

Week 1: Truth of God

God as Giver of Absolute Truth

6-Week Outline

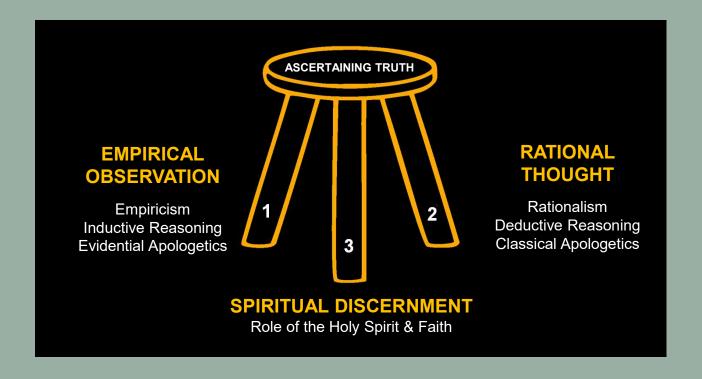
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Worldviews Sources of Truth

WORLDVIEW	TRADITIONAL <1700 AD Christianity	MODERN 1700-1970 Enlightenment Period	POSTMODERN >1970 New Age Movement	BLENDED
SOURCE	God-Centric	Science-Centric	Man-Centric	Non-Centric
TRUTH	Transcendent Objective Absolute	Material Subjective	Sensory Relative	Blending of God-Science-Man Centric Views

Framework for Ascertaining Truth

3-Legged Stool



Apologetics Definition

Being Grounded

Christian Apologetics is a reasoned response to what we believe to be true about God, and why we believe it based on

both knowledge and experience ...

Being Missional

... to help people understand and embrace the Christian worldview and ultimately respond to God's offer of amazing grace.

Apologetics Methodology

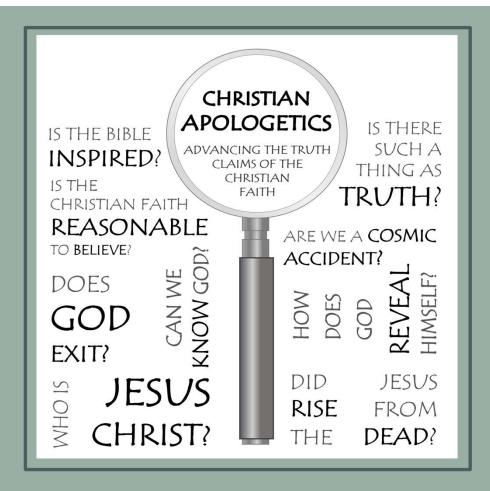
METHOD 1

The Bible and science describe the same reality based on modern evidence.

They are in harmony.

METHOD 2

Since the Biblical truth claims are true for things seen, the whole of God's Word is true for all things unseen!



Week 2: Existence of God

God as All-Powerful, Transcendent Creator

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KAMAL Cosmological Argument

(Rational Thought)

3 PREMISES

(P1) Universe had a beginning.

(P2) Something that begins to exist has a cause.

(P3) Something cannot come from nothing.

CONCLUSION

Universe was created by a

Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause

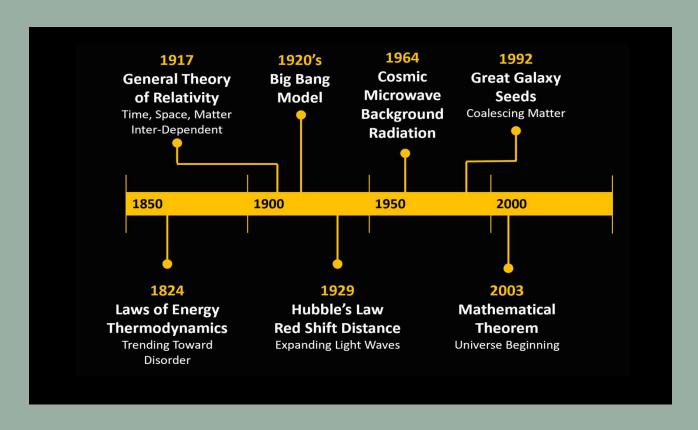
(Genesis 1:1)

(Empirical Observation)

"They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and the sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature."

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT)

(Key Scientific Discoveries)



(Beginning of the Universe)

"In the beginning (TIME)
God created the heavens (SPACE)
and the earth." (MATTER)

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

(Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation)

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

The skies display his craftsmanship.

Day after day they continue to speak;

night after night they make him known.

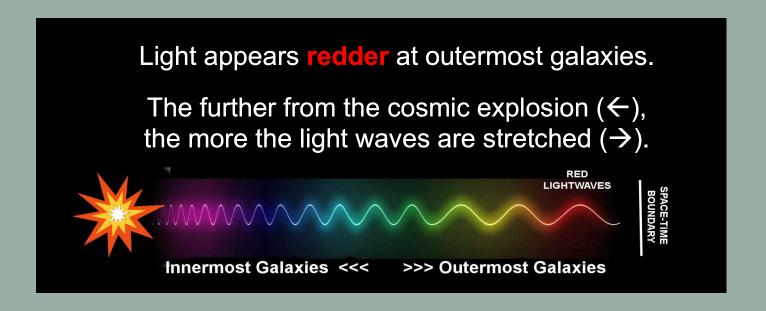
They speak without a sound or word;

their voice is never heard.

Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world."

Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT)

(Expansion of the Universe - Hubble's Law)



(Expansion of the Universe - Stretching)

You stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens.

Psalm 104:2 (NLT)

God stretches the northern sky over empty space.

Job 26:7 (NLT)

(Fine-Tuning of the Universe – Physical Laws)

This is what the LORD says:

"I would no more reject my people than
I would change my laws that govern night and
day, earth and sky."

Jeremiah 33:25 (NLT)

(Fine-Tuning of the Universe – Gravitational Forces)

God spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.

Job 26:7 (NIV)

(Probability of Life on Earth by Chance)

Approximately 322 physical laws and properties that are necessary to enable and sustain life on planet Earth

Random chance is 1 in 10²⁸²

Hugh Ross, Reasons to Believe, 2004

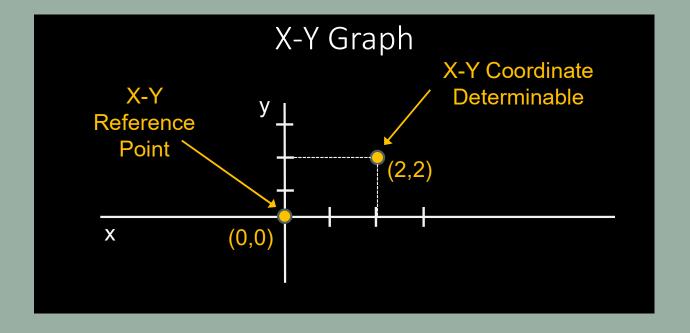
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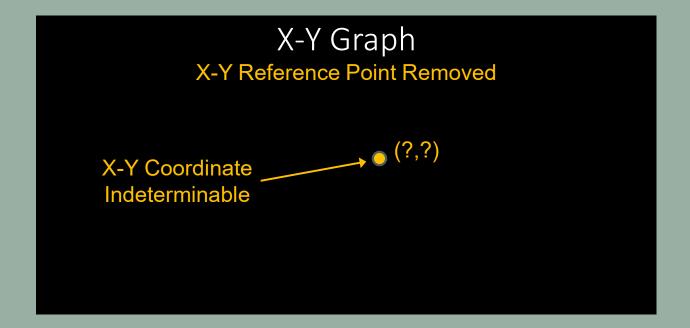


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(Implausibility of Infinite Past)



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(P2) Universe Had a Cause

(Law of Causality)



(P2) Universe Came from Something

(Law of Non-Contradiction)

Nothing cannot transition into something because nothing is non-existent and is therefore devoid of any formative power to create itself.

(C) Universe Created by God

(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

Hebrews 11:3 (NLT)

Universe Created by God

(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

Romans 4:17 (NLT)

Universe Created by God

(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

"The beginning seems to present insuperable difficulties unless we agree to look on it as frankly supernatural".

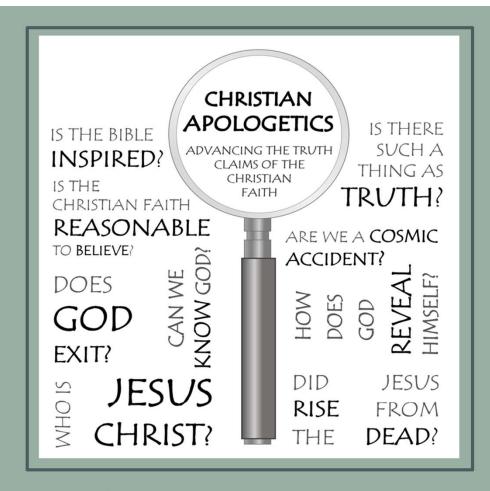
Arthur Eddington 1933

Universe Created by God

(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

"That there are what I or anyone would call supernatural forces at work is now, I think, a scientifically proven fact."

Robert Jastrow 1982



Week 3: Creation of God

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(Darwin's Doubt)

"Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain, and thus, perhaps is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be used against my theory".

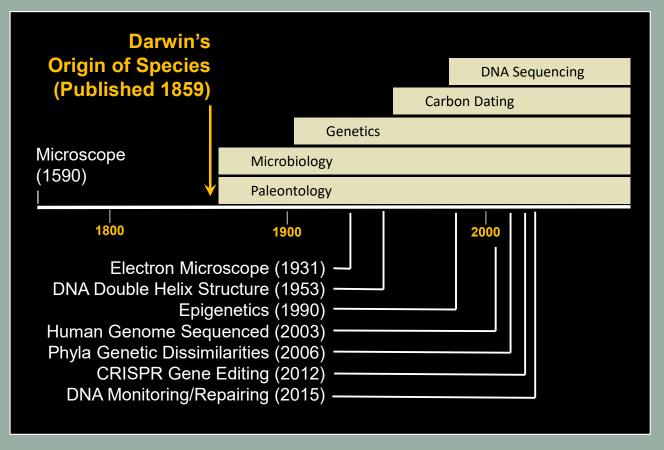
Charles Darwin
Origin of Species

(Darwin's Doubt)

"If it could be demonstrated that any complex organism existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modification, my theory would absolutely break down."

Charles Darwin
Origin of Species

(Darwin's Place in History)



Fallacies of Evolution (Fallacy #1)

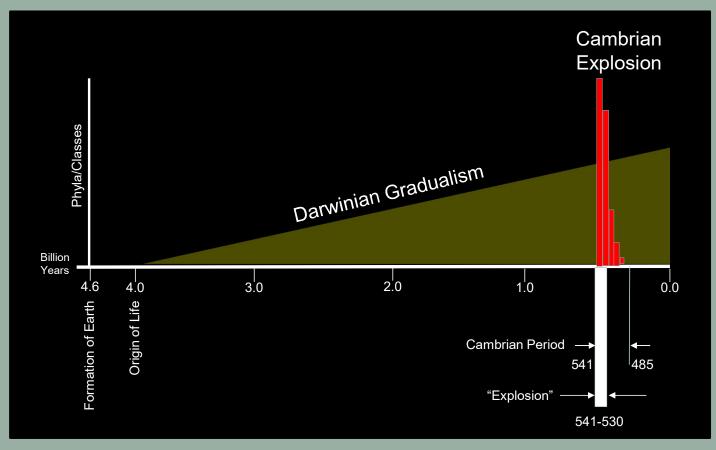
The fossil record will eventually reveal intermediates to prove Darwin's theory of stepwise refinement correct for the origin of species.

(Fallacy #2)

Micro-Evolution Serves as a Plausible Foundation for Macro-Evolution.

That Darwin's theory addresses both the survival of the species and the arrival of the species.

(Cambrian Explosion)



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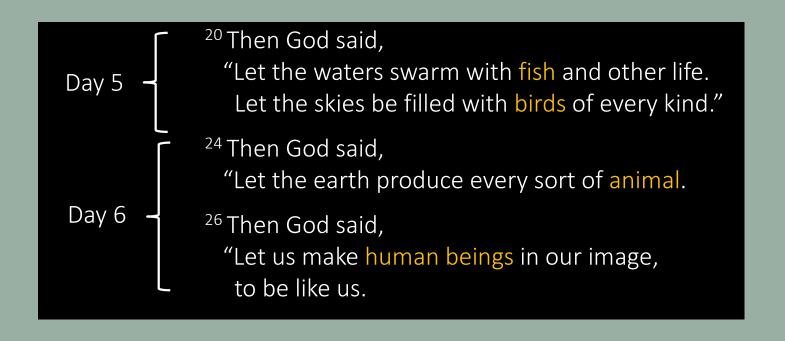
(Fossil Record)

Sudden appearance of phyla/species over very short period ... (5-10M years)

... followed by an absence of macro-change over a very long period (540M years)

Fallacies of Evolution

(Creation Account in Genesis 1)



Fallacies of Evolution

(Population Genetics)

Viable Genetic Propagation Over Time
Population Size
Reproduction Rate
Environmental Conditions

Haldane's Dilemma: Not Enough Time!

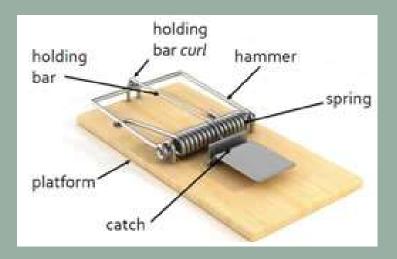
Fallacies of Evolution

(Irreversible Complexity)

All the parts of the mouse trap are essential and mutually interdependent.

Remove any part and the entire system fails.

Therefore, it could not have evolved piece-by-piece.



(Aquinas' Argument)

Major Premise

Wherever complex design exists, there must have been a designer.

Minor Premise

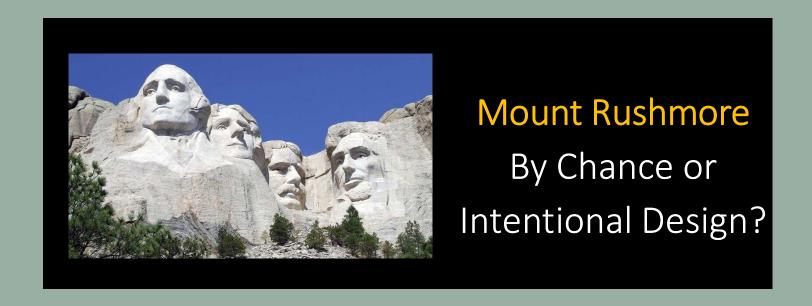
The universe and life are marked by complex design.

Conclusion

The universe and life are the work of an intelligent designer.

Thomas Aquinas, 1200's

(Foreknowledge & Design)

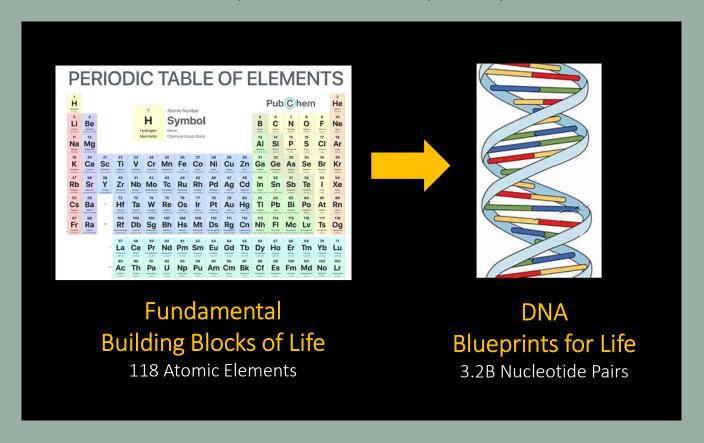


(God's Design Intent)

"The Lord made the earth by his power, and he preserves it by his wisdom. With his own understanding he stretched out the heavens."

Jeremiah 10:12 (NLT)

(Exponential Complexity)



(Exponential Complexity)



(Probability of Random Chance)

"The chance that higher life forms might have emerged in this way [Darwinism] is comparable with the chance that a tornado sweeping through a junk-yard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein.

... I am at a loss to understand biologists' widespread compulsion to deny what seems to me to be obvious."



Random chance is 1 in 10^{40,000}

Sir Fred Hoyle, Oxford Astronomer 1981

(Secular Alternatives)

Chemical Evolution
Spontaneous Generation
Panspermia

Evidence for Intelligent Design (God's Word)

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For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

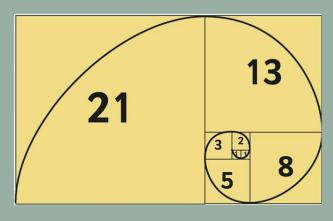
I praise you because
I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful;
I know that full well.
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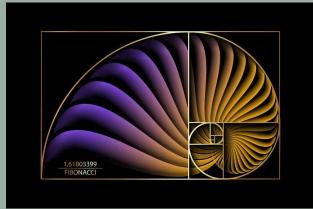
Psalm 139:13-14 (NLT)

(Fibonacci & The Golden Rule)



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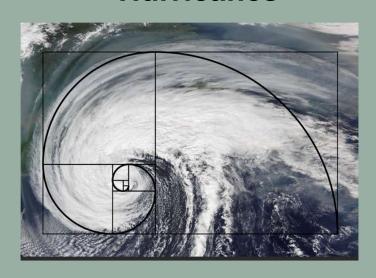






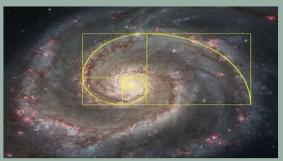
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Hurricanes



Solar Systems

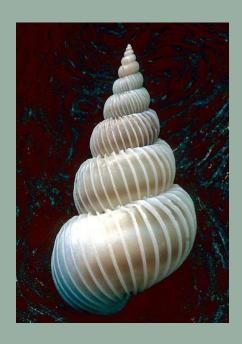




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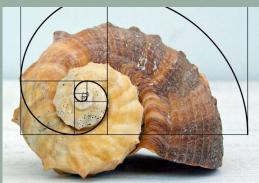
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Vertical



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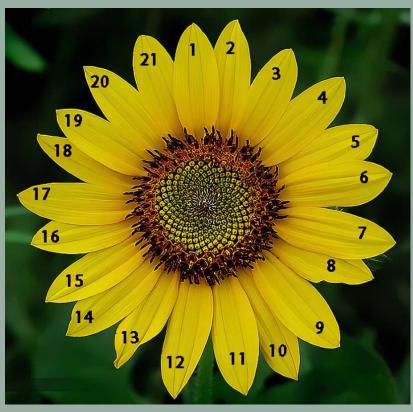




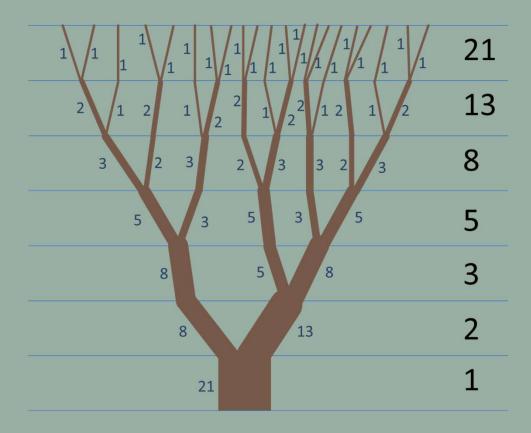
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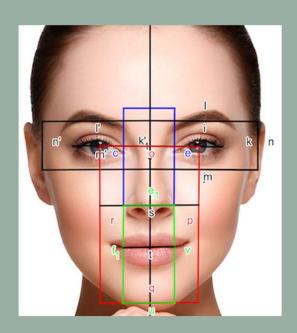
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(Fibonacci & The Golden Rule)

Proportions of facial features, body parts, and even teeth honor the Fibonacci Golden Rule of 1.618.



(Fibonacci & The Golden Rule)

Fertilized eggs produce female.

Unfertilized eggs produce males.

Ratio of female-to-male bees in a hive is 1.618.

Population count is a Fibonacci number.

Bee Family Tree

(God's Intelligent Design)

Because the Fibonacci design pattern
broadly span all systems of creation
that have nothing in common,
this design pattern could not have evolved
through a process of replication from a
single natural source.

The only reasonable conclusion is that this design pattern was established by God.

God's Purpose in Creation

(Vexing Question)

Product of a Purposive Act of Divine Intelligence?

OR

Product of a Cosmic Accident?

R. C. Sproul Now That's a Good Question

God's Purpose in Creation

(Nothingness Without God)

"If we came from nothing and go to nothing, then between these two poles of nothingness, WE ARE NOTHING."

R. C. Sproul Now That's a Good Question

God's Purpose in Creation (God's Glory)

"Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us."

Genesis 1:26 (NLT)

God's Purpose in Creation

(God's Glory)

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory.

Romans 11:36

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

Psalm 19:1

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Everything was created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16

Also see: Exodus 9:16, Romans 11:36, Psalm 73:24-26, John 17:22, 24, Colossians 1:16

God's Purpose in Creation

(Our Enjoyment)

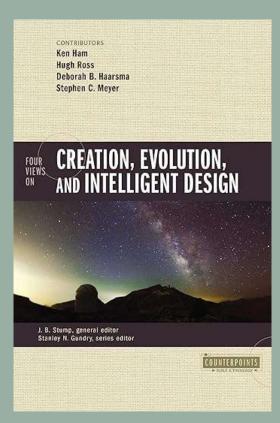
"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him."

John Piper

"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

Westminster Shorter Catechism

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The Case for an Old Earth

(#1 - Use of the Word DAY)

Most scholars view Genesis 1-2:4 as metaphorical (figurative language) and anthropomorphically where the author uses Man-language to describe the indescribable thing of God.

The Hebrew Word yō·wm is used in Genesis 1-2:4 anthropomorphically so that the readers would understand God-Days (epochs) in terms of Man-Days (24-Hour Days).

The use of the word day (yō·wm) in Genesis 1-2:4 refers to indeterminate periods (epochs) of times that mark a definite series of creative acts.

The Case for an Old Earth

(Argument 1 - Use of Metaphor for Word DAY)

Moses' use of a metaphor for DAY

Psalm 90:4 (NIV) - A Prayer of Moses

A thousand years in your sight (God's sight) are like a day (kə·yō·wm) that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night (Man's sight).

Peter's reference to the same metaphor for DAY

2 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand year (God's sight), and a thousand years are like a day (Man's sight).

The Case for an Old Earth

(Argument 2 - Creation of Day/Night in Genesis 1:14-19)

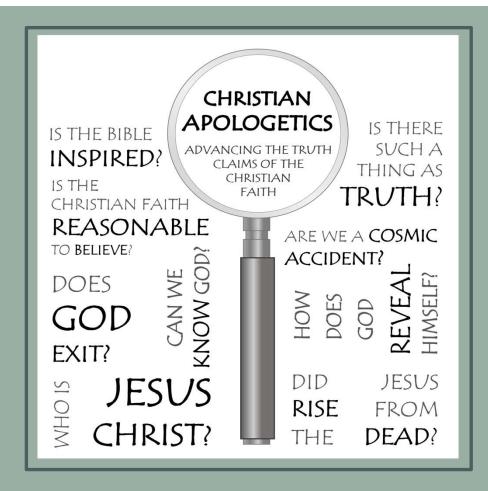
On Day 4, God created the sun and moon as a way to mark the days and the seasons.

Genesis 1:14-19

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. ...

¹⁹ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day (yō⋅wm).

If the divinely appointed time markers either did not yet exist or were not yet visible from Earth, then how was the **time of day** being marked on Earth the **first three days of creation** (expressed in Man-Days)?



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6-Fold Process



REVELATION

God makes Himself known



INSPIRATION

God makes Himself known in human words



INSCRIPTURATION

God causes His Word to be written



TRANSMISSION

God's Word copied



TRANSLATION

God's Word is made available in other languages



CANONIZATION

God's Word recognized by the Church as authoritative

(Overview of General Revelation)



Universally Available to

- All People for
- All Time in
- All Places

Knowing God as Creator

(External General Revelation - Creation)

"They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and the sky.

Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities his eternal power and divine nature."

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT)

(External General Revelation – Fall of Creation)

"Creation was subjected to frustration.

Creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay.

We groan inwardly as we wait eagerly

We groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for the redemption of our bodies."

Romans 8:20-23 (NIV)

(Internal General Revelation – Human Conscience)

"Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right."

Romans 2:14-15

(Internal General Revelation - Creation)

"God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them."

Romans 1:18-19 (NLT)

(Results General Revelation)

God's Eternal Power/Divine Nature in Creation



Moral Conscience (His Image)



Creation is Fallen



Wicked Suppress God's Truth

(Evidence for General Revelation)

Emergent Religious Beliefs Among 85% of Indigenous Tribes

Existence of an All-Powerful/Knowing Deity
Existence of Evil/Morality
Existence of a Judging/Punitive Deity
Rituals of Appeasement/Atonement

(Evidence for General Revelation)

Psychological Science of Morality

"Evidence suggests that we're all born with some innate sense of morality and fairness."

David Pizarro (Cornell University)

"Babies are predisposed to interact with good people."

Karen Wynn (Yale University)

"This innate sense of justice is tragically limited."
Although babies are born with an innate sense of morality, they are also born with flaws."

Paul Bloom (Yale University)

(Special Revelation)



Selectively Available to

- Specific People at
- Specific Times in
- Specific Ways

Knowing God as Redeemer

(Jesus, the Incarnation of God)

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"For in Christ lives all the fullness of God
in a human body."
Colossians 2:9 (NLT)

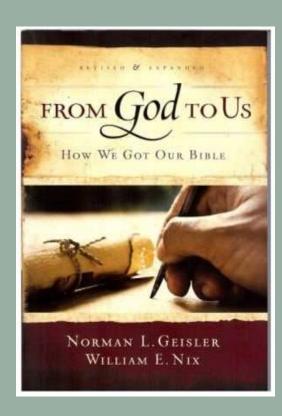
"Christ is the visible image
of the invisible God."
Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

"The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God."
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Hebrews 1:3 (NLT)

From God to Us

How We Got Our Bible



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(Definition)

INSPIRATION is the process of
God speaking authoritatively through
the prophets of the Old Testament and
the person of Jesus Christ in the New
Testament, and
entrusting the communication of His Word
to godly people appointed by Him.

(All Scripture is God-Breathed)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

2 Timothy 3:16

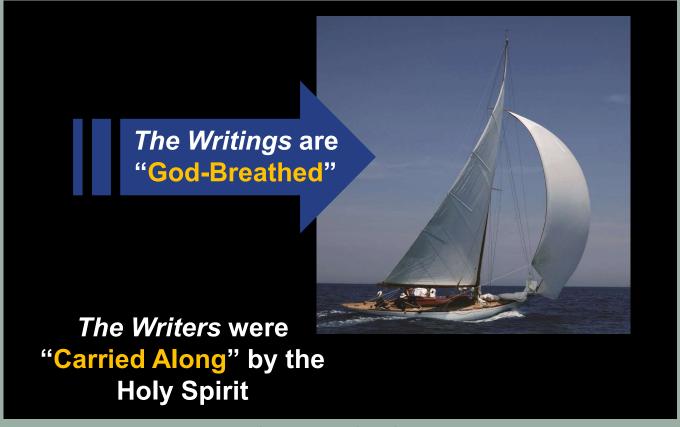
(Writers were Carried-Along)

"You must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

2 Peter 1:20-21

(God-Breathed & Carried-Along)



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(Evidence for Inspiration)

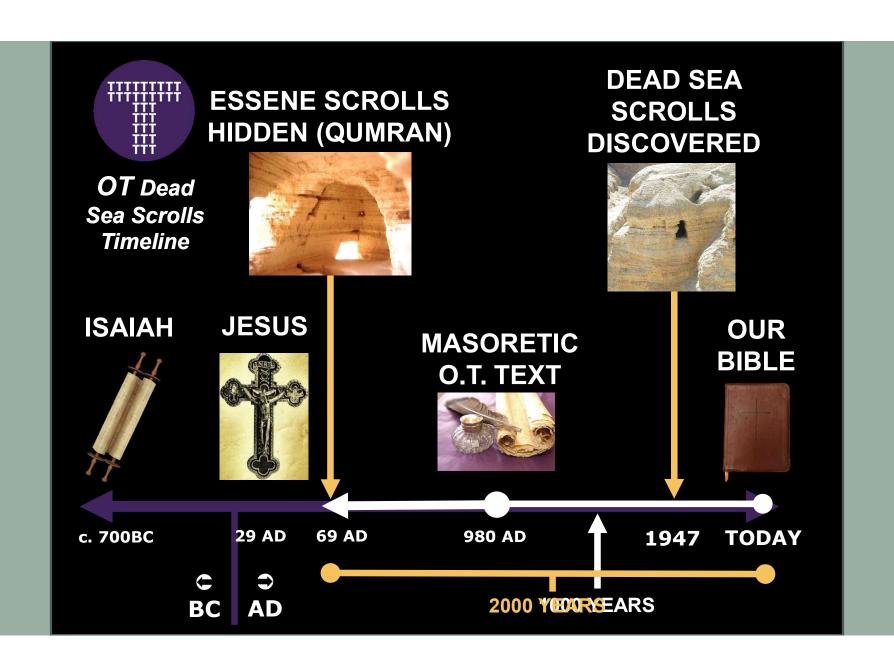
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1,000+ propheciesfound in 66 bookswritten by 40 authorsover 1,500 years
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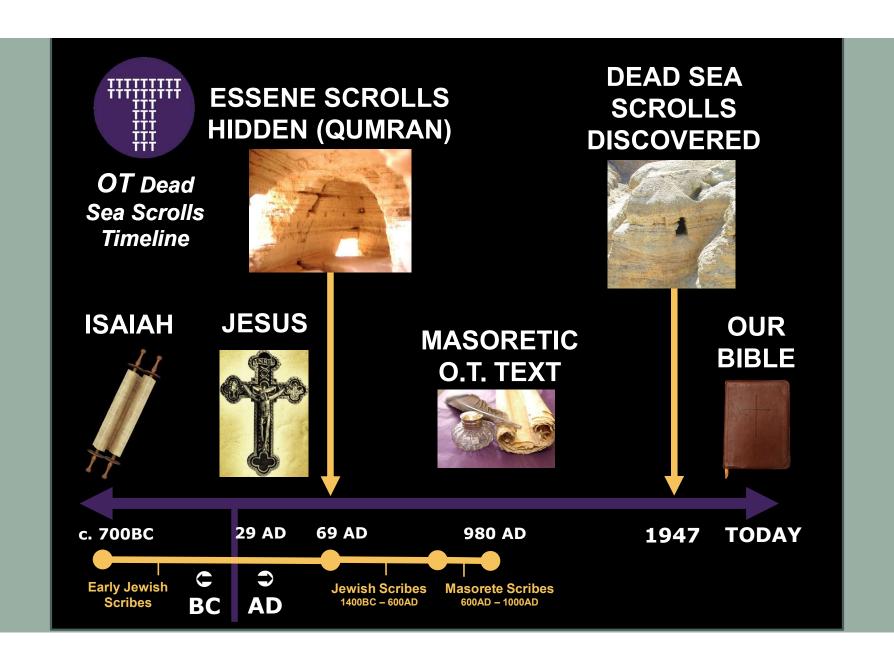
The consistent and accurate **fulfillment** of **prophecy** throughout the ages proves one author, **God Himself**!

(Old Testament Transmission)

The veracity (accuracy) of the OT scriptures relies primarily on the fidelity of the transmission process used by skilled scribes.

- → Hebrew Scriptures, the OT, were written from 1,400 BC to 400 BC.
- → Early Jewish Scribes copied the OT scriptures from 1,400 BC to 600 AD.
- → Later Masoretic Scribes copied the OT scriptures from 600 AD to 1000 AD.





(New Testament Transmission)

The veracity of the New Testament relies primarily on the

multiplicity of manuscripts/fragments

early dating of the manuscripts/fragments

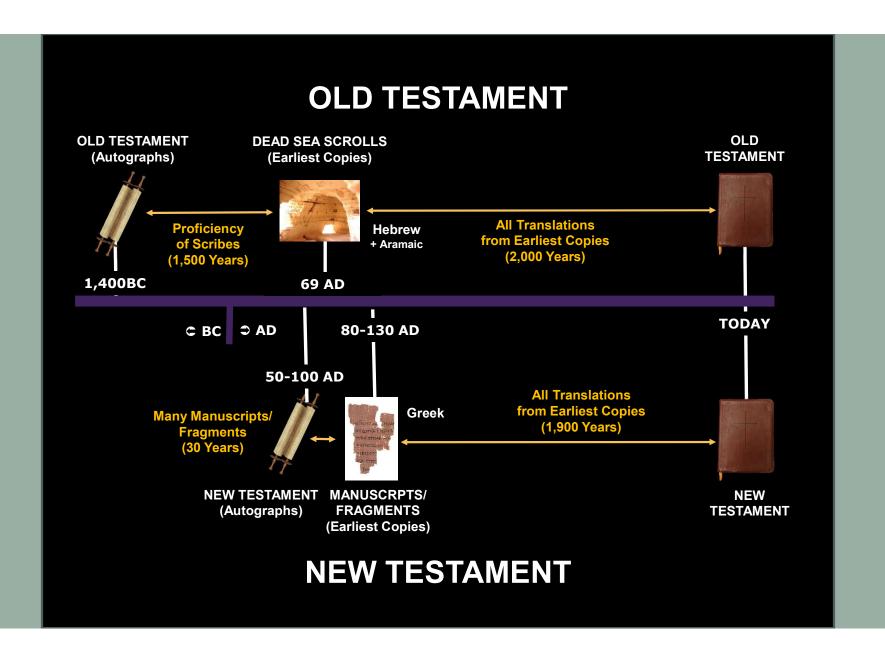
low percentage of variations among the manuscripts/fragments

(New Testament Transmission)

	New Testament	
Autograph Written	A.D. 50-90	
Earliest Copy (after autograph)	Fragments: 30 yrs. Books: 100 yrs. NT: 250 yrs.	
# Copies	24,000+	
# Text Lines	20,000	
# Lines in Question	40 of 20,000	
Accuracy	99.8%	

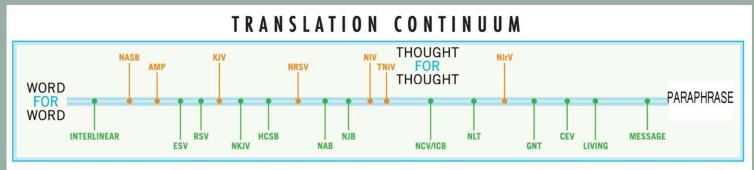
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Translation

(Translation Continuum)



This continuum shows how different Bible translations fit into the word-for-word and thought-for-thought translation philosophies.

(Measuring Inspiration)

Canon is a way to measure the divine inspiration of an ancient manuscript.



(Inspiration Recognized, Not Made)

The Canon of Scripture (66 books) was recognized as having divine authority.

They were **not made** authoritative by any person, group, or church.

(Essential Criteria for Canonicity)

- (1) Prophetic and Apostolic Origin of the Manuscripts
- (2) Historic and Doctrinal Soundness of the Manuscripts
- (3) Wide Acceptance by the OT Jews and the NT Church

(Apocrypha Books / Deuterocanonical)

Tobit

Judith

Wisdom of Solomon

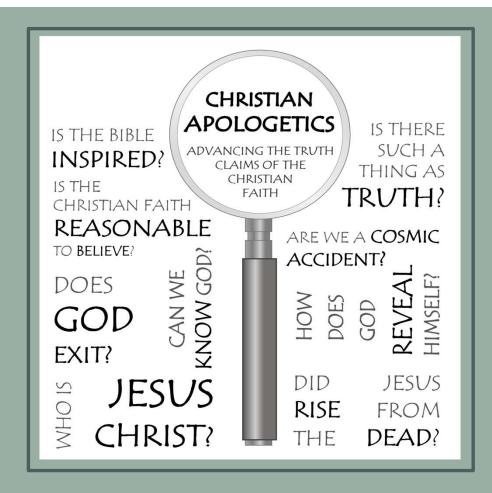
Ecclesiasticus (Sirach)

Baruch (incl. Letter to Jeremiah)

1 Maccabees

2 Maccabees

+ Greek Additions to Esther and Daniel



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Introduction

Who is Jesus?

"Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?"

(C. S. Lewis)

Introduction

(Pharisees' Accusations)

"So, the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. But Jesus replied,
"My Father is always working, and so am I."
So, the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him.
For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God."

John 5:16-18 (NLT)

Introduction

(Jesus' Four Witnesses Presented in John 5)

John the Baptist's Authoritative Testimony (vv. 32-35)

Jesus' Authoritative Teaching

(v. 36)

Jesus' Miracles

(v. 36)

Jesus' Fulfillment of Messianic Prophecy

(vv. 37-46)

Authoritative Testimony

(Jesus' Defense)

But someone else is also testifying about me, and I assure you that everything he says about me is true.

In fact, you sent investigators to listen to John the Baptist, and his testimony about me was true."

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John 5:32-33 (NLT)

Authoritative Testimony

(John the Baptist's Testimony)

²⁹ "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

³² "Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him.

³³ I didn't know he was the one,
but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me,
'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴ "I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."

John 5:29, 32-34 (NLT)

Extra-Biblical Testimony

(Historian Testimony)

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"a most mischievous superstition" (Tacitus)

"a mischievous religious belief" (Suetonius)

"excessive superstition" (Pliny the Younger)

"Christ as to a god" (Pliny the Younger)

"worship the crucified sage" (Lucian of Samosata)

"he was perhaps the Messiah concerning

whom the prophets have recounted wonders" (Josephus)

"he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion

and that he was alive" (Josephus)

"fearful darkness" (Thallus)

"earth rent by an earthquake" (Thallus)
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Biblical Testimony

(Others' Testimony)

Disciples

Peter: "We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes."

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

2 Peter 1:16, Matthew 16:15-16 (NLT)

John: "Jesus, the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:1-16 (NLT)

Paul: "Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God"

"In Jesus lives all the fullness of God in a human body"

Colossians 1:15-19, 2:9 (NLT)

Zechariah, Simeon, Anna, the Magi, the Roman Centurion God the Father/Holy Spirit, the Angel Gabriel, Demons

... and the thousands of people who witnessed Jesus' teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection

Authoritative Teachings (Jesus' Defense)

"But I have a greater witness than John my teachings."

John 5:36 (NLT)

Authoritative Teachings

(Realms of Jesus' Authority)

Authority to Forgive Sins
Authority Over Peoples' Destiny
Authority of Sickness
Authority Over Life & Death
Authority Over Nature
Authority Over Old Testament Law
Origin of Divine Truth

Authoritative Teachings

(People's Response)

"He began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, 'Where did he get all this wisdom and power?'"

Mark 6:2 (NLT)

(People's Response)

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching.

He taught with real authority— quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

Matthew 7:28-29 (NLT) (Mark 1:22, Mark 11:18, Luke 2:47)

(Examples from Sermon of the Mount)

Authority Over Old Testament Law

"You have heard it said ... but I say"

(Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43)

Origin of Divine Truth

"Truly, I say to you" (Amen)

(Matthew 5:17, 6:2,5,16)

(Jesus' Divine Titles)

Son of Man (x85)

Divine Figure in the Likeness of Man (Daniel 7:13-14)

Son of God (x42)

Intimacy with God His Father

I Am – Messianic Metaphors (x7)

lam the bread of life, light of the world, door of the sheep, true vine, ...

I AM – ego eimi (x5)

I AM the Self-Existent, Eternal God (Exodus 3:14)

One with God (x1)

Same Essence/Being as God (John 10:22-30)

(Jesus' Mental Wellness)

Schizophrenia

Delusions of grandeur, sensory hallucinations Life driven by sensory/delusional impairments

Bipolar Disorder

Manic periods of great excitement, euphoria and grandiosity, followed by periods of depression

Delusional Disorder

Erroneous beliefs with strong convictions despite evidence disproving the beliefs

Sociopathic Personality Disorder

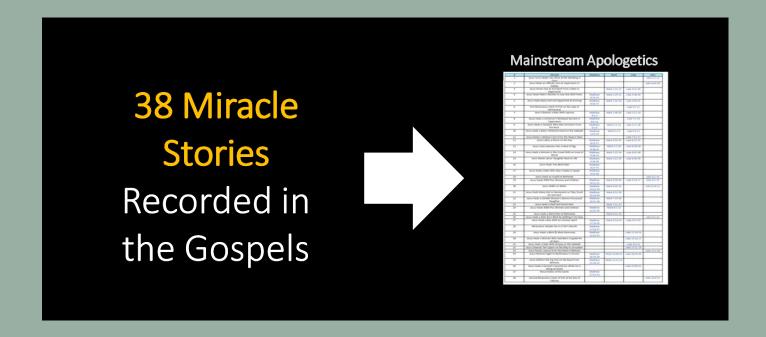
Manipulative, scheming, self-centered, self-promotional

(Jesus' Defense)

"But I have a greater witness than John—
my teachings and my miracles.
The Father gave me these works to accomplish,
and they prove that he sent me."

John 5:36 (NLT)

(Jesus' Recorded Miracles)



(Scope of Jesus' Miracles)

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee.

Jesus healed every kind of disease and illness.

People soon began bringing to him

all who were sick — he healed them all.

Matthew 4:23-24 (NLT)

The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book.

John 20:30 (NLT)

(Nature of Jesus' Miracles)

Jesus' Authority is Without Extent / Limit

Healing Illnesses, Deformities, Diseases (x20)

Physical Laws of Nature (x9)

Exorcising Demonic Spirits (x5)

Raising the Dead to Life (x4)

There were **no domains** over which Jesus did not exercise **absolute authority**.

(Nature of Jesus' Miracles)

Jesus' Miracles Exhibit Explosive Power

Word for Miracle in New Testament

Dunamis → Dynamite

(Greek) (English)



Jesus' miracles occurred so quickly, they could not have been explained away by natural process.

(Nature of Jesus' Miracles)

Jesus' Himself Possessed the Power to Perform Miracles by His Word

Not Accompanied by Incantations, Potions, Rituals Did Not Depend on Proximity

Jesus' Word was enough.

(Eyewitnesses to Jesus' Miracles)

"God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know."

Acts 2:22 (NLT)

³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, ... ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power."

Acts 10:37-38 (NLT)

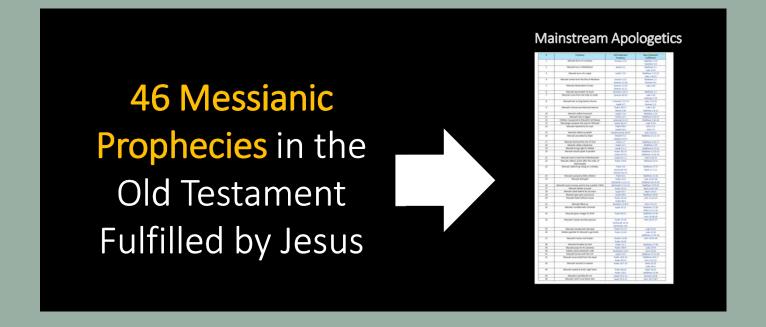
(Jesus' Defense)

"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life.
But the Scriptures point to me!"

"If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me."

John 5:39, 46 (NLT)

(Jesus' Recorded Messianic Prophecies)



(Accurate Fulfillment of Psalm 22)

King David provides an accurate prophetic description of Jesus' crucifixion in 1,000 BC.

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(Crucifixion)

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(Messianic Fulfillment by Chance)

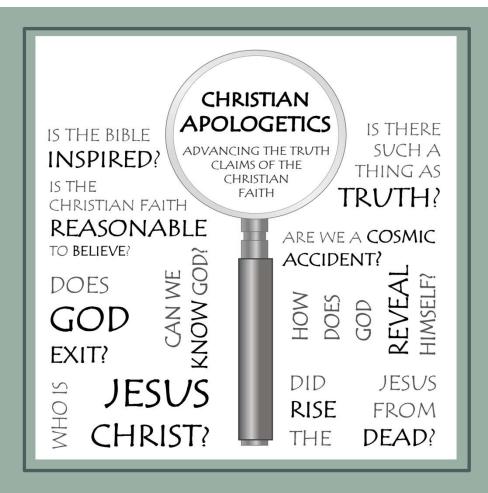
Odds of Jesus Fulfilling
All 46 Messianic Prophecies

1 in 10¹⁵⁷

Odds of Jesus Fulfilling Prophecies
Completely Outside His Control

1 in 10⁷⁸

Peter Stoner, Science Speaks, 1969



Week 6: Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus as Victorious Savior

6-Week Outline

Week 1 – Truth of God
God as Giver of Absolute Truth

Week 2 — Existence of God
God as All-Powerful, Transcendent Creator

Week 3 — Creation of God
God as Intelligent Designer & Giver of Life

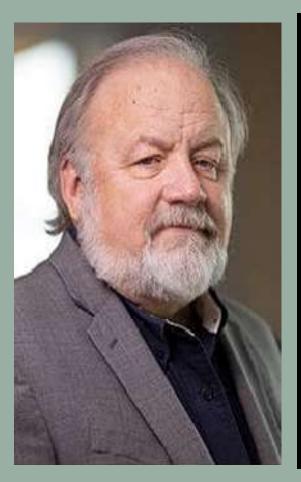
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Gary Habermas, the leading expert on the resurrection of Jesus, argues that the "death, burial and resurrection are the best-attested facts about Jesus".

<u>Dr. Gary R. Habermas - Online Resource for the</u>
<u>Resurrection of Jesus Christ</u>

(Eyewitness Testimony)

Eyewitness Testimonies

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(Eyewitness Testimony – Apostle John)

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. v. 25

Jesus said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. v. 30

They saw that he was already dead, so, they didn't break his legs. v. 33

One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. v. 34

For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled. v. 36

John 19 (NLT)

(Eyewitness Testimony – Disciples/Friends)

"All those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things."

Luke 23:49 (NIV), also Mark 15:40-41

(Eyewitness Testimony – General Public)

"Many people from all over the country"

"They kept looking for Jesus"

John 11:55-56 (NLT)

"A large crowd of Passover visitors"

John 12:9-13 (NLT)

(Post-Resurrection Appearances)

1	Mark 16:9-11 John 20:11-18	Resurrection Sunday	Mary Magdalene
2	Matthew 28:9-10	Resurrection Sunday	Other Women
3	Matthew 28:11-15	Resurrection Sunday	Two Disciples
4	John 12:23-24 1 Corinthians 15:5 Acts 2:32, 3:15, 10:41-42	Resurrection Sunday	Eleven Disciples, Peter Present
5	Mark 16:14 Luke 24:36-43 John 20:19-25	Resurrection Sunday	Ten Disciples , Thomas Absent
6	John 20:26-31 1 Corinthians 15:5	One Week Later	Eleven Disciples, Thomas Present
7	John 21:1-25	Weeks Later	Seven Disciples Fishing
8	Matthew 28:16-20 Mark 16:15-18	Weeks Later	Eleven Disciples
9	1 Corinthians 15:6 Acts 13:31	Weeks Later	500+ Disciples
10	1 Corinthians 15:7	Weeks Later	James, the Brother of Jesus
10	Luke 24:44-49 Acts 1:3-8	Weeks Later	Disciples
12	Mark 16:19-20 Luke 24:50-53 Acts 1:9-12	40 th Day Jesus' Ascension	Disciples
13	1 Corinthians 15:8	After Jesus' Ascension	Paul

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(Post-Resurrection Appearances - Disciples)

"During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive."

Acts 1:3 (NLT)

(Post-Resurrection Appearances - Others)

"He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep."

1 Corinthians 15:6 (NLT)

(Hallucination Theory)

Hallucination Theory alleges that people merely experienced visions of Jesus after his death.

Given that hallucinations and delusions are an individual experience, it is highly unlikely that the same vision of the resurrected Jesus could be experienced by the eleven disciples let alone 500+ people.

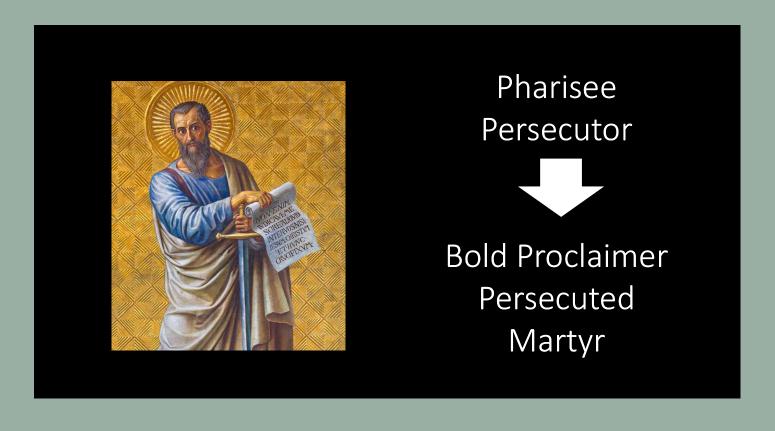
Conversion Evidence

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(Twelve Disciples)

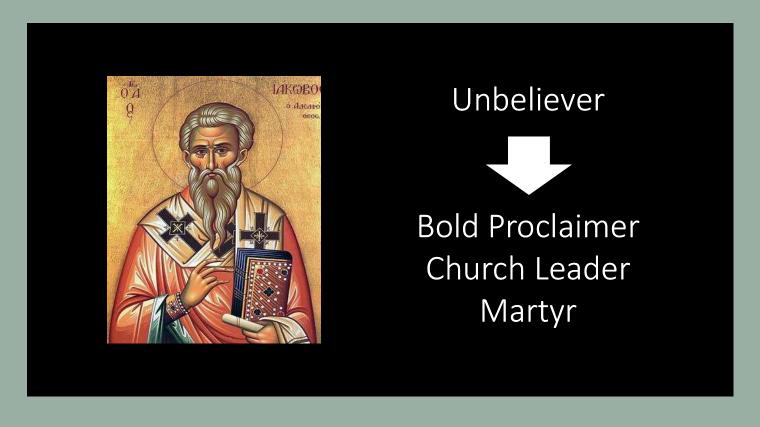


(Saul/Paul)



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(James the Just)



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Extra-Biblical Testimonies

(Flavius Josephus)

Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die.

They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive.

Flavius Josephus - Jewish Historian (90-95 A.D.)

(Cornelius Tacitus)

Christus, the founder of the name, was put to death by Pontius Pilate.

Christus suffered the extreme penalty at the hands of one of our procurators,

Pontius Pilate.

Cornelius Tacitus – Roman Historian (115 A.D.)

(Lucian of Samosata)

A man (Jesus) was crucified.

These misguided creatures worship the crucified sage.

Lucian of Samosata - Greek Writer (165 A.D.)

(Jewish Talmud)

Yeshu (Jesus) was hanged on the evening of the Passover.

Jewish Talmud (135-200 A.D.)

Extra-Biblical Testimony (Thallus)

"On the whole world there pressed a most fearful darkness; and the rocks were rent by an earthquake, and many places in Judea and other districts were thrown down. This darkness appears to me without reason."

Thallus (221 A.D.)

Extra-Biblical Testimony

(Tertullian)

"In the same hour, too, the light of day was withdrawn, when the sun at the very time was in its meridian blaze."

Tertullian (197 A.D.)

Extra-Biblical Testimony

(Phlegon)

"In the fourth year of the 202nd Olympiad, there was an eclipse of the sun, greater than any which had occurred previously. At the sixth hour, the day became as dark as night, and the stars were visible in the sky.

An earthquake in Bithynia

destroyed many buildings in Nicaea."

Phlegon (29-33 A.D.)

Testimonies

END OF SECTION

Prophetic Evidence

(Death by Crucifixion)

Messiah Crucified with Criminals

Isaiah 53

Messiah's Hands and Feet Pierced

Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Zechariah 12,23

Messiah's Bones Not Broken

Psalm 34, Exodus 12

Soldiers Pierced Messiah's Side

Zechariah 12

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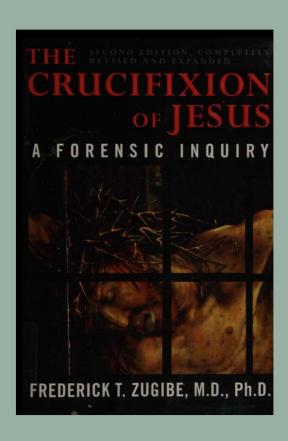
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Death by Crucifixion (Swoon Theory)

Jesus lost consciousness due to extreme exhaustion and then was resuscitated after a 3-day rest in the tomb.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

A Forensic Inquiry



Title: Crucifixion of Jesus: A

Forensic Inquiry

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(Emotional Distress – Garden of Gethsemane)

Extreme Emotional Distress

Sweating Blood

(hematidrosis)

Dehydration

Vomiting

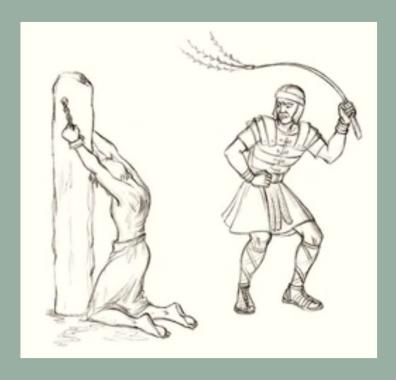
Luke 22:44

Death by Crucifixion (Beatings-Temple)

Severe Facial & Upper Torso Bruising & Fractures

Matthew 26:67-68, Mark 14:65, Luke 22:63-64

(Roman Scourging - Governor's Headquarters)





(Roman Scourging - Governor's Headquarters)

Contusions & Bruising

Vertebrae Damage

Muscle/Ligament/Tendon Damage

Lacerated Liver & Spleen

Punctured Lung

Fluid Buildup in Lung's Pleural Lining

(Pleural Effusion)

Heavy Blood Loss

(Hypovolemic Shock)

Periodic Vomiting, Tremors, Seizures

John 19:1-3

(Crown of Thorns/Beatings- Governor's Headquarters)

Crown of Thorns

Trigeminal & Occipital Nerve Damage

... resulting in Severe Facial Pain

Facial Beatings with Reed

Severe Facial Bruising/Swelling/Lacerations
Eye/Nasal/Oral Traumas
Concussions/Dizziness

(Complicating Injuries Already Inflicted by the Crown of Thorns)

Matthew 27:27-30, Mark 15:16-20

(Roman Crucifixion - Golgotha)

Severed Median Nerves Wrists/Hands

Severed Plantar Nerves Ankles/Feet

Pierced Pleura, Lung, Heart

Arms Dislocated

Inability to Exhale

(Asphyxiation)

Cardiac Arrest

(Hypovolemic Shock)

Matthew 27:35-44, Mark 15:24-32, Luke 23:33-43, John 19:18-27

Death by Crucifixion (Disfigurement)

Many were appalled at him – his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness."

Isaiah 52:14 (NLT)

Forensic Evidence

END OF SECTION

Circumstantial Evidence

Circumstantial Evidence (Definition)

Unlike direct or eyewitness evidence,

Circumstantial Evidence is indirect evidence that relies on inference to connect the

evidence (circumstances of Jesus' resurrection)

to an

assertion (claim of Jesus' resurrection).

(Prolonged Darkness & Earthquakes)

"At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock."

Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33, Luke 23:44 (NLT)

"The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened."

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Phlegon (29-33 A.D.)

(Temple Curtain Torn in Two)

"Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom."

Matthew 27:50-51a (NLT)

(Resurrection of the Saints)

"The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people."

Matthew 27:51-53 (NLT)

(Cessation of Temple Phenomena)

Lot for God Always Selected by Right Hand Strip of Crimson Wool Always Turns White Candelabrum Burned Continuously Sanctuary Door Always Remained Closed

Jerusalem Talmud - Yoma 39a-b

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Shroud of Turin

Shroud of Turin Evidence



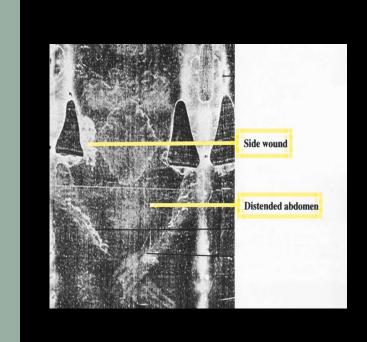
(Floral Imprints and Pollen Grains Unknown)



(Shape of Scourge Marks Unknown)



(Medical Conditions Unknown)



Blood Clotting

Blood clotting in the serum halos surrounding the scrouge marks

Pleural Effusion

Build Up of Blood Serum and Other Fluids in the Pleural (Lung) Lining

Abdomen Distension

Build Up of Fluids and Air in the Abdomen (Swollen Abdomen)

(Image Formation on Shroud Unknown)



- Image imprinted using heat and radiation a process commonly known as scorching.
- Image is 3-dimensional, therefore difficult for a forger to accurately produce on a 2dimensional linen.

(Summary)

Unique to Jesus' Death by Scourging & Crucifixion

Face/Head Wounds from Beatings

Puncture Marks from Crown of Thorns

Legs Not Broken

Absence of Bodily Tissue

Absence of Embalming Ointment

Fine Linen Used at Burial

Unique to Jesus' Resurrection

Unknown Method by which Linen was Scorched

END OF SECTION