

Faith in Trial



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Ruth- thank you for the invitation to be here today.

You may remember me from last year. I was here on June 6th, 2014. I talked about health issues, creation, philosophy and faith.
Ruth asked me to talk about health again.
I will, somewhat, but adding in other topics the Lord put on my mind to share.

The past 16 months

- ◆ 2nd liver transplant on June 19, 2014.
- ◆ Surgery on my nose to remove cancer growth.
- ◆ Oldest son as married.
- ◆ Final child, my daughter, went off to college.
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I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

1 Timothy 1:12

Ruth:

talk some more about creation and history under the banner of our faith?

- ♦ When our personal faith is challenged
- ♦ When our children or grandchildren challenge our faith
- ♦ When society challenges our faith

Personal faith examples



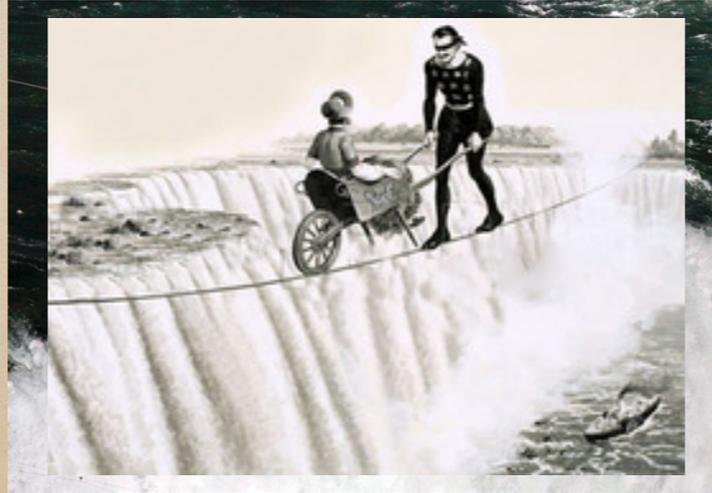
Abraham offers Isaac. Does he have faith in God?
Shadrack, Meshack, Abendigo - faith in the Lord?
How about each of us here today?

Our person faith issues



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North American faith challenges



Finances, marriage, health, children

Lack of belief by others in yourself or what you feel God has commissioned you to do in live.

Challenges - God tells us:

- ◆ Fear thou not, for I am with thee; neither shalt thou be dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10
- ◆ It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8
- ◆ Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7
- ◆ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5
- ◆ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28
- ◆ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5
- ◆ . . .

Many, many verses in the Bible to strengthen us, to trust in God.

We need faith, personal faith.

God is walking the tight rope, we are in the wheel barrow. We must trust he will not stumble.

He never has yet, so why would he now?

When our children or
grandchildren challenge our faith



Grandma, Grandpa, in
school we learned dinosaurs
lived millions and millions of
years ago. Long before
people ever lived!

70% of young people lose their faith when they are in high school or go off to college or university.

One main reason is they cannot take their faith and match it to the world they learn about.

What do we say to them about such things as dinosaurs?

Schools, most churches, movies, most parents do not know the answers or give them.

No wonder young people fall away. If we cannot explain our faith rationally why should they believe it.

God is rational, he gave us brains and intelligence to know him and understand his world.

Evolution - does it make sense?



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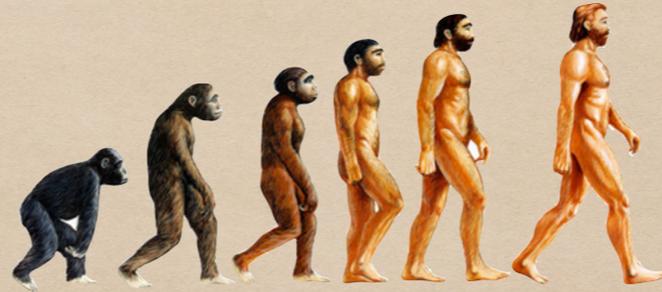
Which came first?



Which evolved from the other?

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Human evolution?



ape

intermediate forms

man

Human evolution?

There is no confirmed evidence of any transitional forms between any kind of ape ancestor or ape and any human



ape



man

Life begets Life - not evolution



Say no intelligence but 4 scientists are controlling the experiment, selected the chemicals, power, etc.

Intelligent people created the equipment used, ...

LOTS of intelligence.

and this is just very simple basic life and cannot do it.

Information evolution?

S. Hawkins - The Grand Design. "Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing... Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist. It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going."

Gerald Schroeder in "The Big Bang Creation: God or the Laws of Nature" explains that "The Grand Design breaks the news, bitter to some, that ... to create a universe from absolute nothing God is not necessary. All that is needed are the laws of nature. ... [That is,] there can have been a big bang creation without the help of God, provided the laws of nature pre-date the universe. Our concept of time begins with the creation of the universe. Therefore if the laws of nature created the universe, these laws must have existed prior to time; that is the laws of nature would be outside of time. What we have then is totally non-physical laws, outside of time, creating a universe. Now that description might sound somewhat familiar. Very much like the biblical concept of God: not physical, outside of time, able to create a universe."

Laws are not physical, not part of nature. They do not evolve, they have always remained constant. They exist separate from matter and energy.

Information stated another way

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Universe of fine tuned. Why / how ?

The LHC will resume smashing protons in 2015 in a last-ditch search for answers. But in papers, talks and interviews, Arkani-Hamed and many other top physicists are already confronting the possibility that the universe might be unnatural.

“Ten or 20 years ago, I was a firm believer in naturalness,” said Nathan Seiberg, a theoretical physicist at the Institute, where Einstein taught from 1933 until his death in 1955. “Now I’m not so sure. My hope is there’s still something we haven’t thought about, some other mechanism that would explain all these things. But I don’t see what it could be.”

Physicists reason that if the universe is unnatural, with extremely unlikely fundamental constants that make life possible, then an enormous number of universes must exist for our improbable case to have been realized. Otherwise, why should we be so lucky?

New Physics Complications Lend Support to Multiverse Hypothesis. Scientific America, June 1, 2013

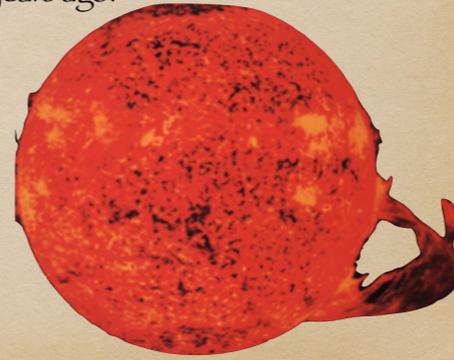
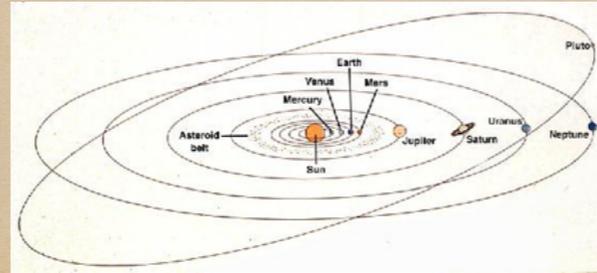
unnatural means special. Evolutionists do not like special things as they should not exist. God is special for example.

Only solution is multi-verse.

Do not consider God as an option. Romans 1:19-21. People suppress the truth, don't want to face it.

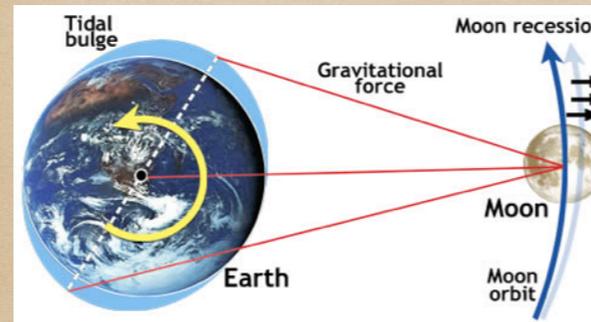
The Sun problem

The sun is burning 5,000,000 tons of material per second.
Thus the sun is slowly shrinking.
The sun would have been much larger billions of years ago.
It would engulf Mercury and Venus.
It would boil our oceans.



Something is wrong with evolution.

The earth and moon orbit problems



- ◆ Moon moving 4cm away per year.
- ◆ Maximum age 1.3 billion years.
- ◆ Stated age is 4.6 billion years.
- ◆ Huge problem!

- ◆ Earth spin is slowing at about $1/1000^{\text{th}}$ second per day, or $1/3$ second per year.
- ◆ June 30th 2012, June 30th, 2015 both added a leap second.
- ◆ Earth must have spun faster in the past, and faster farther in the past.
- ◆ Too fast for life!

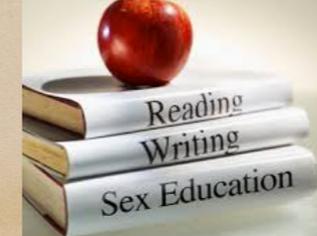
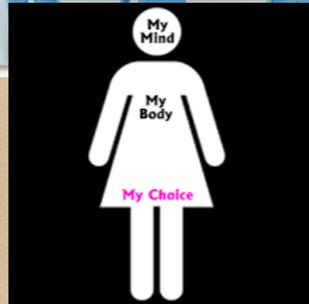
Maximum age of 1.3 is due to Roche limit. Related to mass of 2 objects and how close they can be together before which they will disintegrate from extreme tidal forces.

Many more examples

- ◆ Evolution has many, many problems due to things we can measure using real science.
- ◆ No satisfactory answers for these problems.
- ◆ Evolutionists 'by design' will not consider God.
- ◆ They have strong faith in 'no God'.
- ◆ You can answer your children and grand children questions by pointing them to real science measurements that counter evolution's claims.

The more and more we learn from science the harder and harder it becomes to believe in evolution.
As these slides have shown, more evidence for design, recently as everything works just so. Not random.

When society challenges our faith & beliefs



Do you ever feel alone when you stand up for something?

A statement on Holocaust Denial in Iran, presented on September 20th, 2013 at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust
Abortion is OK.

Marriage is out style, not need today.

Explicit sex education in our school, even for young kinds.

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Bill Nye, 'the science guy'.
Engineer and TV personality.
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Is the Bible Historically correct?



Homer's Illiad, the story of Troy.
Ruins of Troy found in 1871.
Digs found evidence that matched items in the Illiad.
Iliad believed to be a historical document.

Author	Date written	Earliest copy	Span between	# copies	% accuracy
Plato	427- 347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,200 years	7	unknown
Aristotle	384 - 322 B.C.	1,100 A.D.	1,400 years	49	unknown
Tacitus	100 A.D.	1,100 A.D.	1,000 years	20	unknown
Homer Illiad	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 years	643	95%
Bible NT	50 - 100 A.D.	130 A.D.	< 100 years	5,600	99.5%

Lets look at some facts, to support our faith, even when we stand alone.
Bible is historically accurate.

Example of accuracy

- ♦ Many cities and locations in there Bible have been found and are where they are said to be.
- ♦ 40 different kings of various countries mentioned in the Bible are also mentioned in other documents. Both documents always match.
- ♦ The list of nations in Genesis 10 matches the distribution of people after the flood and Tower of Babel.
- ♦ Examples of non-biblical confirmation: Moabite Stone records king Mesha of the Moabites (2 Kings 3:4-27). The Black Obelisk records a payment by king Jehu (2 Kings 9, 10) to Assyrian king Shalmaneser III. The Babylonian Chronicle records Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25).
- ♦ Bible's 40 authors over 1,500 years wrote an amazingly intertwined book. Not by chance.
- ♦ Many more ...

even with all this proof, not every event is listed. Always critics. Always some level of faith involved.
No other religious book has a list of nations that so well matches the history we see today.

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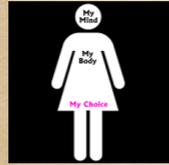
- ♦ 981 texts from 135 BC to 73 AD.
- ♦ Previously oldest manuscript was around 900 AD. Now 1000 years earlier.
- ♦ Dead Sea Scrolls confirm modern Bible is very close to original.
- ♦ No evidence to support claims the Bible has been corrupted and not valid (Muslims).



Scroll of Isaiah

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Abortion, marriage, euthanasia



- ♦ My mind, my body, my choice!
- ♦ Psalm 139:13 "For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb."
- ♦ Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, ..."
- ♦ Genesis 2:23, 24 "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; ... be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."
- ♦ Job 33:4 "The spirit of God has made me, and her breath of the Almighty gives me life."
- ♦ Job 14:5 "A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed."
- ♦ Exodus 20:13 "Thou shall not murder."

Not one single example in the Bible of any sexual relationship outside of marriage that should have happened.
All resulted in some bad things, but God then turned it around to make good come from it. But original act was bad.
Hard when someone is suffering so much. Want to help.
I have suffered 4 serious things. Could have wanted to end it all. Now it's good.
Killing someone is different than artificially keeping them alive.

Worldly (no God) viewpoint



- ◆ Survival of the fittest.
- ◆ We make our laws to suit our desires.
- ◆ As society 'evolves' laws evolve.
- ◆ Results: mostly self centred, not concerned for the whole (greater good).

Godly viewpoint

- ◆ God gave the law to live by.
- ◆ We could not keep the law.
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Christians versus Society



- ♦ Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
- ♦ Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."
- ♦ Matthew 10:32-33 "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven."
- ♦ 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Always a fight. Remember these verses.



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