

QUICK ANSWERS TO TOUGH QUESTIONS BY BRYAN OSBORNE

This morning we will deal with a number of questions that many people have concerning the Bible. It is based on the book called Quick Answers to Tough Questions by Bryan Osborn from Answers in Genesis. These will give you very short and concise answers to about 15 questions.

Please understand that we could spend the entire morning talking about just one of these questions, and we can go much more in depth with all these topics in books, DVDs and other resources by Answers in Genesis. So you can go much deeper into each of these subjects, but for this morning's talk, we will give very quick and concise answers.

So this morning we will deal with foundational questions, Origins & Earth's Age, Evolution, Noah's Ark and The Flood, a very quick discussion of dinosaurs, and then end on other foundational questions.

The first questions I usually deal with are the why questions.

Why is this so very important? It's why we as Christians must defend the authority of God's Word.

1 Peter 3:15 says, "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord who is holy, always being prepared to make a defense (answer) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

We are commanded here to give an answer for the hope that we have in Jesus.

This is not a suggestion, it is a command. In this way, we can lovingly lead people to Jesus.

You may ask, Why are there such different views of the past?

Why do secular scientists and biblical scientists get such drastically different views about the past?

I answer the question with a question. So I ask, "When do fossils exist?" And the answer is, the fossils exist **now**.

There are no labels on fossils telling us how old they are, and the dating methods for trying to understand how old the fossils are have been found very unreliable.

These methods are built on assumptions, and scientists can not go back in time to see if the dating methods are accurate.

If a secular scientist starts with the wrong assumption, he will get a wrong conclusion.

This is a very important point! There are so many Christians and Christian leaders who fail to recognize this very important point.

This is why so many secular scientists are so wrong about the unseen past.

They had the wrong assumptions and so they got the wrong conclusion. Here is a little story to help you understand this point.

This is a story about a little 5-year-old boy in a doctor's office with his mother in the waiting room, and he sees a lady who is very close to having her child.

So, the little boy walks over, like little boys sometimes do, and says, excuse me miss, but can you please tell me why your belly is so big?

So, the lady tells the little boy the reason her belly is so big is because a baby is in her belly.

This confused the little boy, so he asked, is there really a baby in your tummy?

She said, yes. So he then asked, "Is this baby a good baby?" She answered and said, "Oh, yes it is a very good baby."

Then the little boy said, "If it is a good baby, why did you eat him?" This silly story can hopefully help you understand.

The little boy had the wrong assumptions and this led to the wrong conclusions.

Friends, this is one big reason why some very smart people can be completely wrong about things like the age of the Earth, dinosaurs and many other things.

Wrong assumptions, wrong conclusions.

Please keep that thought in your mind as we look at this particular issue of Origins & Earth's Age.

Let's deal with a question we parents often get from our children, but they are not the only ones who ask this question.

The question is, "Where did God come from?" The answer is, "He did not come into existence, but always existed."

Asking this question is like asking, "Why is the famous American basketball player Shaquille O'Neal so small?" Shaquille O'Neal is over 222.5 centimeters tall and over 158 kilograms. If you ask why Shaquille O'Neal is so small, this shows that you don't know who Shaquille O'Neal is.

To ask the question about where God came from shows we don't know who the God of the Bible is.

Genesis 1:1 says "In the beginning, God ...". Genesis does not try to explain His origins.

The reason is because God is eternal.

That which is eternal has no beginning and no ending. This is logically consistent, but beyond our ability to understand.

This is because everything we experience has a beginning and an end; but God has no beginning and no end.

This is much more than we can understand with our limited minds.

God is so amazing and far beyond our understanding.

That is why we worship the God who created all things and holds all things together with His power.

Another common question we often get is this question.

The question is "Why would God make a world with so much death and suffering?"

Most everyone asks this question at some point in their life.

The short answer to this question is, "God did not originally create a world full of death and suffering like we see today."

This is why biblical history is so very important.

In the beginning of creation, God made a perfect universe with no death disease or suffering.

It was perfection. Who is the one that brought evil into the world?

The answer is, we, as humans did, through our first ancestors Adam and Eve.

Their disobedience brought the world out of perfection and into the fallen condition it is in today.

We see that God warned Adam in Genesis 2:16-17 not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, "for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die."

The Bible makes it very clear, it was man's sin that brought death into this world, and affected all of creation. Sin changes everything!

Because we all are descended from the first sinner, we all sin, and this is now part of our sin nature because of Adam and Eve, and because we also sin by our own choice.

This is also why we all need to be saved through Jesus Christ, who is called "The last Adam" in the Bible.

When you study the Bible you see this connection.

Here is another big question and very important.

How old is the Earth? When I speak at churches, I often talk against the idea of evolution, and most people who are Christians agree immediately.

However, when I tell people the Bible clearly teaches that the Earth is only about 6,000 years old, many Christians think this biblical idea cannot be correct.

How do we determine the age of the Earth from the Bible?

If we trust God's Word and believe the witness of God who was there, and created everything, we can calculate the answer.

Then we can know that God created in 6 days, approximately 6,000 years ago.

People ask, where does the Bible say the Earth is approximately 6,000 years old?

Of course the Bible does not say directly that the Earth is 6,000 years old, but it actually gives us something even better.

God gives us a type of birth certificate so we can calculate the Earth's age.

This birth certificate I am referring to is the genealogies. In Genesis 5 and Genesis 11 and other places as well.

These family trees in the Bible seem very boring when you read them, and they can help you to fall asleep at night.

But those genealogies are there for a reason. On some of these family trees we find the ages of those who died, and the time when children were born. It is simple math.

When we calculate these genealogies, we discover it was approximately 2,000 years from Adam to Abraham.

From Abraham to Jesus was approximately 2000 years as well. And we know from Jesus to the present time is another 2000 years.

So the Earth is approximately 6,000 years old. To put it another way, God made everything around 4,000 years before the time of Jesus Christ.

Another question people ask is this one. "How do you know the "days" in Genesis 1 are regular 24 hour days?" That is a good question to ask.

To find the answer we must use a word called "exegesis". This means to "read out of".

Simply put, it means to read the text in its proper context, because context determines meaning.

That is a common use of language, context determines what the words are communicating.

So if we are going to read the Bible in context, and read the word "day" in context, we must look at the word for "day" in the Hebrew language.

The word for "day" in Hebrew is the word "YOM".

We must ask what does the word "YOM" mean in the context of Genesis chapter 1?

We must ask this because the word "day" does have more than one meaning depending upon the context .

For example, look at this sentence. "Back in my father's **day**, it took 10 **days** to drive across America during the **day**."

Here we have the word "day" used 3 different ways in one sentence. We know it has 3 different meanings because of the context.

So you see the context determines the meaning. This is a common function of language.

Here is a question, when does the context demand the word "day" means an ordinary approximate 24-hour day in the Hebrew Bible?

The answer is, any time you see any of these things on the screen accompanied with the word "day", it means a literal 24-hour day every single time.

So anytime you see the word "day" with a number, like 1st day, 2nd day, etc., it always means a normal 24-hour day.

Also, any time you see "evening and morning" used with the word "day", it always means a 24-hour day.

Anytime you see the word "evening" or "morning" with the word day, it always means a 24 hour day in the Bible.

And any time you see the word "night" with the word "day", it always means a literal 24-hour day in Scripture.

So, just to be clear, any time you see just one of these contextual clues with the word "day" in Scripture, it indicates that the word "day" is definitely a normal 24-hour day.

Please think about that as we look at Genesis 1. Since so many Christians question Genesis 1, we might think it is hard to understand.

And so many Christian leaders act as though Genesis 1 is hard to understand. However, God's words make it very obvious.

Genesis 1:5 God called the light Day...the darkness He called **night**.

So the **evening** and the **morning** were the **first** day.

8. So the **evening** and the **morning** were the **second** day.

13. So the **evening** and the **morning** were the **third** day.

19. So the **evening** and the **morning** were the **fourth** day.

23. So the **evening** and the **morning** were the **fifth** day.

31. So the **evening** and the **morning** were the **sixth** day.

God did not make this hard to understand. It is not difficult. We read evening, morning, number, day... evening, morning, number, day... evening, morning, number, day.

God's Word would only need one of these contextual clues to establish the word "day" as meaning an ordinary 24-hour day, but we have many of them, and repeated multiple times.

Friends, it could not be more clear in this context that God is telling us these are regular 24-hour days.

It seems like God knew people would doubt the creation account, and so He overemphasized what He did and how long He took to do it.

The only reason anyone would question the days in Genesis is simply because they have been influenced by ideas outside of the Bible.

Also, there are many other Hebrew words that God could have chosen if He wanted to tell us He created in millions of years, but God used none of those words.

He used the word "YOM", meaning "day", and in this context means a normal 24-hour day.

There are also other verses that confirm the 6-day creation account in Genesis.

Exodus 20:11 For in **6** **days** the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and **all** that is in them....

So, again it could not be more clear and obvious. The only real question is, do we trust the Word of God?

Another question people ask is "Why shouldn't Christians believe in millions of years?"

Because the text of Scripture does not teach millions of years, theology does not allow for millions of years, and the evidence does not point to an Earth that is millions of years old, either.

I could do an entire talk on just that subject alone.

But the biggest reason is because to accept millions of years you must believe there was death before sin.

If there was death before sin, then man's sin had no effect on creation, because death was already in the world before Adam.

If death is not the consequence of man's sin, then Jesus death does not pay our sin debt.

That would destroy the foundation of the gospel message. That is why this subject matters. That is what this is all about.

Another question people ask is "What about radiometric dating?" Do these dating methods prove the Earth is millions of years old?

The short answer to this is, of course, these flawed dating methods do not prove an Earth that is millions of years old.

Let me ask you a question. When do radio isotopes exist, in the past or in the present?

They exist in the present. Just like rocks and fossils exist in the present. We observe them in the present.

Some elements in rocks are unstable, and will change into other elements over time.

If we watch this change in a laboratory, we can see this change, and we can calculate how long it takes, and make a guess how old the rock or fossil is.

However, this process has many unproved and unprovable assumptions. Secular scientists tend to interpret through the belief they already have about the past.

In fact, secular scientists believed these rocks and fossils to be very old before radiometric dating was even invented.

First, they assumed long before radiometric dating was invented that the Bible is wrong.

They rejected the flood of Noah's time, and they assume they must explain everything came into existence naturally, not through God's supernatural power.

That is a very big assumption! It also assumes that observation of the way things occur today is the way things have always occurred in the unseen past.

They dismiss God and the Bible before they even look at the evidence.

They do not have an open mind, but will interpret any data through an already established set of beliefs about the unseen past.

They have the wrong assumptions and get the wrong conclusions.

Even if radiometric dating worked perfectly it would not prove how old a rock or fossil is, because it can not be tested or observed, and the method is built on assumptions.

Great inconsistencies are found all the time using radiometric dating. Here are a few examples.

They used carbon 14 dating to determine the age of a woolly mammoth.

One part of the animal was dated at 29,500 years old, the other part of the same animal was dated at 44,000 years old.

Seals that were recently killed dated to be 1,300 years old using carbon 14 dating. The dates were off by about 1,000%.

Potassium-Argon was used to date volcanic lava that has cooled and hardened into stone.

This is a very good thing to test, because we know from historians when certain lava flows occurred.

It is a great way to test and discover if the use of potassium-Argon is accurate. Here are the results.

Mt. Etna in Sicily erupted in 1972, but was dated to be 210,000 to 490,000 years old! The actual age was about 50 years old.

Another example is Mt. Ngauruhoe in New Zealand. It erupted in 1954, but the potassium-Argon date said it was 3.3 to 3.7 million years old!

Another example is Mt. Kilauea Iki in Hawaii. It erupted in 1959. It was dated at 1.7 to 15.3 million years old!

Even with that huge margin for error, the dating method was not even close!

We could go on and on and on for a long time pointing out all the times we have documented this dating method has been shown to give dates that are completely wrong. These dating methods do not work!

Here is another example. Mt. St. Helen's erupted in 1980. The rocks from this eruption were dated at 340,000 to

2.8 million years.

With a 700% margin of error, the test was still completely wrong. The actual age of the rocks was 12 years when they were dated.

This is a small sample of how unreliable the dating methods really are.

Another question is What about carbon 14 dating?

Some believe carbon dating proves the Earth is millions of years old. In reality, carbon 14 is one of the best evidences for a young Earth.

Carbon 14 forms in our atmosphere, and carbon 14 is an unstable element. It will change into nitrogen 14.

It gets absorbed by plants, and then animals eat the plants. So all living things contain some carbon 14 inside of them.

Remember, carbon 14 is unstable and changes to nitrogen 14 quite quickly by radiometric standards. All of you have carbon 14 inside of you.

When a creature dies it stops taking in carbon 14. The carbon 14 it has inside of it begins to decay into nitrogen 14.

The carbon 14 decays so quickly that within 100,000 years there should be absolutely no carbon 14 in the animal at all.

That means if we find a rock or fossil with any carbon 14 in it, it can't be millions of years old. So here is another good test. What do we actually find?

In all organic things in all the rock layers we have found large amounts of carbon 14 in them, and close to the same amount of carbon 14 in all of them!

We find it in coal, we find it in dinosaur bones, we even find carbon 14 in diamonds, which are thought to be billions of years old, and a diamond is impossible to contaminate after it is formed because it is so hard!

It has not decayed to nitrogen 14. This is great evidence that these things are less than 100,000 years old. It all fits with a biblical worldview, but conflicts with the belief of a world that is millions or billions of years old.

Another question some ask is this question. What about distant starlight? If you are not familiar with this argument, here is the question.

We see stars that are millions and even billions of light years away from Earth.

They are so far away that it would take light millions or billions of years to reach Earth so we could see it.

They will say, because we see this light, it must mean that the universe is billions of years old, or the light could not have had time to travel to the Earth for us to see these stars.

This is an interesting question, but it also has many assumptions. My Christian friends, I ask this question.

Was the creation of the universe a natural event, or was it a supernatural event? It was supernatural.

During the creation week, God was doing supernatural works. God brought the universe into existence from nothing.

God spoke the universe into existence. At the word of His command, God caused every molecule to go where He commands to achieve what He purposes to do to His glory. This was a supernatural act.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the **word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

The Bible tells us over and over again, and God said, and it was so. He is God. He can do anything.

Genesis 1 tells us this many times. Genesis 1:14-15 **And God said**, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens.... to give **light upon the earth**. And it was so.

God's Word tells us on day 4, God created the sun, moon and stars to give light upon the Earth for signs and for seasons.

God created the light, and it likely gave light upon the Earth instantaneously. It was a miracle, just like everything else God created from nothing.

It is no problem for an all-knowing, all-powerful God to get distant starlight to the Earth any way He wants.

He is God. God told us what He did, the question is, Do we believe it?

Here is the ironic thing about this subject. Secularists have a very similar problem.

According to the Big Bang model, the Earth is 13.7 billion years old. The problem they have is that stars that are much farther than 13.7 light years are also seen by us.

They have the same problem, but no solution. The Big Bang has a problem called The Horizon Problem.

They propose that when the Big Bang happened, light sped up faster, and the universe expanded faster than the speed of light, then suddenly slowed down to the speed it is today.

There is no evidence for this. We are to just believe it.

So, according to the Big Bang, there was nothing, and nothing exploded for some unknown reason, light sped up for some unknown reason, and then slowed down for some unknown reason.

None of this is scientific. It is more like blind faith.

There are a number of ideas proposed by creation scientists on how God may have used natural laws to get light from distant stars to Earth to fulfill their intended purpose.

Astronomers and physicists are trying to understand this big question.

Dr. Danny Faulkner from Answers In Genesis proposed The Dasha Solution.

Dr. Russ Humphreys has a model, Dr. Jason Lisle also has also proposed some ideas.

The point is this. Whatever God did, whether it was within natural law, or if God did it supernaturally, it is not a problem for the biblical God at all.

What is ironic is Christians who believe in an all-powerful God do not have a problem with distant starlight; however, the evolutionist and Big Bang believer does, because they have no logical scientific explanation for their belief. We do.

Our next question involves the idea of evolution.

People ask, Don't we see animals evolving? If this is correct, then the Bible is wrong.

If the Bible is wrong about evolution, why trust the Bible about anything?

With this question it is important to have a correct definition of evolution. Many people get confused about what evolution is and what it is not.

Evolution is basically the idea that all animals share a common ancestor and simple creatures became more complex over very long periods of time.

This has never been observed. Evolutionists say the reason it has never been observed is because evolution happens too slowly, so you cannot see it happening in the present.

If we ask a different question, "Do we see animals change?", the answer is "yes", however the change we see in animals is not evolution, and is consistent with the Bible.

10 times God says or implies that He made distinct kinds of plants and animals to reproduce according to their kind.

The term "animal kind" is like the term "animal family" in modern day classification.

So, according to the Bible, God made the dog "kind", and dogs only produce other dogs.

The cat kind only produces cats.

Some people point to the peppered moth as proof of evolution. Can you guess what moths evolved into? They evolved into moths.

Charles Darwin observed finches, and evolutionists say we have seen them evolve over 150 years.

Can you guess what finches evolved into? They evolved into finches.

We must ask the question, what did Darwin observe many years ago? He observed finches with small beaks, medium beaks and large beaks.

This is simply variation within the created kind, just like we see today.

We must ask, "What causes variation in our sin cursed world?" 2 main things cause variation.

One is natural selection, and the other is genetic mutations.

We, as Christians, do not dispute this obvious fact, but mutations simply produce variation within the created kind.

Dogs still only produce dogs, cats produce cats and finches produce finches.

Can natural selection and mutations cause one kind of animal to change into another kind of animal? No. Here is why.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT WE UNDERSTAND THIS. Natural selection and mutations do not add any new genetic information that leads to new traits that might make evolution even plausible.

Natural selection and mutations only rearrange the already existing genetic information, or cause a living thing to lose genetic information.

Mutations always corrupt existing information, causing an organism to be less complex, not more complex.

They do not add new information to change one animal kind into another.

Here is an example of how this works. Two of the original dog kind get off of Noah's Ark. They begin to reproduce over many years, until we have many dogs.

As these dogs continue to spread out over the Earth, different combinations of genes survive better in different

Earth environments.

This genetic principle is true, but is of course more complicated than this. If 2 dogs have a lot of genetic information, they can produce dogs with short hair, medium hair and long hair. In cold environments, dogs with short and medium hair tend to freeze to death, while the dogs with long hair tend to survive.

Over time, only dogs with the genetic information for long hair survive in this environment.

That is natural selection. Question.

Did the long haired dogs gain new information, or lose genetic information? Answer, they actually lost the genetic information for short and medium hair. This is actually the opposite of evolution. The opposite is true in a hot environment.

Dogs with long hair will tend to overheat and die in hot environments until only short haired dogs survive in these places.

In both cases, the dogs lost genetic information, they did not gain it. So, many different environments produce many different varieties of dogs. No evolution was involved. Some believe that mutations can add new genetic information.

In truth, all that mutations do is rearrange or delete existing genetic information, they don't add anything more complex. Mutations are actually mistakes in DNA. Mutations have never been observed to add complexity. The opposite is true, mutations corrupt the original information put in all living things by our Creator.

Here is a quote from one secular scientist, Dr. Lee Spetner. "Not even one mutation has been observed that adds a little information.... Indeed, all mutations studied destroy information. None of them can serve as an example of a mutation that can lead to..... macro evolution."

This is a huge problem for evolutionists! Here is an example of how evolutionist Dr. Richard Dawkins responds to this problem.

He was asked to give just 1 example of a genetic mutation or an evolutionary process that adds new information to the genome?

As you see, he is left speechless. Even though Dr. Dawkins may be a smart person, he can not give an example because there are none. Using real science, we only find new combinations of already existing genetic information with less information than what was started with. This is the opposite of evolution.

Another question is, What about the apemen?

Remember, bones only exist in the present, and to understand these bones, people view them through their worldview.

As we said earlier, if you start with the wrong assumptions you will get the wrong conclusions.

As we keep that in our minds, evolutionists have 3 ways they try to convince themselves and the public of apemen based on a faulty worldview.

#1. They find some ape bones, and dress them up to look more human.

#2. They find some human bones, and dress them up to look more like an ape.

#3. They find some ape bones, and mix them with human bones to get an apeman.

Here is a quote from a secular scientist. "Everybody knows fossils are fickle; bones will sing any song you want to hear." They typically only find small fragments of bones, and rely on their imaginations much more than the actual evidence.

Many of you have heard of Lucy. They found about 25% of her body. No hand bones, no foot bones. Later they found relatives of Lucy with leg bones. All her bones were found to be like a chimpanzee.

In spite of all this, museums still present Lucy as a human-looking ape woman, with human-like feet, human-like hands even though we now know this is false.

Here is another supposed apeman called *Ardipithecus ramidus*.

It took scientists 15 years to sort out the crushed and broken bones that were found, and then they put together an apeman they named Ardie.

This was presented as a transition from apes to humans.

The Discovery Channel featured it as proof of evolution, with computer animation making it look very real, and showing it walking upright like a human.

Again, the evidence was weak, but these scientists and people at The Discovery Channel mainly used their imaginations, not the real evidence.

Here is another supposed apeman they called Nebraska Man. How many bones of a Nebraska man did they

find? One. It was a single tooth.

From that single tooth, they built an entire apeman, supposedly 1 million years old.

They put this in evolutionary text books and museums as proof of evolution.

Many years later, some scientists decided to go back to try to find more bones from Nebraska Man, and they did find more.

They then discovered that the Nebraska Man was no man at all, but was a type of PIG!

Here is another apeman they called Piltdown Man. The bones of this apeman were placed in museums for 40 years as proof of evolution.

Many years later, it was discovered to be a complete hoax.

Someone apparently wanted the public to believe evolution so much, that he took the jawbone from an orangutan and attached it to the skull of a human, then used an acidic solution to make the bones look old.

Let's go back to Lucy for some more insight. As was mentioned, all of Lucy's bones were like a Chimpanzee, including her hip bones.

She would have mostly walked on all four limbs just like chimpanzees do today.

But the people who discovered Lucy did not like that fact, because if Lucy is just a dead chimpanzee no one will care about their discovery for long.

What they really wanted to find is that she walked upright like a human. That gives them more notoriety, and fits their evolutionary assumptions. So here is a video of what they did to solve the problem.

(In this short film clip, the discoverer ends up imagining the hip must have fossilized wrong. **MOVIE 102** and so he takes a grinding tool to shape the hip to look like it would have stood upright like a human.)

Another big question is this: How do you explain all the diverse people groups if we come from Adam & Eve?

The Bible is clear, every one of us can be traced back to those 2 people. That means there is only one biological race of humans on Earth. So how do we explain all the variations in people groups?

How do we explain different skin colors? First, let's define our terms properly. Are we different colors, or are we different shades of the same color?

Are we truly different colors like red and yellow, black and white? The answer is no, we are different shades of brown from dark through to light. Caucasians are not white, but are light complected, African people are not black, but darker complected.

We are, in fact, all the same color. We are different shades of brown from dark to light. Our shade of brown is determined by the amount of a pigment in our skin called melanin. If you have more melanin, you will be darker than someone with less melanin. We are all different shades of the same color. It is like when you go to the hardware store and find many different shades of any one color of paint.

There is an enormous variety of shades in the human family. Same color, different shades. Some ask why do people groups only produce a certain shade? How does this happen? The best explanation of why this is would be that many years ago in human history, something happened that caused people to split up into different groups. The human gene pool got split up, and were isolated from other people groups. This would cause certain genetic traits, like skin shade and other traits, to become dominant in different people groups around the world.

Question. Can anyone think of an event in biblical history that would have split people up into different isolated groups?

Answer. This is exactly what occurred at the tower of Babel.

This happened about 100 years after the flood.

People split up into groups who spoke the same language.

This is perfectly consistent with the many people groups we see today. It confirms biblical history. It is really not that difficult to understand scientifically or biblically.

God placed in Adam and Eve all the genetic information required to produce all the human variation from the very first generation of children. We see examples of this even today.

Here is a photograph of biological twins. One is light complected, one is dark complected. The mother was from Jamaica, the father was from Germany.

Here is another set of biological twin girls with very different skin shades.

Here is another set of twins with a lot of variation in the skin tone.

This is photo of Australian Aborigines. The hair color among them varies widely, with blonde and red hair.

According to the most recent genetic studies, there is less than 0.1% genetic difference between any 2 people anywhere on planet Earth. That means we are all 99.9 % genetically the same. There is just one race. This also

confirms people have been around for only a few thousand years. **SLIDE 118** People who keep family records can often trace their family tree back to Noah through one of his sons.

For example, the Irish can trace their family back to Noah's son Japheth.

The Miautso people of China can trace their family back to Noah, then it goes back even farther, with what seems to be a biblical reference to the Bible when God made Adam from the dust of the ground. **SLIDE 121** The next questions are about Noah's Ark and the Flood.

How did Noah get all the animals onto the Ark?

The ark was a huge vessel. It could hold about 500 railroad stock cars.

Forget the image you see of Noah's ark looking small and silly like in a children's story.

The answer is easy when you understand that God brought 2 of each created kind, not 2 of each species.

He did not need to bring every type of dog, like wolves dingoes, foxes, tanuke, and all the various types of domesticated dogs. He only needed 2 original dog kinds. From them came all the variations we see of dogs today. No poodle or chihuahua dogs needed.

The maximum number Noah would need on the ark would be about 1,400 kinds of animals, and a maximum of 6,758 individual animals. There was plenty of room.

This included the dinosaur species as well. We will talk about that soon.

The next question. Doesn't it take millions of years to make rock layers?

The short answer is, "No, this can take a very short period of time." Water and minerals often create rock very fast. Here are some examples.

Like this clock in a rock. Here is a spark plug found in a rock.

Mt. St. Helens was a great example of layers in rock forming very quickly.

It doesn't take a lot of time, It just takes the right conditions. We have examples of canyons forming quickly.

This points to the global flood as the explanation of the Earth's geography.

Another question, "Doesn't it take millions of years to make fossils?" Again the answer is "No."

Things have to be buried very quickly in order to become a fossil. Like this fossilized ham.

Or this fossilized fish that was buried so quickly it didn't have time to finish eating the smaller fish in its mouth.

Or this Ichthyosaur which was buried while giving birth. It had to have been buried very quickly, not slowly over a long period of time.

Here is an example of a dog that ran into a hole in a large tree, and got stuck and died there. It turned into a fossil in about 20 years. Also, fossils were created in a laboratory in just 24 hours that were nearly identical to the fossils we find in nature. It just takes the right conditions, not long periods of time.

If there was a global flood, we would expect to find billions of dead things covered over in rock layers, laid down by water all over the Earth.

And that is exactly what we find.

The next topic is dinosaurs. What about dinosaurs? We will cover this topic quickly.

Since we know dinosaurs were land animals,

we know they were created on day 6 of the creation week.

People ask why we don't find the word "dinosaur" in the Bible.

It is for the same reason we do not find words like "computer", "locomotive" or "rocket" in the Bible.

The reason is obviously because the word "dinosaur" was not invented until 1841. **SLIDE 155** The word means "terrible lizard".

There are other much older words that describe dinosaurs.

That word is "dragon", translated from the Hebrew word Tanniyn. This word is more expansive than the word "dinosaur", but does include what we call dinosaurs.

Another question is "What did carnivorous dinosaurs originally eat before the Fall?"

The answer is, they would have originally eaten plants like everything else. The Bible tells us this in Genesis 1:29.

Genesis 1:30 also tells us every animal ate plants.

So, all dinosaurs ate plants before Adam's sin.

Over time, after Adam sinned, animals changed in many ways, and began eating other animals. Dinosaurs were no exception. Another question is, "Were there dinosaurs on The Ark?"

The Bible is clear. Noah took pairs of all air-breathing land animals on the Ark, and this would have included dinosaurs.

Some ask, “Was the Ark big enough to bring all the varieties of big dinosaurs?”

The dinosaur kinds are no different from other animals.

Just like dogs, horses, cats or whatever other animal you can think of, the original *kinds* became many different species after the flood.

For example, you may have seen a drawing of the popular dinosaur Triceratops. This dinosaur was one of the Ceratopsia kind. There are many in this family, but Noah only needed two of the original Ceratopsia; he did not bring all the different species on the ark.

There were many different Sauropod dinosaurs, but Noah only needed two.

There are only about 60 to 80 dinosaur kinds.

Some have wondered how could animals so large be brought on the ark?

The average size of a dinosaur was about the size of a buffalo.

Some dinosaurs were as small as chickens.

If they were still on Earth, we could have Kentucky Fried Dinosaur!

We know that all dinosaurs started small. They hatched from eggs. The biggest dinosaur egg ever found was the size of a rugby football.

Eggs must be able to let air in so the young dinosaur can breath, but strong enough to support the weight.

If the egg were too large the shell would be too thick for the baby dinosaur to breath, so dinosaur eggs were rather small.

It makes sense that God would have brought young dinosaurs that were much smaller on the ark. This is just common sense.

Some ask, “If dinosaurs existed only thousands of years ago, we should find evidence of this.” We could do a whole presentation on this topic alone very easily.

As we mentioned earlier, we find Carbon 14 in dinosaur bones all the time, which means they cannot be millions of years old.

What is even better evidence than carbon 14, is the discovery of dinosaur soft tissue found in dinosaur bones!

The tissue is still soft and flexible, like in this triceratops bone.

Also, as we see in this duck billed dinosaur bone.

In this T-Rex bone, we found blood vessels and red blood cells! It has been tested numerous times. It is real, there is no longer any doubt. This was a complete shock to secular scientists. Only under special conditions could soft tissue last a few thousand years, like if it was buried very quickly during the flood of Noah, but it could not last millions of years under any circumstances known to science. **SLIDE 183** This is powerful evidence that supports the Bible's timeline of dinosaurs living on Earth only thousands of years ago, not millions. Some ask questions like this.

Are there historical records of men and dinosaurs living at the same time? The answer is, yes, we have many historical accounts of dinosaur-like creatures from many ancient civilizations.

Remember, the word “dinosaur” was not created until 1841, so they were called dragons and other names.

There are dragon legends from people groups all over the world. Many of these accounts clearly describe various types of identifiable dinosaurs we know of today.

People ask, “What happened to the dinosaurs?”

They died. How and why did they die? The same way other animals became extinct. After the Flood, the Earth was not the same, and the climate changed, there was an ice age, perhaps the food they ate became scarce, perhaps many were hunted to extinction. All of these factors probably lead to the extinction of the dinosaurs. When you start from a biblical perspective, it is not that big of a mystery. **SLIDE 189** Let us end with some important foundational questions.

One question people have is this. How can so many smart people be so wrong about evolution and the age of the Earth and other things? The answer is because this is not an *intellect* issue; it is a *heart* issue. It is an issue involving a person's worldview.

The question is actually this. Do we trust God's Word, or do we trust man's word when they contradict each other? If smart people have the wrong assumptions about the past, they will get the wrong conclusions when examining evidence.

Romans 1:18-19 says; For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Here is one last example of how your worldview can influence your thinking, and even very smart people cannot escape this stronghold of the mind.

We have discovered that there are canyons on the planet Mars. These canyons are larger than The Grand Canyon in North America. Scientists started to try to figure out what could have created these large canyons. Here is their conclusion. According to secular scientists from multiple scientific journals.

They said, "The canyons on Mars were formed in a few weeks!" These are the same people who tell us canyons on Earth take millions of years to form. How did these scientists come to the conclusion that the canyons on Mars were formed in such a short period of time? Here is a quote from the secular science journal.

They said; "A flood of biblical proportions....carved an instant Grand Canyon on Mars....

Let's think about how crazy this idea is coming from people who say a global flood on Earth is not possible.

They are willing to believe in a flood of "biblical proportions" on a planet with little or no water, but refuse to believe in a flood of biblical proportions on a planet like Earth that is covered by over 70% water!

How can these smart people be so blind? The answer, "These smart people may have PHDs in science, but a PHD does not change a man's heart." Since their hearts are not right before God, they are vulnerable to Satan's lies and deceptions.

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The Bible says everyone knows there is a God deep down in their souls, but they suppress this knowledge because they do not want it to be true.

They know that because there is a Creator God, He made us and He owns us. We are accountable to Him. He has judged the world in the past with a great flood, He will judge the world in the future, and sinful man does not like that idea. So they suppress the truth in unrighteousness. It is not an intellectual issue, it is a heart issue, and a spiritual battle.

How do we use this information in our Christian lives? The number 1 thing this information can do for the true believer in Jesus is to bring you great encouragement! Your faith is confirmed and found solid with strong scientific evidence! Our faith is rational. What we see in **God's world** agrees with what we see in **God's Word!** Please be encouraged! Also, be challenged to stand on the authority of God's Word without compromise. If you have compromised, repent of that! Don't be too proud to admit you had weak faith in the Bible at some point, and ask God to forgive you of that.

Also, teach your children to stand on the authority of God's Word in every area of life without compromise. In this way we can be bold to change this world, and bring more people to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Second Corinthians 10:5 says; "... casting down every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing **every thought** into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

It is then that we can effectively give a defense of our faith.

1st Peter 3:15 says; But in your hearts honor the Lord as holy, always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

How do we get equipped to do this? Equip yourself with the information to defend your faith.

2 Timothy 2:15 says; Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Also get good creationist information from reputable Christian organizations like Answers In Genesis. Please go to Answersingenesis.org in English, and also www.gophertree.jp in Japanese.