. Of course we know that water can be liquid, it can be ice, and it can be in a gaseous form. So this is simply presented to you for consideration as a possible model based on the Scriptures.

It is also interesting to note that the Bible says that the water that was on the earth was gathered together in one place. In Genesis 1:9-10, God said,

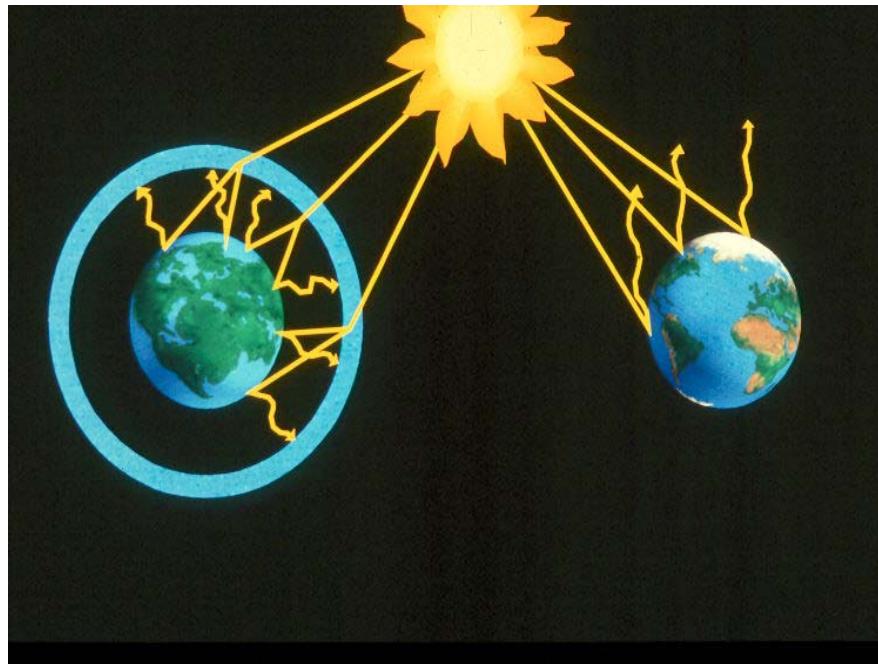
Let the waters of the earth be gathered together into one place.
Let the dry land appear. And it was so. And God called the dry land earth. And the gathering together of the waters called He seas. And God saw that it was good.

So the original earth, according to the Bible, was one large land mass surrounded by some form of water. Here is another way of looking at this from a cross-section of that same illustration.



The water above the earth is called the water canopy. And between the water layer above and the water on the earth there is a firmament, or space, or atmosphere. And as we have noted here on this illustration, the earth gathered together in one large land mass. Incidentally, that is exactly what geologists tell us the original earth was like—one large land mass. We know that the layers of the earth were laid down on that original land mass. And then some time later in history, the continents separated and broke apart. And we will look at the possibility a little later of when that may have happened from a biblical perspective.

Now if such a condition existed, then the earth and its atmosphere would have been much different than the earth we know today. And the best way of trying to relate to this or to understand what the original earth may have been like, would be to compare our earth to a greenhouse effect. Long wave radiation from the sun passing through the glass panes of a greenhouse produces vigorous growing conditions. We know that we can grow plants in a greenhouse indoors. They grow much more vigorously than outdoors because the long wave radiation is trapped within the greenhouse, producing these vigorous, growing conditions. If the earth was surrounded by some form of water then we would expect the original earth would have been somewhat like a greenhouse. Or another way of describing it, like a giant terrarium. So if this were the case, the climatic conditions would have been consistent from pole to pole, unlike our earth today.



In this illustration on the right-hand side, we see what it is like on Planet Earth in the present day. Energy from the sun reaching the Polar Regions is not as intense as the energy that reaches the equatorial regions. And as a result of this, there is an unequal heating of the earth's surface. And because of the unequal heating of the earth's surface, this creates high and low air pressure masses or hot and cold fronts, which of course tend to equalize. And this is what brings about weather conditions.

Recently we have become familiar with what is called the El Nino effect. This is where our planet is heating up in various places, causing changes to all kinds of environmental factors. If the planet heats up equally, the weather conditions upon the surface of the earth would be more consistent. And that is what we would expect based on this biblical canopy model—from pole to pole a temperate climate with no conditions that would bring about storms or severe weather. And it is interesting that from the Genesis account we are told that the original earth, at this particular time, had no rain—only a mist that rose up from the ground.

Finally, one other factor should be considered regarding this model: if there was some form of water, whether it was water vapor or water itself surrounding the planet, it would have protected the earth from harmful shortwave radiation. We know, for example in nuclear power plants, that they take the spent fuel bundles and store them in pools of water because water acts as a good shield against radiation. If the water vapor barrier or a water barrier existed that surrounded the earth, shortwave radiation (ultraviolet radiation which bombards the planet) would have been shielded. And life living on the planet at that time would have been able to live on a protected environment, and live longer. And living longer and growing more vigorously under these conditions, one of the things that we could predict is that life would also grow larger. Now if it has any validity, then certainly we must be able to find some evidence that would support that this has occurred. Remember the things that we predicted: a temperate climate from pole to pole, vigorous growing conditions, and the earth being protected from radiation. This temperate climate would exist all over the planet. Life would grow larger and it would live longer.

Now, speaking of living longer, when we read through the Genesis account where we are given the genealogies of men, one of the first things that we read about in the Scriptures is that human beings (at this particular period of time in history) lived for a long time. In fact, many of the genealogies indicate to us that the people of that day lived seven, eight, or even nine hundred years. It is often at that point, when people read the Bible and they come across the age of man, they say, "How could you trust in a book that says that human beings could live for that period of time?" But remember if the earth was designed differently than it is today—protected as we have described—there is that possibility that life could have lived longer.

And by the way, if Adam and Eve had not sinned, how long would they have lived? Forever! So this is an interesting possibility that the earth was created differently with a protective environment, so that life existed in a temperate climate from pole to pole. Life lived longer and grew more vigorously.

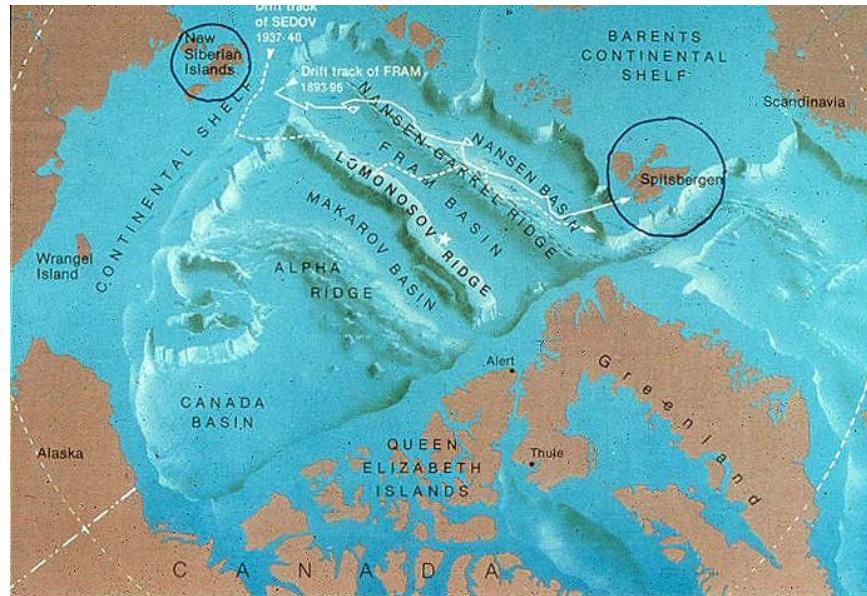
Well, what I would like to do at this point is to look at some evidence from the fossil record that indicates that our original earth was different in the past than it is today. And we will take a trip around the world.

First of all, I want to point out these fossils. They are palm leaf fossils which we found in the northern part of Vancouver Island.



Now today if you go to Vancouver Island you will not find palm trees that grow there in a natural condition. In the past they did. And something has happened to them. What happened to them? Well, they are buried in volcanic material. You can see the imprints of the palm leaves, but they have been covered over in basalt, hot magma. And the impressions have been made so that today we can see that there were palm leaves that were in this location in the past.

We could go much further north in the northern hemisphere to the North Pole. And there are two different groups of islands and they are circled on this map:

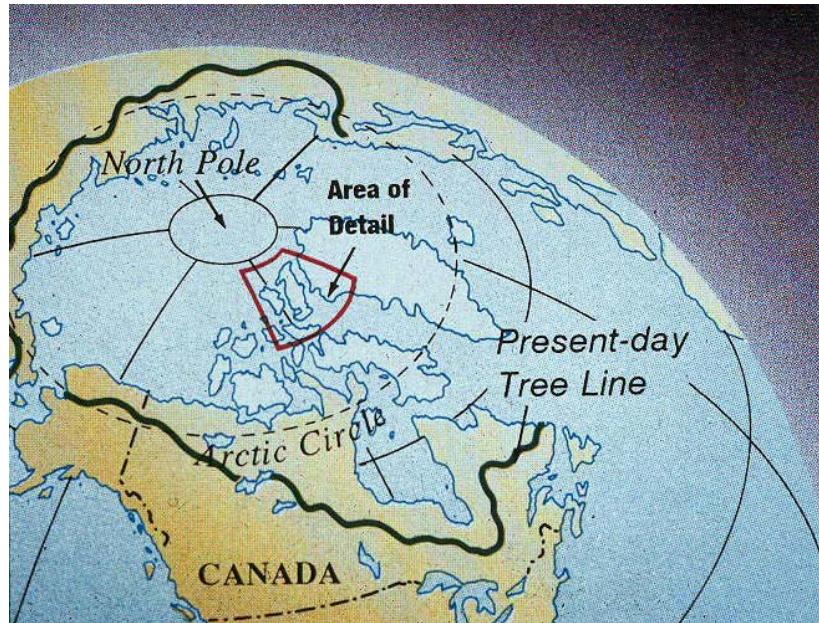


The Spitzbergen Islands, which are north of Norway and the New Siberian Islands, which are north of Siberia. And in these locations, the fossil evidence indicates that in the past the climate was much different. For example in the New Siberian Islands, the first person to go to this location and discover the islands, records in the literature that he found fruit trees sixty feet or more in height with fruit and leaves on the branches that were frozen in ice. In the Spitzbergen Islands the remains of palm trees have been discovered. Also there was a temperate climate here because we see marine organisms like coral that only live today in subtropical waters.



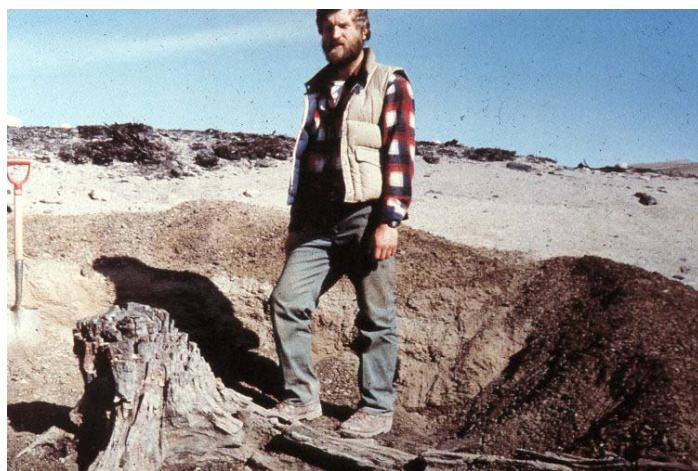
Obviously, there was something different in the northern hemisphere in terms of climatic conditions.

Here is another example of what the planet was like in the past, as we point to these two lines on this particular map which are called the Present-day Tree Line.



This indicates that today, north of the tree line, there are no trees.

You see our planet is like a mountain. It has a tree line and at a certain altitude the trees stop growing. There is a tree line in the northern hemisphere where the trees stop growing and there is a tree line in the southern hemisphere. The arrow is pointing to the tree lines in the northern hemisphere. And the island that you see identified on this particular map in the area of detail is only a few hundred miles from the North Pole. It is called the Axel Hyberg Island. A number of years ago in the '80s, some geologists were in the area exploring for oil and a helicopter pilot and team of geologists were flying over this area. They looked down and they could not believe what they were seeing. They could see the remains of trees.



They landed the helicopter and that is exactly what was there—Redwood trees.

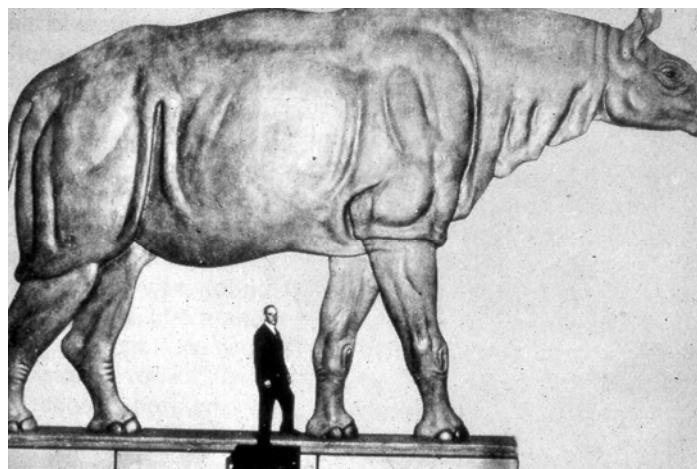


Here you see one of the geologists has removed some of the material from this tree. And the interesting thing about this is that it is still organic. You can take the wood and you can burn it. Also other kinds of vegetation indicate, in the Canadian Arctic in the past, that the climate was temperate. In fact they say it would have been exactly like the Florida Everglades. In the Antarctic area as well, there is evidence from the fossil record that the climate was similar.

Now one of the other predictions we proposed is that if the climate was different, due to some kind of a canopy effect in the past, life would have grown larger. Now this is one of the things that we find in the fossil record—it is a mystery. For example moss-like plants today only grow an inch or a fraction of an inch. In the past they grew three feet in height. Today horsetail-reeds grow in marshy areas between two to three feet in height. In the past, they grew 90 to 120 feet in height.

Insects were much larger in the past. For example: cockroaches grew fifteen or more inches long. There were dragonflies with wingspans of over three feet. Ferns of the past were 90 to 120 feet tall. Shells of the past, like Nautiloids, were nine to twelve feet in diameter, compared to their counterparts today which are just a few inches in width. The sloths of the past grew eighteen to twenty feet in height. Today they are about the size of small monkey.

Rhinos of the past were larger. Here is a rhino model in a museum in Nebraska that is based on a fossil that was discovered there.



And as you can see, there is a man standing beneath the rhino, which is eighteen feet or more in height and thirty-two feet in length.

Crocodiles and alligators of tremendous sizes have been found in the fossil record. Like this one.



That is the remains of a crocodile found in the Sahara Desert. By the way, you may be asking the question, *why would there be a crocodile in the desert?* Well the Sahara Desert has not always been a desert and the fossil remains in this area indicate that at one time in earth's history this area was very lush and subtropical. But something has occurred to bring about the change in the climatic conditions. The remains of this crocodile were discovered in the Sahara which rivals the size of some of the dinosaurs with which it would have cohabited.

Speaking of dinosaurs, here is another mystery of the fossil record. We find dinosaur fossils all over the planet, from the North Pole to the South Pole. And they are buried in the layers of the earth. Another mystery about dinosaurs is their size. They grew to tremendous sizes. Not all of them, but we find that many grew to huge sizes. And another thing that we know about dinosaurs is that they lived at a time when the planet was different climatically.

So here in this particular illustration, we see large dinosaurs.



You will notice the presence of palm trees in the background and behind that you will see

something else—it is a volcano. What happened to the dinosaurs? That is the typical question that most people have asked. But perhaps a better question would be, *what happened to life?*

In our creation model, we read from the Scriptures that God created life and it was good. And we also mentioned that the Scriptures say that life was created and as a result of sin, it was later destroyed in a great worldwide catastrophic event.

What I would like to suggest for your consideration, is the possibility that not only were dinosaurs destroyed, but all life was destroyed together at the same time. And that original climate (temperate from pole to pole) in which all life lived together, came to an end in a single event. The Bible describes the great flood of Noah in the book of Genesis. Let's turn again to the Scriptures, this time to Genesis 7:11-12.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up. And the windows of heaven were opened and the rain was upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

Here we find in Genesis, I believe, one of the most significant events in earth's history. What happened? Well, simply this—God had created Adam and Eve. They were created with a free will to choose whether or not they would remain obedient. And they chose not to obey. We are told that there was the Fall and the curse upon the creation. And as we read through Genesis 6, we see what occurred. The wickedness and the perversion of man became so great, that God was grieved He had created. And so, the Bible tells us that God warned that He was going to bring a destruction. The thoughts of men's hearts had become evil continually. And so, God warned that He was going to bring the great destruction upon Planet Earth. And we read through the account that Noah and his family and a remnant of each kind of life were preserved. And then the great flood came as we have read here in these two verses. There was a major, worldwide event which involved the destruction of life. The fountains of the great deep broke up, the windows of heaven were opened, and it rained for forty days.

So what occurred? Well, I think we can understand if we take what the Scriptures say, literally. With reference to the fountains of the great deep, the Bible is referring to the fracture in the earth's crust. When the earth's crust fractures, out of the earth comes magma, hot molten rock, and volcanic ash. And because this was a worldwide event, it was happening all over the planet—on the land and underneath the oceans—there was a tremendous geological catastrophe.

Secondly and simultaneously, the Bible says the windows of heaven were opened. What is that referring to? It is referring to materials being poured down upon the earth from above. We know that in the past, this earth has been struck by objects from the heavens. There could be various sources like asteroids and perhaps comets. Whatever it was, materials were falling upon the earth, which was part of this great catastrophe. Some of these great bodies fell in the oceans and some on land.

Thirdly and simultaneously, the Bible says that it rained. It was the first time that it had rained, and so water came down from above. Certainly it would only be a minute source of the floodwaters, for we know that this planet itself is covered by two-thirds with water. So it would be only a matter of a slight sinking of land masses and a raising of the ocean beds, and the entire surface of the planet could be covered. And that is exactly what happened—tremendous volumes of water covered the earth.

In Psalm 104:5-9, we are given some insight into what occurred at the time of this great flood.

Who laid the foundations of the earth that it should not be removed forever. Thou coverest the deep as with a garment. The waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke, they fled. At the voice of Thy thunder they hastened away. They go up by the mountains, they go down by the valleys into a place which Thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they might not pass over, that they turn not again to cover the earth.

The Bible seems to be describing a time when the oceans covered the land. That is what the Bible tells us in the Book of Genesis—hundreds of cubic miles of water were displaced.

From the oceans covering the land, in Genesis 7:17–21 we read:

Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark and it rose again above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth. And the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth. And all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth and every man.

You see it is important to consider what the Bible has to say. And when it comes to this subject of a flood, you will notice it says all flesh died that moved on the earth. This is a worldwide flood, not a local flood, like some creationists who try to interpret the Bible from an evolutionary geological perspective. The Scriptures are clear. When God warned that He was going to bring a judgment, it was to destroy all flesh. The only survivors were those that He supernaturally preserved with Noah aboard the ark. It was a worldwide event.

We continue in verses 22 to 24:

And in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life—all that was on the dry land died. So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground. Both man and cattle, creeping things and birds of the air, they were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive, and the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

So according to Scripture, this earth was destroyed in a worldwide catastrophic event. The oceans covered the land. The waters moved from place to place. Tremendous waves swept over the land masses. And with these waves materials were carried—mud, and ash, and life forms that were buried. They were buried in the layers of the earth.

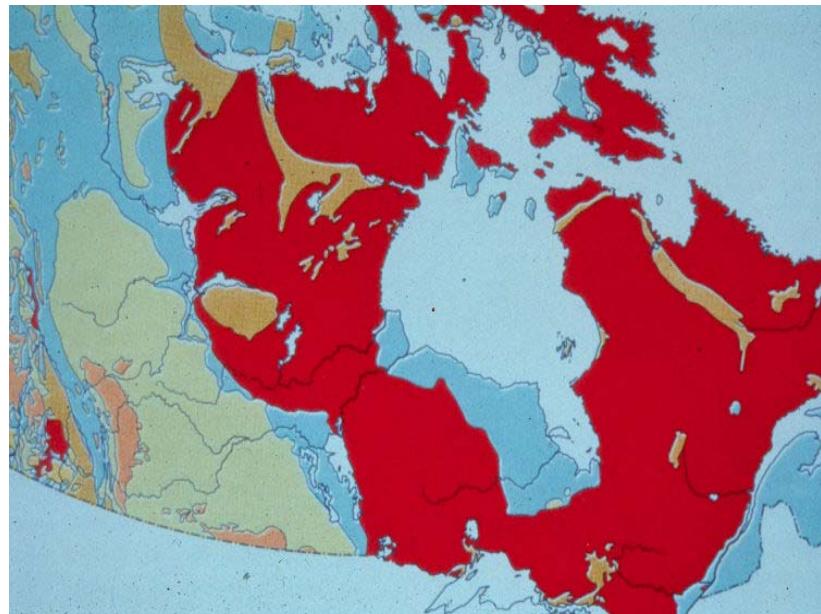
At the end of the great flood, the waters upon the land drained back to the oceans, causing tremendous erosional forces and the formation of canyons. At the end of this flood, we would expect to see the deposition, wherein layer after layer was deposited horizontally. And in these

layers we would expect the remains of life that had been buried under conditions that have never been repeated. You see that is the flood model.

It is interesting that today most geologists consider what the Bible has to say about a worldwide flood as nothing more than myth. It is a fact when studying ancient history and the records left by the ancients from civilizations of the past, that there are over a hundred and fifty accounts from various countries that this earth was destroyed in a worldwide flood with few survivors. The Bible tells us that it happened and the evidence tells us that it happened.

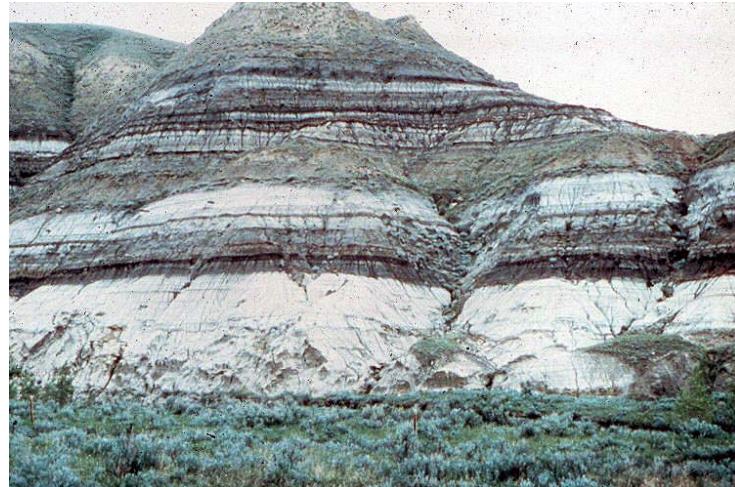
You see, if this flood model is a myth, then we should not even waste our time considering it. But if it is true, then what God has said in His Word we should be able to substantiate and find evidence of in His world. And so, that is what I want to do now over these next few minutes. We want to observe evidence around the world that this planet in the past experienced a great worldwide destruction.

First of all, we are looking at this geophysical map of Canada.



This large red area that you see is the Canadian Shield. And in the middle of the Canadian Shield you will see a large bay, which is called the Hudson Bay. Do you know that scientists have begun to recognize that the Hudson Bay was formed when some object slammed into the earth from above, perhaps an asteroid or a comet? And that magma from within the earth has come out upon the surface of the earth. Could you imagine the scale of that kind of catastrophe?

We go to western Canada. This is in Alberta, near Drumheller, at a location where I have gone many times to look-for the remains of dinosaurs and other fossils.



And there in the Red Deer Valley, we see layers of volcanic ash, mud, and coal in the wall. And these layers go down thousands of feet into the surface of the earth. And it is in these layers that they find all kinds of fossils: fish, clams, palm trees, and dinosaurs. Some of the dinosaurs are buried in swimming positions.

We go now to the northern United States to Yellowstone National Park and on the peaks of the mountains there, we see these huge redwood trees.



You will notice the surrounding material—that is volcanic breccia. Some of it has been eroded. Those trees at one time were buried in volcanic materials that have since been eroded away. And so now we can see the tree stumps. They have been turned from wood to stone, fossilized under these kinds of catastrophic conditions.

Now we could go to Arizona.



This is called the Petrified Forest, although few people believe that trees actually grew there. Well there are some tremendous trees here—redwoods that are 250 feet or more in height. You can see some of the broken tree stumps. There is one tree there in the foreground that is over 200 feet in length. And notice in the background what we observe. Those hills there are made of volcanic ash and mud that has been deposited by water. You see, perhaps a better name for the Petrified Forest would be the petrified log jam because that is exactly what happened. These trees did not grow in this location. These trees were buried in a great flood—a catastrophic event involving volcanic activity. And perhaps we can be reminded about what took place at Mount St. Helens in 1980, when the trees were stripped off the slopes of the mountains and then great log jams were created. You see at one time in earth's history this happened all over the planet.

Speaking of the planet, we could take a trip all over, on every continent and we would find example after example that clearly reveals that in the past something occurred that brought about a sudden destruction of life.

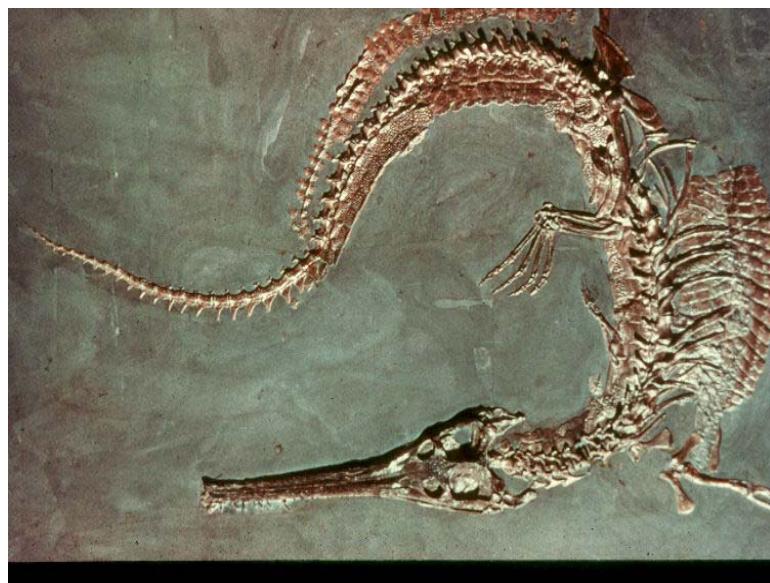
Fish in Scotland have been found with their fins extended and their eyes bulging. They have been caught and buried in a moment of time.



In Germany there are fish buried in oily bituminous, which is oily clay mud. Again, they were quickly caught and preserved.



Throughout North America there are fossil beds in various places. On every continent, whether it be in Australia, in China, or throughout the former Soviet Union, we find these examples of life forms.



And as I am showing you, some of them are obviously in swimming positions. They have been suddenly trapped and buried, in a moment of time.

In Nebraska, there are rhinos caught in volcanic materials—caught and buried, suddenly. And there is a tree in Tennessee which is called a polystrate fossil. That means that it goes through more than one layer. There is a coal scene, representing supposedly hundreds of millions of years of deposition. And there is a sandstone layer, representing supposedly millions of years. How could a tree stand there over these millions of years and gradually be buried? Is there another explanation? Is it possible that this tree was buried as a result of some major catastrophic event and those layers were laid down quickly at the same time?

Here is a dinosaur fossil.



This one was found near Drumheller and on part of the outside of the bone you can see a layer of ironstone. Initially that material was completely surrounding the bone, before the picture was taken and it broke away. It is interesting that in southern Alberta, entire dinosaurs have been caught buried in this ironstone material. In one place, near Huxley, an entire dinosaur was buried in 200,000 tons of this ironstone and the footprints and the skin imprints were still there. Clearly this was not a gradual event. Some major catastrophic event has had to have occurred.

This location is near Brooks, in southern Alberta.



I had taken a film crew to this location in the late '80s to do a film documentary. We went to this region because over 350 dinosaurs had been removed from this particular area. And so we were asking the park geologist why so many dinosaurs were found here? He said he believed it was because a long time ago—65 million years ago—that is when they believe that dinosaurs became

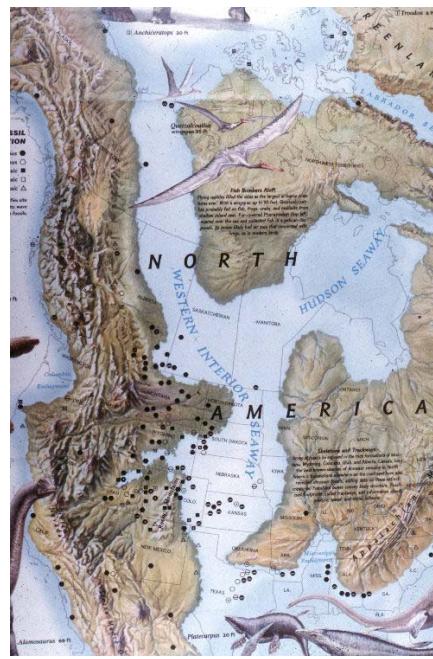
extinct. And there was a river that was flowing through this region and it was during a flood season when the river was running very high and very quickly. He said there was a herd of dinosaurs that attempted to cross the river. The first one got part way across, tripped and drowned. He said that the second one was following too closely to the first and he tripped over him and drowned. The third over the first two and the fourth over the first three and so on, until all 350 dinosaurs tripped over each other and drowned in this region and they were buried in a local flood.

But this same response regarding the burial of dinosaurs is quite common in other places. The same is true in Montana. They say there was a local flood and the same in Utah. I have had the opportunity to be in Argentina, South America where they have found many, many dinosaurs. They say that there was a local flood in Argentina.

Several years ago I was in Beijing, and I met with scientists who were doing research on dinosaurs in Mongolia. I asked them what they believed happened to the dinosaurs there. They said there was a flood in Mongolia. And the same thing happened in Russia.

It is interesting that geologists are willing to acknowledge that dinosaurs were buried in various places by local floods, but they will not acknowledge that perhaps that flood may have been global—everywhere at the same time.

You are looking at a map of North America where you see much of North America covered by a large body of water from the Arctic down through Alberta, Saskatchewan into central United States.



And you will notice that along the shores of this body of water there are dots. These are locations where they have discovered remains of dinosaurs. And so the theory is that in the past, dinosaurs lived at a time when the climate was different—when the oceans covered the land and they died out.

You will see some depictions of dinosaurs sinking in quicksand, or some that have died alongside streams and they are gradually being buried. You see that is the typical explanation of what happened to dinosaurs.

Of course there are other theories, but the most recent theory I find very interesting. Louis Alvarez and others have come to the conclusion that dinosaurs were wiped out in a great catastrophe. They believe that not only dinosaurs but other kinds of life, in fact all of the fossils that we see represented, may have been wiped out and destroyed in the past by some event which involved objects falling from the heavens upon the earth and the earth's crust fracturing. And as a result of the earth's crust fracturing, volcanic activity caused magma to be poured out on the surface of the earth, volcanic ash. And it is also believed that some of these objects may well have slammed into the oceans, creating waves four miles high, sweeping over the land and destroying life. This describes an ancient cataclysmic event.

That is exactly what the Bible says happened. But you see they say it happened 65 million years ago. The Bible says that it happened in rather recent historical times. God said that He would bring destruction and He did. The evidence is overwhelming but the amazing thing is that these scientists who believe in evolution do not want to consider the possibility that there was a worldwide flood.

Here is the region in the Axel Hyberg Island that I previously showed you, where those redwood trees were found.



And this is exactly what it looked like when the geologists first landed in the helicopter. There were tree stumps sticking out of the ground and you could take the wood and burn it. I met with one of the geologists from the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Bassenger. And I asked him, "How could redwood trees have grown in this part of the world in the past? Today this area is covered in ice and snow most of the year and virtually nothing grows there during the summer months." He said, "We do not know. It is a mystery. The climate was different." But he said, "One thing we know, it appears that this area was involved in a number of floods." I said, "How do you know that?" He said, "Well, notice these hills in the background of this picture. You see those layers? Well each one of those layers was formulated by a flood. And these floods took place over hundreds of thousands of years, so the area has been devastated many times." And I said to him, "What if the layers were formed by the same flood at the same time?" He said, "That

sounds biblical and that would be impossible.” You see, some have chosen not to consider what the Bible has to say.

At this very time, there are scientists who are making observations on Mars. And what they say they have found on Mars is evidence of a major planet-wide flood. They find huge canyons that they say have been formed as a result of erosion. And in the walls of the canyons they say they can see strata and layers which clearly show that they have been formed as a result of water. They say that on Mars there was a planet-wide flood. But I ask you this question: *how much water is there on Mars?* Well, some people say, some water but very little.

And here on earth, we have tremendous amounts of water. Two-thirds of this planet is covered by water. The Bible says that at one time the water came over the land and it destroyed this earth. And yet these same geologists who are evolutionists refused to acknowledge that this has happened.

In Job 12:7-11 are some very important verses. This is what it states:

But ask now the beasts and they will teach thee. And the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee. Or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee. And the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing? And the breath of all mankind; Doth not the ear try words and the mouth taste his meat. Ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee. And the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee.

See the Bible challenges us to do something. Go out and make observation of things that are living. Or as it says, check out the earth and what will it tell you? Very clearly it will tell us this: if we make the observations and are not biased in our opinions, what we will observe is that this earth has been destroyed. Life that was created is found buried in the earth. There is ample evidence of this. And so, when we see layers and we see fossils, how can they be interpreted? It can be interpreted two ways: This planet is billions of years old and the layers have been formed gradually and life lived and died. Or, this planet has been destroyed as a result of a worldwide catastrophic event. God warned that He would bring a judgment and He did. The layers are there. And in the layers are the life forms that have been preserved. Why? To show us when God says that He has done something, we can believe it.

This planet has been destroyed through a judgment by God. In 2 Peter 3:5-6 it says,

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

The evidence is overwhelming! In Job it says that just as your mouth can taste food and what is good and what is not, so too when information is inputted to you—to your mind through what you see and what you hear—your mind is capable of determining what is right. Was there a worldwide flood? The Bible says there was.

And now this Scripture also from Peter is concluding more on a positive note:

Nevertheless, we, according to His promise look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore beloved, see that ye look for such things. Be diligent that you may be found of Him in peace without spot and blameless. (2 Peter 3:13-14)

Remember what Peter said? “God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). You see, God who judged and destroyed the world has also provided a way for salvation. Just as Noah and his family and a remnant of each kind of life was preserved at the time of the great flood, God has provided a way for each one of us to know Him and spend time with Him for eternity. For the Bible says the Creator of the universe loved us so much that He Himself came to this earth and He lived a perfect life in our place. We could not do it, but He did. His life was sacrificed upon the cross. His blood was shed so that whosoever would believe in the Creator (who He is and what He has done) and whosoever would acknowledge themselves as sinners and ask for forgiveness, they could enter into a relationship with the Creator.

Why am I a creationist? I have come to discover that there is a Creator, there has been a creation and the Creator loves me. It has made a tremendous difference in my life. I trust that this presentation will help build up your faith. And for those who may be here or may be watching or listening later, consider the claims of Scripture. There is a Creator. There has been a creation. It is the truth.

We are moving on with our series, *Searching for the Truth on Origins*, and we will examine the topic of our own origins, where we came from. In session number seven, we want to talk about the evolutionary perspective which is the belief that man has evolved from lower levels of consciousness. Of course the idea is that monkeys and apes are our cousins.

Again we begin with a portion of Scripture which I think is very relative to this presentation, Isaiah 55:8-9.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts. Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

In this presentation we are going to look at man's thoughts regarding man's origin. In the next session (session eight) we are going to look at God's thoughts and human origins. And we are going to see that God's thoughts compared to man's thoughts (when it comes to this topic of human origins) are as high as the heavens are above the earth. These are two widely contrasting views.

Let us begin by examining some of the claims of the evolutionary worldview regarding human origins. First of all I want to look at this textbook called, *Ape Man; The Story of Human Evolution*. That is an interesting subtitle! You see, evolutionists claim that they are able to verify the lineage of man, that is, we have risen from these brute apelike creatures and that this can be done scientifically. Do you remember our definition of science? Science must be based on facts, observable evidence, and experimentation. We cannot rely upon stories. We must have physical, observable evidence. And through this presentation, I will emphasize that many things that are proposed to us in the name of science—like suggesting that we have evolved from these lower brute-like creatures—is based on wild speculation.

In the introduction of this book, there is a picture of Walter Cronkite. The reason is that *Ape Man*, the book, has also been made into a television series which I have seen. Here you see Walter Cronkite standing in front of an African church. The camera interviews Walter Cronkite and he makes a statement similar to this: "This documentary is going to search for the truth on the origin of man. While there are many people who believe that God created us..." and at that point the camera pans to a view inside the church where African natives are singing hymns and worshipping God. Cronkite said, "While we respect their beliefs, this documentary will show you scientifically that it has been proven that we have evolved." Well, Walter Cronkite is a rather influential person. In fact, videos like this and textbooks like this have influenced people worldwide into believing that we have evolved.

Here is a statement taken from the introduction of the book:

Based on interviews with leading scientists working all over the world, *Ape Man* explored the story of our evolution and of the people who have devoted their lives to discovering the truth about origins. (Caird)

Remember what our series is about? We are searching for the truth about origins. And as you can see, evolutionists believe that that is what they are doing and that they have discovered the truth about our origins.

And then it continues:

There have been many species of human-like creatures in the past. Now, all but Homo sapiens are extinct. (Caird)

This is a very important statement. Let me repeat it. “There have been many species of human-like creatures in the past.”

You mean there are none today? No, only homo-sapiens! So in the search for truth, according to this textbook, *Ape Man*, we are going to reconstruct the creatures who lived in the past that were on their way to becoming man. They are all extinct. There is not one that you can find anywhere in the world today that is alive. We have these ape-like creatures and we have man. But there is nothing in between that is living. They all lived in the past. And so in the search for truth for human origins, we have to reconstruct what they look like.

It continues:

If we can understand the past, we may be able to understand why we are the way we are today and perhaps we can find clues to our future. (Caird)

We have all seen these representatives that supposedly existed in the past. Remember? There are none alive, so they have to be reconstructed. Well, in some cases we are going to see they were fabricated.

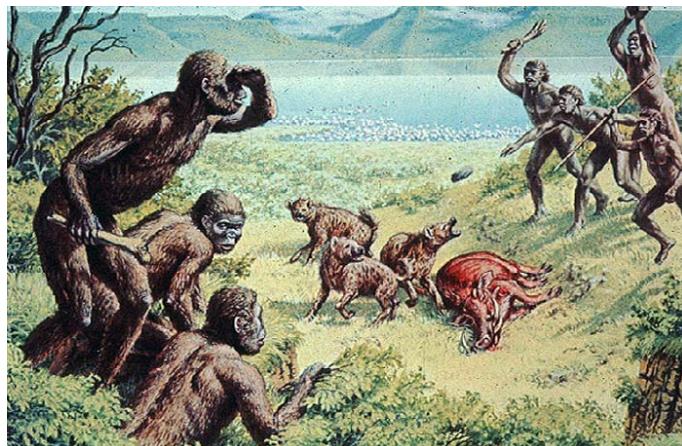
Here is a typical illustration showing the lineage of man.



Over in the left-hand, bottom corner we see an apelike creature squatting on the ground. The next one, well, obviously he is standing up. And then in the next picture, he is becoming a little bit

more modern. And on the right-hand side, we see sort of a caveman-looking kind of creature, but he is on his way to becoming a modern man.

National Geographic typically promotes the evolutionary view of human origins. And here in this mural, we see two different groups of human beings at different layers or levels of the evolutionary development.



On the right-hand side, we see a group of people and they are hunting with sticks and stones. But on the left-hand side, they are a little bit more primitive because they just have bones. See this gives the impression that as we go back in time, our ancestors were more primitive.

Scientists attempt to reconstruct what our ancestors looked like based on fragments of fossils.

Homo Erectus

J.H. Matternes,
From "People and
Places of the Past,"
National
Geographic, 1982

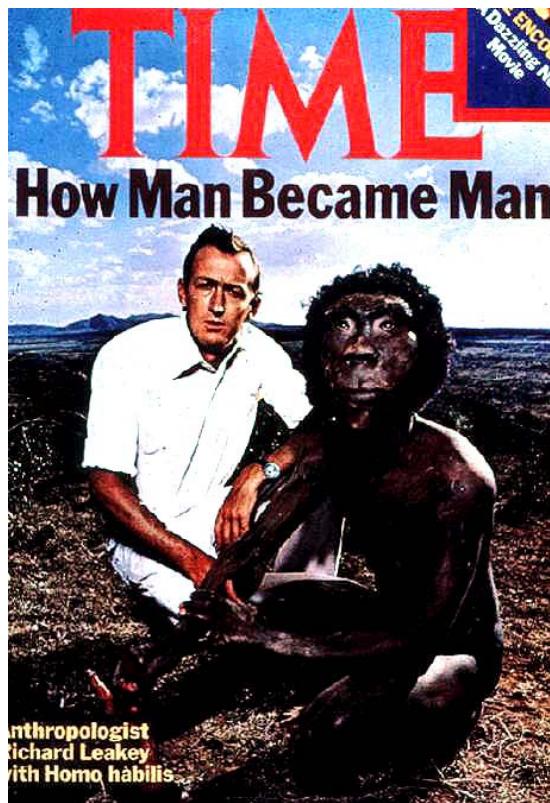
"about 400,000 years ago"

Here we see an example taken from the book, *Ape Man*, how Homo Erectus was reconstructed. Notice there is a skullcap and a portion of a skull. And then on the right we see, that the scientists were able to reconstruct the fleshy features of the face. And also they were able then to

reconstruct the whole society by showing us this painting and what they were doing. And by the way, the scientists even know exactly when they lived.

As we look through various textbooks on the subject of human origins, we are bombarded with paintings and illustrations of what these extinct ancestors looked like and how they lived. And by the way, there are many people who get their science from Hollywood movies. But again in reality there is a lot of speculation. Unfortunately many people embrace it as fact.

Here is a *Time Magazine* cover.



This goes back to the late 1970s when Richard Leakey was a fairly young man. He is squatting next to an African native who is wearing a Hollywood mask. Notice the subtitle on the front page, "How Man Became Man." Richard Leakey was not satisfied with the way Hollywood artists had made the mask to represent what he believed *Homo Habilis* looked like. It took several attempts. So what you are seeing here is an African native wearing a mask. Is that really valid in terms of supporting the evidence of how we have evolved?

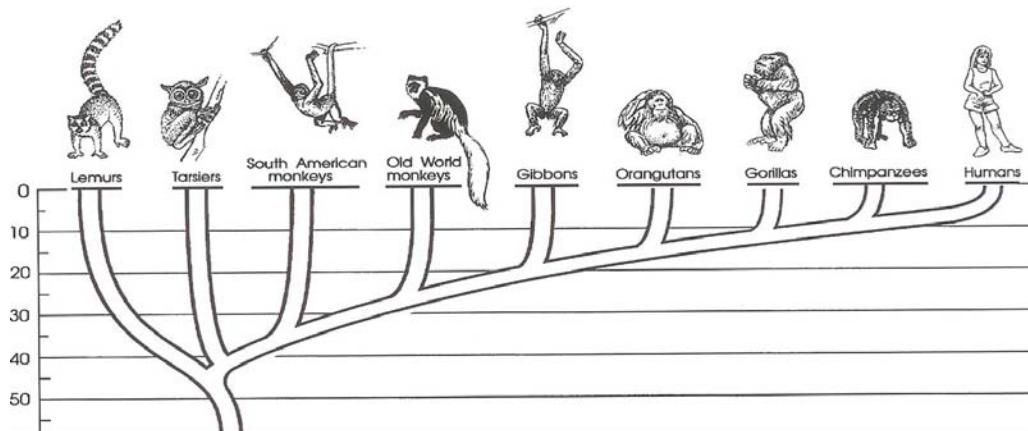
On the front cover of *Discover Magazine* we read, "The Ape in Your Past, He Is a Lot Closer Than You Think." You see popular magazines and journals are constantly bombarding us with this information relating us to the apelike creatures, saying that we have evolved. "How Apes Became Human," on the cover of *Time Magazine*, July 23, 2001—"What a new discovery tells scientists about how our oldest ancestors stood on two legs and made an evolutionary leap."

Here is a textbook which I purchased at the university where I used to take classes and teach. It is entitled, *The Human Odyssey: Four Million Years of Evolution* by Donald Carl Johansen, PhD, Institute of Human Origins. And in the foreword we read this statement:

Education is the great liberator. It frees us to think objectively. My studies have taught me to respect the natural world. They've also taught me that all humans have a common origin and therefore a common destiny, the outcome that will be determined by humankind itself. We do have a capacity to make the future a long and fruitful one only if we take the time to learn who we are and how we fit into the natural world. (Donald Johanson, Ph.D.)

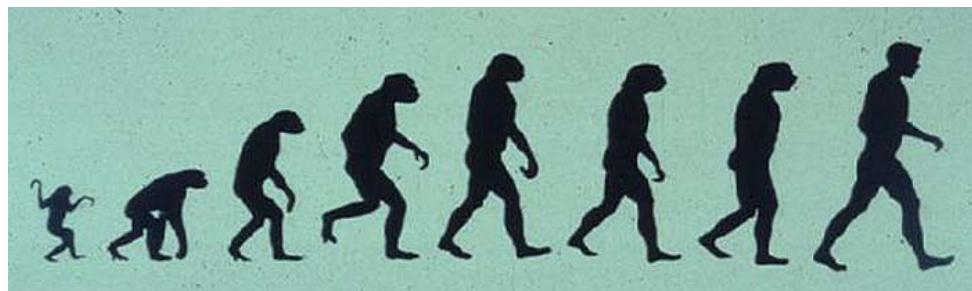
Of course Johansen is quite famous in his proposal of ape-men creatures (one of them is Lucy).

In this book, *The Human Odyssey*, we are given a number of suggestions of what our ancestors may have looked like. By the way, these are paintings of linear-like creatures. And according to this textbook, yes, these are cousins.



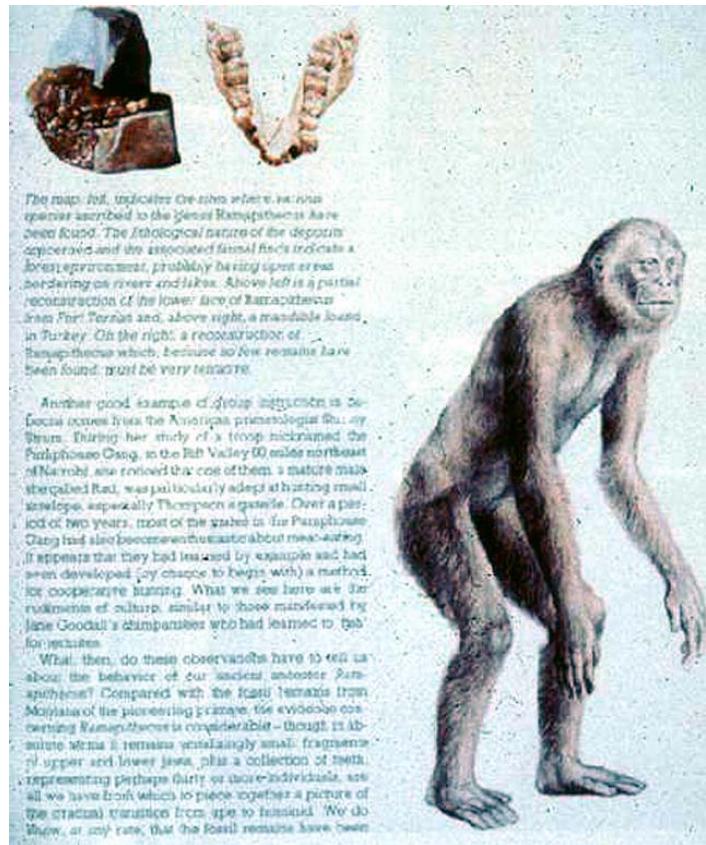
As you see in this lineage we have lemurs, tarsiers, South American monkeys, Old World monkeys, gibbons, orangutans, gorillas, chimpanzees and humans. And there you see the common connection, according to the idea of evolution. This is what is taught in universities as acceptable in terms of human origins.

Well, what I would like to do in this particular session is to look at some of the claims that have been proposed in the past of the lineage of man; that is the “so-called intermediates” between the ape creatures and mankind. And there are many of them. We can only look at a few, so we will choose some in this proposed lineage of man.



Notice on the left-hand side is the monkey-like creature and on the right-hand side is modern man. And remember in the introduction of *Ape Man*—“There have been many apelike creatures that have lived in the past but they are all extinct.” So let us examine some of the claims.

Here is one that was proposed a number of years ago as a credible link in the Ape Man lineage.



It is called *Ramapithecus*. *Ramapithecus* was first formulated based on two portions of jawbone. One was found in Africa and the other in Turkey. And they thought the teeth were more humanlike than apelike, so from this *Ramapithecus* was reconstructed. There we have the painting. Notice what *Ramapithecus* looks like. Well, they seem to know a lot of details. They can see how long his arms were, how stooped over he was when he walked, how much hair on the body, the features of the face, and even the length of the large toe.

Science Digest, April 1981 states,

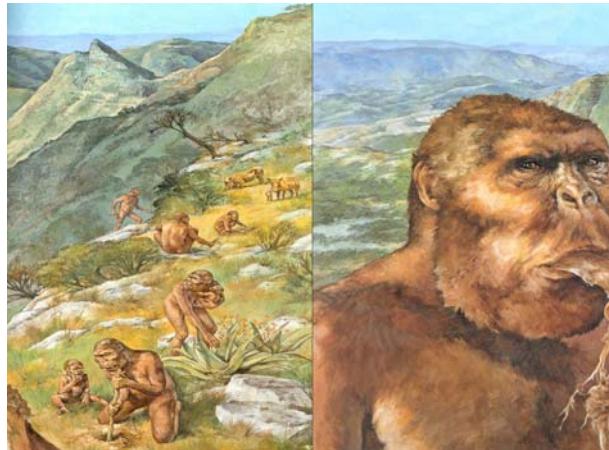
Nevertheless, a reinterpretation of *Ramapithecus*'s humanlike jaw by David Pilbeam of Yale, one of the experts on the species, now suggests that *Ramapithecus* was an ancestor of neither modern humans, nor modern apes. Instead, Pilbeam thinks it represents a third lineage that has no living descendants.

So at one time it was in the lineage of man. It was removed and for this reason.

Then we have *Australopithecus*. *Australopithecus* was found in the early 1900s by Dr. Dart and by Dr. Louis Leakey.

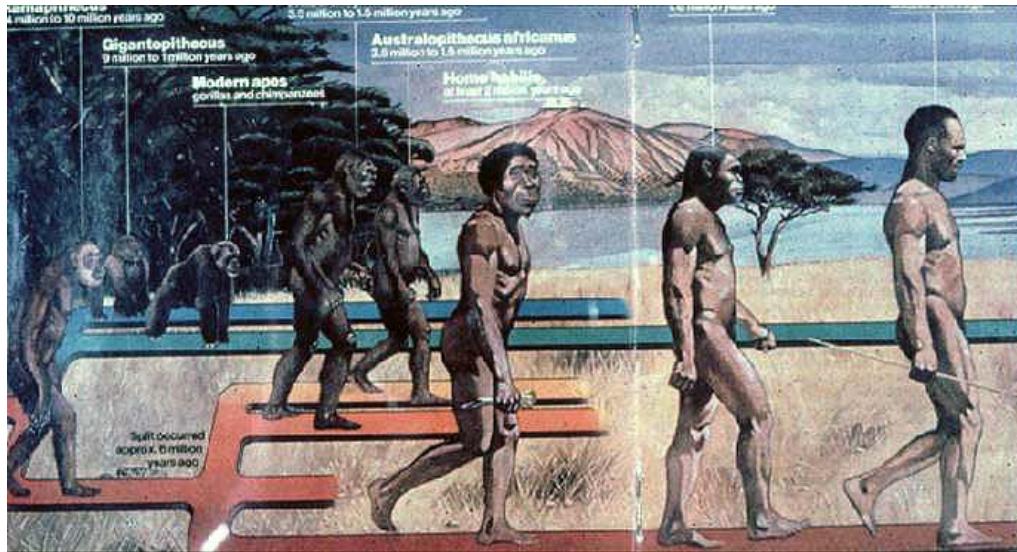


And as you can see from this skull, it does not look humanlike at all. But they believed that it deserved a place in the lineage of man and that it was on its way to becoming man. And certainly the artists were able to reconstruct from the skull and other fossil remains what *Australopithecus* may have looked like. And again we see this painting of a creature who is part ape and part human. From the book *Ape Man*, well now we have a portrait. But again, keep in mind what you are seeing. These are paintings done by modern artists, attempting to explain what our ancestors looked like in the past.



And notice on the left-hand side of the screen there is a whole family of these part-ape, part-humanlike creatures based on fossils that do not look human in any way.

Richard Leakey, the son of Louis Leakey, removed *Australopithecus* from the chart in the late 1970s. And it made his father so angry because his father was the one who had placed *Australopithecus* on the chart, and he quit speaking to his son for several months. Here we see on this particular chart, *Australopithecus* that was removed.



Donald Carl Johansen (who wrote the forward of the book, *The Human Journey*, that I mentioned earlier) discovered Lucy. And Johansen said, "Well, Lucy is an *Australopithecus*. It belongs in the lineage of man." And so he was in a great debate with Richard Leakey, saying that for sure this fossil that he discovered proved conclusively that *Australopithecus* was on its way to becoming modern man. He said this was based on the knee joint and also the hip joint. showing that it had walked upright. And other anthropologists who are evolutionists suggested that Lucy is nothing more than like a chimpanzee and it does not deserve a place in the lineage of man.

In the book, *Ape Man*, we see this photograph of the fossil of Lucy.



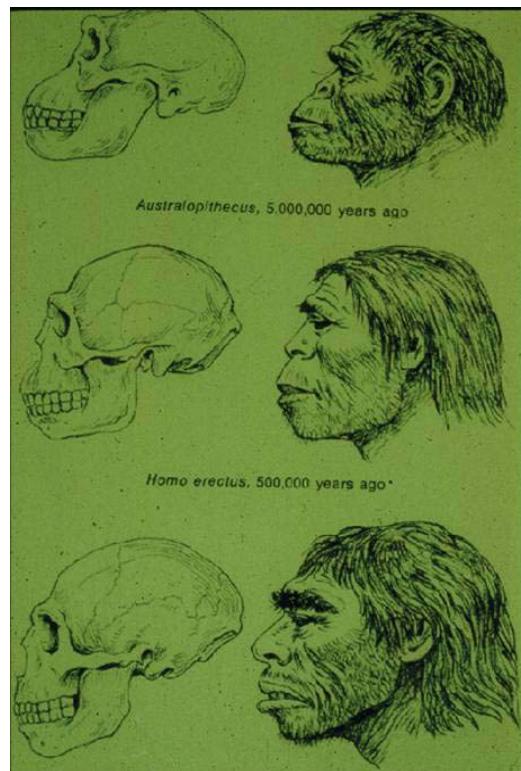
And you will notice it is only a partial fossil, that there is not a complete knee joint. But also notice that in the bottom right hand corner of this page there is a knee joint. Why is that there? Well, if you read carefully in the fine print over on the left-hand side, you will read this statement: "An *afarensis* locking knee joint from the same area (inset) provided a clear clue that its owner walked upright." You see, when Johansen was traveling around the country giving

lectures on Lucy being in the lineage of man, he carried this knee joint with him. And on one particular occasion he was asked by someone who was at attendance, where he found the knee joint. He reluctantly told them the knee joint was found two miles away in a strata two hundred feet lower. It was not even found with the fossil. So, often we see that some of these paleontologists do everything they can in order to try to support their views that these apelike creatures belong in the human lineage. This is not always based on fact and truth.

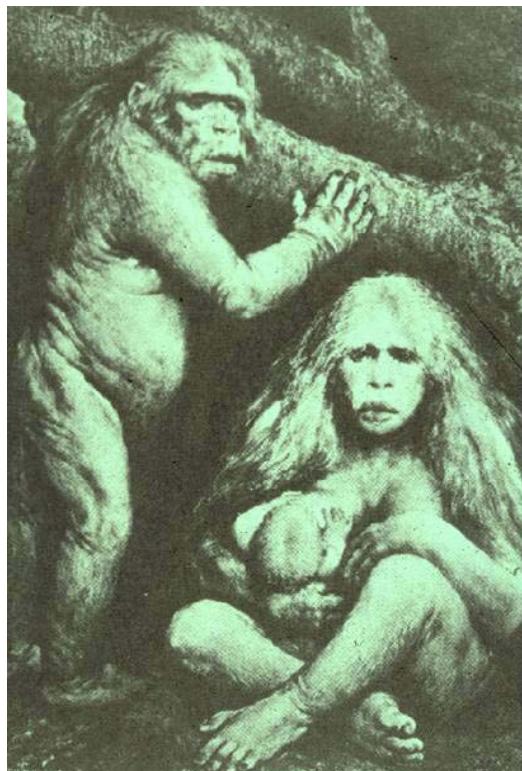
In the book *Ape Man*, we see this group picture of Lucy and her relatives, showing Lucy coming out of the trees and beginning to walk upright. But again, this is not a photograph. It is merely an artist's representation.

When we look back historically regarding how this lineage of man came about, it is important to go back to the time of Ernest Heckles, shortly after Darwin wrote his book *The Origin of Species*. Charles Darwin had laid out the idea that through time there is a progression from lower to higher, from simple to complex. And although he did not state clearly that humans had evolved from monkeys, of course it was inferred. And one of his greatest supporters was a German zoologist by the name of Ernest Heckle. Ernest Heckle was convinced that Darwin was correct. In fact, he was willing to propose it would only be a matter of time when a missing link would be found showing the connection between apelike creatures and humans. And this is how the first fossil of *Homo Erectus* was discovered.

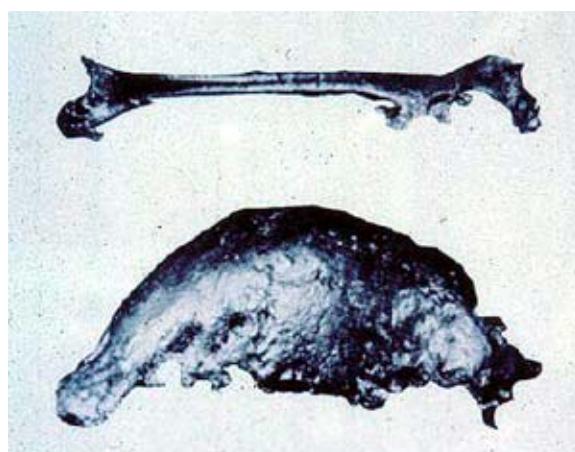
First of all, let me point out to you that Ernest Heckle was so enthusiastic that there would be a link found between apes and humans, he decided to have one reconstructed before anything had been found. That is, he hired an artist to paint what the missing link would look like *when* it was found.



And here we have the famous *Pithecanthropus allus* and his mate, and also a child. Ernest Heckle commissioned this painting of the missing link *before* anything was found.



Now Ernest Heckle had a graduate student by the name of Eugene Dubois. And Eugene Dubois was instructed by Heckle to find the missing link and he even told him where he would likely find it in Indonesia. And this is how *Homo erectus* first came about. Dutch archaeologist Eugene Dubois went to Java Indonesia but Dubois himself actually did not find these fossils. He hired some ex-convicts who were out on parole to go out and do the digging.



The Dutch archeologist, Eugene Dubois, discovered the first remains of *Homo erectus* at a site on the River Solo, near Trinil in Java (now Indonesia). The femur and skull cap of Java Man, as it was called, are shown here. Since the 1890s, when Dubois was working there, many other fossils have been found.

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They found a skullcap of a gibbon and then the following year, fifty feet away in that same location, a human leg bone and some molar teeth. Dubois was reluctant to announce that he had found the missing link. But later, after discussions with Ernest Heckle, he was convinced that he had found the missing link. And so, Java Man first appeared. And here is a model of Java Man based on the skullcap of an ape and a human leg bone. Before Dubois died he admitted publicly actually what he had discovered.



Here is a model of *Pithecanthropus erectus*, Java Man—which I took a picture in a museum of natural history in Beijing, where it stands today.

Then we have Neanderthal. Neanderthal is commonly considered to be one of these creatures that is evolving on its way up to become a modern man. It is rather brute-like. When the first fossils of Neanderthal were found, they saw that the brow of the skull was somewhat pronounced. The joints were enlarged. And so it was announced that a missing link had been found between apes and humans. It is a brute-like creature that existed in the past, on its way to becoming modern man. And this was one of the first depictions of Neanderthal.



And you will note it is very brute-like, very apelike, and he is carrying a club.

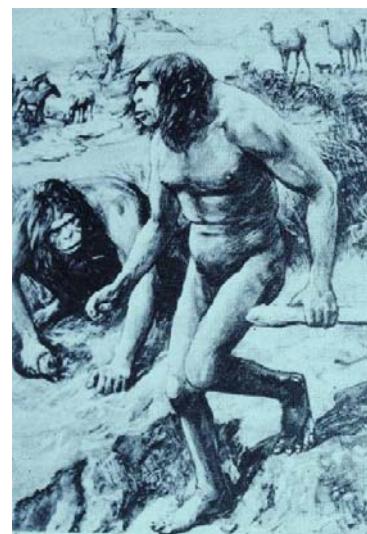
Numerous fossils of Neanderthal have been found and also scientists have reconsidered their interpretation. The brain capacity of Neanderthal actually is larger than ours! But they have also discovered that the reason there was a brow pronouncement and the joints were swollen was because this was a group of people that suffered from some kind of dietary deficiency. It was perhaps a bone disease like rickets.

Modern man is no different than Neanderthal other than these joint enlargements. And Neanderthal, as I said, has a larger brain. So there has to have been a reinterpretation.



And now we see Neanderthal—he has lost a lot of hair. Instead of a club, he carries a sharpened stick.

See this search for the truth on human origins has covered nearly every continent. And in America there has also been a contribution which is somewhat of an embarrassment. In the '30s, in Nebraska, a tooth was discovered. And scientists, at the time, thought they had found clear evidence of an apelike creature on his way to becoming man. And in the '30s, the *London Daily Times* which is a British newspaper, published this illustration or drawing of Nebraska Man.



And there you see Nebraska Man and his wife Nebraska Woman. Later, it was determined that from this single tooth the Nebraska Man had been reconstructed, and that tooth was actually the tooth of an extinct pig. So in America, the attempt to come up with a missing link failed.

Then we can go to Great Britain. For years a model of the Piltdown Man stood in the British Museum of Natural History, as a trophy to Darwinian evolution. Piltdown Man was found in the area of Piltdown in southern England. I have been there on a couple of occasions. Charles Dawson, who was an amateur biologist, found a skullcap in a gravel pit not far from his home. Later, when digging in the same pit he found a jawbone. He thought it was kind of an apelike jawbone and of course he put the two together and the jawbone along with the skull formulated Piltdown Man. Later upon closer investigation it was discovered the jawbone actually was the jaw of an ape. The teeth had been filed to make them look humanlike. The whole thing was a fraud. To this day, no one is quite certain what happened; whether it was Dawson himself who did this, or if somebody planted the jawbone in the pit and later that this became evidence supposedly for evolution—that is still in question. But whatever the case, Piltdown no longer is even considered to belong in the lineage. It too has been an embarrassment to the evolutionary community.

But constantly we see that this theory is being upgraded. And if you follow the news, whether it be through magazines, or journals or television news, you will see that almost monthly there is some new discover that is found, somewhere in some place. They are always finding something a little bit older than the last fossil that was found.

Let me give some examples. The cover of *Time Magazine*, August 23, 1999 reads, “How Man Evolved—Amazing new discoveries reveal the secrets of our past.” And in this magazine we have this article: “Up from the Apes—Remarkable new evidence is filling in the story of how we became human.” And again as we have mentioned, we require more than a story, we need evidence.

Here in the magazine we have the lineage now reconstructed: “How We Got from There to Here.” And we note this statement: “Common ancestor—No fossils found yet, but scientists believe the human and ape lines diverge between six and four million years ago.” There we see many of the examples we have already discussed. Some are still placed in the lineage of man, claiming that these are credible fossils, part ape and part human. The fossil that was found is listed as number one. It is called *Ardipithecus ramidus*. It was discovered by a Japanese anthropologist who was walking in a desert in Africa and looked over his shoulder at noon and saw a tooth in the distance. And as he states, I quote: “I knew immediately that I had found a very important hominid fossil.” He said this even before he picked it up! They claim that it fits into this period of time—a little over four million years ago.

Now let’s look at another article which is more recent, from July 23, 2001: “One Giant Step for Mankind: Meet your newfound ancestor, a chimp-like creature that stood up and walked 5.8 million years ago.” So now you see that in just a few years, another discovery has been made and they have found a fossil that is older than the previous one—from 4.4 million now to 5.8 million years ago. And this is called the newfound ancestor. But where did they find him? Well, this is rather interesting. *Time Magazine* shows us the location, it is called Ground Zero. “Scientists scour barren African hills where humankind was born in more fertile times, millions of years ago.” And I want you to note what this area looks like. It is an area that shows vast devastation from volcanic destruction. And there on the side of the hill, you see a group of scientists and they are looking for fossils. In fact, they are panning for fossils. There you see one of the scientists who has a pan. He is shaking through and he is looking for fossil evidence to prove that we have

evolved from brute-like creatures. And sure enough, he discovered something! What did he discover? A single toe bone! And from this single toe bone, these scientists were able to reconstruct our newfound ancestor.

You see, these are the facts. I am not making this up. My objective of showing you this is to have you think critically. But unfortunately, most people do not think critically. There it is on the page: "This Toe Bone Proves the Creature Walked on Two Legs." Well, I need more evidence. Remember in this lineage between apelike creatures and man, the ancestors are all extinct. There are none alive today. They lived in the past and now they have to be reconstructed.

Then we have another discovery, from *Time Magazine*, July 22, 2002—"Is This Our First Ancestor?" And yes sure enough, now scientists have gone back seven million years! In the previous session I presented to you how they claimed they found out it was that old. They could not even date in the area radiometrically. They had to look at the fossils that were there and then find another area where there were fossils and date that location with radiometric methods. And they have come up with this period of time they think is approximately seven million years old. And now we have one that is the oldest that has ever been found. And he is the father of us all. Is this really true? And once more the lineage goes back further and further in time as the new kid in the block, as they say, has come on the scene. And many people are convinced.

Richard Leakey, whom I have mentioned quite often in this series, in 1982 made a statement and I think this statement, is a fair statement. He said he once believed that we could trace the lineage of man back fifteen million years. But he came to this revelation one day that that was impossible. He said he had made a twelve million year error. He said the furthest we can go back in time to trace our ancestors is 3.75 million years. In other words, here is a scientist who says, "You know I used to believe this, but now I don't. I have made a mistake." That is good! But is he even correct in saying we can go back 3.75 million years? And if so, what did they find? Well, they found footprints. And these are the famous footprints found by his mother, Mary. By the way, isn't it interesting that Louis Leakey, Richard Leakey, and Mary Leakey (father, son, and mother), these three people have shaped the minds of billions of people with their theory.

Well, Mary Leakey took some measurements of a footprint found in volcanic material in Kenya. And they dated this material and that is where they came up with this age of 3.75 million years. Remember they have dated the lava dome at Mount St. Helens that was formed in 1980 and since and it dates millions of years. Are these dates accurate? Well, I think they are questionable. Well, there are the footprints and this is what Richard says: "These footprints are the best evidence we have of what our ancestors were like. And we can trace our lineage back to them."



Here is the area in which these footprints were discovered. And I want you to notice there is only a very small amount of material above the volcanic layer—just a few inches of turf. That has been removed and there you can see the scientists observing the footprints. And there are other footprints. You will notice in this photograph there is a left, right, left, right, left, right, left by the alleged ancestor as he walked through the volcanic material when it was soft. Just as if you were to walk down a wet cement sidewalk and leave your footprints there. And in fact, if you did they would have been exactly the same! Why do I say that? Well, notice in the insert there is a man standing next to one. And his pant leg is rolled up and his sock is removed. And the *National Geographic* states: “The form of his foot is exactly the same as ours.”

Now in the English language the word exactly means exactly. It is the same! So that is why I say, if you were to walk in this region today and that material was like a wet cement sidewalk and you had your socks removed and you walked down this area, you would leave exactly the same footprints. They would be identical.

Now *National Geographic* helped sponsor the Leakey Foundation as they were doing the research here. And this was a major discovery. So *National Geographic* invited an artist by the name of Jay Matterness to come to the location. He does a lot of artwork for various museums along with the tracker who had identified the other footprints. And there were many different footprints along with these alleged human footprints, so the tracker identified the footprints and then Matterness did the artwork to reconstruct what it looked like 3.75 million years ago. And here is the painting.



In the footprints that look like Guinea fowl, the artist painted Guinea fowl and they look exactly like Guinea fowl look today. In the footprints that look like giraffe footprints, the artist painted a giraffe and it looks identical to a giraffe that you would see today, anywhere in any zoo. In the footprints that look like elephant footprints, well the artist painted a herd of elephants and they look like elephants. In the rabbit footprint, the artist painted a rabbit just like a modern rabbit. And off to the side, it is difficult to see, there is an ostrich that was painted because there were ostrich footprints there. But in the footprints that are identical to ours (the same, with no difference) the artist painted two adult baboon, part-humanlike creatures without any clothes. One is carrying a baby, the other a stick. There it is in the name of science. But is this science or is this an interpretation of the evidence that shows strong bias to support the evolutionary assumption?

Richard Leakey says, the farthest back we can go to prove the validity of our human origins is to these footprints. But what was in the footprints? Do you trust the painting? I do not. By the way, I had to censor this particular one. But if you go to the Museum of Natural History in New York, this is what you will see. These are the models based on those footprints. And just last fall when I was in New York City, I went to the museum. I was standing in this very location and a professor and part of a university class came by. And the professor was pointing to these models and he said, “How can anyone not be convinced?” It is amazing! People do not think critically.

We have been looking at the lineage of man—this belief that we have evolved. Remember from the introduction of the textbook, we were told there are no living intermediates. They are all extinct. My question is, were there any intermediates? Did they exist? Or is this something which is simply in the minds of men? A way of attempting to explain our origins based on evolution.

In *The Human Odyssey*, which we read from the introduction earlier, we read this following statement: “The concept of evolution stands as one of the greatest ideas ever formulated by the human mind.” Really? I believe that evolution was formulated by the human mind but it was inspired spiritually. Yes indeed, Charles Darwin’s theory that proposed a way to explain away the Creator has been widely accepted. The statement by Donald Carl Johansen continues: “Through this book and the exhibit on which it is based, you will learn to better understand some of the questions all of us have asked some time in our life. Who are we? How did we become what we are? How do we fit into the natural world?”

Several years ago on my way back from Russia, as I was traveling through London, a friend of mine went with me to the British Museum of Natural History. I try to go there as often as I can. And I was standing there in a portion of the museum on the second floor devoted to the Ape Man lineage. And while we were standing there looking at the display, a mother and her daughter—I would say she was about five years old—came and stood in front of us. And the mother was reading some of the explanation on the display cards to her daughter. And her daughter said, “Mommy, that’s not the way God created us.” The mother continued to read the evolutionary explanation. The little girl said, “Mommy, Adam and Eve were not apes.” And the mother said, “It’s okay if you believe in God and the Bible. You’re just a little girl. I used to believe in God and the Bible but now I believe in evolution and you will too when you get older.” Do you know that coded into a child is a knowledge and understanding that there is a Creator? Do you know that much of the education community is geared to reeducating children so that they would disbelieve that there is a Creator. They are geared to believe in man’s speculation and refuse to acknowledge God’s clear revelation? That is exactly what is taking place.

Roger Lewin, from his book *Bones of Contention*, page 348, states the following:

It is an unfortunate truth that fossils do not emerge from the ground with labels already attached to them. And it is bad enough that much of the labeling was done in the name of egoism and a naïve lack of appreciation of variation between individuals. It remains inescapably true that applying the correct label is astonishingly difficult, not least because such labels are in a sense, arbitrary abstractions. Especially so with the material on which the analysis is being done is fragmentary and eroded. ‘It is an incredibly difficult problem,’ says Lord Zuckerman. ‘It is one so difficult that I think it would be legitimate to despair that one could never turn it into a science.’ (Lewin 348)

Lord Zuckerman is not a creationist. He is saying that these interpretations, these labels that we put on the fossils, are not legitimate. They are not science.

And I am reminded what Paul said to Timothy, “Be cautious of science, falsely so called” (1 Timothy 6:20). There are billions of people today in the world who do not believe there is a Creator, therefore they do not believe there is a Redeemer because they believe in evolution. They have been taught to believe in evolution. And I believe they have been deceived.

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science falsely so called, which some professing have erred concerning the faith.
Grace be with thee. (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

In summation, that is the evolutionary view of our human origins. In our next session we want to talk about God’s view—His revelation given to us from Scripture. And we are going to see, just as we read from Isaiah 55 that as high as the heavens are above the earth, so is God’s view on human origins than man’s view.

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Now we move on to session eight in our series, *Searching for the Truth on Origins*. In our last presentation, we looked at man's perspective on human origins. Now we want to look at the origin and history of man from a biblical perspective—that is God's revelation to us through Scripture. Let us begin by looking at a few verses of Scripture which will be a foundation to what I am going to be speaking to you about.

Ecclesiastes 1:9-11 says,

That which has been is that which will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, ‘See, this is new’? It has already been in ancient times before us. There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after.

Solomon tells us a very important principle in Ecclesiastes regarding history. History repeats itself! There is really nothing new under the sun. Whatever has happened before, it will happen again. If we want to understand what is taking place in the world today, we need to check out what has happened in the past.

As we are going to see, there are many things that happened in the past that are happening again today. When it comes to the subject of human history, God's revelation gives us some insights and understanding that you will not find in any secular university.

We used a Scripture in Isaiah telling us that God's thoughts compared to man's thoughts are higher than the heavens are above the earth.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

And again we have looked at man's thoughts in our last presentation. Now we want to look at God's thoughts given to us in the Bible. The Bible challenges us to check out history and to check out what the ancients were doing in the past. Job 8:8-13 says,

For inquire, please, of the former age, And consider the things discovered by their fathers; For we were born yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days on earth are a shadow. Will they not teach you and tell you, And utter words from their heart? “Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh? Can the reeds flourish without water? While it is yet green and not cut down, It withers before any other plant. So are the paths of all who forget God.”

What we want to do in this presentation is to inquire of the former age. That is, to check out from the Scriptures what man was like, what man was doing. And that is what we will do based on what the Bible teaches.

Let us look at the creation of man. You see the Bible makes it clear that man has been man from the beginning, He created Adam and Eve. God made man. Man came on the scene suddenly. There is no place in the Bible that describes this concept that over millions of years there was a progression of development from an amoeba to man. God does not say, “Over time, survival of the fittest, dog eat dog, brought about the existence of all forms of life.” No, the Bible says that in the beginning God created and He gives us that account of the various kinds of life that He created. And at the end of the creation week, He created man from the dust. And this is what we read in Genesis 2:7,

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

There are a lot of people who are very critical about this. On open-line radio programs, often hosts will say, “Let me ask, do you believe in Adam and Eve?” And I will say, “Yes. I believe God created Adam, the first man, and Eve the first woman.” They respond, “That is ridiculous!” I say, “Well, what do you believe?” They say, “I believe...” (they usually say if they are evolutionists) “that evolution is responsible for bringing man into existence.” So then I help them to understand what evolution teaches. I ask, “So you believe that an explosion of matter created a big cloud of dust and that dust condensed and became Planet Earth. And from Planet Earth, that dust (non-living material) formulated a cell. And a cell through hundreds of millions of years of random chance events became man?” They say, “That is what I believe.”

I would rather believe in God than an explosion. To me it makes more sense. You see we are made of dust. And God, being God, could take the dust and make us—that is what we are made of.

In Genesis we read,

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
(Genesis 2:21–22 KJV)

So Eve came into existence; that is what the Bible teaches. We are told that Adam and Eve were created in God’s image.

Genesis 1 says,

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26 KJV)

God created man with attributes and characteristics that God gave them. They were creative beings, loving beings, and caring beings. I believe they were humble beings, having all of the characteristics and attributes of God. God created man with a body, with a soul, and a spirit—with a free will. Man was created with a free will, so that man could choose whether or not he would remain in the relationship with the Creator. He did not create them as robots who were programmed only to love God. No, they had a choice. They were part of this perfect creation which we talked about earlier, and because they made a wrong choice, something happened to that perfect creation. There was a fall.

Genesis 1:31 tells us,

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
(NKJV)

So Adam and Eve were part of that perfect, harmonious creation. They had a relationship with the Creator that would have lasted forever. But they chose not to remain in the relationship because they disobeyed God and took of the forbidden tree. And that triggered the fall of man.

It is important to understand, if we are going to talk about the history of man, that we understand that there was a Creation of man and there was the fall of man. And in spite of the fall, it would seem that original man had tremendous attributes and capacities.

And the Genesis 4 record tells us about that. For example, in Genesis 4,

And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch.
And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. (Genesis 4:17 NKJV)

So regarding original man, in spite of the fall, these people were very intelligent! Adam was very intelligent. He used 100% of his brain when he lived as part of that perfect creation. And in spite of the fall, still these were very intelligent people. They could build cities and not just a bunch of mud huts.

They understood agriculture and animal husbandry. Genesis 4:20 says,

And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. (NKJV)

We are also told that these people (original man) shortly after the fall, could make and play musical instruments.

His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. (Genesis 4:21 NKJV)

They understood how to alloy minerals together. Genesis 4:22 says,

And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron.

Now do you see the picture? Are you getting a little bit of a glimpse of what the Bible teaches? From the beginning, man was man. Intelligent. Creative. He was building cities and understanding animal husbandry. He was making and playing musical instruments and alloying minerals together. He could write poetry and literature.

But as we know, something happened. We have previously discussed that in this series. God was troubled by the direction that man went. Man followed after the fallen spiritual dimension. You see, you cannot understand human history unless you understand there is a God who created, and He has an adversary who wants to destroy what God has made. He is the serpent, the dragon, the devil, and the one who deceives the whole world. Satan came to the garden and encouraged Eve to disobey God. As a result of the disobedience, that triggered the fall and then the degeneration of man.

And the wickedness and the perversion of mankind, according to the Scriptures, was very apparent. And because of their wickedness, God was grieved and He said, "I have to bring a destruction to this." And He warned and then He did bring destruction. And we have already made reference to that in this series—it was the great Noahic flood. This is when the fountains of the deep broke up. The windows of heaven were opened and the worldwide destruction occurred. And there were only a few survivors—eight humans and a representative of each kind of life. That great event happened and we can find the evidence in geology from the strata and from the fossils. And this event changed history.

We need to go back to the Scriptures now to see how mankind repopulated the earth following the great Noahic flood. And we turn to Genesis 11, the Tower of Babel scenario, beginning in verse one:

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. (Genesis 11:1-9
NKJV)

This is extremely important if you want to understand human history. You see, following the great flood, the people started to multiply. The Bible says they all spoke the same language. They lived together. And God had instructed them, "Move out! Repopulate the earth." And they said,

"No. We are going to join together." And in rebellion they built the city of Babylon. That is not what God intended for man.

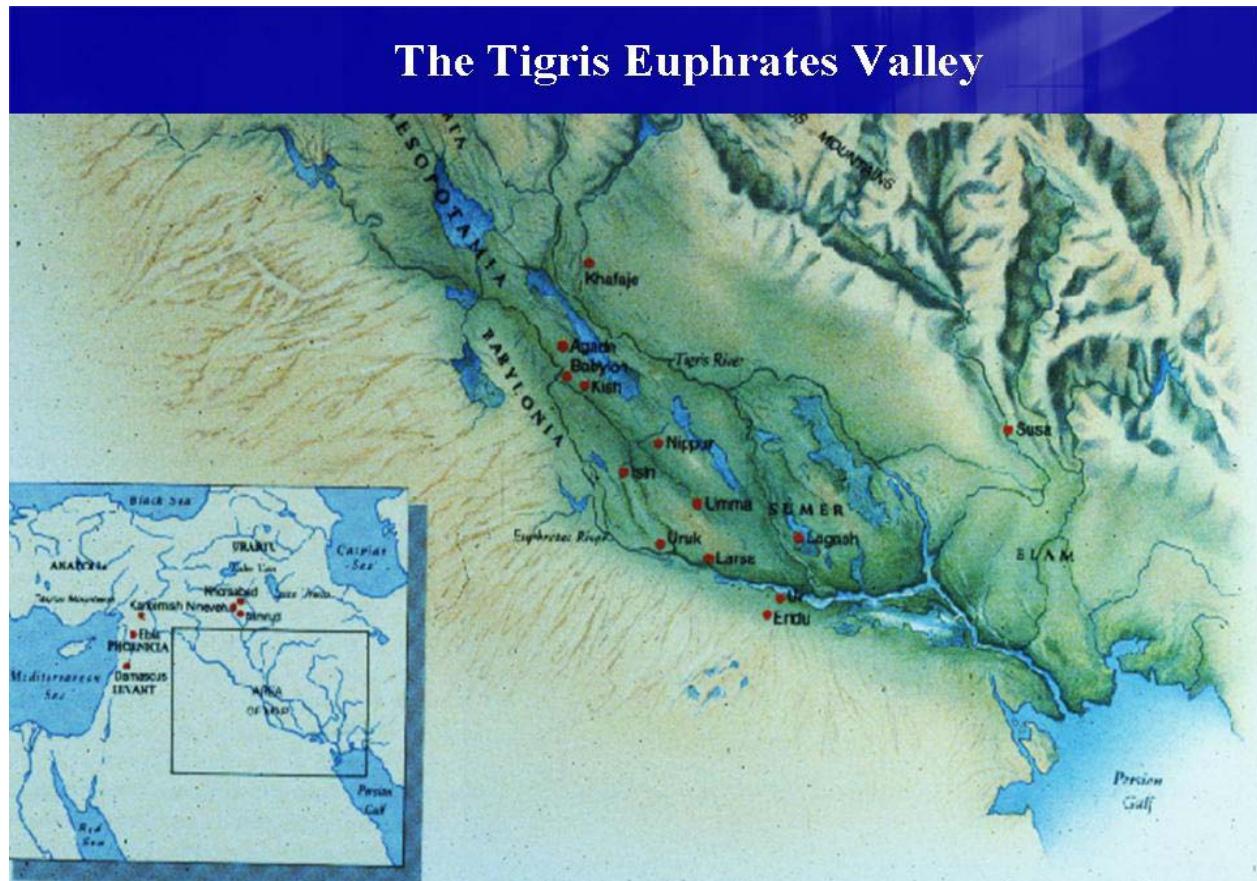
Secondly, they said, "Let us build for ourselves a tower that will reach the heavens." And this angered God. Now, why would that anger God? Some say, "Well, they were trying to climb up into the heavens to reach God." Oh no, that is not the case because we are going to see if we study archaeology, these people at that time were building ziggurats and pyramids and the purpose was to reach the heavens, not to reach God, but the gods.

What do we mean by the gods? Well, you remember in Genesis 3, Satan talks about gods? Who were they? There is a fallen spiritual dimension and there is a holy spiritual dimension. Throughout history, since the fall of man, Satan has attempted to interfere in the affairs of man. And here now at the Tower of Babel, once more they repeated what they had done at the time before the great flood. Rather than worshipping God who created everything, they began to worship everything that God created. The sun is god. The moon is god. The earth is god. That is what they were doing. God was angry and He confounded their language. And now they had to separate into various language groups.

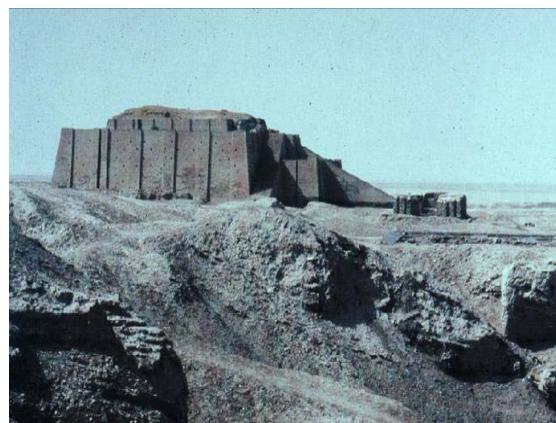
You see, the Tower of Babel scenario helps us to understand human history and why we have various races in various places. Earlier we talked about what happens when a gene pool gets segregated; or through selective breeding, how different features can be characterized. It was at this time that the human gene pool was divided into various groups because of language differences. Horizontal variation occurred, bringing about the different racial features and these people traveled to various places. It was at this time in human history that we see the sudden appearance of great civilizations.

If we look at the literature, we see that there are some mysteries when it comes to the subject of human origins. All kinds of journals and documentaries have been produced. Various magazines talk about the great civilizations of the past that suddenly appeared with no primitive beginnings. We can find books like: *Splendors of the Past*, or *Megaliths and Their Mysteries*, and *Mysterious Britain*. There is a series of articles out of *Reader's Digest* entitled, "In the Beginning; The Mystery of Ancient Egypt," "Palenque, Mexico's Mysterious Lost City," "Mysteries of the Maya," "Unsolved Mysteries of the Great Pyramid," "The Mystery of the Whirlpool Sculptures," "Mysteries of the Ancient World," "Mysterious Maya," "Mysteries of the Past," and "Mysteries of Mankind." Do you notice a common denominator? It is the word *mysteries*. Why are they mysteries? They are mysteries because the evolutionary worldview does not explain why these great civilizations suddenly appeared and they were doing incredible things. What were they doing? They were building cities! They were alloying minerals together. They were making and playing musical instruments and it goes on and on. But these great civilizations that are called *mysterious* can be understood in light of the Scriptures.

So now, what we want to do is to take a trip around the ancient world. And we want to look, first of all, at the ancient Samarian area where the Tower of Babel once stood.



The Tigris Euphrates Valley is where the Bible says that population took place, or the repopulation occurred after the great flood. Incidentally, this is the region that the world is watching to this day. We often hear about it in the news. It was in this region where archaeologists will agree that writing first occurred. We see numerous artifacts that have been found in this location, like the temple (ziggurat-like buildings) where they worshipped their deities—particularly the moon god.



Some of the paintings of the ancient Samarians have also been discovered.

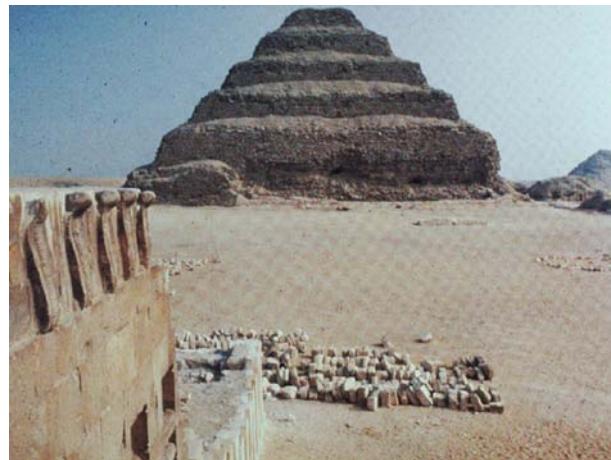


Here is a gold helmet which indeed shows that they understood precious metals. Archeologists find them in their burial sites, they were their gods made of gold.

This is the very location where the Bible says civilization began after the great flood. It was also in Iraq that they discovered an ancient battery. They did not know what it was when it was first found. Later, well it was found to be a battery. It could still generate electricity! The ancients could generate electricity? Yes, they could—in fact, electroplated artifacts have been found in numerous places.

We could go into the ancient Danube in Europe, where tools were found that were made of alloy minerals. Egypt of course, is famous for its monumental stone structures and pyramids. By the way, speaking of pyramids, these pyramids all over the world were called “gateways to the gods”. So when they were dispersed from ancient Babylon, they went to various places. And as we are going to see, in some places they built pyramids which were other ways to contact the spirit world.

Here is another example of a pyramid in Egypt. It is a ziggurat stepped structure, similar to the pyramids at Ur.



Notice the temple here in the foreground. It is decorated with serpents. By the way, we find around the world that that is associated with ancient pagan worship. The serpent is central and that can be understood in light of the Bible—the serpent, the dragon, the devil.

King Tut's sarcophagus was made of precious stones and gold.



Some of the jewelry associated with King Tut's burial were again made of precious stones and gold. Notice the ankh (that is the cross with the hook on it) is an occultic symbol that is popular today as part of the New Age.

The ancient Egyptians could also manufacture optical lenses. And they have discovered antibiotics like auramycin and terramycin buried in some of the tombs.

Then we could go over to the island of Crete, the great Minoan civilization. This civilization was wiped out and destroyed on two separate occasions, separated by approximately fifty years. It is interesting that this period of time corresponds to two major dates in the Scriptures—the Exodus and Joshua's long day. Great temples were buried along with materials. They have found human beings who were sacrificed to their gods while this destruction occurred.

Here are some of the temples showing the decoration with the stones that were laid down for a floor. The columns brought natural ventilation.



We can see the paintings on the walls, and in the ceiling here we see stones that have been inlaid to decorate the ceiling.

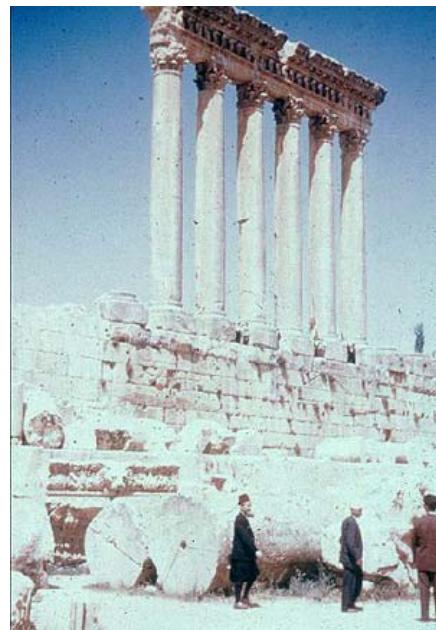


And there, in the tile, is the presence of the swastika. This goes back to 1500 B.C. and it is associated with the occult or pagan worship. And some of the décor in the temples of the Minoan civilizations also shows their artistic skill in their pottery.

This is in Lebanon, Baalbek. Here you see in the foreground, a very large stone that has been left in the quarry.



There is a man standing there to give you some of the perspective. It is sixteen feet high, fourteen feet wide, and over sixty feet long. It weighs over 2,000 tons. The ancients were able to move stones like this! We do not know how they did this. In the background there, you see some Roman columns. The Romans built on the ruins of a previous civilization that used these large stones.



There at the base of those columns you will see one of those stones that I mentioned earlier. The Romans brought these columns from Egypt, climbing over two mountain ranges to this location. Again, we do not know how they did that.

We could go to India. India is famous as well for ancient civilizations that were highly advanced. They built cities in Mohenjadaro with neatly aligned streets. They had hot and cold running water. The temples that they constructed for their worship were advanced. Their jewelry making was also advanced.

In Indonesia and Cambodia we see the same thing. Temples that were constructed that were very sophisticated, and decorated with feathered serpents.



Here is a ziggurat pyramid.

Then we can go to China, where we see the emperor's terracotta army.

The Emperor's Terra-Cotta Army

Partly excavated warriors, once painted, over the years have turned reddish from the soil

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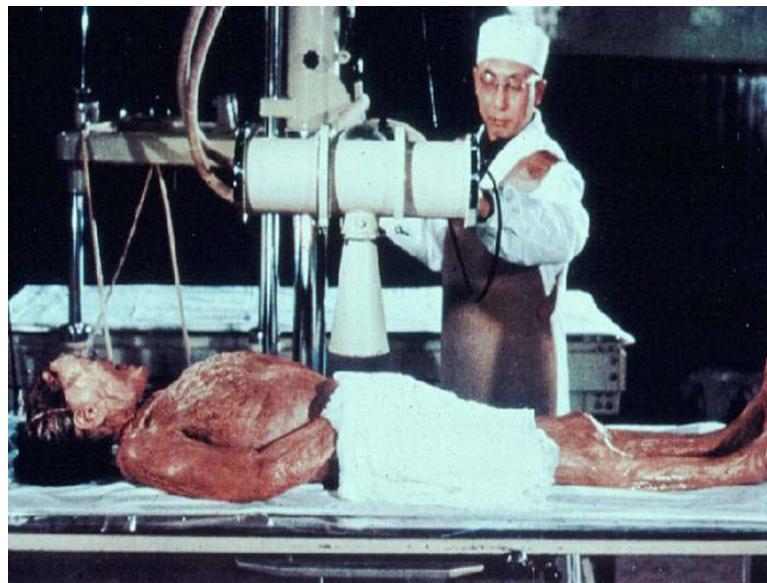


A GREEK myth tells of Jason and his Argonauts facing live warriors who have sprung from dragons' teeth sown in the earth. Now it has happened to the Chinese. A chance discovery in 1974 in an ancient capital city of China has led to China's most recent archeological find emerging from the earth: an army made of pottery more than 2000 years ago. Created as an impregnable guard to serve their masters in the afterlife, some 7500 life-size figures and horses were sculpted and brilliantly painted and

This is an army of 7500 life-sized soldiers and 7500 horses made to scale. Every single face of these ceramic soldiers is unique. It was in this location that they found a sword. It was buried 2100 years ago and the sword today is still rust resistant. It was made of thirteen different metals alloyed together. It is amazing when you go to China, you find the further back you go, the more amazing are their accomplishments!

Another thing that is interesting about China is that their history reveals they originally worshipped the god who created the heavens and the earth. It was called Chiang-ti. Then later in their history they began to worship the dragon. Well that can be understood biblically.

Here is a lady that was buried over 2100 years ago in China.



Her body was removed from a sarcophagus. Her body is so well-preserved that today an x-ray technician is able to examine the tissues of her body. They know the last meal she ate before she died. Here is the location where she was discovered.



As I said, she was found in this sarcophagus and buried with her was silk cloth that was printed, musical instruments, pottery, and a compact containing rouge and lipstick. Again as Solomon states, there is nothing new under the sun—history merely repeats itself.

Here is a very interesting location where I have been a number of times in Mexico, Central America.



This is the city of Teotihuacan and I am standing on the pyramid of the moon and taking a picture of the pyramid of the sun. If you measure the pyramid of the sun from corner to corner, it happens to be exactly the same dimensions as the Great Pyramid in Egypt—to the foot! Now how could that be? If you measure the height, it is one-half of the height. You see, the typical explanation is that people came to Central America only after it was possible for them to walk across the Bering Strait when it was frozen over. They would have traveled down through Alaska, down through Canada, the United States, and into Mexico. And of course, they say they evolved independently. But is that really true? Is it a coincidence that this pyramid in Egypt was constructed to worship the sun god and that it is almost identical (at least the basal dimensions are identical) to the Great Pyramid in Egypt? What is the common denominator? Well, these people originated from the same place. They understood the same principles. They were worshipping similar gods. And in fact, if you study—well, they call it mythology—you will see worldwide in the past that people worshipped similar deities and demigods.

As I said, you cannot understand human history unless you understand that God has an adversary, who is Satan, the dragon, the devil, the serpent. And there is a spiritual dimension, a fallen dimension with an objective to destroy mankind. And throughout history we see the evidence of the obsession of man, worshipping the fallen spiritual world. As I said, the pyramid that I was standing on, was the pyramid of the moon. These people were worshipping the sun as god, and worshipping the moon as god, exactly the same as what they had done in Babylon.

Then to South America in the city of Machu Picchu, which is 13,000 feet high in the Andes.



This is a great city where stones were cut and shaped and notched and placed into position. Many of the ancient cities of the past, we find not only in South America but we read about it in the Bible, were built up on high locations. The pagans worshipped on the high hills, their groves. They were obsessed with the spirit dimension.

We could go to ancient Europe to Britain, at Stonehenge.



This is an ancient astronomical observatory, where at certain times of the year, specifically the solstice days (that is the longest day and the shortest day of the year) the pagans would worship. It was at this time of the year that they believed their gods materialized.

Then we could go to a more recent ancient civilization, ancient Greece.



This is the Parthenon. It is interesting that the Parthenon just sits above, not too far from, an outcropping called Mars Hill. The Bible sometimes refers to this as the Areopagus. That is where Paul stood and witnessed to the pagans of his day. That is where Paul pointed out to them that they were spiritual. He said they were worshipping various kinds of gods, but they were not worshipping the God who created them.

You see that is exactly what occurred at Babylon. You think the people would have known better. They had been delivered by the Creator through this great flood. But it did not take that many generations and they removed God from their thinking and they went their own way. They said, “Let us build for ourselves a city.” They said, “Let us build for ourselves a tower to reach the heavens.” They rebelled against the Creator and they worshipped the creation instead. That is history.

We have looked at two views on human origins. We have examined the claims of evolution. We have discovered that it is science fiction to propose the lineage of man. It does not exist. We have examined the claims of creation, showing that there is a Creator who made man in His image and that man fell and that man became involved with the fallen spiritual dimension. But in spite of his fallen nature, we can see that man had tremendous abilities and attributes and characteristics. And we have been able to go out and look at the artifacts from archaeology. And what we would expect man was capable of doing, we found out he did.

In Richard Leakey’s, *The Making of Mankind*, let me read another statement from the foreword of his book:

Evolution can be shown to have happened and to talk of the theory of evolution, [he says] is grossly misleading. The theoretical aspect of evolution is simply the question of the mechanism by which evolution occurs. How does natural selection actually work? Can large populations change very slowly over long periods of time? Or did major evolutionary events happen relatively quickly in small isolated populations? These questions and the more complex issues arising from molecular biology and genetics are often discussed on theoretical grounds. That species do change and have changed, as a result of evolution, is a fact as incontrovertible as gravity.

He goes on further to say that believing in creation is ridiculous.

There are two views on human origins—man’s view and God’s. Do you know what Paul says will happen when we reject the evidence that God has created? He says the evidence is so clear and so obvious that if you reject it, you are without excuse. He goes on to say that our hearts will be darkened. And professing to be wise, instead, we will become fools who believe a lie. There is something else that he states. He says it is predictable that when man tosses God off the scene, rather than worshipping God, he will worship what God made—the creation. And it can be demonstrated that that has happened historically. With every civilization I have shown you here today, that is what they did. And where are they? All we have is their artifacts.

This idea that we have evolved from lower to higher, is the Darwinian view. But as we are going to see in our next presentation, the Darwinian view has prepared us for a whole “other world” perspective—that man will continue to evolve onward and upward to become a new and higher being. Darwin’s view is that we are connected to everyone and everything, and that it is only a matter of time before the next phase of evolution will take place. In order for that to happen, we can introduce various kinds of methods and therapies—the use of crystals, meditation, yoga, and kundalini which is a kind of yoga. By the way, that is called the serpent power.

I would like to take you on campuses where I go. I would like to show you what is being taught—the leading edge of thought today—regarding what is science. While Creation is being claimed to be religion, Eastern religion is being promoted as science, and the pagan practices of the past are being introduced. It is called the new spirituality. And that is where we are headed globally, religiously, to a one-world religion. This is a revival of ancient Babylonianism. And by the way, it is going to happen in the name of Christ. Evolution is preparing the way. In our next sessions we are going to go into this in some detail. You see when man removes God from his thinking, this is the exact direction in which he heads. It has happened before and it will happen again. The Bible makes it clear.

We talked about what the ancients were capable of doing with physical things. But the Bible indicates to us that the ancients also understood spiritual things. I will point this out to you from a few Scriptures.

Job 19 states:

Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. (Job 19:23-27 KJV)

This excites me! Job said, “I know my Redeemer lives and that in the last days He will stand on the earth.”

And in Judges we read,

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. (Jude 1:14-15 KJV)

Enoch who was the seventh from Adam knew about the Second Coming.

And in the book of Psalms 119:99–105, the psalmist writes:

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:99-105 KJV)

These are words of wisdom. These are important words for you and for me today. That if we want to understand our times, if we want to understand the past, if we want to understand where we are headed in the future, then we should trust and believe what God has said in His precepts. We should trust in the insights that are given to us in Scripture.

In this session and the previous session, we have looked at the subject of the origin of man and we have looked at the claims of man, and we have looked at the claims that have been given to us in Scripture about man from God. We can see that just as the heavens are high above the earth, so too are God's thoughts from man's thoughts. I trust that this information will have been helpful in building up faith in God and His Word. I trust this is giving you reason to always question or be critical of the claims made that are made in the name of science that cause people to doubt the reality of God's Word.

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It is my privilege to be continuing with this series, *Searching for the Truth on Origins*. Over the previous eight sessions we have looked at the creation-evolution controversy, examining the claims of evolution and the claims of creation. We have looked at the facts and the observable evidence.

In this session, we want to move on and look at the impact that evolution has had on society. And particularly in session nine, we are going to be talking about the impact of evolution in terms of how it has affected the world morally. As we begin, let's turn to Ephesians 5:8-17. Paul writes:

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (NKJV)

You see, what we are going to be doing in this presentation is to examine some of the trends, some of the things that are taking place in our world today, and try to understand what is occurring and why it is occurring. And we will be using the Bible as the Book that will give us insight and understanding. And as we look at these things that are taking place (make the observation of current events that are occurring in the world today) we are going to be able to observe that human behavior has a lot to do with whether we believe in a Creator or we do not believe in a Creator. According to the Scriptures, there are consequences when we reject the overwhelming evidence that God exists. And we will be looking at those consequences.

Now before we begin to look at the impact of evolution on society, I want to do a brief overview. We have had eight presentations talking about the creation-evolution controversy. We have examined the claims of evolution and the claims of creation. But now what we want to do is to look at an overview of the creation-evolution debate, just to review. What is it that evolution claims is true? What about creation?

Well, we will begin where the evolutionists begin and that is with the origin of the universe. It is believed that in the beginning of time there was a minute lump of matter which blew up. And as a result of an explosion of this very condensed lump of matter, we have everything which exists in the universe—the cosmos, the galaxies, our solar system, our planet earth, and everything on the planet including you and me.

But is this reasonable? Well, here is a fact: We know that explosions produce chaos and disorder, never order. Given time, all systems proceed in a direction from order to disorder. It never happens the other way around. This is a basic law of science. So the very foundational principle of the evolutionary model cannot be substantiated by what we observe.

Another principle of the evolutionary worldview is the claim that life originated in the distant, unobservable past, as a result of non-living materials coming together to formulate life. But has that ever been observed? And the answer is, no! It is a fact of science, that there is no evidence to show how life can arise from non-life. It has never been observed. All life we have ever observed comes from pre-existing life. This is a law of science. It is called the Law of Biogenesis.

We have the concept that evolution promotes that through time there has been a progression of life from lower to higher, from simple to complex. It is called the Darwinian “Tree of Life”.



So, here on the “Tree of Life,” we see this vertical progression that supposedly occurred. But what do we observe? No one has ever found the intermediates between the different kinds of life. Oh yes, we know that life changes but it changes horizontally, bounded genetically. But horizontal changes in no way provide a mechanism for the vertical change that would have had to have occurred if the Darwinian view is true. It is a fact that horizontal variation can occur within genetic boundaries, but we do not see the evidence in the fossil record that shows vertical variation of life as evolution claims. There are no missing links.

And then with the complexity of life, it is the assumption of the evolutionary perspective that all life can be explained given time and chance. But when we look at the basic unit of life—what do we see? It is impossible to explain. No one has ever observed a protein molecule which has come into existence by a process of chance, let alone the organelles which make up cells.

So we have another fact: Evolution claims the complexity of life can be explained by gradual minute changes over time. There is no mechanism that can show how the complexity of cells, tissues, and organs could evolve by chance and accumulated mistakes. You see there are some major problems with this worldview.

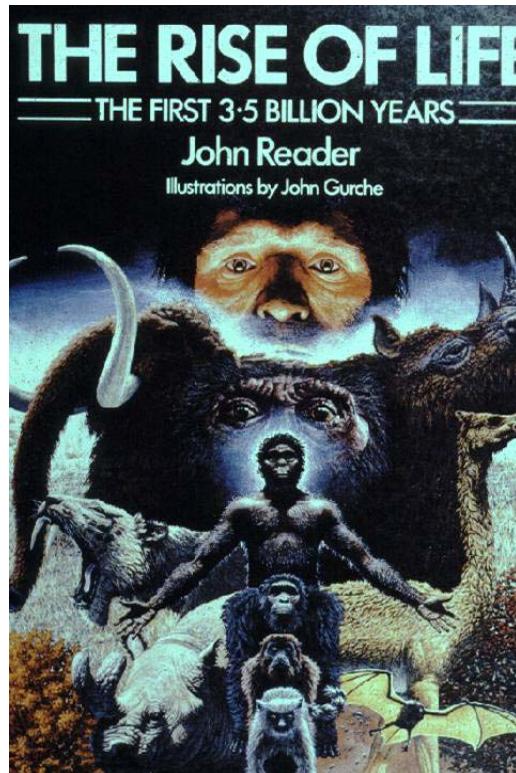
And with regard to the history of life, the claim is that through time, life has evolved from lower to higher, from simple to complex, from an amoeba to man. Hundreds of millions of years of time passed and layers were laid down gradually and we should find a sequence of life buried in the layers of the world, showing how this process occurred. But once more, it is a fact that it can be demonstrated that layers of the earth can form quickly and catastrophically. It does not require millions of years.

And it is another fact that we know that fossils were formed in some way that they are not being formed today, showing rapid burial. This would agree and fit exactly with the biblical claims that life, which was created, was destroyed in a worldwide catastrophic event. Worldwide!

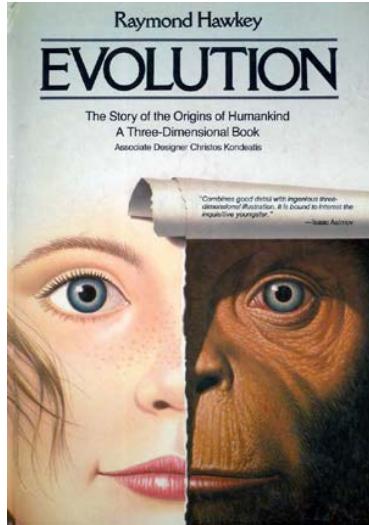
Next we examined the claims of evolution that man has arisen from brute apelike creatures. Many of these claims were outright fraudulent and outright hoaxes. But in other cases we saw wild speculation, as single bones (toe bones) were used to formulate entire creatures.

The facts show that man has always been man. The artifacts that have been left to us by ancient civilizations agree exactly with the biblical perspective, that man was created and had tremendous abilities and attributes. And when we look at the major accomplishments of the ancient civilizations—the cities that they built, their towers, their ziggurats, their pyramids, their ability to alloy minerals together—what does it say? The biblical creation view can be supported by the evidence. The evidence is overwhelming, but still the majority of intellectuals worldwide have chosen to discredit creation and accept evolution.

We see here on the front cover of this book, *The Rise of Life*, this progression or change through time.



And here is a book that is put together to challenge young people to think about evolution. In fact it is called, *The Story of the Origins of Humankind*.



It was endorsed by Isaac Asimov who states, “Combines good detail with ingenious three-dimensional illustration. It’s bound to interest the inquisitive youngster.” And when you open the book you see that it is very interesting looking. A volcano pops up and then this statement:

After countless chance encounters between organic molecules, an event created the universe in the depths of the seas about 3,500 million years ago. Groups of organic molecules came together to form living cells. (Asimov)

On another page there is a brute apelike creature walking along and again the statement that man has evolved. Well, this is certainly interesting, but is it based on factual information? You see it is rather clear that evolution is promoted but there are some real serious questions.

Now what I want to do is to examine the history behind evolution. We will examine those who founded the ideas—the founding fathers. We can only briefly look at some of these.

First of all, we begin with the Age of Enlightenment and we go back to the time of the French Revolution. This is when a number of individuals, who were very vocal in their presentations, made the claim that man was being held back in chains by religion. Perhaps you remember in history about the French Revolution. There was a great attack, of course, against the Bible. Bibles were burned. And the whole idea was promoted that we must throw away superstition and religion, and turn to man’s ideas. That was the Age of Enlightenment.

Well, in Great Britain there were numerous instigators in the Age of Enlightenment who had a great influence. One of these was a man by the name of Erasmus Darwin. That name should be familiar. He was Charles Darwin’s grandfather, who was born in 1731 and he died in 1802. Erasmus Darwin was a medical doctor but he had some ideas on the subject of origins. He wrote a book called, *The Zoonomia*, in which he laid out the idea that through time, life had progressed from lower to higher.

Erasmus Darwin was a religious man. He worshipped the gods Bacchus and Venus. And he seemed to have a personal agenda to attack biblical authority. Well, certainly he was not alone. In fact, he was one of fourteen members who formed what was called the Lunar Society. The Lunar Society met in Birmingham on the Monday closest to the full moon, which may give you some

insight into the spiritual interest that some of these men had. As I mentioned, Erasmus Darwin himself worshipped Bacchus and Venus. He was interested in Eastern philosophy, Eastern religion. The Lunar Society projected the concept that the biblical view of the origin of man was a mythological concept and what we need to do is rely upon science in order to determine the truth. It is interesting that Erasmus Darwin was one of the members of the Lunar Society, but so was Josiah Wedgwood—Darwin’s grandfather on his mother’s side.

Then there was this individual who was very influential, named Charles Lyell. Charles Lyell wrote *The Principles of Geology* that was published in 1830. And by the way, Charles Darwin had this book with him when he went on his journey to the Galapagos. It was Charles Darwin, along with James Hutton who formulated the geological chart we looked at earlier, in which they proposed that the earth’s history was very, very old. And over hundreds of millions of years of time, the layers of the earth were laid down gradually. And it was through these long periods of time that life lived and died and was buried in these layers.

Most people are not aware that Lyell knew exactly what he was doing. He had an agenda that was, as part of this whole era of the Age of Enlightenment, to cause people to doubt the authenticity of the Bible—particularly the Genesis record. And that can be documented.

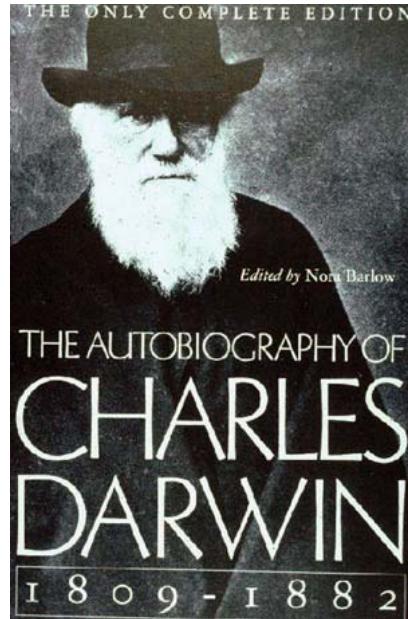
Charles Darwin once wrote regarding Lyell’s agenda,

Lyell is most firmly convinced that he has shaken the faith in the Deluge far more efficiently by never having said a word against the Bible than if he had acted otherwise... I have read lately Morley’s Life of Voltaire and he insists strongly that direct attacks on Christianity produce little permanent effect; real good seems only to follow the slow and silent side attacks. (Darwin, 587)

You see, Lyell’s objective was to cause people to question the Bible without attacking the Bible. And the way that he could do that is to present this view that the layers of the earth were laid down, not by any great global catastrophic event, but by gradual processes. The theory was called the theory of uniformitarianism; that is, that the present is the key to understanding the past. And that caused people to question what the Bible says about the creation that had been destroyed by a worldwide flood.

You see, Darwin himself was then able to use Lyell’s timeframe to substantiate the years that would be required for his idea of evolution to have occurred. And that is why reading Lyell’s book on the way to the Galapagos Islands was very important in helping Darwin formulate his ideas. Charles Darwin, of course, is often called the father of evolution; but certainly he is only one of numerous contributors. As we look into his life—in fact as we read his own testimony of some of the things that he said in the latter parts of his life—we can see that Darwin himself used evolution as a means of explaining away God.

Here is the only complete edition of his autobiography.



By the way, this was not published until 100 years after his death, by the request of his family, because of a number of things which he stated. I will quote to you as Darwin describes his journey. He says,

Whilst on board the Beagle, I was quite orthodox, and I remember being heartily laughed at by several of the officers for quoting the Bible as an unanswerable authority on some point of morality.

You see, Darwin himself had gone to seminary for three years. He believed in God. He believed in the authority of the Scriptures. But then something changed. He continues:

But I had gradually come, by this time, to see that the Old Testament from its manifestly false history of the world, with the Tower of Babel, the rainbow as a sign, etc., etc. and from its attributing to God the feelings of a revengeful tyrant, was no more to be trusted than the sacred books of the Hindus or the beliefs of any barbarian.

So you see, he once believed, then he doubted, and then he was very disgruntled. Then he makes this statement:

Thus disbelief crept over me at a very slow rate, but was at last complete. The rate was so slow that I felt no distress, and I have never since doubted even for a single second that my conclusion was correct. I can indeed hardly see how anyone ought to wish Christianity to be true; for if so, the plain language of the text seems to show that the men who do not believe—and this would include my father, brother, and almost all my best friends—will be eternally punished. And this is a damnable doctrine.

Charles Darwin stated, in his own writings that believing in Christianity, which is based on believing in a Creator, and believing that man is separated from the Creator because of sin, as he describes it, “is a damnable doctrine.” You see, for him evolution was the way that he could explain away his accountability to the Creator.

What happened in Darwin’s life that brought this about? Well, it is interesting and I picked up this book while I was at Darwin’s home, which is now a museum. It is about his daughter, Annie. And this book tells you what took place. It reads on the back cover:

This is the story of the personal tragedy that lay behind Darwin’s revolutionary understanding of man’s place in nature. The author, Randall Keynes, eloquently and convincingly shows how Darwin’s mature theory grew out of the interesting and intensely personal pain. His failure to find spiritual comfort after Annie’s death, strengthened and confirmed his trust in natural laws, evolutionary laws, later called the survival of the fittest.

So here it is. You see, this was a turning point in his life when his daughter died. He was angry. He was bitter. Darwin’s theory of course has influenced billions of people. He is called the man who has influenced the world. He is called the scholar who has changed human history. And it is really true.

Darwin is buried in Westminster Abbey. I have been there and when you go into the Westminster Abbey you will note that his grave—well, you cannot miss it, you will walk right over the top of it—it is right in the central walkway. I asked the guide while I was there, “Why would Charles Darwin be buried here?” He said, “I don’t understand your question.” I said, “Well, is this a Christian church?” The guide said, “Yes, of course.” I said, “Charles Darwin was hostile towards Christianity.” And I simply explained to him what Darwin had said in his autobiography, that Christianity was a damnable doctrine. He said, “Well, I can’t answer your question, but I tell you there is a place here where there are archives and maybe somebody there will be able to do that.”

So he directed me to a library where I went and I asked the librarian the same question. “Why would Darwin be buried here?” And he took me to a shelf and he pulled down a book and this is what I read. From the book by Ronald Clarke, *The Survival of Charles Darwin, a Biography of a Man and an Idea*, page 197, I quote: (23:10)

Following his death which occurred April 19, 1882 his family planned to bury him in the cemetery at Down where he lived. But on April 21, twenty members of Parliament, including Henry Campbell Bannerman, the future prime minister of England, wrote the dean of Westminster, Dr. George Granville Bradley and stated the following; “We hope you will not think we are taking a liberty if we venture to suggest that it would be acceptable to a very large number of our fellow countrymen of all classes and opinions, that our illustrious countryman Mr. Darwin should be buried in Westminster Abbey.” (Clarke, 197)

See he was a very famous person and they wanted him buried there. But it is very clear, by his own testimony, that he was not a believer. Well, there are some who say on his deathbed he claimed that what he had believed and what he had taught was not true. I do not know. I was not

there. All I know is that his ideas have been used by many, many people to explain away the Creator.

You see, even Christians have been influenced by these concepts that were put forward by Lyell—the concept of the earth being millions and millions of years old. And it was during the time, even pre-Darwin, that Hugh Miller came up with what was called the Day-age Theory. You see, they were looking for some place in the Bible to put the millions and millions of years. So Hugh Miller proposed that a day really is not a day. A day is millions and millions of years. Well, that idea is still widely accepted.

And then there was the Gap Theory that was put forward by Thomas Chalmers, who lived between 1780 and 1847. This is another theory attempting to accommodate the timeframe of evolution into the Scriptures. Between Genesis 1 and Genesis 2, they say there were billions of years there and that is when life lived and died. The Bible says that death occurred as a result of Adam’s sin and not pre-Adamic. These theories are widely upheld today by many Christians, attempting to accommodate the evolutionary ideas’ timeframe into the Scriptures.

Now as we mentioned, Darwin is very influential. I am going to explain to you how influential he was, particularly in the communist world. Well for now, many of these places were formerly communist because there have been some changes over the past decade. The former Soviet Union, of course, for over seventy years presented Darwinian evolution without any alternative. You see this was Karl Marx’s concept. “There is no God. Religion is the opium of the people,” he said. And so when Darwin came up with this theory, Marx was so enthusiastic he attempted to dedicate one of his works to Charles Darwin. Well, Darwin was part of the Wedgewood family and they were capitalists. Darwin could not accept. But for seventy years Darwinian evolution was advanced in Russia and other republics of the former Soviet Union. It was called scientific atheism.

There is a picture of me standing beside a statue of Darwin in the Moscow Darwin Museum. You see evolution was propagated elsewhere—Albania, for example. The people there were indoctrinated that there is no God. I have been to Albania several times. On the last occasion I spent time, actually staying with a medical doctor. We were exactly the same age. We had grown up through the same era and he told me during communist times, a patient came to him and asked him a question. He said, “Doctor, do you think that evolution explains the complexity of the human body?” And the doctor quietly said to the patient, “Please don’t repeat this,” but he said, “No, I don’t.” And the patient went to the government officials. He was an informant and he said, “This doctor doesn’t believe in evolution.” And he was tried and he was sentenced for two years in jail because he was rebellious to party philosophy.

In the mid ‘90s I had the opportunity to travel with several others to a large symposium in Beijing where it was supposed to be open to presentations on Christianity. But when we arrived, we were interviewed by government officials. They said, “Who here is planning to speak on creation?” Dr. John Morris and I indicated that we were. And they said, “Well, you cannot speak on creation because that would be an attack against our ideology.” You see evolution is foundational to those who want to promote the atheistic, humanistic worldview.

Here in the West, evolution has also been indoctrinated, but perhaps not with quite the zeal that there was in the former communist countries. But it is becoming that way. You see, the founding fathers of the Humanist Manifesto—John Dewey, Francis Potter and others—they laid out the principles of their faith. In *Humanist Manifestos I*, is the statement:

The time has come for widespread recognition of the radical change in religious beliefs throughout the modern world. The time has passed for mere revision of traditional attitudes. Science and economic changes have disrupted the old beliefs. Religions the world over are under the necessity of coming to terms with the conditions created by a vastly increased knowledge and experience. In every field of human activity the vital movement is now in the direction of candid and explicit humanism.

And then they make this statement—the two foundational tenants of the religion of humanism:

- 1) Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existent and not created. 2) Humanism believes that man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of a continuous process. So it is very clear, there is no God. We are here because of evolution.

Here is a book entitled, *The Women's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets*. I have seen it in a number of universities. It is a textbook for feminist classes. The author is Barbara Walker and this is what she states:

The theory of evolution showed man could not have fallen.
There is no original sin and therefore no need of salvation.
(Walker)

In 1869 a German theologian, Dr. Schund said,

If Darwin be right in his view of the development of man out of a brutal condition, then the Bible teaching in regard to man is utterly annihilated.

The American Episcopal Church said,

If this hypothesis be true, then is the Bible an unbearable fiction. Then have Christians for nearly 2000 years been duped by a monstrous lie. Darwin requires us to disbelieve the authoritative word of the Creator.

Then another theological heavyweight declared,

If the Darwinian theory is true, Genesis is a lie. The whole framework of the Book of Life falls to pieces and the revelation of God to man, as we Christians know it, is a delusion and a snare.

Then Walker continues,

These gentlemen were right. The theory of evolution does indeed contradict the biblical creation myths and the dogma of the fall.

So there it is very clear. Here is a person who is not a believer who understands very much how significant creation is to Christianity. Oh, I would wish that many Christians would see this, but they do not comprehend how important creation is. In fact, many have embraced evolution.

Since I have become a creationist and then a Christian, I have been following the agenda to advance evolution. I am going to list a few of the books that I have collected. Books like: *Scientists Confront Creationism*, a series of essays edited by Laurie Godfrey; a book entitled, *Fallacies of Creationism*; another entitled, *Abusing Science: The Case Against Creationism*; a book called, *Evolution and the Myth of Creationism: A Basic Guide to the Facts in the Evolution Debate*; a book by a British author, Richard Dawkins, *The Blind Watchmaker: Why the Evidence of Evolution Reveals a Universe Without Design*. What do these books say? Well, the same thing—people who believe in God are narrow-minded, religious bigots, who are trying to push science back into the Dark Ages. And they have all the same kind of arguments and attempts to support evolution.

In *Science and Creationism: A View from the National Academy of Sciences*:

As historic representatives of the scientific profession and designated advisor to the federal government in matters of science, the academy states unequivocally that the tenants of creation science are not supported by scientific evidence, that creationism has no place in the science curriculum at any level and that its proposed teaching would be impossible.

This is a more recent version put out by the National Academy of Sciences, *Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science*, in which they state:

Evolution is the central organizing principle that biologists use to understand the world. To teach biology without explaining evolution deprives students of a powerful concept that brings great order and coherence to our understanding life.

Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve states:

In order to teach life science, earth science, or astronomy, evolution should be a fundamental, central concept of the curriculum. Evolution which Darwin described as descent with modification is the central organizing principle of life science.

And finally here is a publication put out by the American Skeptics Association, authored by Michael Sherman. It is called, *Twenty-five Creationist Arguments and Twenty-five Evolutionist Answers*. And the goal was to place this publication in the hands of every science teacher in North America. On the cover of the book, two hands are holding onto a church and the church is being stuffed into a box labeled “science.” Science of course is representing evolution, and the church is representing creation. This picture really describes the agenda to suppress the creation movement, and to advance evolution without opposition.

And by the way, this agenda is the same in the UK and other parts of the Western world. I travel a lot around the world and wherever I go I find that there is opposition to the creation movement. For example, when I was in Northern Ireland in 2002, there was a great debate going on because there were some teachers in a school in Gateshead, England, who were presenting an alternative

to evolution. Well actually, they were simply challenging evolution and it was in the news headlines. The article entitled, “Creationism in Schools” states:

Last week scientists, philosophers, and church leaders condemned Immanuel City Technology College in Gateshead for promoting creationism. Secular campaigners called on ministers to ban teaching of creationism in the state-funded schools, warning that failure to do so would allow every crackpot religious group to start peddling their own mad fantasies in schools. The senior staff at Gateshead delivered a series of lectures giving teachers tips on how to question the theory of evolution. (The *Independent*, March 19, 2002)

Well, what is wrong with that? Isn’t that what science is all about? Aren’t we supposed to be able to challenge? Apparently not!

Richard Dawkins who wrote the book, *The Blind Watchmaker*, has a position at Oxford University. It is called Public Understanding of Science. He promotes evolution wherever he can and he was writing in the newspapers. He was quite furious by what was taking place. The subtitle of Richard Dawkins’s book is, *Why the Evidence of Evolution Reveals a Universe Without Design*. And in the *Daily Telegraph*, March 18th he said, there are three kinds of people when it comes to the subject of origins, those who believe that God created—they believe the Bible. Secondly he said there are those who believe that God used evolution—like Pope John Paul II. And then he said there are people, like himself who is an atheist, that believe in evolution. He said he is having difficulty in trying to educate the public into believing in evolution. So he said he is going to throw his support behind the Pope and others who promote the idea that God used evolution.

The *National Geographic*, November 2004 says, “Was Darwin Wrong?” Well, do not hold your breath. When you open to the article, the answer is, “No! The evidence for evolution is overwhelming,” they say. And they give the same arguments.

Just November 11, 2004, *Ledger-Enquirer* says, “Georgia Evolution Dispute Embarrasses Some.” There the department of education was going to put labels in biology textbooks that evolution was a theory. The ACLU was furious. They said, “You can’t do that! You’re allowing Bible-believing Christians to have their way.” They just simply wanted to challenge evolution.

John Reader in his book, *The Rise of Life*, states,

The simplest explanation attributes life on earth to the work of some supernatural force which has ordered that things be so. This explanation has the unquestioned merit of encompassing everything. There is nothing that the implication of a supernatural force cannot explain. No question remains if God was behind it all. Belief in the omnipotent God is all that is required. (Reader, 9)

You see this man who is an evolutionist, knows what the alternative is—that there is a Creator and that there has been a creation. But he and others insist that this concept should not be even considered.

Now we have looked at this agenda. And I have this question: What are the consequences when individuals or a society willingly chooses to ignore the evidence for creation? Well there is a biblical answer for that question and it is found in Romans 1:18. This is what Paul states:

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
(Romans 1:18-23 KJV)

What is Paul saying? It is very simple. The evidence that God has created is so obvious from the things that He has made. When you willing choose to ignore or reject that evidence you are without excuse. And Paul describes what man will do. He said rather than worship God he will begin to worship man and birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things.

Which reminds me of a statement made by Carl Sagan in his book, *The Cosmic Connection*, he wrote:

As co-equal recipients of this precious patrimony of four and a half billions of years of evolution, why should the identification not apply also to other organisms on earth which are equally the product of four and a half billions years of evolution. We care for a small fraction of the organisms on earth. Dogs, cats and cows for example, because they are useful or flatter us. But spiders, salamanders, salmon and sunflowers are equally our brothers and sisters. (Sagan 7)

That is exactly what Paul said will happen when you willingly choose to ignore God. Paul continues in verse 24:

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. (Romans 1:24-25 KJV)

They will reject the truth, and the context here is creation, and Paul says that they will accept the lie. What is the opposite of Creation? Evolution. And he continues:

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against

nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. (Romans 1:26-27 KJV)

What is Paul taking about? Well, it is very simple. He says, men with men, women with women—homosexuality! And it is interesting that in the news currently, this is exactly what we hear. And by the way, to say anything about this publicly, that is to speak against it from the Bible, well, it could be considered a hate crime. That is the direction that society is headed. But Paul says this is exactly what you can expect when you remove God from man’s thinking. Man begins to make his own rules.

Paul continues in verse 28,

And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiseful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (Romans 1:28-32 KJV)

You see, the Bible describes a scenario of human behavior of what takes place when man removes God from his thinking—when he rejects the evidence of Creation. And when we look around us in the world today, the very things that Paul describes are the things that are happening.

Time Magazine, “Infidelity, It May Be in Our Genes. Infidelity is the result of the evolutionary drive for humans to have as many offspring as possible with as many partners as possible, an evolutionary psychologist states.”

Articles such as: *Newsweek*, “Murder; A Week in the Death of America”, *Newsweek*, “America Under the Gun. What must be done?”, *US News*, “Kids Who Kill”, and *Newsweek*, “Massacre in Colorado”—all of these visuals are still in our minds of the things that are happening in this country. “Violence Goes Mainstream.” “How Could She Do It?” “Parents Killing Their Children.” “When Violence Hits Home.” “Evil, What Makes People Go Wrong?” And with the abortion issue, now we even have pills to kill children before they are born.

What has happened to our society? Exactly what we would expect based on the biblical view, and particularly in a period of time called the last days.

Paul, writing in 2 Timothy: 3:1-5 says,

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers,

incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors,
heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from
such turn away. (KJV)

The very language used to describe human behavior in the last days is the same terminology that Paul uses in Romans chapter one to say this is what will happen to people who remove God from their thinking because they have accepted a lie.

You see, this book gives us insight and understanding. What about the past? In the past eight sessions that is what we have been dealing with, the biblical view of the origin and history of life. And we can see that you can back it up and support it with the observable evidence. But it also helps us to understand what takes place today, presently in the world, to a society that removes God from their thinking. The Bible is true. I trust that this presentation will help us to better understand the impact of evolution on our society, morally.

In our next session we are going to look at the impact that evolution has had on our society spiritually and how that can be understood in light of the Scriptures and where we are headed in the future.

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We are going to continue now with session ten. And our topic this time is called “The Impact of Evolution on Society, Morally and Spiritually, Part 2.” In our past session we looked at what happens to a society that willingly chooses to remove God through the evolutionary indoctrination. Now I would like to talk to you about what takes place to individuals or a society spiritually.

We begin by turning to Jeremiah 11:9-11,

And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. (KJV)

You see, according to the Bible, there is a pattern that takes place. When man removes God from his thinking, he will eventually begin to seek after spiritual reality. We saw in Jeremiah’s time, man turning away from God to the gods, and the prophet warned that judgment is coming.

The Bible also indicates to us that history repeats itself. In Ecclesiastes 1, we are told that there is really nothing new under the sun. Whatever has happened before, can happen again. And so, it is important when we check out history (that is biblical history) to see what has taken place to man spiritually. In order to do so, we need to go back to the Garden of Eden where the fall occurred. You will recall what occurred—Eve took of the forbidden tree. God had instructed Adam and Eve not to take of the forbidden tree, and Satan came to the Garden of Eden in the embodiment of the serpent and enticed Eve to disobey God. She did. Adam did. And as a result of their disobedience, it triggered the curse upon Adam and Eve and upon the entire creation.

Then as we read through the Genesis record, we see that the wickedness of mankind became so great, that God was grieved that He had created man. And then He warned of and He brought a judgment, which was the flood—a worldwide catastrophic event. There were eight survivors. That great Flood destroyed the world.

In one of our previous presentations, we looked at what occurred. An original earth much different than the earth we know today, was wiped out and destroyed as the fountains of the great deep broke up. The windows of heaven were opened in some sort of a cosmic catastrophe, and the waters covered the land. There were tremendous waves sweeping over the land masses, burying and destroying life. The Bible says there was a flood and the evidence on earth supports it.

Now those who survived, you would have thought they would have been the most obedient people who had ever lived! But the Bible tells us that it did not take very long and these survivors began to multiply and have families. God once more called them to spread around the world and they ignored what He wanted them to do.

Genesis 11:1-4 says,

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
(KJV)

So rather than being obedient to God, they were disobedient. The Bible tells us they built a city and a tower.

And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. (Gen 11:5-8 KJV)

The city of Babylon was a real place, built by real people, who were survivors of the flood. They were in rebellion to God and they built a tower to reach the heavens not by height, but to communicate with the spirit world. And you cannot understand biblical history unless you understand that God has an adversary, Satan. And Satan has followers, the fallen angels. And ancient man, as we are going to see throughout history has constantly been involved in communicating with that dimension which God forbids.

The people were dispersed, as various groups that spoke similar languages went to various places. Archaeology bears up the fact that all over the world, we see the sudden emergence of great civilizations who built cities and temples and pyramids, like those in Egypt, Indonesia, or in Central America—all over the world. These people were worshipping the gods. They believed the sun is god, the moon is god, and the earth is god. We see this in the archaeological remains of great civilizations.

So this is exactly what the Bible claims, that removing God from man's thinking, man will turn to the gods. And as Jeremiah said, judgment comes upon civilizations that go this direction. And when we look at the archaeology of ancient civilizations, we see the artifacts, but where are the people? They are gone! They have disappeared! The children of Israel fell into this trap. Repeatedly the Bible says that God instructed them to be obedient to His Word.

Deuteronomy 30:15-18 says,

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply:

and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. (KJV)

So it is a clear warning that they were not to get involved as the pagans surrounding them in their practices. And what happened? Judges 2:11-12 says,

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. (KJV)

And we know from biblical history what occurred; there was judgment on the children of Israel because they were disobedient. They had not listened to what God had said, and they were exiled into judgment where many perished.

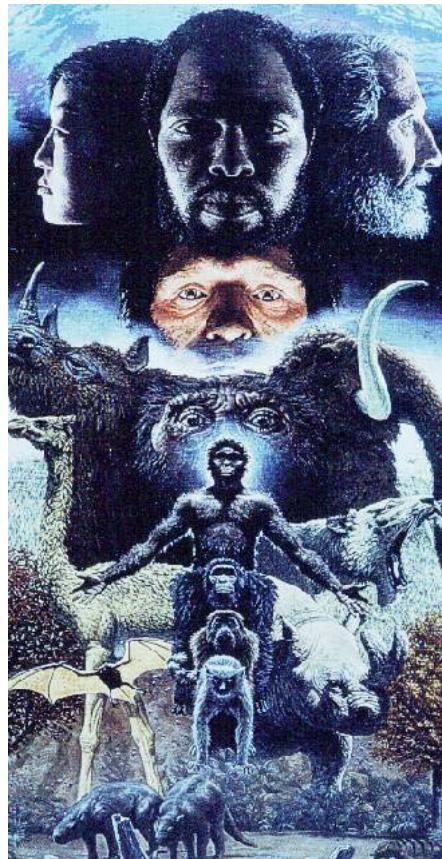
There is nothing new under the sun, as we stated. Ecclesiastes 1:9-11.

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. (KJV)

Now what I want to do in this presentation is to demonstrate that in our generation we have seen a situation which is preparing us to accept the gods—that is the practices of the ancient pagans. In a society which boldly proclaims that we have intellectually discovered all that we can discover through man's ways. This is a society that has willingly chosen to reject the Creator through evolution. We are going to see that we are following on the same pathway as the ancients. There is nothing new under the sun and history is being repeated. But I ask the question—could it be that history may be repeated for the last time?

Over the past couple of decades, since I have become a Christian, I have been following this particular movement. It is called the *New Age*. Actually I was making observation of things that were taking place before that term *New Age* was even coined, in the late '70s and early '80s. I started to notice that there was a reintroduction into society of many of the pagan practices of the ancients, in terms of studying archaeology and seeing what the people of the past were doing. And then I began seeing how it was being reintroduced into society today, and I wondered what was happening. Well, that is when the phrase *New Age* became popular. The question is whether the *New Age* is *new* or is it just something which is reoccurring? And we are going to be looking at some of these practices. Well, one thing I can tell you is that the *New Age* movement could never have occurred without evolution as its foundation. And I will demonstrate.

We looked at this book previously, *The Rise of Life*, which shows the progression from lower to higher on the front cover.



But notice the additional artistic representation of the progression of life through time, from lower to higher. On this chart, we see three heads above the single head. You see, this is the new man that is supposedly emerging. That man is on his way onward and upward to higher dimensions of consciousness through the evolutionary process.

You see, the idea of New Age thinking is simply this—anything and everything can be god, including man. Because evolution is behind all things, it is that force which guides and directs things onward and upward. It interconnects anything and everything. There was an explosion and as a result of this explosion, we have the universe and everything in it. Evolution must be sort of a guiding and directing force.

But there are certain methods and techniques that can be introduced in our era to help man to take the next step of evolution, to enlightenment. Well, it may be crystals, or it may be the use of meditation. By the way, there are certain practices of yoga and meditation which all come out of Eastern religion, and some are called the serpent power—the Kundalini. This will be very familiar to those who know the Bible, because the Bible talks about the serpent. And incidentally, the first lie recorded in the Bible is when the serpent said to Eve, “You can be as the gods.” You see, you do not need to be locked into this dimension. There is more available to you. You do not need to be locked into this dimension. There are things in a higher dimension and so those ideas are becoming quite popular.

Attempts at reaching this higher dimension are made through the use of crystals; or maybe reconsidering the practices of witchdoctors; perhaps looking at the things of the shamanistic world; the use of the horoscope, astral projection, out of body experiences, or channeling—that is, attempting to contact the spirit world or the dead. Or there are other means through creating your own reality through visualization or using color or sound as the means of enhancing higher consciousness. There is also the study of geomancy—living in harmony with the earth.

Now I have collected thousands of books that I have in my library, and I have purchased them at universities and at colleges. Because you see, since the mid ‘80s this has become the leading edge of thought: the equinox and the solstice ceremonies of moon and sun worship is something which is world-wide. I travel to many different places (over forty countries in the past fifteen years) and wherever I have traveled, I have seen the same thing. I see a fascination with the supernatural, the New Age. In Germany there is an interest in astrology. In Argentina there is an interest in crystals. I spoke at a university in Argentina on the subject of the New Age and the entire audience—and I was speaking to university students—were involved in these methods and techniques. In Chile there is an interest in yoga. In China the interest is in astrology. In England there is an interest in witchcraft and the occult. In Japan people are going to what is called a mind gym. They are strapping on goggles with pulsating lights, listening to certain kinds of music to relieve stress.

Several years ago when I was in Tokyo, I went into a very large bookstore and one entire floor was dedicated to New Science, New Biology, New Age. And there were a number of people there and they were carrying out armloads of books. So, with a translator, I went to one of these young ladies and I said, “What are all these different kinds of books?” She explained to me, “They teach me how I can be a higher being.” I asked her, “Why would you want to be a higher being?” She said, “Because I am tired of living in this materialistic world.”

You see, this is common world wide. I have been to many of the republics of the former Soviet Union and again it is the same thing. Seventy years of promoting evolution through atheism did not produce an atheistic society; it produced a society hungry for spiritual reality.

For example in the Ukraine, there is a fascination with the occult, also in Latvia, in Romania, in Kazakhstan, and in Russia. One teacher told me, “For so many years we were told that we could believe in nothing. Now we believe in everything.” And that seems to be the way it is.

When I arrived in Russia in 1990 and we were giving lectures to groups of scientists, in the question and answer period, the questions were never based on science; they were based on spiritual things. These people were hungry for spiritual reality. You see, they had been forced to believe in the non-existence of God and they were looking for spiritual things, but they were looking in the wrong directions.

Now let us get back to North America. Here is a book called, *The Possible Human: A Course in Enhancing Your Physical, Mental and Creative Abilities*, by Jean Houston. In this book, she has a chapter called “Exercises in Evolutionary Memory.”

Several years ago, those who witnessed a spectacle on the lawn of the University of California in Santa Barbara, where a wriggling sea of bodies—350 teachers, professors, physicians, psychiatrists, ministers, nuns, social workers and other members of the professional establishment—crawled over and under each other in a state of active reptilian regression, stared at one

another and me with total disbelief. And yet this scene and similar ones have now been repeated hundreds of times.
(Houston)

You might wonder, *what were these professional people doing?* Well, they were going through this evolutionary memory. Jean Houston instructed them to visualize what it was like in their earlier stages of evolutionary development. At first you lie flat, in this case it was in the grass, with your hands beside your side, and you roll from side to side and you visualize what it was like at the fish stage of your evolutionary development. Then you move on and you become an amphibian and then a reptile. That is why they were crawling over each other at the reptilian stage. And then moving onward and upward into an early mammal, late mammal, early man and finally after two and a half hours of this so-called therapy, you become *enlightened*.

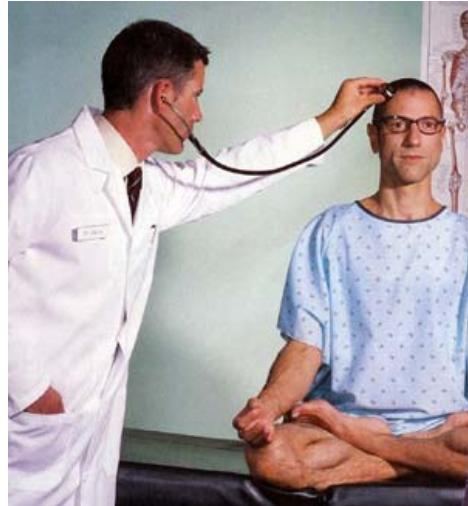
And as Jean Houston describes,

Many [referring to these professional people] feel themselves to be part of the emerging evolutionary process, strongly motivated to go forward as committed and concerned participants now that they have experienced their deep connections with the past. They express themselves as experiencing their spiritual dimension incorporated in a flesh that has become luminous and their physical selves as being the embodiment of their spiritual evolution. (Houston)

So you see, they go through these various phases, onward and upward until eventually they reach modern man and they feel interconnected—part of the evolutionary process—so that they can go on to the next level. And this is where various methods like this come in from the book, *Kundalini and the Chakras; Evolution in this Lifetime*.

There is another book by Gopi Krishna, *Kundalini: The Evolutionary Energy in Man*. I challenge you to go on campus at major universities and colleges, and these are the kinds of books you will find. You see, Eastern religion has been promoted as science. And by the way, the whole concept behind this is evolution.

Well it is very current. In *Newsweek Magazine*, September 27, 2004, “The New Science of Mind and Body.” What is this new science? It is not new. You will see a whole group of people going through “Buddha Lessons.” And here you see a man who is in this practice of meditation.



You see he is elevating his human consciousness. It is all in the name of science.

Time Magazine, October 25, 2004, reads, “The God Gene. Is God in Our Genes? A provocative study asks whether religion is a product of evolution” (page 62). And note what we read on page 64,

Across the aeons, the structure that religion provides our lives helps to preserve both mind and body. But that in turn has raised a provocative question, one that is increasingly debated in the worlds of science and religion: Which came first, God or the need for God? In other words, did humans create religion from cues sent from above, or did evolution instill in us a sense of divine so that we could gather together in communities essential to keeping the species going? (*Time Magazine*, 64)

So according to this author from this article, you see a belief in God is something that has evolved. The Bible says that God created. It does not say anything about evolution. In fact, I think we will see as we look through this, that evolution actually is a delusion.

There is a book called, *Gaia; an Atlas of Planet Management*, and the general editor is Dr. Norman Myers. This is another book which I obtained at a university. This shows the conventional sequence of the evolutionary process occurring over long, long periods of time. It shows non-life becoming life and then life progressing from simple to complex, until here we are today as modern man. And this idea is presented that through time, the evolutionary process actually has been accelerating. They say initially evolution took place very, very, very slowly. But as we approach the modern age, evolution has been accelerating and here we (modern man) are the end product of evolution. And of course, we exist at a time where technology is advanced. Then they make the claim that the technology man has been able to invent and with that technology, he has created the byproducts that now threaten our existence. And they say we are in a global crisis. That is, the byproducts of our technology threaten to destroy us and if we do not evolve or take the next step of evolution, which they call an evolutionary imperative, we are going to be wiped out.

You see, they interpret the whole history of life and man and even the future based on the concept of evolution. And then they even have a suggestion in the book; they say that the only way we

can survive globally is to come together as a family of nations and resolve our global problems by having some global rules and some global laws. I find that very interesting, particularly in light of the Scriptures. But we are talking about evolution and its impact on society. I would suggest to you that evolution has actually become a unifying religion. And I will show you how.

There was a conference that was held in Oxford, England in 1988 when scientists, religious leaders, and politicians, gathered together to discuss the global crisis situations. There have been numerous of these kinds of meetings that have been held. Then in August of 2000, in the United Nations, the world religious leaders gathered to discuss global crisis situations. This is reported in this magazine *Hinduism Today*. The leading article is entitled, “The UN Gets Religion.” And I quote from the article, page 19,

More than 1,000 religious leaders from fifty nations gathered from August 28 to September 1st in an unprecedented meeting at the United Nations. They had come together to harness the power of faith, to bring about tolerance, peace, and to dialog among warring nations. Organizer Bua James said, “The general assembly hall of the UN will become a sanctuary where the prayers and blessings our esteemed religious leaders will permeate these walls and leave their imprint for years to come.”
(James)

So the general assembly hall of the United Nations became a sanctuary. And what kinds of things were discussed? Well, I quote from page 19,

The UN general assembly hall, which is often filled with questions of war and discord, resounded with prayers, mediations and sacred ceremonies, as a distinguished and colorful delegation discussed the role of faith, love, and forgiveness in solving the world’s problems. The summit opened August 28, with the blowing of the conch by Swami Bua, the hundred and twelve year old ascetic who lives in New York City. The hall was then steeped in prayers offered from nearly every faith on earth: Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, Shinto, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, indigenous faiths, Sikhism, Taoism and Baha’i—all the world’s religions. (*Hinduism Today*)

Ted Turner, by the way, was largely responsible for sponsoring this conference and he gave the keynote address. And in the keynote address he gave some of his testimony. I quote:

Turner states, “I’ve been thinking of this conference for a lot of years. When I was a little boy I was very religious. I was born in a Christian family, went to a Christian school. And I became a Christian, just like you become whatever you’re exposed to as a child. I was going to be a man of the cloth. I’d be sitting out there with you and I would have loved that life. I really would. I was going to be a missionary. First I studied Christianity. But later I started studying the world’s great religions and reading and was always thinking.” (Turner)

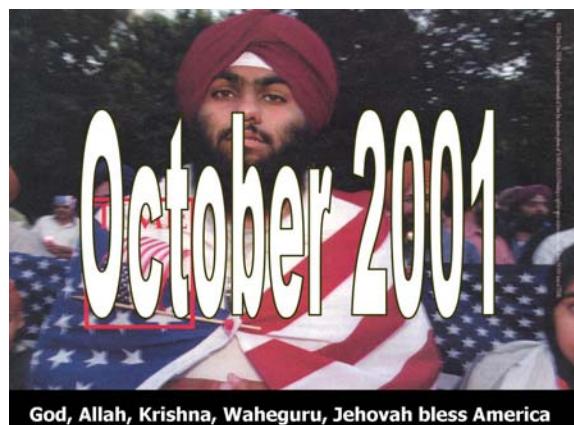
Well unfortunately, this is a pathway that others have been on. Brought up in Christian homes, believed in the Bible, believed in God, believed in Creation, but then well, it was their education. And as Turner has said, he has turned away. And of course he says there are many ways to God. That was in August of 2000.

And then, as we go along historically, a date that forever changed the world is September 11, which is now known as 9-1-1. It was a major day in history, a pivotal day.



And again these images are always impregnated in our minds of what happened that horrible day when terrorists hijacked airplanes and crashed them into the twin towers and also the Pentagon. There was another one that crashed in Pennsylvania. And from that point on we have heard a lot of talk about religion and peace.

Here is an advertisement that appeared in *Time Magazine* just a few weeks following the 9-1-1 event.



There we see a number of religions and then beneath the advertisement we read: “God, Allah, Krishna, Waheguru, Jehovah, bless America.”

It was on January 24, 2002 in Assisi, Italy that Pope John Paul II invited the religious leaders from around the world to gather in a day of prayer. Representatives included Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Shintoists, Sikhs, Jainists, tribal religions, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism, Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Quakers, Mennonites, and Orthodox Christians. So you can see through the years a sort of trend, a direction where things are headed. And of course we are being told the necessity for peace is to try to unify religions. There must be some common denominators.

For years the Baha’is have been stating that there would be no possibility of peace unless there is a global religion. *To the Peoples of the World*, the Baha’i statement of faith, we read, “No serious attempt, to set human affairs aright, to achieve world peace, can ignore religion.” Another one of their books is called, *The Baha’i Faith, the Emerging Global Religion*. What is this and what could bring it about?

Well, here is an interesting book called, *Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit*. It was written when Al Gore was a senator. As you know of course, he was vice president for two terms. Al Gore, in this book, provides some interesting ideas and perhaps the direction that things may be headed in the future, regarding the unification for world’s religions. Al Gore, like others, are saying that it is the environment. It is the planet. It is the things that have happened here on the Planet Earth which are the byproducts of our technology that are going to wipe us out. Something must be done. And in his book he states:

The emergence of a civilization in which knowledge moves freely and almost instantaneously throughout the world, has led to an intense new interest in the different perspectives on life in other cultures and has spurred a renewed investigation of the wisdom distilled by all faiths. This pan religious perspective may prove especially important where our global civilization’s responsibility for the earth is concerned. (Gore)

Then he goes on to say that there are many different things within other religions that are common even with Christianity. And he said, we need to look for these common bridges.

Al Gore then quotes Pope John Paul II, who once stated, “The new ecological awareness is beginning to emerge which, rather than being downplayed, ought to be encouraged to develop into concrete programs and initiatives.” So, even the pope is talking about a new ecological awareness, and the importance of looking for resolutions.

And then Al Gore quotes Teilhard de Chardin, a former Jesuit priest who is very influential in shaping many New Age ideas. Teilhard de Chardin once stated, “The fate of mankind, as well as of religion, depends upon the emergence of a new faith in the future.” So you see there is a lot of talk about a new faith in the future that will resolve our problems and bring religions together for peace.

Al Gore has a possible suggestion in his book. He states that if we could “find a way to understand our own connection to the earth, all of the earth, we might recognize the danger of destroying so many living species and disrupting the climate balance.”

James Lovelock, the originator of the Gaia hypothesis, maintains that the entire complex earth system behaves in a self-regulating manner characteristic of something alive. The Gaia hypothesis? What is he referring to? Well, that is the title of James Lovelock's book, *Gaia*. And the subtitle is *A New Look at Life on Earth*. But if you know anything about history, you will know that the word Gaia is not new. It was the word used by the ancient Greeks to worship the goddess of the earth. But Lovelock says it is new. You see, realizing that the earth is a living, evolving entity is very important. He thinks we need to have a relationship with the planet, just like Al Gore has stated.

In books like *Earthminds; Communicating with the Living World of Gaia*, they say it is all about science and understanding evolution. But when we look back historically, we see that the Greeks worshipped Gaia as a goddess. You see, I am concerned about the direction the world is headed in terms of accepting evolution. And there are some things that have happened, just in the past several years, which indicate that perhaps the world's religions are ready to get together, not only for peace but maybe to have a common denominator in terms of what they believe.

It was in October 1996, the papers reported and it can be documented that Pope John Paul, at a meeting before the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, said, "Truth cannot contradict truth." He said, "The Bible said God created. But scientists have proven that evolution is true, so God used evolution to create." And this has been very confusing.

I visited Darwin's home several times, but the last time was October 12, 2002. It has been made into a museum. There you will see numerous books about Darwin. There are posters on the walls. "What an influential man who shaped the minds of billions," statements say. On the second floor of Darwin's home there is an entire room that is dedicated to this display. There is a picture of Pope John Paul II and the year is 1996. And it was that year, in October, where he declared that God used evolution. And in Darwin's home is this statement:

One hundred and thirty-eight years after the publication of Darwin's Origin of Species, and 6,000 years since the creation of the earth as calculated by Archbishop Ussher, the Roman Catholic Church has acknowledged the theory of evolution to be true. The Pope's acknowledgment of the truth of the evolutionary scientific view of the world's history ends a long rearguard action fought by the Roman Catholic Church to maintain some literal sense of the Book of Genesis.

Well, let me say it is not just the Catholic Church that has embraced evolution as a means of how God created. There are many, many Christian leaders that have done the same and people are very confused. Evolution is very, very ecumenical. The Hindus believe in evolution. The Buddhists believe in evolution. They believe it is this guiding, directing force. So when I see people gathering together like they did in Assisi in 1986, praying for peace and then again in the year 2002, I am somewhat concerned.

A number of religious leaders gathered with the Pope in 1986, a newspaper article says,

For several hours last week an impressive event put together under his auspices dramatized one of the greatest of all aspirations. At his invitation leaders of the religions of the earth gathered under gloried skies in a tranquil medieval Italian town of Assisi and with quiet dignity uttered prayers for world peace.

The throng included Jews, Muslims, Zoroastrians, and all 160 religious representatives from a dozen faiths throughout the world.

And there were even Western Indians present and the article shows a couple of them. They are wearing their headdresses. One is smoking a peace pipe and one is praying and the prayer was recorded.

Smoking a ceremonial peace pipe, John Pretty-on-Top, a Crow Indian medicine man from Montana, in full-feathered headdress recited, “O Great Spirit, I raise my pipe to you, to your messengers, the four winds and to Mother Earth, who provides for your children. I pray you will bring peace to all my brothers and sisters of the world.”

Mother Earth? Well, we have already mentioned it. Gaia is Mother Earth spirituality. You see, they say this is the new science, the new biology. And the very belief that evolution explains all things, means that anything and everything is part of this process. A mouse can be god or a man can be god because evolution is god.

There is a book called, *The Cosmic Christ* by Matthew Fox. In this book, Fox talks about the importance of unification of religion. And I quote in a portion of his book called, “The Cosmic Christ and Deep Ecumenism.”

The Cosmic Christ and the living cosmology that the Cosmic Christ ushers into society and psyche have the power to launch an era of what is called deep ecumenism. Deep ecumenism is the movement that will unleash the wisdom of all religions, all world religions, Hinduism and Buddhism, Islam and Judaism, Taoism and Shintoism, Christianity in all its forms and native religions and goddess religions throughout the world. This unleashing of wisdom holds the last hope for the survival of the planet we call home for there is no such thing as a Lutheran sun and a Taoist moon and Jewish ocean and Roman Catholic forest. (Fox)

This is interesting, but even more interesting is this book written by Matthew Fox as well. It is called *Creation Spirituality*. You see in this series of lectures we are talking about evolution and creation. Well Matthew Fox must believe in Creation. He calls it *creation spirituality*, but what is this creation spirituality? I quote to you from his book:

As a movement, creation spirituality becomes an amazing gathering place. A kind of watering hole for persons whose passion has been touched by issues of our day. Deep ecologists, ecumenists, artists, native peoples, justice activists, feminists, male liberationists, scientists seeking to reconnect science and wisdom, people of all faith or traditions. (Fox, 141)

As you can see it covers quite a group. But there is one group that is missing, that is Bible-believing Christians. On the back cover we read:

Fox's framework is for a far-reaching spirituality, a creation-centered spirituality. It uncovers the ancient tradition of creation-centered spirituality that melds Christian mysticism with a contemporary struggle for social justice, feminism, and environmentalism. Finally, Creation Spirituality challenges readers of every religious and political persuasion to unite in a new vision through which we will learn to honor the earth and people who inhabit it as a gift of a good and just creator. Creation Spirituality will bring the world together for peace. (Fox)

And on the front cover, the first thing I observed is a serpent.



The serpent encircles three ladies and according to the artist that painted this cover or painted the illustration for the cover as described in the book, the serpent represents the oneness of life—which is evolution! And the three ladies represent, according to Fox's idea, the female trinity of god. And you will note the lady at the top in the circle is giving birth to the Planet Earth—the new world order. And then at the bottom you will notice a bird and it is not a dove, it is a raven. I find this fascinating in terms of what we see taking place worldwide. There is a movement toward a one-world religion and a directing of various religious groups together.

By the way, here is an interesting female who is almost becoming an object of worship.



This is Mary, but it is not the Mary of the Bible because this Mary is the head of the church. And above this Mary there is a crown. She is the queen and above her crown you will see a dove. The Bible teaches there is another spirit and there is another Jesus. Are we headed towards a one-world religion in the name of Christ that may see evolution as a unifying factor? Time will tell.

Here is a message, supposedly from an apparition of Mary. “It is God the Father’s wish to reunite all the religions and the races, for them to become only one community and the Eucharist to become the center of all the religions and races. I want all the religions to be reunited and all the races to be reunited. I want only one religion, only one love, because God is love.”

You will not find that statement in the Bible.

Revelation 17:1-5 says,

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

You see that describes the very scene that you saw on the front cover of Fox’s book. Some day there will emerge a global religion. It will be in the name of Christ but it will be the religion of the antichrist. The world’s religions must come together and then there will be judgment.

Revelation 19 says,

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, ‘Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous [are] His judgments: for He hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood His servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. (Revelation 19:1-3 KJV)

You see, in the past when man went this direction and turned away from God and turned to the gods, God warned and He brought judgment. It has happened in the past, repeatedly. And the Bible says in the last days when the religions of the world unite in a false religious system in the name of Christ, it will be judged. And what we observe taking place in the world today, the current trends that are happening, can be understood in light of the creation model.

What God has said about the past can be supported by what we see, in terms of the fossils and in terms of the layers of the earth. And when God tells us about things that will take place in the future, we can trust and believe it implicitly. We see the signs unfolding right now and evolution is part of what I believe is a great deception. There is nothing new under the sun. In our generation evolution has been part of a delusion, which is “science falsely so called.”

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Welcome to our seminar entitled, *Searching for the Truth on Origins*. We are going to continue now with session eleven. The title for this presentation is, “The Rising Interest in the Supernatural; Evolution and the Future.”

We want to lay the foundation for this presentation by looking at three portions of Scripture. First of all, we will begin in Jeremiah 11: 9-11. This is a portion of Scripture which we have previously looked at, but let’s repeat it.

And the Lord said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. (KJV)

Then in the book of Ecclesiastes 1:9-11,

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. (KJV)

And then from the Book of Ephesians 6:11-12, Paul writes:

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (KJV)

You see, these Scriptures tell us some very important principles. First of all, that in the past it was apparent, as we look at biblical history, that man turned away from God and trusted in the gods. And Jeremiah pleaded with the people of his day because of what they were doing. And he said, “Judgment is going to come upon you if you continue in this direction.” And as we know, that is exactly what occurred.

In Ecclesiastes we are told that there is nothing new under the sun. History repeats itself and whatever has occurred before in the past, well, it can occur again.

And then in Ephesians, we are told that there is a battle going on, an unseen battle that we cannot observe in our physical senses. But it is against a dimension that is out to destroy us; this is a spiritual dimension.

History repeats itself and throughout history there has been this pattern of man seeking after the fallen spiritual direction. The Scriptures help us to understand and our ministry, *Understand the Times*, is dedicated to helping people recognize that the Bible is true about the past. What we have been doing in this series is looking at the subject of origins, looking at the claims of evolution, looking at the claims of creation, and we have been able to see that the Bible supports what God has said.

The Bible also helps us to understand what is happening in the world today. And as we looked at the impact of evolution on society, we were able to see that the reason that mankind does the things that he does is because he has placed God aside. Evolution has been one of those major ways that man has used to remove God from his thinking. Therefore, we see the immorality and depravity and then the seeking after a type of spirituality based on what the Bible tells us in Romans 1. When man rejects the overwhelming evidence for creation, he will begin to worship the creation rather than the Creator. He then incorporates into his life, the various things which we have observed—things that occurred in the past when people rejected God.

Now in this presentation, I would like to demonstrate that the Bible gives us understanding into the future. And in particular, regarding the subject matter of this series, “Searching for the Truth on Origins,” we want to look at the role that evolution plays. What role does evolution play in preparing the world for the future? And so, we will begin this subject as we look at the interest in the supernatural.

Now this is just a short word of testimony before we get into this particular area. I came to Christ through recognizing that evolution was not true and by seeing the significance of creation. The first part of our ministry primarily deals with pointing people to the Creator. I was a fairly new Christian, when one day I was looking for some materials for my two boys to read—comic books. When I went into a store to buy some comic books, I discovered that the comics had changed rather radically since I was a child. When I observed some of the things in the comic books, I thought, *I cannot buy these!* What is this material?

And so, I started to collect a file because I could see that children were being introduced to some of the pagan gods of the ancients through these publications. I called this file, “The Rising Interest in the Supernatural.” And the presentation in this session is actually a review of materials that I have gathered since I became a Christian—over twenty-five years ago. So some of the materials will be somewhat dated because it has things that occurred a couple of decades ago. But you are going to see an emerging pattern that has taken place since the early 1980s.

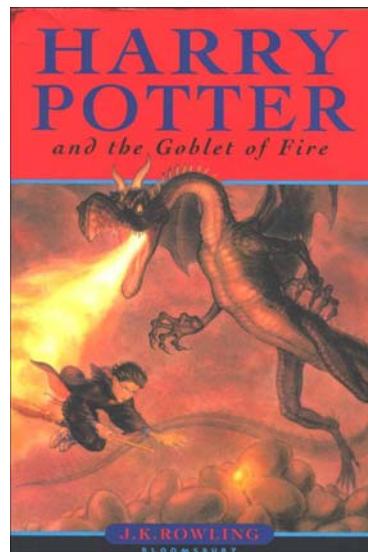
You see, I started to recognize that children were being introduced to super beings or super heroes who had super powers. And many of these creatures were extremely grotesque and ugly.



In fact, they were hybrids, part animal and part human. Some of the popular comic books of the past, like Wonder Woman, also show creatures that are part goat and part human. These entities are extremely popular. This is a multi-billion dollar industry; whether it is collecting cards, or toys, or characters that come from Hollywood movies. There is a common theme and that theme is supernatural beings, from extraterrestrial sources with supernatural powers. And when you examine these powers, well really, they are totally out of the realm of the occult and witchcraft, and there is an incredible fascination with it. Even in the games (role-playing games) young people participate by practicing spells and playing the role of demons. And then of course, there is the New Age where many methods or therapies are really nothing more than Eastern metaphysical beliefs that are being introduced into society, even to children.

So what is going on in our society? Why are people so obsessed with these super beings? Many of the Hollywood films, as we look back through the past few decades, have been focused on this same topic—super-beings, extraterrestrial sources, and supernatural powers.

And then of course there is the popular series of books, *Harry Potter*.



And very clearly as you look through these books, you see again these supernatural entities and occultic powers.

With popular films like “Lord of the Rings,” well, some people say you can even use these films to promote Christianity. But in the films, we often see very clear representations of demonic creatures and the powers of wizards and witches. This interest is global, it is not something that is just happening in North America. And in the past ten years I have traveled almost entirely around the world. And wherever I have gone, I have found this same kind of fascination and interest. Whether it be in Japan, China, Russia, or South America, the same kind of materials have been translated and the same interest is among the children and the adults.

We even see presentations that come to us through popular magazines, talking about this subject of the possibility of other forms of life that exist in the universe. Like the front cover of this *Time Magazine*,



“Is anybody out there? How the discovery of two planets brings us closer to solving the most profound mystery in the cosmos.”

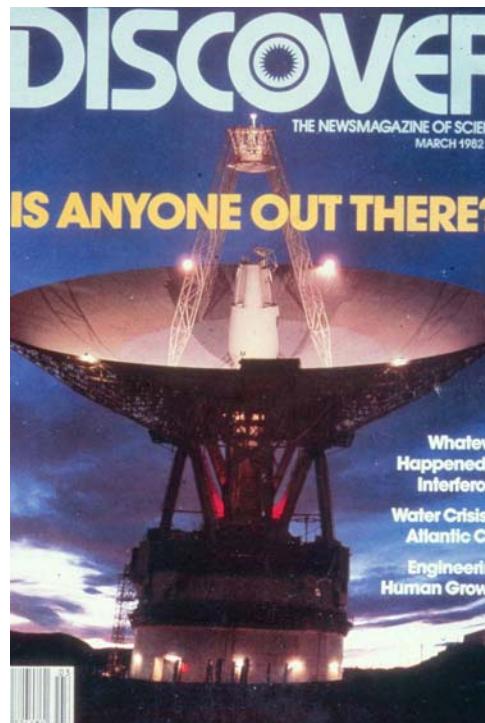
There is an incredible interest in UFOs. Well, many of the ideas in the present testimonies given by people could obviously be questionable. But there seems to be many who suggest that there is something going on and that visitations are occurring from beings that exist in other parts of the universe.

Here is another *Time Magazine*,



“Aliens have landed! Science Fiction Makes a Comeback.” And yes indeed, science fiction deals with this subject extensively. And there are people who get so involved in this. You may remember Marshall Applewhite and thirty-nine others along with him who perished because they wanted to shed their bodies and go aboard a UFO.

The question is then asked on the front cover of this *Discover Magazine*,



“Is Anyone Out There?”

How do we answer? Does the Bible give us some insight and understanding? Does evolution have any role to play here in terms of setting up the world to expect that someday in the future

there may be beings who will appear? Are there beings that perhaps are on another dimension who have further evolved? Well, we want to look at this subject.

First of all, I want to look at the Bible as the key to understanding the past, regarding this subject of supernatural beings because the Bible has a lot to say. Throughout history it is apparent since the Fall of man, that this planet has been the battleground of the universe. That is, since Eve and Adam disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, from that moment on, this earth was open to an influence of the fallen spiritual dimension. You cannot understand biblical history unless you understand that this has occurred. Satan and the fallen angels have interfered in the affairs of man and have done everything possible to destroy man and to deceive the world—that is Satan's agenda.

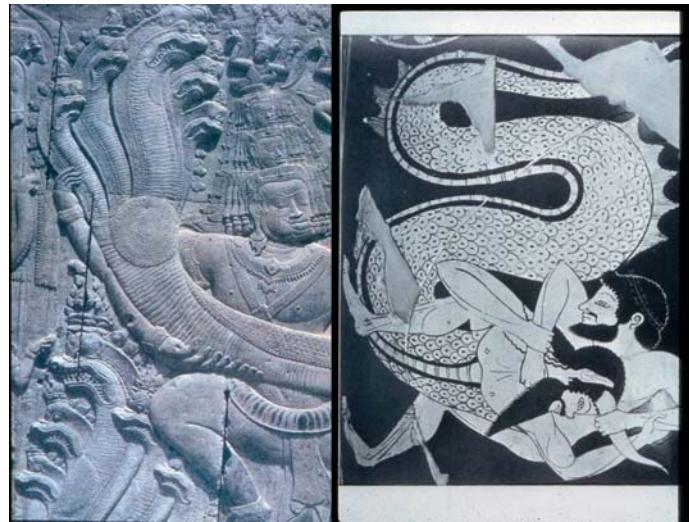
We are going to see that there have been various periods in history when this appears to have intensified. We know that man fell, and then after the fall was the flood, and then there was the time of the Tower of Babel. And we know that at the beginning, before the flood when man turned away from God, the Bible says they became involved in some sort of fallen spiritual dimension. And the wickedness and the perversion of man was so great that God was grieved and He brought the judgment.

The survivors were instructed to repopulate the earth and the Bible tells us that they immediately built a city and the Tower of Babel in the city of Babylon. God was angered and He confounded their language and then they dispersed. As we have looked at in some previous presentations, we saw the sudden emergence of great civilizations and they were building towers, pyramids, and ziggurats.



And these structures are associated with their spiritual practices. That is, they were worshipping the heavens and they were worshipping the gods. They were worshipping the sun as god, they were worshipping the moon as god, they were worshipping serpents as god, and they were worshipping the dragon as god. The Bible is clear, when man rejects God there is this pattern that occurs and he turns to the gods.

You can find the evidence of these practices all over the world. In archaeology we see these carvings (usually in stone) of weird-looking creatures, usually part animal and part human.



You find them associated with these great civilizations that were building cities in the past. Their artifacts show us that these people were highly intelligent. They worshipped serpents or creatures that were part serpent and part human. They worshipped creatures that were part fish and part human. Like this deity you see from India.



By the way, these deities can be duplicated in various parts of the world, separated by thousands of miles and hundreds of years.

For example, the Bible talks about the Philistine god, Dagon, who is also fish-human. The ancient Greeks worshipped the centaur, part horse and part human. They worshipped Minotaur in the Minoan civilization, who was part bull and part human. The Assyrians worshipped a god that was part bird and part human.



And we have this elephant-human god that is found in various places around the world, in India and even in Central America. In Egypt they worshipped a creature that was a jaguar-human combination. There were many other different deities of animal-human hybrids. The Western Plains Indians worshipped the serpent, and the dragon is also common throughout the ancient world.

Now we should be able to understand why this occurred from the biblical perspective because the Bible calls Satan the serpent, the dragon, and the one who deceives the whole world. And we find the evidence in archaeology that this is exactly what has occurred. Particularly in Central America with the Mayans and the Aztecs, who were very much involved in serpent worship. In China they worshipped the dragon.

So we see that history reveals that people of the past were obsessed with the gods, just as the Bible states. Here is one called Quetzacoatal.



It is a serpent-human-bird combination to which hundreds of thousands of people were sacrificed. Their lives were given to this deity.

Now that is the past and the Bible gives us insight and understanding, but what about the future? We have looked at the current trend. We see that people today seem to be rather obsessed with

these kinds of beings. Is there any connection? Well, what we want to do now is to turn to the Book of Revelation, which of course deals with the future. There are some people who say, “No, no, the Book of Revelation has already occurred. It happened a couple of millennia ago. That’s not what we’re referring to in terms of the future. It’s just something that you can interpret through symbolism, but you know, there are all kinds of descriptions. A lot of people don’t even look at the Book of Revelation because they say they don’t understand it.” But I would suggest to you that the Book of Revelation is God’s revelation to man to help us understand where we are headed. And in this book it tells us about a number of things that are going to be occurring in the future, during a time of great tribulation, when God’s wrath is poured out into the world.

Now the good news is that those who have placed their trust in Jesus will not be appointed to this time of wrath. This is a time that will not be a good time to be around. And those who have placed their trust in Jesus have not been appointed to this horrible time of wrath and judgment that is going to occur. This will be a time of demonic manifestations and we are going to look at the Scriptures in a moment. These demonic manifestations that will occur, will be part of this judgment. Some of these beings that will be released upon the earth, at this time, will come from within the earth and some will come upon the earth.

Now turn to Revelation 9:1-2:

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Now, what is the Bible talking about? As I said many people just say, “I can’t study the Book of Revelation. It makes no sense whatsoever.” But what if we just take it for what it has to say. You see the Bible is telling us this: a star falls, but to him is given the key. It seems to be a personality. And throughout Scripture we see that with stars and angels, these two terms are used interchangeably or synonymously. So a star fell, but to him was given the key to the bottomless pit. Whatever the case, something falls to the earth and the Bible says that something happens to the earth. The bottomless pit is opened—what is the bottomless pit? Well, most Bible teachers believe the bottomless pit actually is the center of the earth. So whatever the case, if the pit opens, the earth’s crust would have to fracture and it seems that this is what the Bible is describing because it mentions that something occurs to the light of the sun. If the earth’s crust fractures, obviously what is going to come out of the earth will be volcanic ash and all kinds of materials. The pit opens and out of the pit comes forth volcanic materials, steam, and ash, which obviously would affect the atmosphere, including the light of the sun.

Then we are further told, beginning in verse 3,

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find

it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
(Revelation 9:3-6 KJV)

See it describes these locusts that are coming out of the earth and what is going to happen. This is a kind of devastation that is going to occur. But we are given a more clear description of the locusts.

Now as we continue in verse 7,

And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. (Revelation 9:7-10 KJV)

What is John describing in this vision? Well, I have tried to get the interpretation of this on numerous occasions wherever I have traveled; whether it is in Russia, Japan, China, or from South America—and I have given this presentation in all of these places. I have had translators in these countries read these verses to a group of children and then I have asked the children what they think the Bible is talking about. In almost every occasion when I read these verses, the children have no trouble at all understanding what the Bible is talking about. The very descriptions of these creatures that are released from the pit are exactly the same kinds of things that young people are seeing almost every day in their comics, in so-called cartoons, in the games, and in their toys. They are weird, grotesque, and hideous creatures which they call superheroes.

Now let us continue with verse 11,

And they had a king over them which, is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of man. And the number of the army of the horsemen were 200 thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. (Revelation 9:11-16 KJV)

Now the Bible describes what they looked like and it describes where they are released from the earth. And before I show you a visual of creatures in terms of what they may look like, I want to show you this geophysical map of the very location the Bible is describing, where the pit is going to be opened.



The Tigris and the Euphrates River join together and flow into the Persian Gulf, into the Gulf of Oman. There in the Gulf of Oman before it opens into the Arabian Sea, you will notice that there is a dark area. That is a pit that goes down into the depths of the earth. This is one of the deepest abysses in the earth's crust. Well, it is interesting that this is located in the place where the Bible says someday the pit will open.

Now I want to show you this photograph.



This is a tattoo and it is on the back of a man who is lying dead in a morgue, and behind this tattoo is a significant story. When I was first involved in ministry, my partner was a man who had been involved with the Calgary police force in the late '70s. He and several others were involved in a shootout with this man. This man had been heavily involved in drugs and the occult. He was in jail for several years and then was released on parole. One day he went into a store and he stole

some glue and the store owner called the police. They went to the location where this man was living and they were met with a barrage of gunfire. For several hours they shot teargas into the building trying to get him to come out. Finally he came out and he killed a policeman, and wounded seven others before he was killed. This is the tattoo that was on his back. I will describe it to you. It is sort of a horse-like creature with a head looking somewhat like a lion, with hair flowing back and as you can see, it is breathing fire. Then we see that the tail of the horse looks like a serpent. This horse has wings and it looks like a dragon. On the back of the horse there is a rider and the rider has cloven hooves, and you will notice it is holding a sword.

Now I want to read to you the description from verse 17,

And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
(Revelation 9:17-19 KJV)

Now you cannot help but notice the similarity of the tattoo and the description given in these verses. And of course there are people who say, “Well you see, the tattoo artist read these verses.” Well, I would like to believe that, but I do not know who the tattoo artist was.

What I can tell you is that I have hundreds of examples of these same kinds of creatures in my files that I have collected over the years. And there are many of these dragon-like creatures. They have riders on their backs and they are breathing fire and destruction upon the earth. Here is one that says “Heavy Metal.”



There is a rider on the back of a locust, dragon-like creature. It is bringing destruction on earth. They are obvious in terms of their supernatural abilities and there is something common about them all. The toys have these same kinds of creatures. And we have already looked at the popular Harry Potter series, where the same kinds of entities appear.

I have asked a number of people who have been involved in putting these artists' representations together, where they got their inspiration. And I have been told that sometimes it comes through practice of Eastern religion, like yoga and meditation. They will start to get these concepts that come to their minds. Others have said that they were on hallucinogenic drugs. So this tattoo is not unique. There are many people getting these visions.

Now we are talking about an event when it would appear there are super-beings that come upon the earth from above.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out onto the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (Revelation 12:7-10 KJV)

So there is coming this time in the future, when one of God's holy angels, Michael, will defeat Satan and the fallen angels and they will be cast to the earth. You see, that has not happened yet, but the Bible says it will happen. And when that happens—when this war takes place in heaven and these fallen spiritual beings are defeated and cast to the earth and confined to the earth—it seems reasonable that they will appear on the earth in weird, grotesque embodiments. They will be hybrid-like creatures, who are part animal, part human.



And based on our understanding of what has occurred in history already, these creatures very possibly may appear as the deities or the demigods that so many great societies were obsessed with in the past.

Well it is interesting speculation, but I think it can be documented that something is taking place in our world, as society is being prepared. And there is a time coming, the Bible says, when our world will be judged in a great global catastrophe, in a series of events that take place during the Tribulation.



So is this preparation occurring? Well again, I am going to show you some things that I have collected through the years. One of the first things that came to my attention was an advertisement for a number of posters in a comic book called, *Creature Creations*. It said, “Meet the funniest, craziest most gruesome family of creatures to arrive from outer space.” There are some rather weird-looking creatures, but the interesting thing is that the company advertising these posters, has as its symbol the all-seeing eye, which everyone knows has something to do with the occult.

Here is a collection of some of the superheroes—the toys from the ‘80s and the ‘90s—and you will note they are hybrid creatures, part animal, part human, with supernatural powers and abilities.



Here is an Incredible Hulk comic book.



And on the front cover you will see a number of these weird creatures. Here on this page I have indicated some of the depictions. There is an elephant-human, there is a horse-human, a bull-human, the bird-human, and the fish-human. All of these, as I have already indicated, are some of the gods of the ancients like the god, Pan, who was a goat-human.

Probably the first major Hollywood film that caught people's attention was E.T. The Extra Terrestrial. As Ted Koppel says it answers the question that we are all asking, "Is there something out there?" Not only does it suggest there is life in outer space, but the movie tells us it is more highly evolved than we are. You see, there are all kinds of people who embrace the idea that beings may exist out there that are on another dimension because they are more highly evolved.

The first series of Star Wars films, had all kinds of entities with super powers. This masked helmet is rather interesting.



When this film was popular back in the ‘80s, I actually used to show this slide first. And the children began to yell, “Darth Vader!” But it is the Norse god, Odin. And then there is Yoda, who is always associated with a serpent. And as I mentioned in a previous session, the serpent represents the oneness of life or as some are saying, it represents evolution. One young man who went to the Star Wars movie five times said, “I wish I had a friend like Yoda to teach me how to use the force.” That is like saying, “I wish I had a friend to teach me how to practice witchcraft.”

There was an advertisement for a series of toys back in the early ‘80s selling alien creatures. Again their toys have the hybrid characteristics. There is a series of games and toys with super powers. There are sectors, galaxy warriors, he-man figures, Masters of the Universe, Star Wars, Return of the Jedi, the Warrior Beasts, Dragon Riders, the Other World, and Galaxy Girl. Just check out the toy stores and you will find this is what is going on.

And if it is not in the toy stores, well then check out the video games and one can find the same kind of things. Many young people are obsessed with these games that introduce them to this whole spiritual dimension.

I have referenced Harry Potter in terms of its connection with witchcraft. Well, not all people agree, you see. I was at a Christian bookselling conference a couple of years ago, when this book was being advertised at a Christian book table. “*The Gospel According to Harry Potter* is a wonderful rebuttal for those who see something sinister in this children’s classic,” says Tony Campolo. And the author of this book says, “You can use Harry Potter to teach people about the gospel.” But my question is, “How can you use witchcraft to teach people about the gospel, when the Bible says witchcraft is an abomination to God?” And by the way, usually when I confront people regarding these things (and often we do this on radio programs) I get a lot of phone calls from Christians who think I have lost touch with reality. They say, “It is just a cute story; it has nothing to do with witchcraft practices.” Well, I am going to read to you just a short portion of one of the radio transcripts on Harry Potter and then you can decide.

For years I’ve been following the rising interest in the supernatural and how Satan has been seducing our generation. When the Harry Potter phenomenon hit, it was just another example. Being occupied with other research, I placed Harry

Potter on the shelf but now this has changed. Harry Potter is extremely dangerous and people must be warned. This is why: Well, it has been claimed that Joanne Rowling chose the name Potter because she had friends with this name when she was a little girl. I am convinced there is good reason to be suspicious.

An interview with Ms. Rowling posted on the internet, provides some interesting information. When asked what influenced her to come up with the characters, Rowling responded, ‘The classics part of my degree at Exeter College did furnish me with a lot of good names for characters.’ After reading her statement, I was reminded of a book I found at a university campus titled, *The Women’s Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets*. As I was flipping through the book, I discovered a section called ‘Potter.’ This is what I read: ‘The Sumerian, Babylonian goddess of Aruru the great, was the original potter who created human beings out of clay. She made man in the image of god and infused him with the breath of heaven, which brought him to life. Aruru was also Ishtar and Anna, Ninhursag, Mami, Mama, or Mammitu. She made the first man Adam out of clay.’

I would like to reveal other connections in the Harry Potter series that show there is no question the author knows exactly what she is doing. And I continue from the radio transcript:

The mother-creator goddess who emerged at Babylon was worshiped in other places. The Greeks called her Astarte and equated her with the love goddess Aphrodite. She is mentioned frequently in the Old Testament as a revival of the god of the Jews as Ashtoroth, also known as the Queen of Heaven. In India Kali Ma was the same goddess who called Kel Mari or the “pot goddess.”

By the way, I am concerned about people when they are obsessed by the “Queen of Heaven” today. Many refer to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as the queen of heaven. The Bibles says the queen of heaven is a demon. You see there are many ways that Satan can get people’s attention.

Now we move on to the area of science, and more specifically, the subject matter evolution. Science fiction portrays creatures today (they are really not new) that are the same kind of creatures that were in the minds of human beings in the past, like the Assyrians and the Greeks. And by the way, today through genetic engineering there is a potential for this to happen—hybrids that are part human, part animal.

Here we see an article, “Intelligent Life in Space,” by Carl Sagan who states:

Scientists estimate that in the Milky Way alone there may be a million planets with technical civilizations. Can we communicate with them?

You see, these ideas have been around for some time. Sagan, who is a promoter of evolution, was the promoter of the idea that extraterrestrials certainly must exist. There is a book called, *Extraterrestrials; Science and Alien Intelligence*. There is an article from a *Science Digest*,

entitled, “Our Cosmic Cousins.” “New discoveries by radio astronomers confirm our links to all matter that exists throughout Darwin’s universe.” Well since when did this universe belong to Charles Darwin? You see, Darwin came up with the idea of a so-called mechanism for the origin and the development of life. His idea is that evolution explains the origin and the development of life not only here on earth, but everywhere in the universe. And these scientists are saying that someday maybe we will meet our cosmic cousins. They may look like this—



Is it part bat, part human?



Are they part dolphin, part human?

You see, people like Sagan took this seriously. Notice what he says on page 179 of his book, *The Cosmic Connection*:

It is not a question of whether we are emotionally prepared in the long run to confront a message from the stars. It is whether we can develop a sense that beings with quite different evolutionary histories, beings who may look far different from us, even

monstrous, may nevertheless be worthy of friendship and reverence and brotherhood and trust.” (Sagan)

Without the concept of evolution, no one would conceive of the idea that these so-called beings with supernatural powers, with weird-looking configurations (he calls them monstrous) could exist. But science that believes in evolution has made it possible.

Robert Jastro said,

I believe that man and earth are not unique in the universe. [He said,] Life that is a billion years beyond us may be far beyond the flesh-and-blood form that we would recognize. It may be in the form of the silicone-based intelligence I mentioned earlier, or, more likely, it is disembodied and has escaped its mortal flesh to become something that old-fashioned people would call spirits.

Well, that is what the Bible calls them and they do exist. The Bible says they have a plan, and their plan is to interfere in the affairs of man. It seems like we are being prepared for their arrival.

First Contact; The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence is a series of articles by some well-known science writers, or those who claim that they have already made contact. Authors like Whitley Strieber, *Communion, A True Story*; or cults that are focused around UFOs, “The Message Given to Me by Extraterrestrials,” by Claude Vorhilon, AKA “Rael”. And this found everywhere, including Russia, there is a fascination with the possibility that some day soon the extraterrestrials will arrive.

Now here is the question—it is the same question that was asked on the front cover of the *Discover Magazine*. Is anyone out there? And the answer to the question, based on the creation model is, Yes! There is an unholy dimension that exists and the Bible forbids man to make contact with it.

There is one way to contact God and that is through the Mediator, Jesus Christ. There is no other way. But Satan’s goal is to get man to contact that spiritual dimension through various means. Indeed, the battle is happening all around us.

And as Paul writes:

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:11–12)

Satan has a plan and he is a schemer, Paul says.

And all of this would not have occurred in our generation (one that trusts in science) if science had not given us a reason to explain the possibility of extraterrestrial beings. I call it the evolution delusion—reintroducing the gods to our present generation.

I thank God that He gives us His word which reveals to us His truth, so that we can understand our times. We can understand where things are headed, so that we can warn others about what is happening, why it is happening, and where it is happening.

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Welcome again to our series *Searching for the Truth on Origins*. Now as we move on to the latter part of the series, we are going to deal with the subject of how creation is not only foundational to the Christian faith, but how creation can be used as a tool for sharing our faith. So far we have looked at a lot of interesting facts. We have examined the claims of evolution. We have examined the claims of creation. We can present these claims and people may believe or they may not believe. But I think it is essential that we understand the importance of creation and how it can be used as a method of sharing not only the truth of creation, but the fact that there is a Creator and He is Jesus Christ.

I begin by looking at this portion of Scripture in Matthew 7:13-14. These are the words of Jesus:

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. (NASB)

Then in case we are not clear regarding what Jesus meant by the narrow way, in John 14:6 He said:

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me. (NASB)

So this is a very important principle of Christianity; there are two pathways, two roads that lead to eternity. There is a wide road in which there are many people who are traveling. Those who are on this road are headed to eternity, but they will end up in hell. And there is another way—it is a narrow way—and it is a road that is running completely 180 degrees opposite in direction. And Jesus said He is the narrow way, the only way. And those who find that way, will spend eternity with Him, the Creator of the universe.

You see, it is so important that we grasp this. This is what Jesus said. This is biblical truth. There are two pathways that lead to eternity. And the majority of people in the world are on the wrong pathway. I am sure that all of you, at one time or another, have attempted to witness to others and present this truth. There is a narrow way and that it is through Jesus and that it is the only way. And if you are like me, you have met with all kinds of questions and doubts and excuses. When you tell people, “I believe in Jesus and according to the Bible, you have to believe in Jesus if you are going to go to heaven.” They often say, “I don’t believe the Bible.” And they will tell you they don’t believe the Bible because they have read the first verse and they do not believe the first verse because it says, “In the beginning, God.” And they say, “I don’t believe in God. I believe in evolution.” So they refuse to even consider the possibility of Jesus because it is in the Bible and they do not believe the Bible. Some will say, “I just don’t believe in Jesus.” Others will say, “Well, I don’t believe in what Jesus said.”

Do you know that there are groups of scholars that gather usually once a year to discuss or debate from the Scriptures whether what Jesus said is what He actually said? And they have all kinds of reasons to doubt what we find in the Scriptures. They vote on whether or not this is authentic or whether it is just something that was made up. Some say, “When you say Jesus is the only way, or one way, well, I don’t agree with that. I believe that there are many ways to God. Jesus is a way, but He’s not the only way.” There are some that will tell you that they believe that everything is God, which is the New Age philosophy. They even say that you and I can be god. And some say, “You know, it really doesn’t matter what you believe. If you are comfortable

believing that, that's fine! But I believe in this or that." So when you present to them that Jesus Christ is the narrow way and He is the only way, they do not listen. Regardless of these doubts and excuses, the Scriptures tell us—in fact Jesus said it—we are to be witnesses.

In Acts 1:8, the Bible records the last words that Jesus proclaimed. And I would say these must be very significant. Think of this: If you had one statement to make that would be your last statement while you were here on Planet Earth and the whole world would eventually hear what you said, what would you say? This is what Jesus said to those that were gathered there that day on the Mount of Olives.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.
(NASB)

He was telling these people who were there that day, "You shall be My witnesses." And that message is for you and me, if we have been called into the family of God. This was not just said for the people that were there, but it is echoing down through the generations. Everyone who is part of the family of God, I believe, is obligated to be a witness. It is not an option. Witnessing is for all believers. Witnessing begins at home. Jesus said, "In Jerusalem." Then He said, "Judea and Samaria"—that is surrounding home. And then He said, "To the uttermost parts of the earth." Witnessing involves outreach, proclaiming who Jesus is to others everywhere. Each one of us has been called to be a witness.

Now, what is a witness? A witness is simply someone who can give evidence or reasons why they believe an event happened or did not happen. And of course we are familiar with the courtroom scenario. When someone is called to be a witness, they are asked questions. Did this happen or did it not happen? And so, under oath they give evidence. A Christian is called to witness and to give evidence for why they believe Jesus is the only way. In other words, we must be able to support what the Bible has to say about the fact that there is a Creator; there has been a creation, and what the Creator did. We need to be able to give God's perspective of the message which has changed lives throughout history, and that is the gospel message.

Now I want to go back and look at Paul, who is in my view, one of the greatest witnesses who has ever existed. And we are going to see how Paul was called to be a witness, in Acts 26:16 when Jesus appeared to Paul saying,

But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things which I will appear to you. (NASB)

You see, Paul was on the way to Damascus and the purpose of going there was to persecute Christians. But by the grace of God, Jesus suddenly appeared and this is what He said, "Arise! Stand on your feet. I've appeared to you to appoint you a minister and a witness."

And He says,

But also to the things which I will appear to you, delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from

darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me. (Acts 26:16-18 NASB)

What an incredible encounter that Paul had on the road to Damascus! And from this small portion of Scripture, we can learn some very significant things about witnessing. First of all, witnesses are people that are saved by God's grace. It was not because of Paul's good works because he said he was going to persecute Christians. By the grace of God Jesus appeared, and by God's sovereign grace Paul was called into the family of God. He became a member of the family of God but he was also called, as we saw, to be a witness.

Then it goes on to say that Jesus told Paul He would deliver him from the opposition that he was going to face from the Gentiles and from the Jews. And certainly when you read through various testimonies that Paul gives regarding the opposition—he faced a lot of opposition. And that is something that you will understand if you have witnessed, there is going to be opposition. And the reason there will be opposition is because Satan, God's adversary, does not want you to witness. And he will do everything he can to stop you from witnessing.

According to this portion of Scripture, we can see that witnesses are human vessels with a purpose. They have been given a message. And what is the message? It is to tell people about the gospel; it is to turn people from darkness to light. We cannot do it physically, but we can plant the seeds. God uses human vessels who have a purpose. So witnesses are simply co-partners with God to proclaim the good news, which is the gospel.

Now you might ask: *What is the gospel?* It is important that we fully understand what a witness is supposed to do. And so, we are going to be very elementary here this morning, in terms of laying out what the gospel really is—the good news. And the best way that I can do this in one verse is to share this verse which you all know, John 3:16.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal
life. (NKJV)

In this verse, we see that there is a God who made everything. And this God loved us so much that He Himself came to this earth and lived a perfect life in our place. We could not do it; He did. His life was sacrificed upon the cross, so that whosoever would believe in Him, could enter into a relationship with the Creator. That is the gospel.

But first of all, we have to acknowledge that there is a Creator and acknowledge who we are and what we have done. We must acknowledge who He is and what He has done, and ask Him for forgiveness. You see this word—or this portion of Scripture—has a lot of significance to me because it was this verse that I read when I was thirty years old. I had memorized it when I was a child, but at age thirty it set me free. I will never forget this.

I had been searching for some time and one night in my living room, I cried out, "God, what have You done or what will You do so that I can have peace?" And then I remembered a verse. It was written in the front pages of my Bible that my mother and dad had given me when I was nine years old. And when I opened that Bible, this is what I read in my dad's handwriting: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." When I read that verse that night, for the first time in my

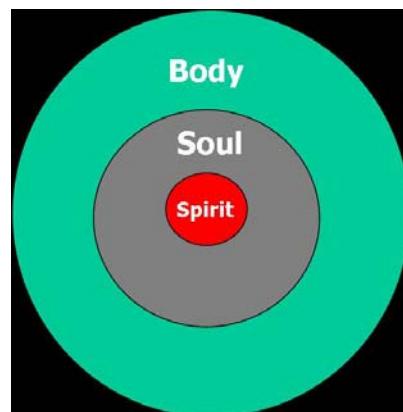
life, I understood the gospel. I had been presented it before, but now I understood. And like Paul, I was on the road (the wrong road) and God suddenly revealed to me by His grace, who He is and what He has done. And my life was transformed.

Now you see, in order to understand the gospel, you need to understand these basic principles. First, there is a God who has created man. Secondly, man rejected God and sinned. Thirdly, man was destined to spend eternity in hell. And fourthly, God provided a way for man to go to heaven. That is the good news and that is the message that we have to proclaim.

Let me illustrate it to you very simply. When I was a new Christian I drew lines and charts. I wanted to try to comprehend what had occurred. And these illustrations are based on some of those first drawings that I did. Well, how do you illustrate God? It is impossible! We should not even attempt it. But what we have done here is simply drawn a circle.



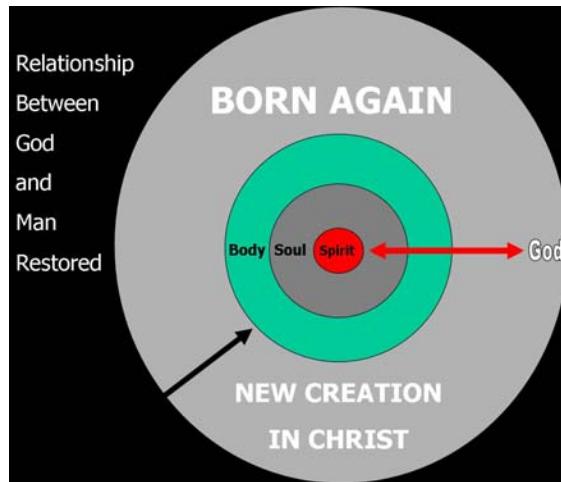
God is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. And God created man.



And what is man? Well, he is made of a body. He is made of a soul and a spirit. God breathed into man and man became a living being. And man had a relationship with the Creator and it was a beautiful, harmonious relationship that existed. God and man with the Spirit that was in harmony with God—that is the way it was until Satan appeared.

And because man was created with a free will to choose, we know that man chose not to remain in the relationship with the Creator. And because of sin, that relationship between God and man was shattered. That is the way it would have been forever thereafter—except God had a plan.

You see, this was a time of darkness and separation. But Jesus the Creator came and lived a perfect life in our place. And His blood was shed and the sacrifice was made, so that whosoever would believe that He did this and acknowledge his sin could enter into a relationship with the Creator. That is the gospel.



So now that we live in this period of time, man can have a relationship with the Creator. And when we ask for forgiveness, the Bible says the Spirit of God will indwell us and we will become a born again, new creation in Christ. That is the gospel illustrated in a very simple way.

But remember, even though believers have chosen to acknowledge what the Creator has done, they still have to deal with another factor—Satan still exists. And his goal and objective, of course, is to bombard us from the outside in, through our flesh. So we constantly have to be aware.

How does the gospel begin? It very simply begins with creation. You cannot understand Christianity unless you understand that there is a Creator. There would be no gospel without a Creator, a perfect original creation, the fall from a relationship with the Creator and an act of redemption by the Creator. It is that simple. So as you can see, creation is very important because it is the foundation of the gospel—the creation of man, the fall of man and his redemption.

Now knowing this, how can we witness? Well, there are many ways to witness. But what we are talking about in this series is searching for the truth on origins. We have been able to demonstrate that creation is true and that evolution is in the minds of men. Perhaps a better way of saying it is that evolution was authored by Satan. So, if creation is true, it would be reasonable to suggest that we could use this creation message, because it is already part of the gospel, to point people to the gospel. I call it *creation evangelism*. It is not a unique term. In fact, you can find this in the Bible and that is what we want to do. I want to reference two portions of Scripture where creation evangelism is used.

First let us look at Paul on Mars Hill in Acts 17:22-25,

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars hill, and said, ‘Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, 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, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. (KJV)

You see, Paul was situated right on Mars hill, which it is an outcropping of a large hill in Athens. And at the top of that hill is the Parthenon. And there on Mars hill, Paul was speaking to the people of Athens who were very much into spiritual things and he said to them, “You are spiritually deceived.” Wherever you looked around, one could see evidence that people were worshipping the gods. And he told them they worshipped all these gods, deities, and demigods. They were worshipping Mars as god, Venus as god, Gaia as god, and Paul said, “Why don't you worship the unknown god? You have a statue erected for him. He's the one who created you, who gave you breath, who gave you life.”

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (Acts 17:26-28 KJV)

So he made it clear. The reason you exist is because God created you. Then he continued—

Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. So Paul departed from among them. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them. (Acts 17:31-34)

See here is Paul's message outline: He said, “I see you are spiritually inclined. You worship the gods, not God. It is the true God who created you and you are accountable to Him. But you are separated from this God because of your sin and you need to repent.” He said, “Judgment is coming, but you can escape His judgment by acknowledging what God has done for you.” And so, Paul pointed them to Jesus, the Resurrected One. And the response to Paul's message, was that some disbelieved and scoffed, some needed more time to consider what he had to say, but others believed and followed him.

Now there is an example of creation evangelism in the future. It will be during the Tribulation and this time, it will not be a man in a particular place, it will be two angels that supernaturally proclaim the gospel to the entire world.

Revelation 14:6-7,

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying

with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (KJV)

These angels proclaimed the gospel to the entire world. This is a supernatural crusade and you will note the importance of creation in the angels' message. 1) God is the one who created everything. 2) Man has a problem. 3) Judgment is coming. The second angel says why the judgment is coming—they had embraced Babylonianism, the New Age. So this was a very significant presentation of the gospel and it began with creation. But you will note that the angel, like Paul, said you can avoid the judgment. There is a way out.

So if we take these two messages together and combine them, this is what we find: Creation is the foundation of the gospel. God demands that we recognize He is the Creator and rejecting the Creator brings judgment. And most importantly, no one needs to face God's judgment. There is a way out.

Now a question: Have you ever used creation to proclaim the gospel? Are you a creation evangelist or would you like to be? As I said, there are many different ways to witness. But this series is dealing with creation and I want to conclude our series in these last two sessions by showing how creation can be used effectively to share the gospel in our generation.

There are many people who right away will say, “I cannot do that. How can I use creation? I have tried it before and people just laugh at me.” Some may think because they do not really have a background in science, they have not felt educated in some of the things that these people with credentials have. And so they just cannot deal with it because they do not have the information to confront people who are evolutionists. They feel others are smarter and say that they will leave this up to preachers or scientists. But I want to challenge every one of you. You can be a creation evangelist. No matter where you are in life—from a child to a grandparent—no matter what your background or education, all you need to do is to be able to have a few basic facts at your fingertips.

Now it is not my intention to do a complete review of some of the things that we have previously covered. I am just going to mention a few points. Many people in the world believe that evolution is true and therefore the Bible is not true because they believe, in the beginning, matter exploded and we have everything in existence. And they believe the disorder became order, when it can be simply demonstrated no one has ever observed that; rather, things proceed in a direction from order to disorder. Explosions do not bring about order, they bring chaos. Your choice is to believe in matter exploding, plus time, or believe in a supernatural Creator, God, who designed.

With regards to the origin of our planet, you can believe that particles came together by gravity and bumped into each other and formed a planet that just happens to be in the right place with the right conditions to support life. Or you can believe there is a Creator God, who created life.

You can believe that non-life became life when it has never been observed. Or you can believe that there is a Creator who took non-living materials and created life; and that the complexity of life shows His handiwork.

You can believe that evolution is true, claiming that there is a sequence of life from simple to complex, but you cannot find any fossils in the fossil record to show there are any intermediates.

You can believe, as the evolutionists claim, that there have been hundreds of millions of years of time and that in these layers that have been laid down gradually, you will find the sequence of evolutionary change. But when you go out into the real world, you cannot find the evidence for this. In fact, you can find that the layers were formed quickly and catastrophically and the fossil in the layers show that something has occurred in earth's history that brought about their destruction.

According to the biblical view, there was an original earth and it was perfect. It became imperfect because of sin and God destroyed the world in a great worldwide catastrophe. This involved the fountains of the great deep breaking up, the windows of heaven opening and life being destroyed. And you can find the evidence of this in the layers of the fossils.

Or when it comes to the subject of ancient man, you can believe that we have evolved from lower to higher and have your faith based upon charts, murals, drawings, and models without any conclusive fossils. The alternative is that man has always been man. Man was created in God's image and had tremendous abilities, attributes, and capacities. When we look at the facts left to us by the ancient civilizations, we see that evolutionists call these evidences, mysteries. The biblical view is true.

See what we just did here is about a four-minute summation of eight hours of materials. But the facts all support creation. They do not support evolution. Everyone can have some basic facts at their fingertips in order to share with others. You can be a creation evangelist. You do not need a science degree. You do not need a PhD. You do not need a Masters degree. You do not need any kind of degree to be able to present common sense and logic. Creation is logical. Creation is based on the facts and it makes sense.

Now that does not mean that you are going to convince someone. It is not by our might. It is not by our power. It is not by clever argumentation that you are going to win someone into the family. In fact, you do not win them at all. No one comes to the Father unless they are drawn by God's Spirit, but God uses human vessels to be able to plant seeds.

Creation evangelism defined, simply involves the process of planting seeds of truth and pointing the lost to the fact that there is a Creator who has created all things, including them. That is what creation evangelism is. When someone talks to you and has some questions about origins, you are able to plant some seeds.

That is what I call creation evangelism (part one). It is providing evidence for creation by planting seeds of truth that may cause unbelievers to doubt what they believe. Now, this is important. Remember when Satan came to the Garden of Eden and he spoke to Eve? He caused her to doubt what God had told her. So one of the best ways to be an effective evangelist is to plant seeds of truth that may cause unbelievers to doubt what they believe. And if they believe in evolution, maybe you could plant some seeds which may cause them to doubt what they believe.

Now there is a second part to creation evangelism. If you are going to be effective in pointing people to the Creator, and you are talking to them about the subject of creation, you need to also tell them there are serious consequences when one chooses to ignore the overwhelming evidence that God is the Creator of all things. Why do I say that? Well, it is found in the Bible and this is a very important principle. We dealt with it when we dealt with the subject of evolution and morals. And we went to Romans 1, where we read that Paul said the evidence that God has created is so obvious from the things He has made, that if we reject that evidence, we are without excuse. Our foolish hearts are then darkened. Professing to be wise, we become fools. And we believe a lie.

So Satan's agenda is to cause people to doubt what God has said about creation. And when we believe the opposite of creation (which is evolution) the Scriptures say we are not believing in the truth. We are then believing in a lie and we have willingly chosen to do so. When an individual willingly rejects the clear evidence, revealing that God is the Creator, eventually that person will worship everything that God has made rather than the God who has made everything. That is what we read in Romans 1, and you will note that it begins in verse 18. God's wrath is revealed when people go this direction.

We have looked already at the Scriptures and we know that there is this pattern throughout the Old Testament. Whenever man removes God from his thinking and trusts in his own reasoning, he strays far from God and then God brings judgment. That is what happened from the Fall and that is why there was a Flood. The Creator who made Adam and Eve was removed from His place of authority in a sense, because man trusted in himself and then followed the fallen spiritual dimension. And things were so wicked and perverted that God had to destroy all of it. That was a judgment, and the evidence that God judged in a worldwide flood is obvious for us to see around the world.

At the time of the Tower of Babel when the people rebelled against God, they began to worship the gods, and God the Creator was angered by what they were doing. Of course He stopped the building of the tower and they were dispersed because God was angry. And the societies that we see world-wide continue to do what they had done at Babel. We read in the Old Testament that the children of Israel were instructed to be obedient to God and to His Word. We find that they too rebelled and became involved with the pagan practices of the ancients and they were judged. That is the pattern that is seen throughout history.

So if that is what has occurred in the past, and if history repeats itself and there is nothing new under the sun, then what we see today is a revival of ancient Babylonianism. People are practicing various kinds of witchcraft and occultic practices; and we are told that this is done in the name of science, the New Age enlightenment, and the elevation of consciousness. What does God the Creator think about this? Well, the Bible is very clear. If it was an abomination to God in the past, then it is an abomination to God today. And if the world is going to embrace this—as is happening—the Bible says there will be a judgment. Shouldn't we consider what God has said?

You see, if we are going to be effective in witnessing to the generation of people today, then we must be able to tell them that the god of the New Age is the god of this world, who is Satan. And that the New Age is not new. It can be understood in light of the Scriptures. It can be understood in light of the foundation of evolution, which teaches the concept that through time, there has been a progression from lower to higher. So that today, when people embrace the New Age techniques that allow them to take the next step of evolution to become new and higher beings, we can tell them what this is. It is not the new science. It is not the new biology. It is not evolution in this lifetime through the serpent power. This is the same old deception that has occurred throughout the generations. Man is being duped and caught up in Satan's schemes and he is being deceived. And the fact is, from a biblical perspective, that judgment is coming. It has happened in the past and it will happen again. That is not an easy message, but it is the truth.

You see, creation evangelism is not only telling people that there is a Creator, that there has been a creation, and that they are accountable to their Creator because of their sin; it is also telling them that there is a way out. We do not have to face the judgment. Today when we share with people who have embraced pagan practices with the ancients, these are the things that we need to tell them in love. First, the Bible gives God's perspective of the New Age—when it happened in

the past. The Bible also gives God's perspective of the New Age that is underway today. And the Bible gives God's perspective of the New Age that will unfold in the future. Finally, there is an urgency to tell people about God's perspective of the New Age. Why? If they do not know the truth, then they will spend eternity in hell.

And you know we live in a society today where people are saying, "Don't rock the boat. Let's just all try to get along." Many churches are moving in that direction and they call it "seeker friendly". They do not want to offend anybody. I have gone to churches recently where they say, "Don't tell people about evolution, or speak critically about it because many of our people will leave." Things are changing but the facts remain the same. There is a Creator and there has been a creation. And when people refuse to believe that there is a Creator and they embrace evolution, they will be deceived. And when they embrace the New Age ideas and philosophies, then they are headed down that wide pathway which ends up in hell.

Creation evangelism is pointing the lost to the Creator by showing them evidence for creation by simply planting seeds. Creation evangelism (part two) is warning that there are serious consequences for worshipping the creation instead of the Creator. And I believe that everyone can do this.