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I Corinthians 14:8



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2 Peter 2:1-3

But false prophets also appeared among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their indecent behavior, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

2 Peter 2:13-15a

They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions as they feast with you, having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in greed, accursed children; abandoning the right way, they have gone astray

2 Peter 2:18-19

For, while speaking out arrogant words of no value they entice by fleshly desires, by indecent behavior, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what anyone is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

2 Timothy 3:1-9, 13

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such people as these. For among them are those who slip into

households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, worthless in regard to the faith. But they will not make further progress; for their foolishness will be obvious to all, just as was that also of Jannes and Jambres.

But evil people and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Answering Fools with Facts and Faith

All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man *or woman* of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

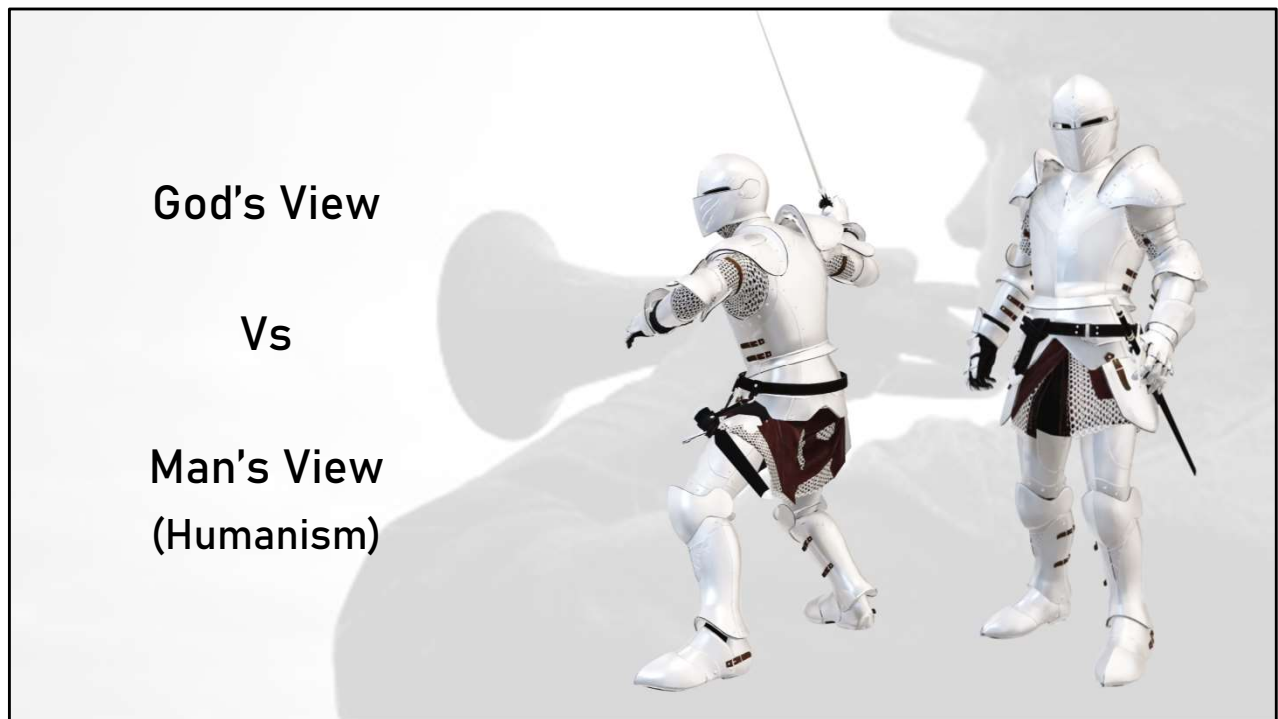
2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Put on the full
armor of God,
so that you will
be able to
stand firm
against the
schemes of the
devil.**



Scripture tells us we are in a battle

Ephesians 6:11



Only 2 sides

Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God

Genesis 3:1
Satan said, "Has God really said . . ."

Place Doubt

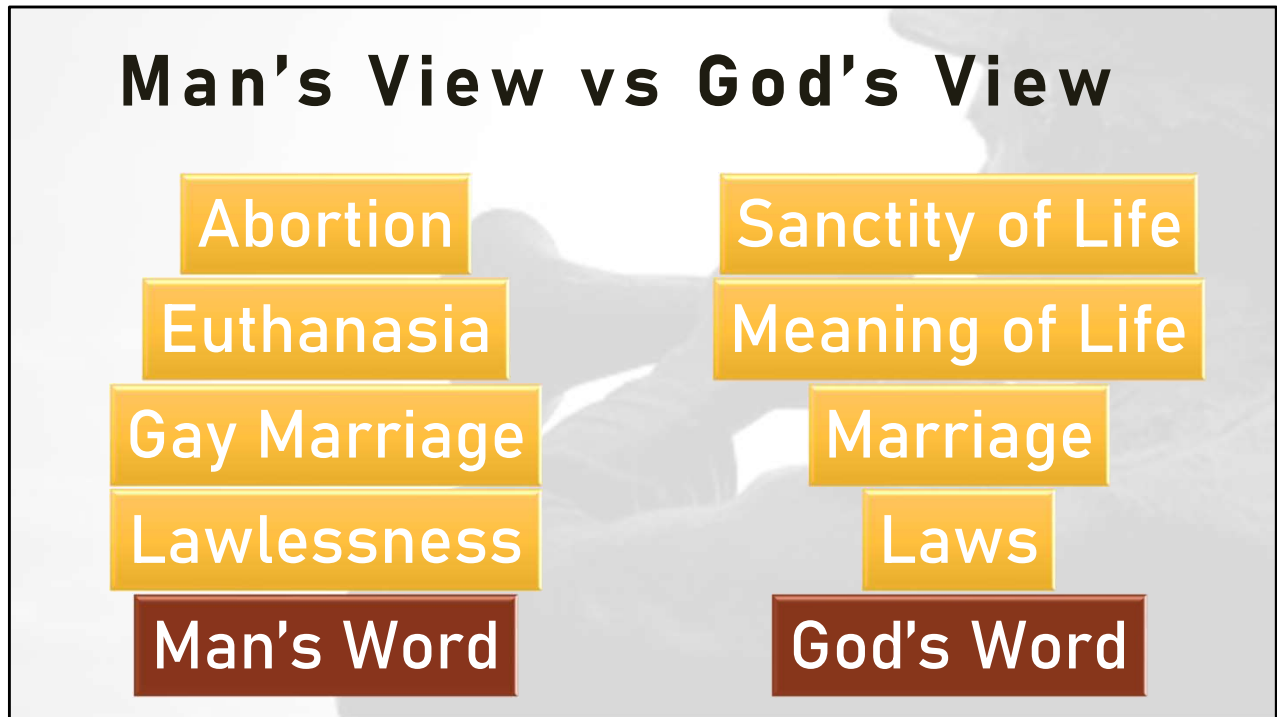
Genesis 3:4
Satan said, "You certainly will not die!"

Contradict God's Word

Genesis 3:5

Satan said, "You will be like God"

Replace Original with new false reality (becoming a fool!)



Compare the Joshua to Judges

Joshua is about to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land.
Many battles await them!

Joshua 1:6-9

3x Joshua is told to be Strong and Courageous

vs 8 - This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you

will achieve success.

Joshua 24

The land has been conquered (with God's leading and help). Joshua is an old man and will die shortly

Vs 15 – choose for yourselves today whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served, which were beyond the Euphrates River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

Vs 16 – the people answered and said, “Far be it from us that we would abandon the LORD to serve other gods”

Judges 2:8 – Joshua died at the age of 110

Judges 2:10 - All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and another generation rose up after them who did not know the LORD, nor even the work which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:17 - Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they committed infidelity with other gods and bowed down to them. They turned aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do the same as their fathers

Judges 17:6 - In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25 – (the last verse / statement of the book) - In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.



Humanism & Apologetics

For too long Christians, the church, have been distracted. They have tried to be 'nice' in their approach to battle! We have bought into the 'tolerance' rhetoric the enemy has put out there and doesn't adhere to themselves.

I'm tired of it. I have witnessed my friends' kids walk away from the Lord. I have watched my kids' friends walk away from the Lord. All of these occasions I've witnessed have been with kids that have grown up in the church yet their faith was not strong enough to withstand the temptations of Satan. I'm tired of it!

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Statistics (that I have heard) state that around 18% of millennials attend church. Baby Boomers are up around 32%. Before that the Greatest generation (born before 1928) were at 56%. Early predictions state that

this current generation of young people will have the number drop to around 10-11%!

I don't have grandchildren yet but what will those numbers be when I do?

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nice (adj.)

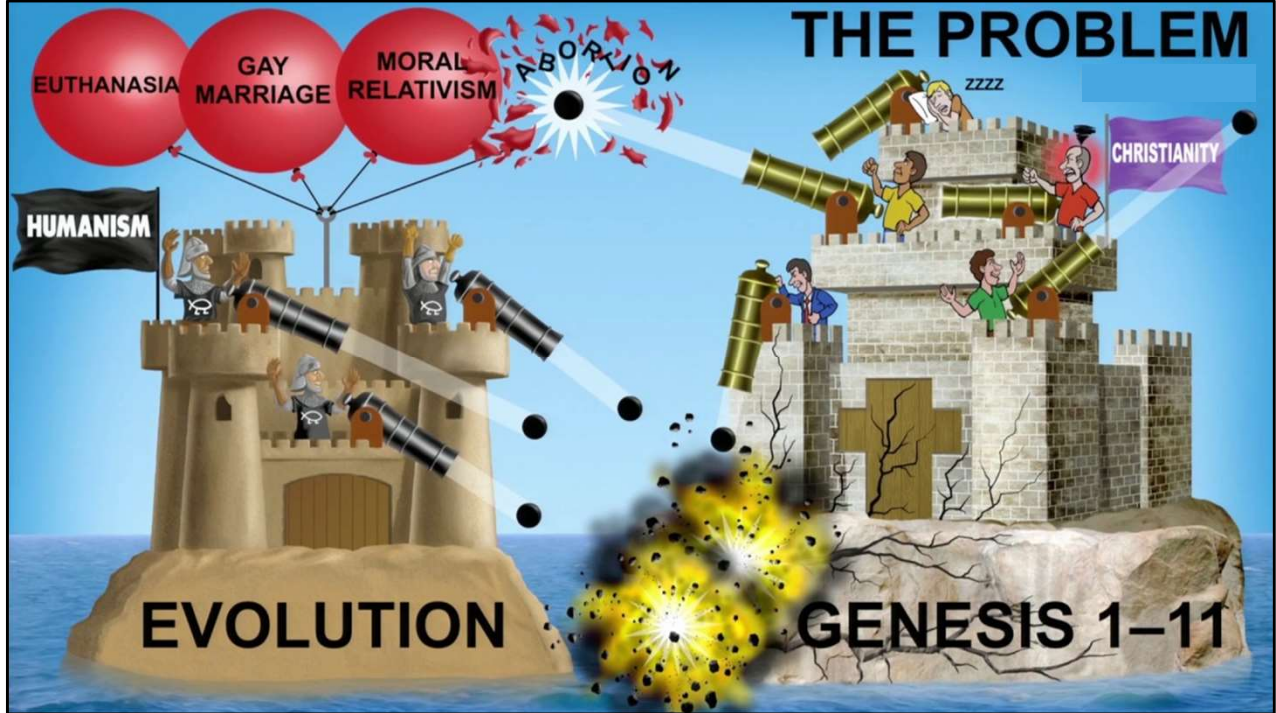
late 13c., "foolish, ignorant, frivolous, senseless," from Old French *nice* (12c.) "careless, clumsy; weak; poor, needy; simple, stupid, silly, foolish," from Latin *nescius* "ignorant, unaware," literally "not-knowing," from *ne-* "not" (from PIE root ***ne-** "not") + stem of *scire* "to know" (see **science**). "The sense development has been extraordinary, even for an adj." [Weekley] -- from "timid, faint-hearted" (pre-1300); to "fussy, fastidious" (late 14c.); to "dainty, delicate" (c. 1400); to "precise, careful" (1500s, preserved in such terms as *a nice distinction* and *nice and early*); to "agreeable, delightful" (1769); to "kind, thoughtful" (1830).

Scripture tells me to tell the truth in love

It does not tell me to be 'nice'

The origin of the word nice is not very complimentary

I am going to tell the Truth in Love which may come across as not 'nice' but that is ok because I don't want to be foolish or ignorant or frivolous or



Answers in Genesis created this graphic. While the 'church' thinks the fight is with the issues the humanist are targeting the foundation

I believe in a literal interpretation of Genesis 1 – 11.

Genesis 1 – 11 include 4 events. The rest of Genesis is about 4 people. The 4 events are Creation, The Fall, The Flood and the Tower of Babel. The 4 people are Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

Because I believe in a literal interpretation of Genesis 1 -11, I believe these 4 events happened just as Scripture tells us (a Biblical Worldview). I will also tell you as lovingly as I can that if you believe otherwise, you are WRONG and in danger of being called a Romans 1 'fool'.

Creation vs Evolution

1. Light & Earth
2. Separate waters above & below
3. Dry Land & Plants
4. Sun, Moon, Planets & Stars
5. Sea & Flying Creatures
6. Land Animals & Man
7. Rest

After each day – “And God saw that it was good”

After man was created – And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, **it was very good.**”

Creation vs Evolution

Big Bang Theory – 1859 (Darwin)

- Universe – 13.77 Billion Years Old
- Earth Age – 4.54 Billion Years Old
- First Fossil – 3.5 Billion Years Old
- First Human – 2.5 Million Years

That is 3,497,500,000 or 3.4975 billion years of evolution between the first fossil record and the first human

What happened during that time?

Fossils indicate death and decay!

Death & Decay before Humans!

Gen (139)	Exo (82)	Lev (87)	Num (88)	Deu (146)	Jos (62)	Jdg (62)
Rth (7)	1Sa (131)	2Sa (61)	1Ki (92)	2Ki (72)	1Ch (34)	2Ch (58)
Ezr (16)	Neh (43)	Est (40)	Job (54)	Psa (107)	Pro (29)	Ecc (22)
Sng (4)	Isa (110)	Jer (122)	Lam (17)	Eze (85)	Dan (20)	Hos (23)
Joe (10)	Amo (17)	Oba (6)	Jon (3)	Mic (13)	Nah (4)	Hab (2)
Zep (14)	Hag (6)	Zec (36)	Mal (7)			(1931)

Day – yom in Hebrew

Word appears in 1,931 verses in the OT. Why are they just arguing over the use of it in Genesis 1!

Examples:

Joshua walking around the walls of Jericho?

Jonah in the belly of a fish?

The flood? How old would Noah had to have been to survive a flood of millions or billions of years?

Genesis 6:7 – Noah was 600 years old when the floodwaters came (219,000 days)

Genesis 9:28-29 – Noah lived 350 years after the flood (127,750 days) Total of 346,750 days.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; on it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male slave or your female slave, or your cattle, or your resident who stays with you. **For in six days the LORD made** the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; for that reason the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Exodus 20:8-11

The Ten Commandments!

God was etching this on stone for His people! Was God lying!

Where do we get time concepts like day, month, year and week?

1 day – the earth revolves

1 month – the moon circles the earth

1 year – the earth circles the sun

1 week? – God created structure for man – to Rest

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- How can God allow disaster to happen?**

All of a sudden, those who don't believe in God are blaming Him for all of the 'bad' things.

Genesis 3 tells us that all of Creation was cursed because of one man's sin and Romans 8 tells us that all of creation is groaning in anticipation of Christ's return to be released from that curse.

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- **Man is not responsible for death & decay!**

Since Genesis states that death and decay are result of man's sin and apparently, according to the evolutionist death and decay came before man, evidently man is not responsible. Man is good!

If man is good, then there is no need for a Savior!

Consequences

- **Disasters – God's Fault**
 - **Death & Decay – God's Fault**
 - **Man is in no need of a Savior**
 - **Marriage?**
 - **Flood?**
 - **Babel & Racism?**

Genesis 1 – 11

Creation
The Fall
The Flood
Tower of Babel

Answers in Genesis states it this way

Creation
Corruption
Catastrophe
Confusion
Christ
Cross
Consumation



#Our Mission BIOLOGOS

BioLogos invites the church and the world
to see the harmony between science and biblical faith.



BioLogos – Core Commitments

- We embrace the historical Christian faith, upholding the authority and inspiration of the Bible
- We affirm evolutionary creation, recognizing God as Creator of all life over billions of years.
- We seek truth, ever learning as we study the natural world and the Bible.

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- We strive for humility and gracious dialogue with those who hold other views
- We aim for excellence in all areas, from science to education to business practices.

BioLogos – What We Believe

- We believe that God created the universe, the earth, and all life over billions of years. God continues to sustain the existence and functioning of the natural world, and the cosmos continues to declare the glory of God. Therefore, we reject ideologies such as Deism that claim the universe is self-sustaining, that God is no longer active in the natural world, or that God is not active in human history.

BioLogos – What We Believe

- We believe that the diversity and interrelation of all life on earth are best explained by the God-ordained process of evolution with common descent. Thus, evolution is not in opposition to God, but a means by which God providentially achieves his purposes. Therefore, we reject ideologies that claim that evolution is a purposeless process or that evolution replaces God.

BioLogos – What We Believe

- We believe that conversations among Christians about controversial issues of science and faith can and must be conducted with humility, grace, honesty, and compassion as a visible sign of the Spirit's presence in Christ's body, the Church.

BioLogos – Endorsements

“Many people today, both secular and Christian, want us to believe that science and religion cannot live together. Not only is this untrue, but we believe that a thoughtful dialogue between science and faith is essential for engaging the hearts and minds of individuals today. BioLogos provides an important first step towards that end.”

Tim Keller – Redeemer Presbyterian – wrote that endorsement

Advisory Council

Ted Davis – Professor of History of Science at Messiah College (my old High School science teacher!)

Read parts of paper endorsing Theistic Evolution

Core Tenets or Assumptions of Theistic Evolution

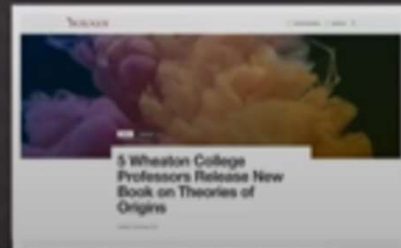
1. The Bible is NOT a reliable source of scientific knowledge about the origin of the earth and the universe, including living things – because it was never intended to teach us about science.
2. The Bible IS a reliable source of knowledge about God and spiritual things.

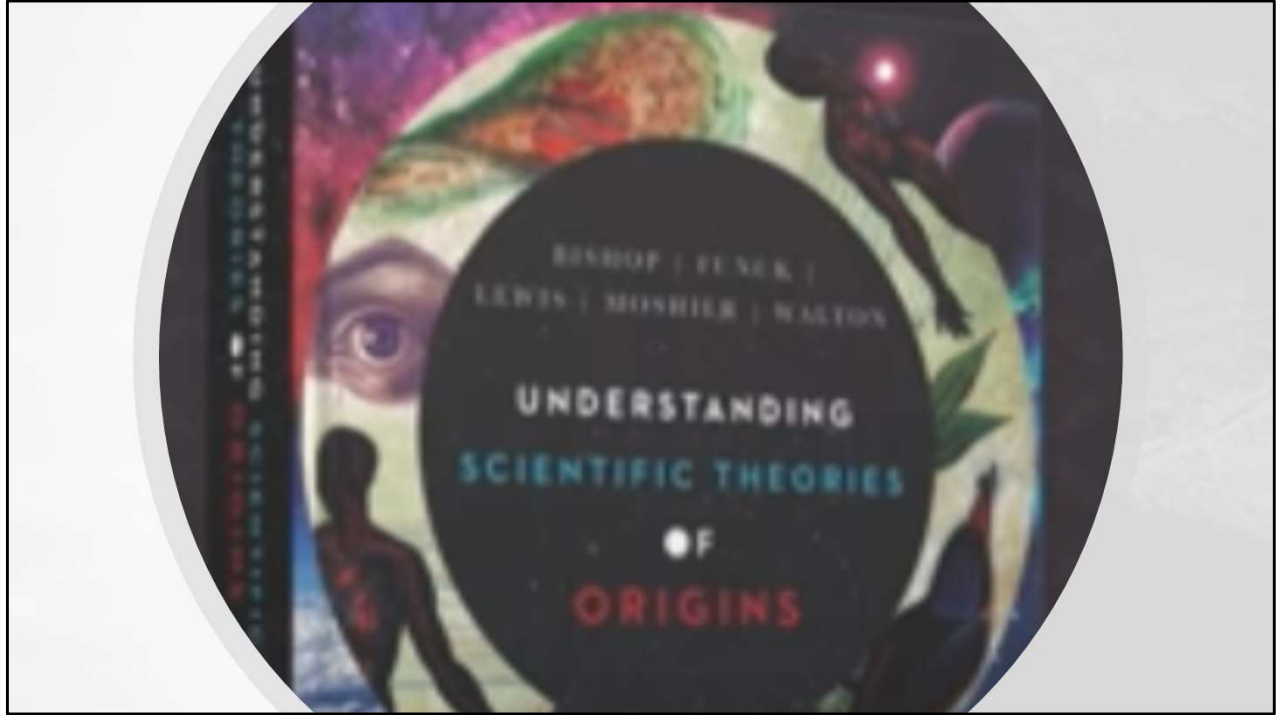
3. Scientific evidence is irrelevant to the Bible – it is simply not a science book.
4. The creation story in Genesis 1 is a confession of faith in the true creator, intended to refute pantheism and polythisism, not to tell us how God actually created the world
5. The Bible tells us THAT God created, not how God created.

“Evangelical Theologians and Biblical Scholars: it is you move” - As if God is accountable to man?

At BioLogos we're thrilled to announce the release of an important new book, *Understanding Scientific Theories of Origins: Cosmology, Geology, and Biology in Christian Perspective*. This book—a textbook—was written by five Wheaton College professors. The fruit of a 3-year grant they received from BioLogos in 2013.

"5 Wheaton College Professors Release New Book on Theories of Origins," BioLogos, accessed April 15, 2019, <https://biologos.org/articles/5-wheaton-college-professors-release-new-book-on->



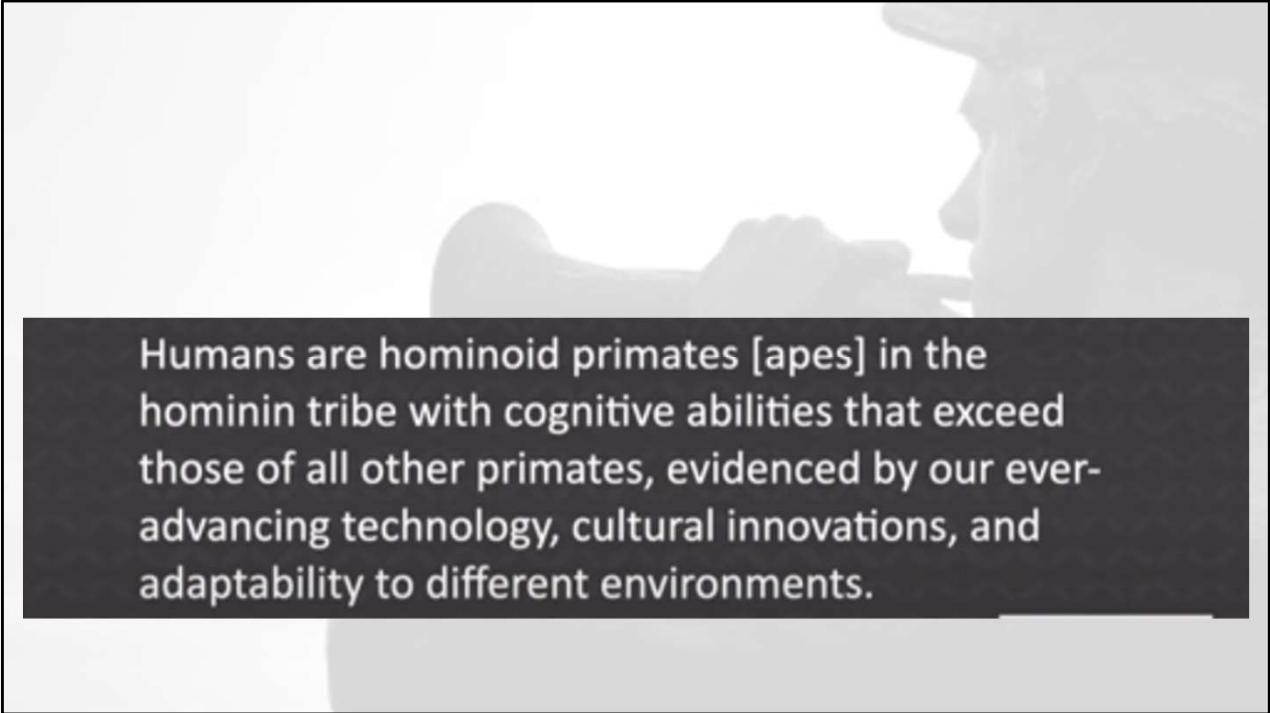


...a Bible-first approach devalues the meaningfulness of creation revelation.

The age of the Earth, now understood to be 4.55 billion years (or 4.55 Ga) is really less a theory than it is a measurement.

Although some Christians have argued that the fall utterly disrupted some kind of original perfection of creation, there is no evidence from either the Bible or the creation, making that a foregone conclusion.

Here it is enough to say that geological data to support a flood of massive proportion is lacking. Furthermore, no archaeological evidence lends support to such a flood.



Humans are hominoid primates [apes] in the hominin tribe with cognitive abilities that exceed those of all other primates, evidenced by our ever-advancing technology, cultural innovations, and adaptability to different environments.



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