Fisical, Fillosophy & Future → FAITH

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Ruth- thank you for the invitation to be here today.
Heard good things about Forward. Been here once, last summer for the funeral of Arlene Clayton.

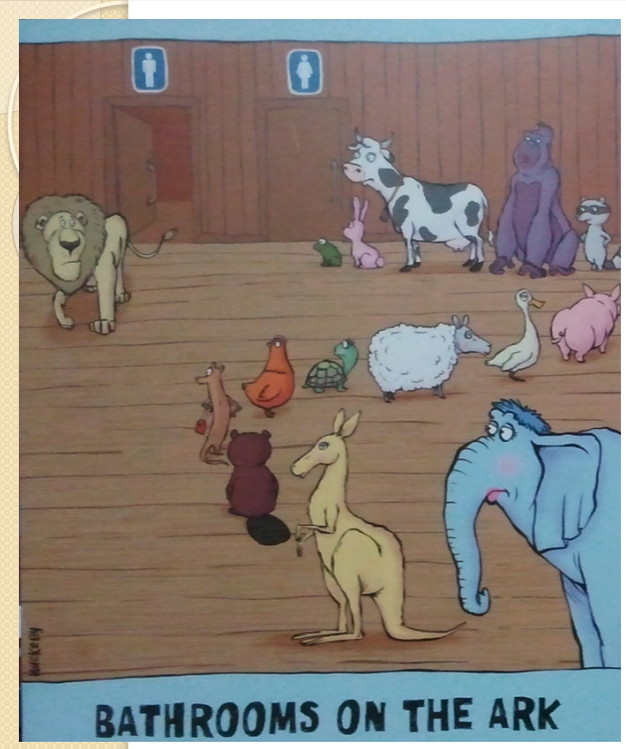
I will talk about my health (Fisical), Beliefs (Fillosophy) and the future. All relate to faith.

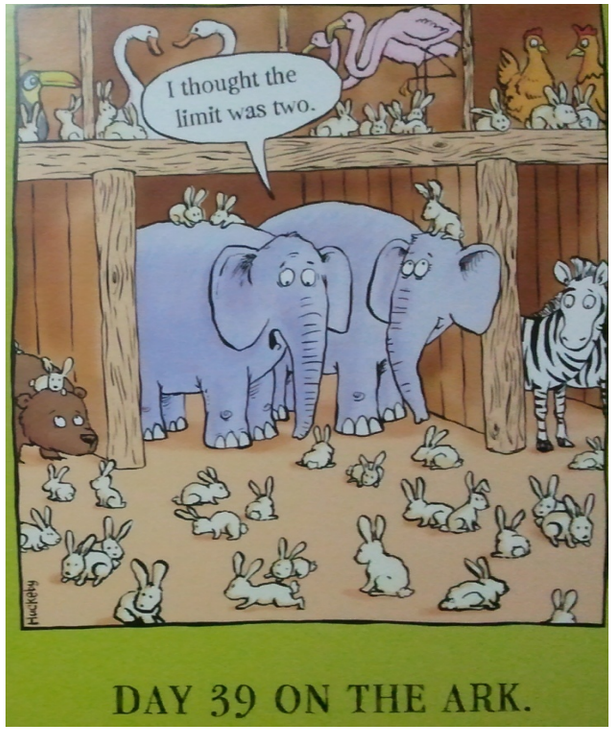
1 Corinthians 2 – Paul talking – not his wisdom, the power of the Holy Spirit works in people. Talking about myself for the purpose of sharing what the Holy Spirit has been doing. It's all about Him.

My goals is to share information and also to challenge you in some way. If I talk for 30-40 minutes and you walk away unchanged, or at least walk away without something to seriously think about then I am only entertainment. That is not my reason for being here. I seek to continually grow in the Lord, not just be entertained. I hope you do also. Preparing and doing this helps me grow.

I am very interested in science. I spend a fair bit of time studying and reading about science topics. As I talk about faith you will see science sprinkled through, as science is also about faith.

A drunk stumbles along a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk down into the water and stand next to the Preacher.
The minister turns and notices the old drunk and says, “Mister, Are you ready to find Jesus?” The drunk looks back and says,
“Yes,Preacher. I sure am.”
The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. “Have you found Jesus?” the preacher asked.
“No, I didn’t!” said the drunk.
The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, “Now, brother, have you found Jesus?”
“No, I did not Reverend.”
The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time brings him out of the water and says in a harsh tone, “My God, have you found Jesus yet?”
The old drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher…”Are you sure this is where he fell in?”





What animal did Noah wish was not on the ark?
What kinds of lights did the ark have?
What was Jesus' first miracle?

To get your brains working, 3 questions:

1) Woodpecker
2) FLOOD lights!
3) Creation. John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word. Word was with God, Word was God! V14 – Word became flesh – Jesus. Thus Jesus is God.
   Genesis 1:1 – God created heaven and earth. Creation was Jesus' first miracle.
   John 2:11 – Water to wine. Jesus' first miracle while on earth.

What is Faith?

This child has faith – and it is shown by his action. He has faith dad will catch him so he takes action, he jumps.

We all have faith, in something or someone.

Moses had faith!

Exodus 14:13-31: v21b, 22:
“the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.”

Evolution is faith!

How to fish fossilize?
They die, sink to the bottom, and over a long period of time get buried by sediment and fossilize.
Does this make sense?
When you swim or walk in the water do you step on dead fish lying on the bottom?
Where do you see dead fish? They float, get eaten by birds and flies.
Then the remains sink and decay on the sea bottom as scavengers like crabs and other things eat them.
Soon nothing is left but bones.
Does this not make more sense? Does the evidence point towards this process which is basically what evolution says happened?
No, it points towards rapid burial so the fish could not be eaten or decay. Rapid burial of animals all over the world indicates a global flood, as the Bible says.
Believing in evolution also requires faith!
Thus, as previously stated, we all have faith, in something.

Faith is everywhere

- that God created or evolution evolved
- your grocery store sells good food
- the brakes in your car work when needed
- the chair your sitting on is sturdy
- your doctor knows what he/she is talking about
- the government has your best interests at heart
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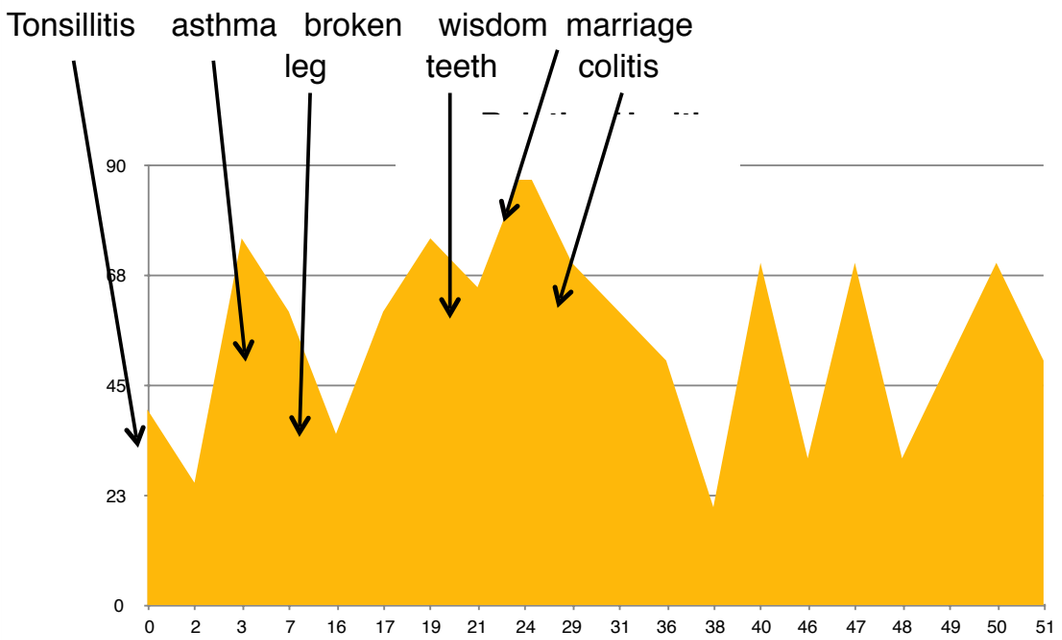
My life story - Grand Canyon 2006

Notice the land in the distance. It is virtually flat on top, as far as one can see.
Keep this in mind for later in my talk.

My life story – Health (Fisical)



June 21, 2000 – a new liver

I praise you, for I am *fearfully and wonderfully made*. Wonderful are your works; Ps 139:14

No machine of man can continue to function when as ‘broken’ as we can get due to illness.

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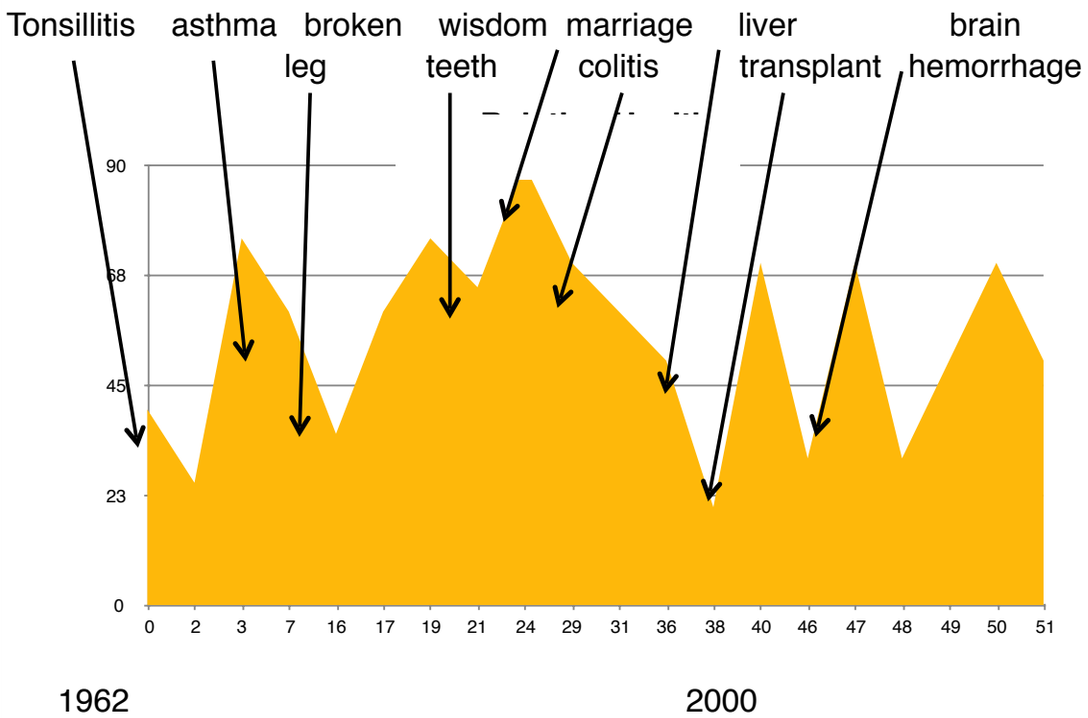
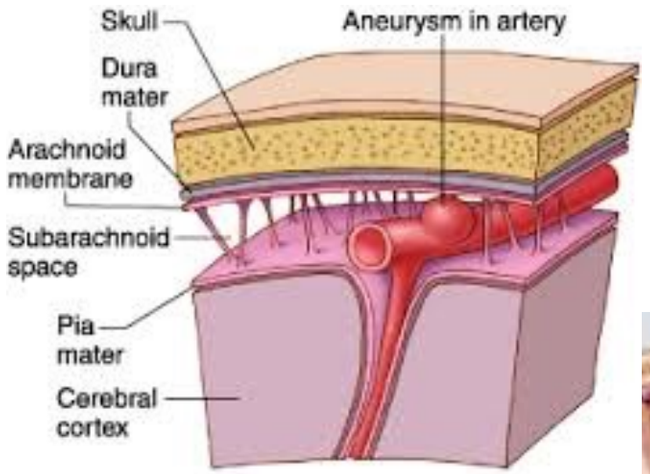
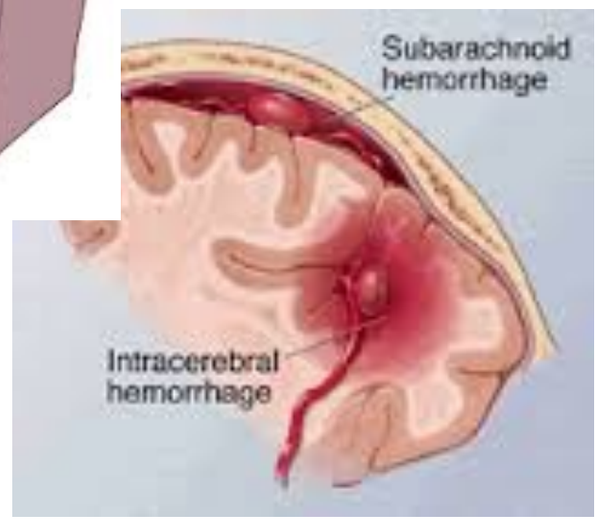


2010 – Subarachoid Hemorrhage





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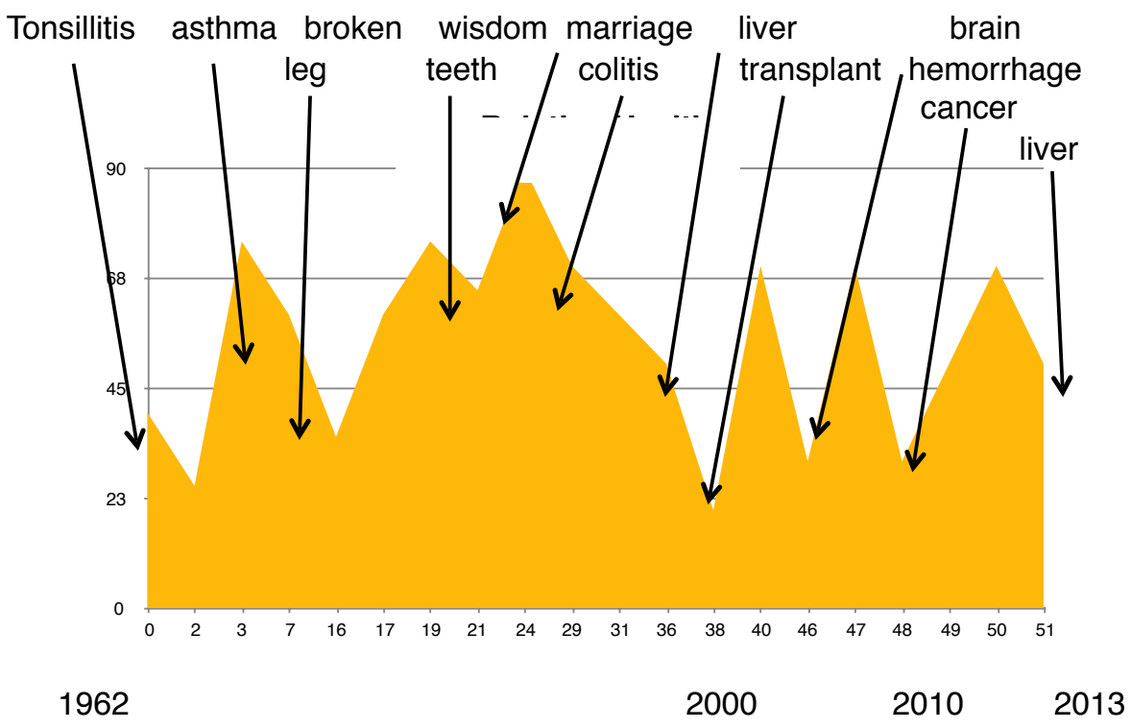


July 5, 2011 – middle of chemo

25th Anniversary!

Not quite what we planned.

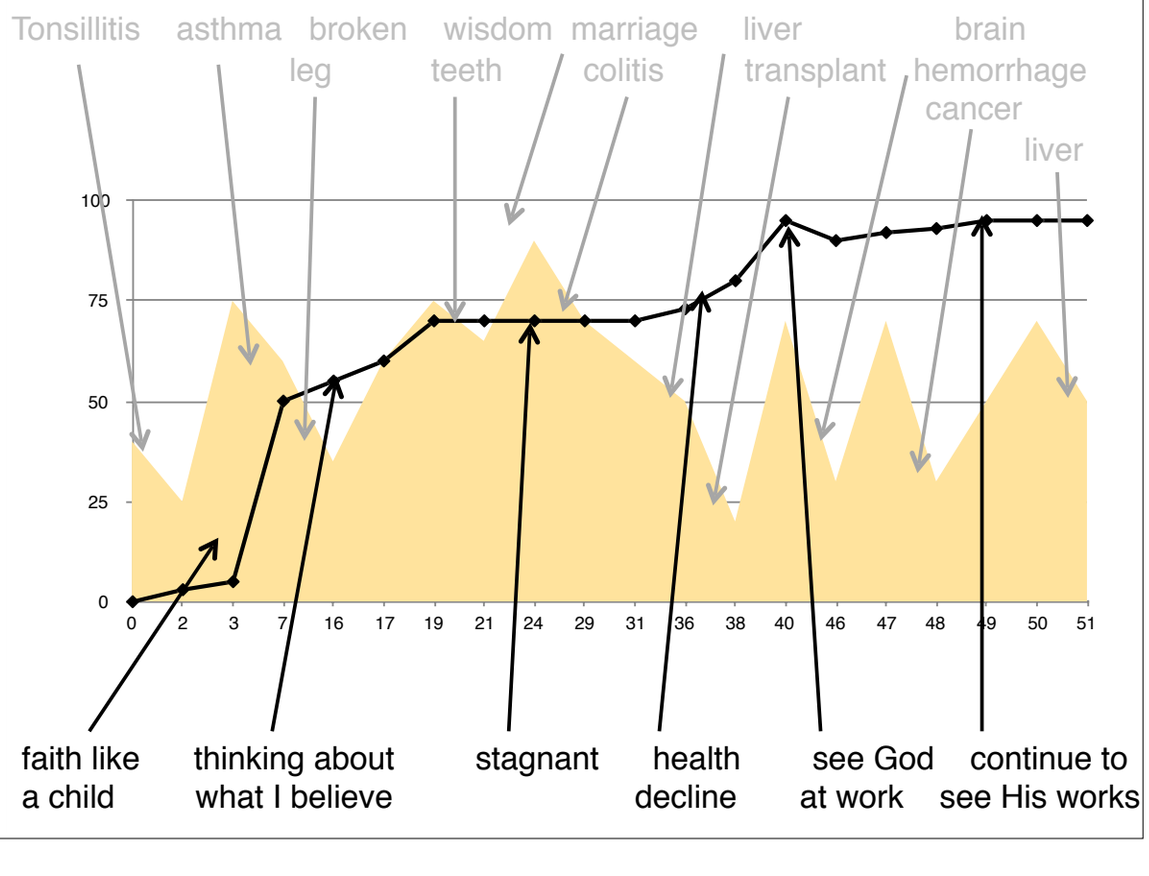
By God's enabling, continued working through most of the treatments

September 10. Hiking in Switzerland JungFrau region.

Health Conclusion – Faith and Fact!

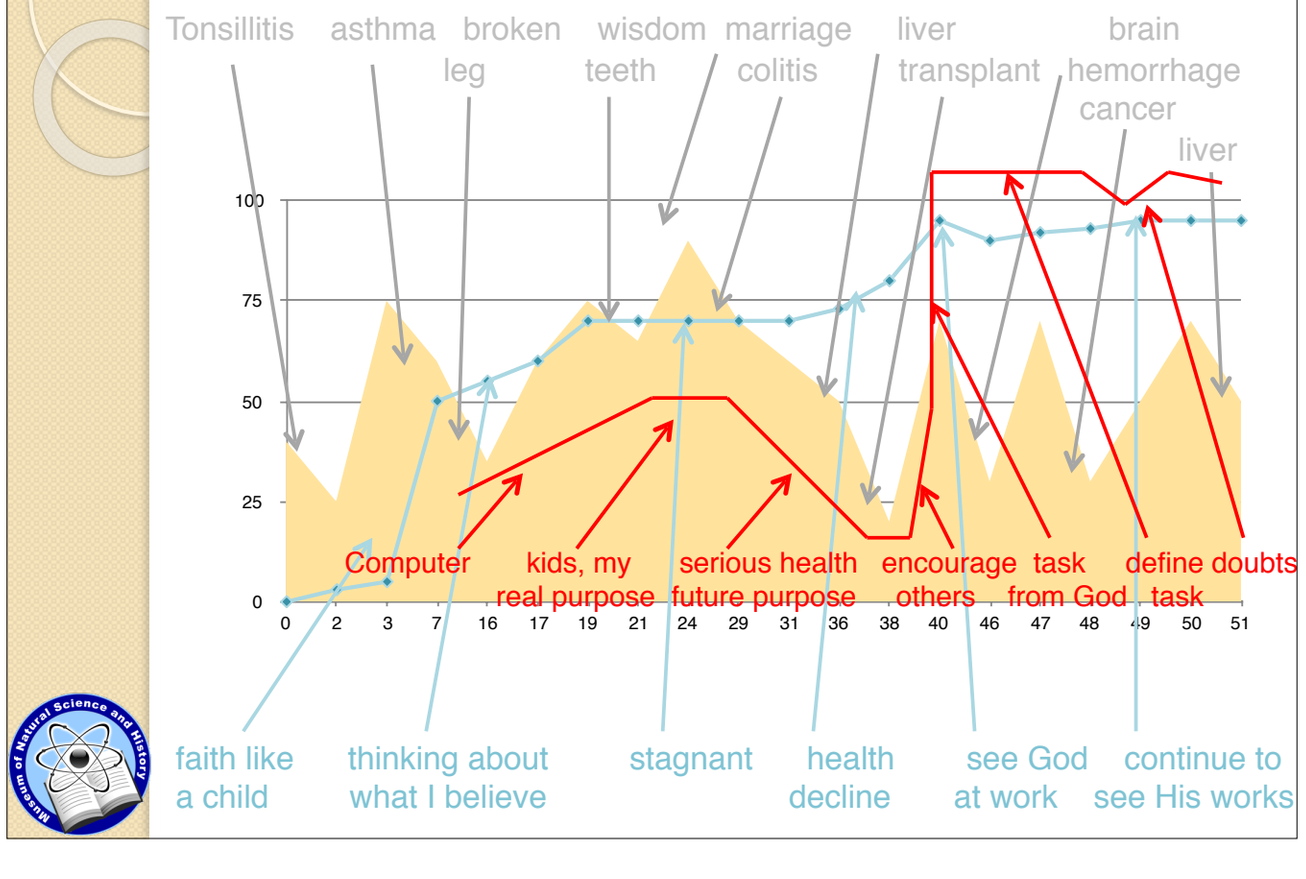
- **FAITH:** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28
  - Really? Remember Job?
- **FAITH:** Then the Lord said to Job, “Will the faultfinder content with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it.” Job 40:1,2
- **FAITH:** “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. “ Isaiah 55:9
- **FACT:** My experience – these statements are 100% true!

My life story – Beliefs (Fillosopy)



Notice – faith, beliefs increase during illness.
Continues to increase even with repeated illness.
Trust Bible 100% - 6 day creation, do not try to distort
or twice what it says into billions of years of evolution. Genesis 1.
Jesus was real, is the son of God. Is God. John 1

My life story – Future and Purpose



Don’t say what the task is – next 3 slides get to it

Oldest Living organisms: 4500 years old

Picture of me in 2006 in the Inyo mountains of California.

It is a coincidence that the oldest living organism on earth – an Ancient Bristlecone pine tree, is about 4200 years old (some say up to 4500 years old) which means it started growing shortly after the flood.

Same trip, we travelled to Natural Bridges National Park, in Utah, USA.
Pueblo Indians lived here from 900-1200 AD.
Carved a dinosaur in the rock just left and up from where I am standing.
But dinosaurs supposedly lived many millions of years ago and are long extinct.
How could these Indians carve this this if they did not see dinosaurs?

My Future – began on May 2002

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Talk about WHY (great commission), HOW (share the truth about science), and WHAT (built a museum/theme park, science center)

Scientific Community Leader

- "We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, *in spite* of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, *in spite* of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism."
  - Richard Lewontin, Billions and billions of demons (review of *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* by Carl Sagan, 1997), *The New York Review*, p. 31, 9 January 1997.
- Look at what he says:
  - Patent absurdity
  - Failure to fulfill
  - Just-so stories
  - A prior commitment
  - To materialism
- This community has closed it's mind.
- Science was once about looking at all possibilities.
- Do not exclude God because of counter evidence but an unfounded 'prior commitment'.
- How narrow minded!
- Blind faith!

Big promise with science today. Not looking at all possibilities.
Not what science was historically about.

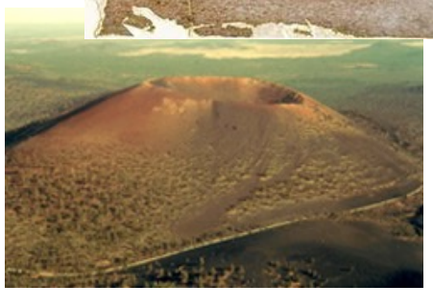
Be ready – to give an answer

- 1 Peter 3:13-16: Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened. But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.
- Give an answer using the Bible:
  - Accuracy of historical events.
  - Accuracy of prophecy.
  - Consistency with science.
- Give an answer using your personal experience (testimony)

Jignesh – Hindu faith. Asked questions. Could not explain anything. Said his wife is the one who really knows. We cannot be like this.

We are commanded to share with others, in this case when they ask us. We must be ready.
To give an answer it must not be just what we know in our head, but also what we have experienced in our lives.
People can question the Bible but really hard to question ones personal experiences. Faith is more than head knowledge.
This is what I really want to talk about today.

Giving Answers:



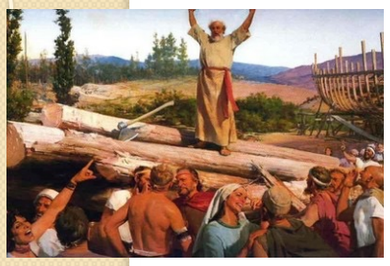
- Dinosaurs lived millions of years before mankind.
- Light takes millions of year to get here from distant stars.
- Rock dating shows earth is billions of years old.
- Where did Cain get his wife?

Inca. 1000-1500AD. 10,000 of these rock paintings.
Civil war – Pterosaur shot by soldiers.

Sunset Crater, Arizona
Potassium-argon: 200,000+
Reality: AD 1065

Much evidence for creation, not evolution. Both are faiths, many think evolution is a fact of science, NOT TRUE!

Faith in Action – Results



- Noah – Saved from flood. Father of all mankind.
- Abraham – father of the Jewish nation. Hebrews 11 – people of faith.
- Gideon – saved Israel from their enemies.
- David – saved Israel from the Philistines, became the greatest king.
- Elijah – one of the greatest prophet ever.
- Jesus – saved mankind from paying for our sins. Sits at the Fathers right hand.
- Paul – Greatest evangelist. Most of New Testament written by him.

Does this apply to Bible people only? How about today?

Faith – A few modern examples

- Jim Elliot:“God, I pray thee, light these idle sticks of my life and may I burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, like you, Lord Jesus.”
- Jerry Falwell: 40 years in ministry. Raised 4 $Billion
- Bill Bright: Founder Campus Crusade for Christ. Shared the Gospel with > 4 billion people so far. Most efficient religious org, largest religious charity.
- Billy Graham, James Kennedy, Ravi Zacharius.
- Many, many more well known servants.
- Countless unnamed, unknown servants.

Jim Elliot died at age 28 by Auca Indians, or Waiodani people in Ecuador.

What do they all have in common?

One things these men all had in common, as far as I’ve read and heard – a powerful prayer life.
Year and year. Also people praying with and for them.

Secondly – men of action. They prayed and took action allowing the Lord to guide and led them.
Some say wait upon the Lord. True, but what is the balance? Cannot use this as an excuse.
James 2 talks about faith without deeds, without action. It is dead.

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Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6.

I seek to please God through my testimony of events in my life, and through the museum sharing about creation and evolution.

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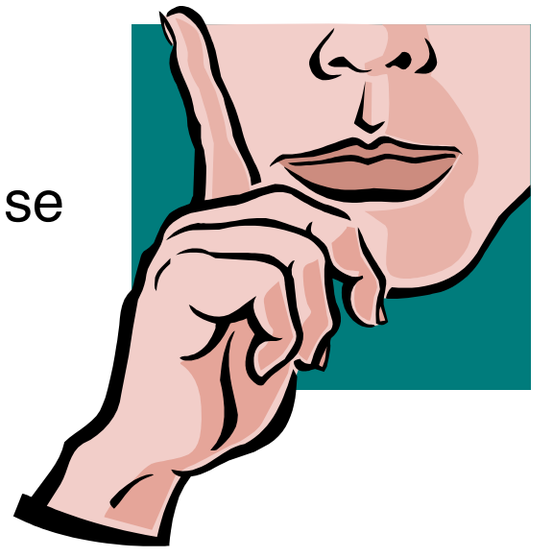
Conclusion: To Ponder

- How great a price did Jesus pay for us?

➢Became human
➢Willingly took abuse
➢Execute unjustly



- Is that all?

Conclusion: To Ponder

- How great a price did Jesus pay for us
  - ➢Human; Abused; Executed
- Is that all?
  - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved (hovered over, broodeth) upon the face of the waters. Genesis 2:1
  - For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*? Luke 14:28
  - ➢Knew we would rebel;
  - ➢Knew He would become human, suffer, die;
  - ➢Created us anyway!

"Expect Great things from God; attempt great things for God." William Carey.

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