

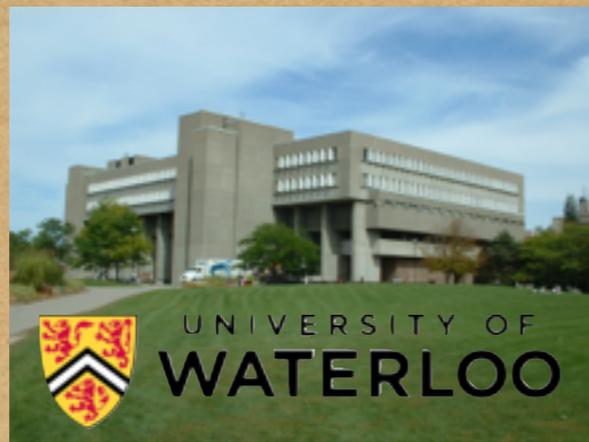


Good morning. Thank you to the group leaders for inviting me here today.
Thank you MOM for talking to your leaders to be here today.
You can always count on your mom for support :-)

Grew up in CRC Barrie. Remember some of you and your families from there.
We visited Collingwood CRC quite a few times over the years Dad and Mom have been here.
But we have not in a few years now. Usually go to my brother and sisters church in Wasaga Beach. Closer.

Talking about a few topics that are all related today. They are all related to the title - Faith in trial. Not on trial but in trial, 'in' as we go through things, we are 'in' the midst of things when our faith is challenged or tested the most.

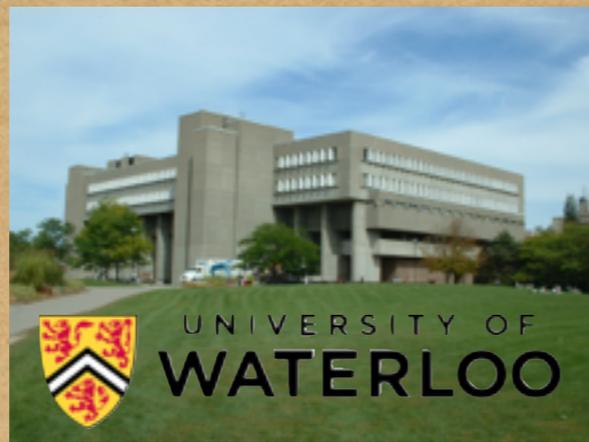
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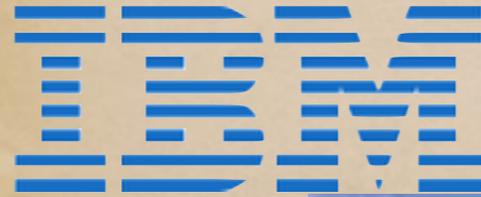
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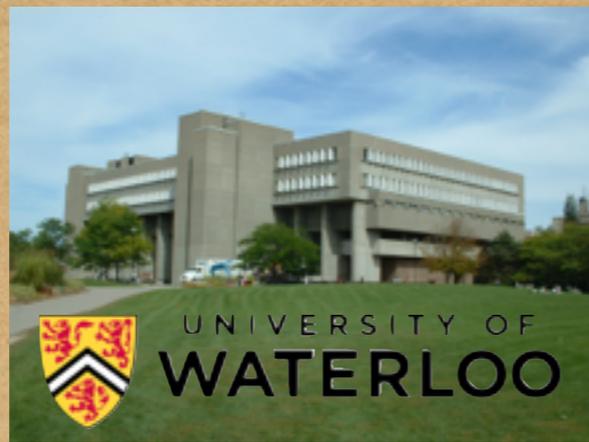


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Lyndsey, Nancy, Matthew, Ed, Robert. July 15, 2006
Grand Canyon



Here is my family 10 years ago.

Robert is now married and living/working in Toronto as a computer programmer.

His wife Jen doing masters at UofT in molecular biology and doing research at SickKids hospital.

Matthew will graduate with a degree in System Design engineering from UofW in 2 months.

Lyndsey will graduate with a degree in Marketing, Advertising and Communications from Georgian College in Barrie in 2 months.

The remaining person is my amazing wife Nancy. She is here today. She is an accountant doing financial work for 5 clients in the Toronto Markham area and one in Grimsby.

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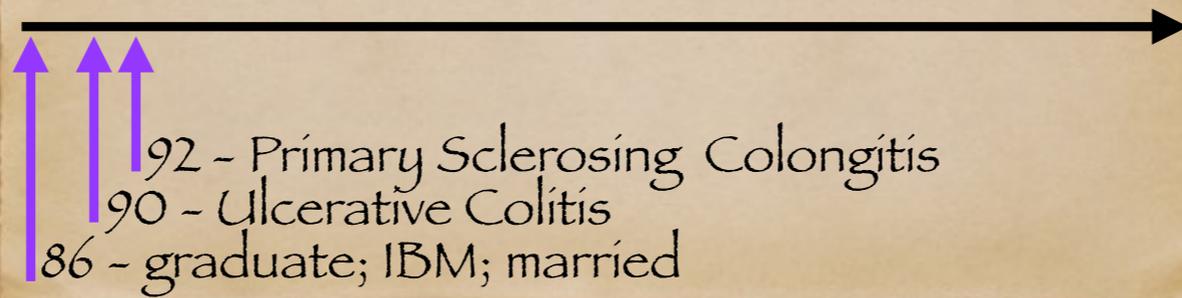
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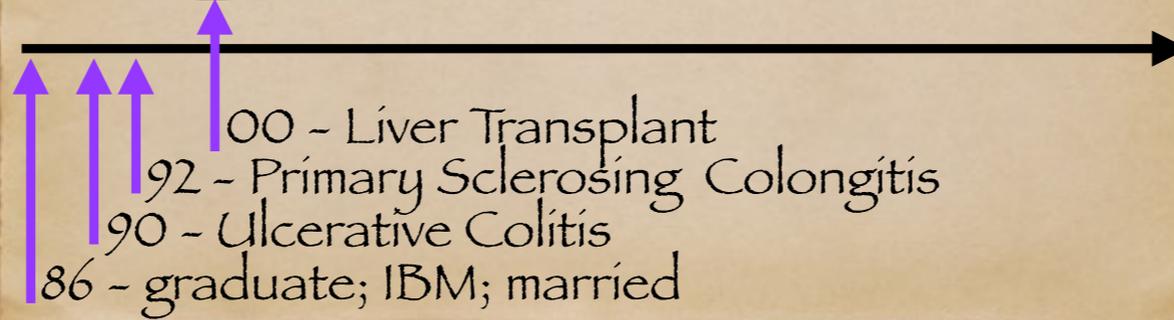
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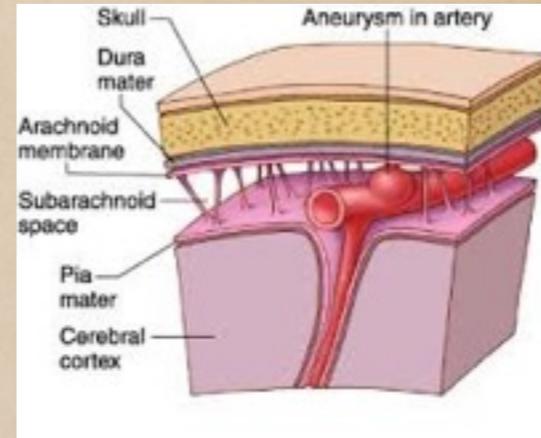
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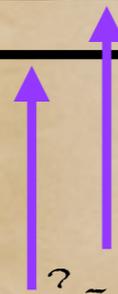
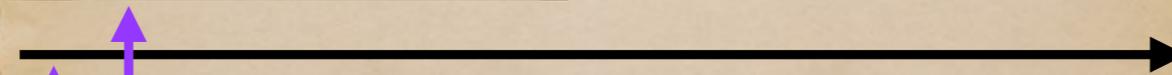


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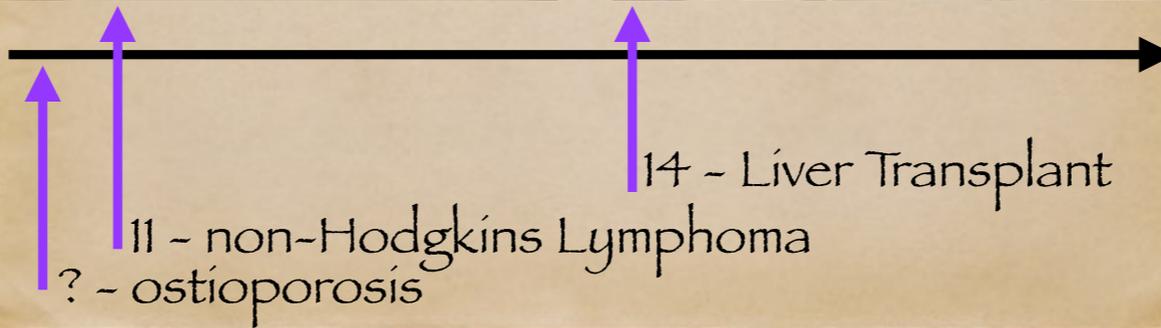


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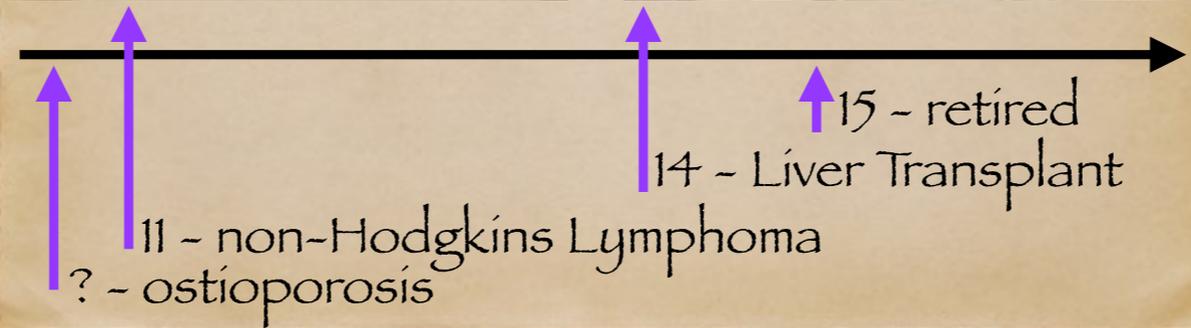
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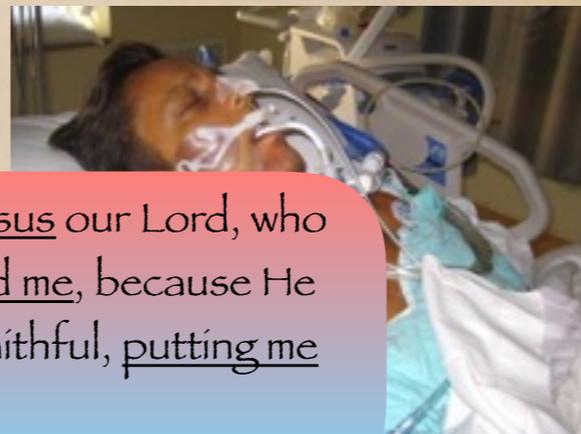
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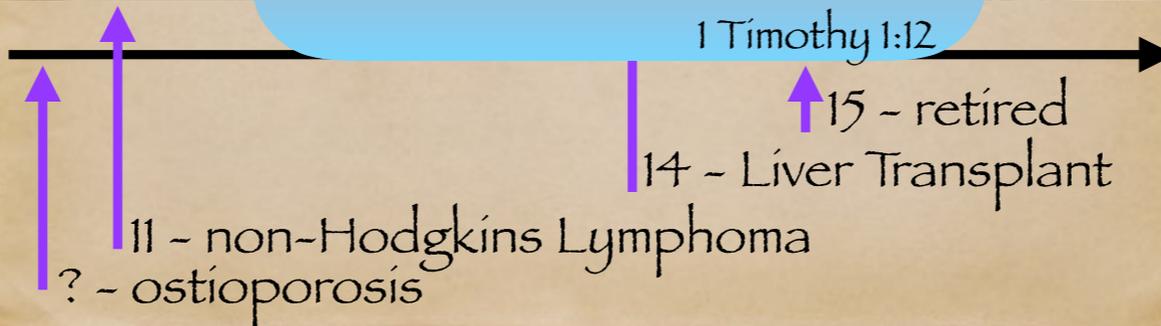
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I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, ...

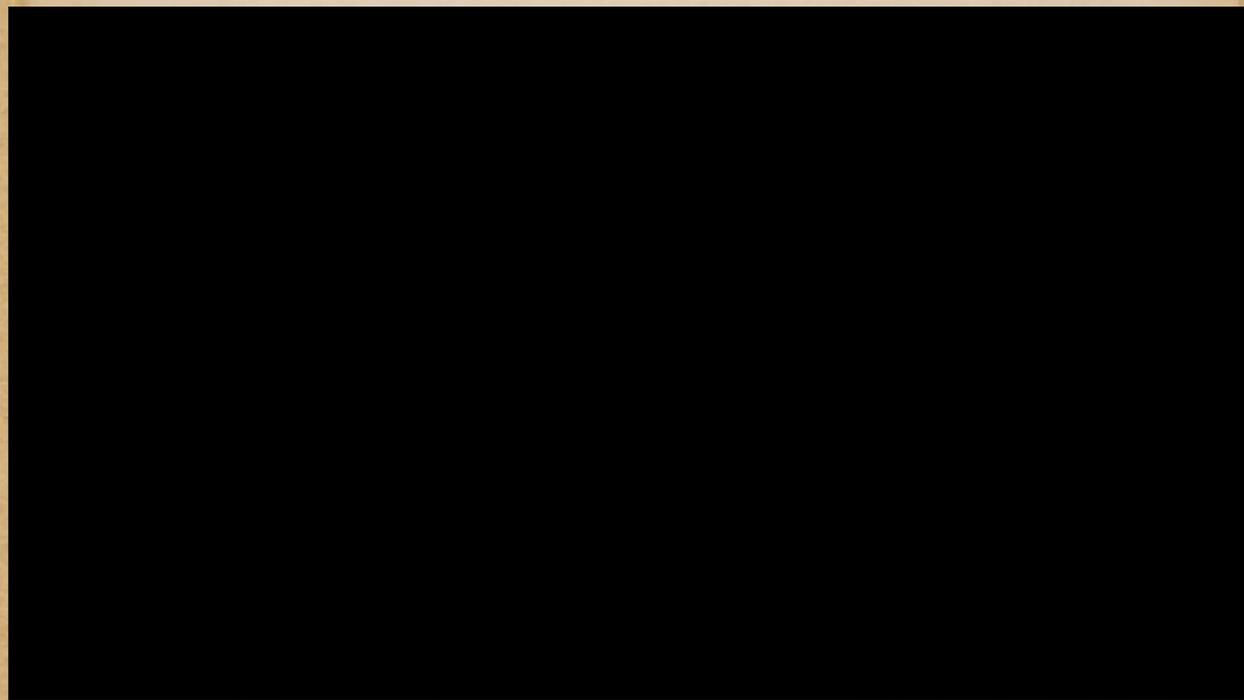
1 Timothy 1:12



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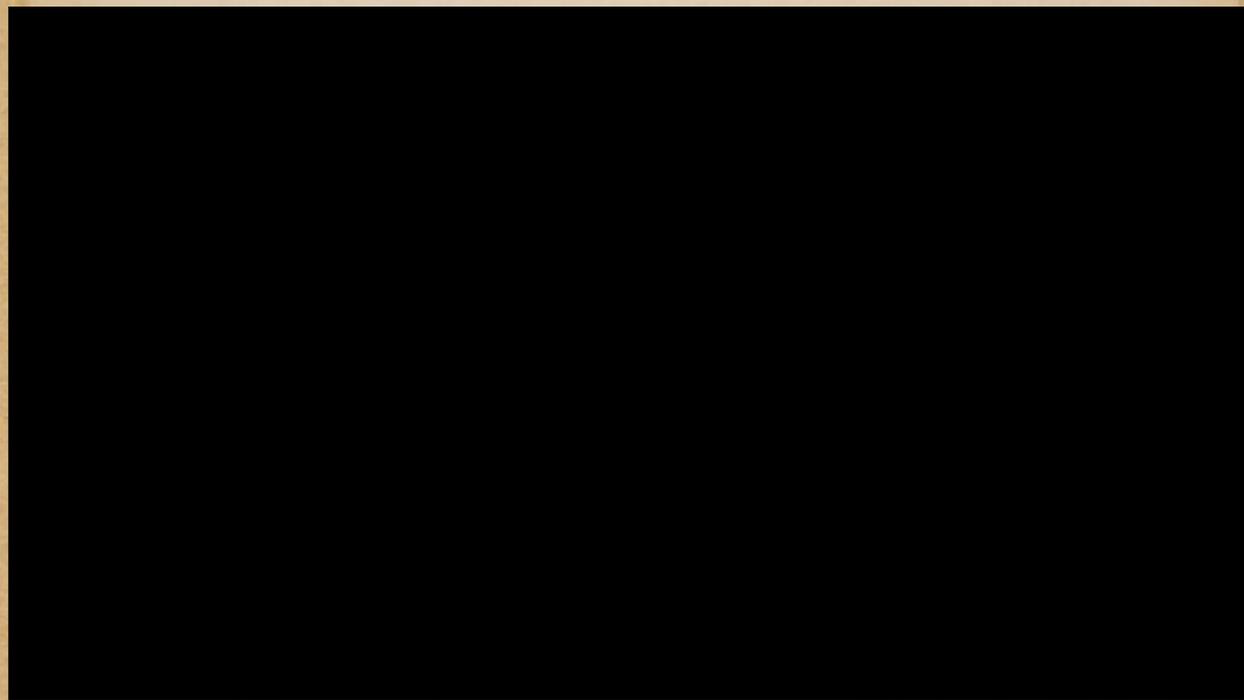
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Faith in Trial

- ◆ Faith in our doctor's.
- ◆ Faith the chair you're sitting on will not break.
- ◆ Faith our car brakes work.
- ◆ Faith that medicine does more good than harm.
- ◆ Faith government look to our best interests.
- ◆ Faith God's word, the Bible is the model for life.
- ◆ Faith that science gives good answers to our problems.
- ◆ Faith Jesus Christ died to pay for our sins.

Faith - is there anything more important to a believer?

Everyone has faith, even unbelievers. Everyone believes in something.

Creation, Health & Faith



Both are troublesome to comprehend and manage.
Both need a substantial amount of faith.

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and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

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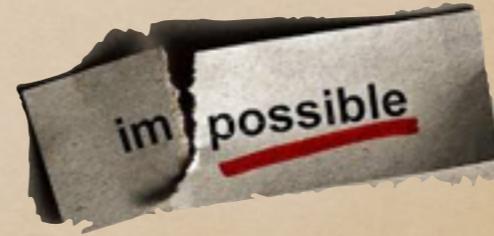
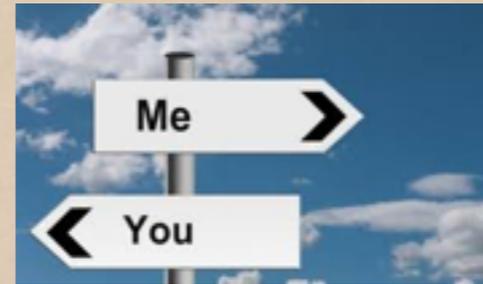
Genesis 22



Daniel 3

Personal faith. Lets look at real persons in the Bible.
Abraham offers Isaac. Does he have faith in God?
Shadrack, Meshack, Abendigo - faith in the Lord?
How about each of us here today?

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; be not 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

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

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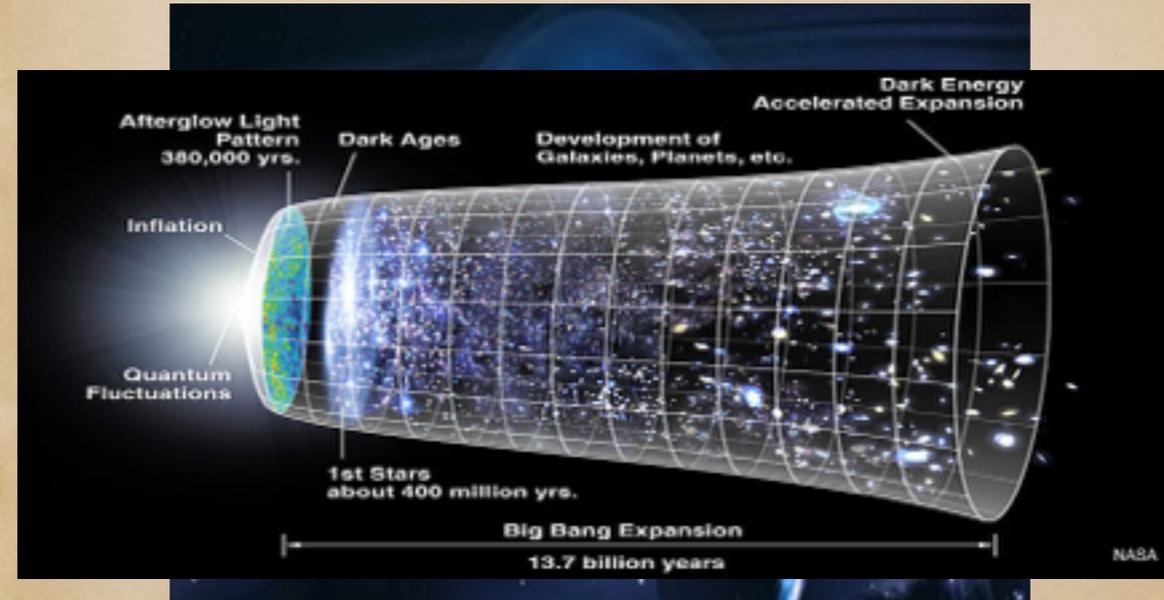
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Steps of Evolution

- ◆ Cosmic Evolution
 - time, space, matter and energy
- ◆ Chemical Evolution
 - elements beyond hydrogen, the simplest
- ◆ Stellar Evolution
 - how stars and planets came into being
- ◆ Organic Evolution
 - how life came about
- ◆ Macro Evolution
 - one species changing into another species
- ◆ Micro Evolution
 - variation of kinds within a species

The last one is the only one we see happening.

Why does it matter?

- ◆ Jesus' words
- ◆ Loss of faith
- ◆ Foundational
- ◆ Life's big question
- ◆ What is yet to come

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♦ Jesus' words

Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?

John 5:45-47

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It's time for people of faith to accept evolution.

United Methodist Church, 2011

Evolutionary theory does not contradict biblical teaching. Pope Francis, October 2014

70% of young people growing in a Christian home lose faith. Evolution a big reason.

Churches are starting to accept evolution.

Churches have accepted other things as well, like same sex.

Generally quiet or ignore abortion.

Euthanasia the newest issue. I have not heard churches speaking against it.

Holland routinely euthanasia without patient consent now. Murder, not legal but not prosecuted.

Evolution is another area where the churches are giving up.

Our foundation is crumbling!

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♦ Foundational

- ♦ Where the earth and universe came from Genesis 1
- ♦ The order of how things came to be Genesis 1, 2
- ♦ A perfect environment Genesis 1:31
- ♦ Where humans came from Gen 1:26, 2:22
- ♦ Who is Jesus Genesis 1:26
- ♦ Foundation of marriage Genesis 2:24, 25
- ♦ Foundation of sin Genesis 3, 6:5
- ♦ Why we need a sacrifice Gen 3:15, 6:7-8
- ♦ Foundation of the sacrifice system Gen 3:21
- ♦ Consequences of our wrongs (evil) Gen 3:16-20
- ♦ Purpose of the flood Genesis 6:1-2
- ♦ Symbolism of the flood Genesis 7:1
- ♦ Planet wide consequences of the flood Gen 7:11,20,21

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- ◆ Where did I come from?
- ◆ Why am I here?
- ◆ What brings me meaning?
- ◆ What happens when I die?

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♦ GOING?	Heaven or hell	Turn to dust

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♦ What is yet to come

Past

Future

Heaven & earth

New heaven & earth

Great Wickedness

As the days of Noah

Destroy by water

Destroy by fire

Created perfect

Recreated perfect

God walked with man

Man in God's city

We can look at the Bible's beginnings and then look at Revelations, what is yet to come and better see due to the many parallels.

So we see the importance, now let's look at the science, the evidence that creation was real.

Evidence it happened in 6 days as God said.

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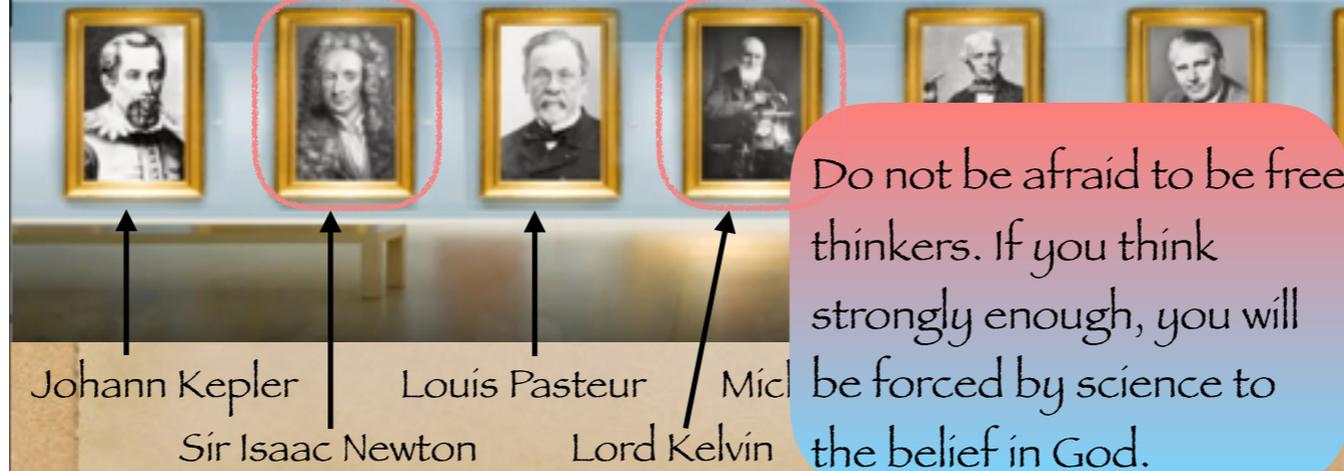
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Grandma, Grandpa, in school we learned
dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. Long
before people ever lived!

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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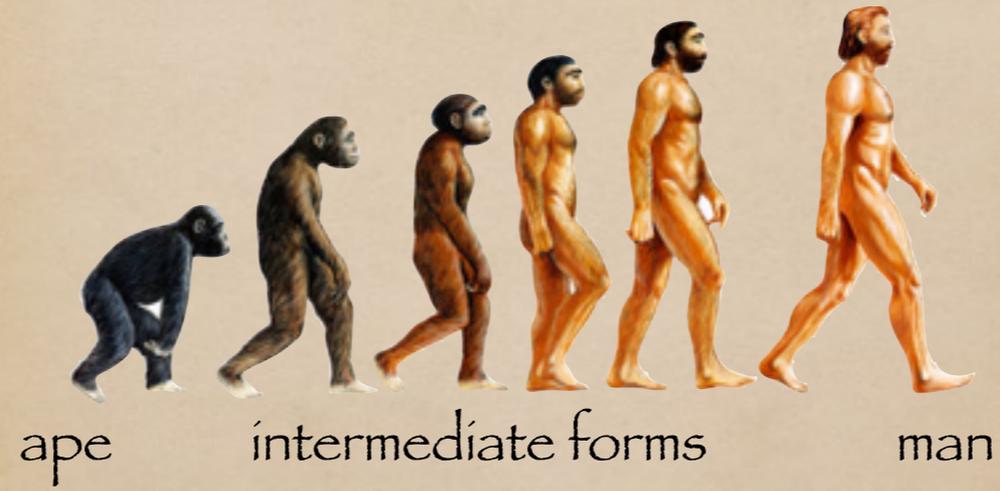
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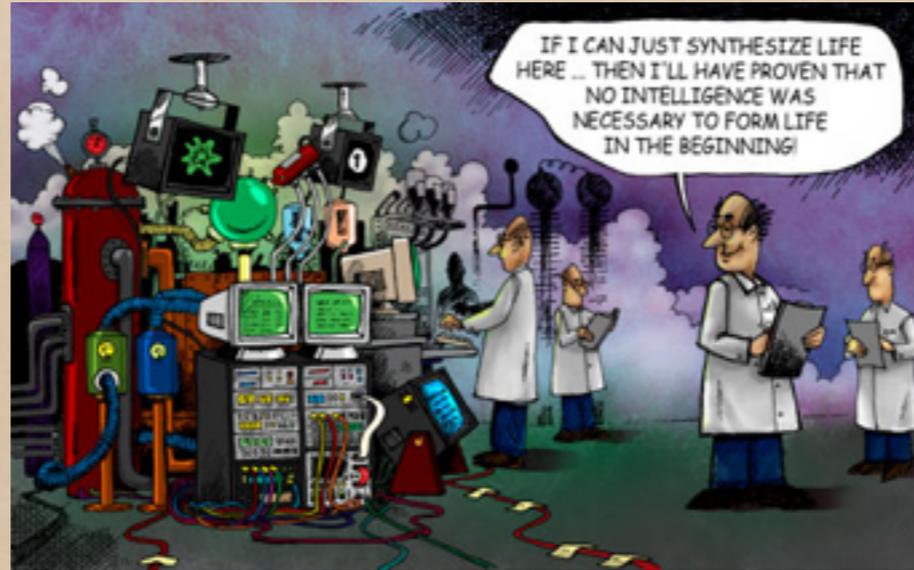
ape

There is no confirmed evidence of any transitional forms between an ape ancestor and a human



man

Life begets Life - no evolution



FACT - no evidence, no experiment of creating anything living from something not living.

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

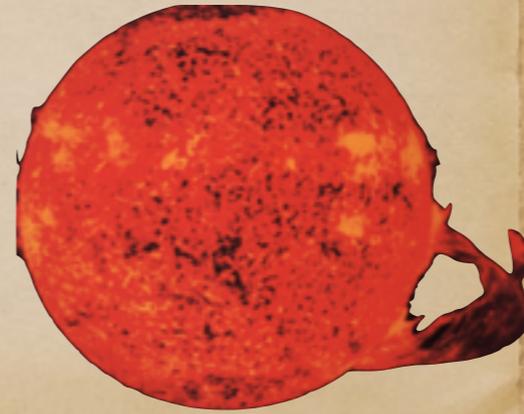
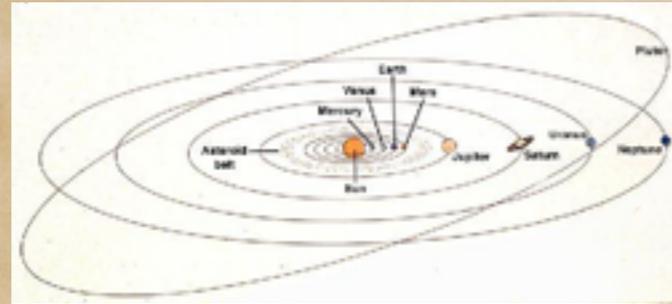
Intelligent people created the equipment used, ...

LOTS of intelligence.

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

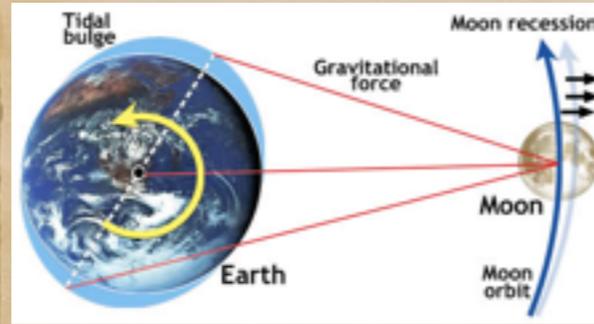
The Sun problem

- ✦ 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 receding 4cm / year.
- ♦ Maximum age 1.3 billion years.
- ♦ Stated age is 4.6 billion years.
- ♦ Huge problem!

- ♦ Earth spin is slowing at 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 a spin for life to form, to evolve!

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.

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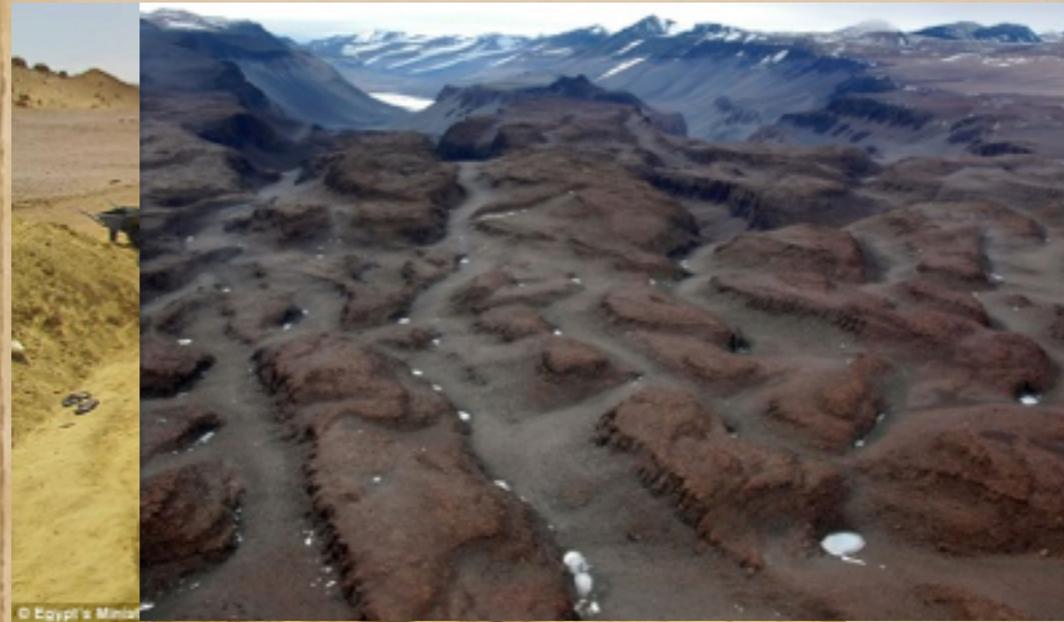
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Contrary to Evolution



- ◆ Dinosaurs lived millions of years before mankind.
- ◆ Star light takes millions of year to get here.
- ◆ Rock shows earth very 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!

Countless examples

- ◆ Coral reefs are young
- ◆ Radio-isotopes dating inconsistent & assumptions
- ◆ Not enough helium gas in our atmosphere
- ◆ Population of mankind way too small
- ◆ Oceans are not salty enough for an old earth
- ◆ Polystrate trees (vertical through rock layers)
- ◆ Earth too hot for it's age
- ◆ Quickly decaying magnetic field indicates life is young
- ◆ Spiral galaxies indicate young galaxies
- ◆ Symbiotic life - animals depend on plants and plants on animals
- ◆ History, written language, logic, universe fine tuned, ...

I could share examples for hours, explaining them in detail.

These examples do not fit a long time, evolution model.

They do fit a creation timeframe of a few thousand years

Helium gas from radioactive decay. Current amount could be million years, not billions.

Earth losing heat much faster than sun adds it. If old we should a frozen planet long ago.

Many many more examples. I will give just a few more, of living things.

Did people see dinosaurs?

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Native American petroglyph under the Kachina Bridge
at Natural Bridges National
Monument, Utah, USA.



Did people



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The jaws are wide enough to swallow a man, the teeth are large and sharp, and their whole appearance is so formidable, that neither man, nor any kind of animal can approach them without terror. Others are met with of a smaller size, being eight, six, or 5 paces long; and the following method is used for taking them. In the day-time, by reason of great heat, they lurk in caverns, from whence, at night, they issue to seek their food, and whatever beast they meet with and can lay hold of, whether tiger, wolf, or any other, they devour;
'The travels of Marco Polo'. Book 2, page 185-186.

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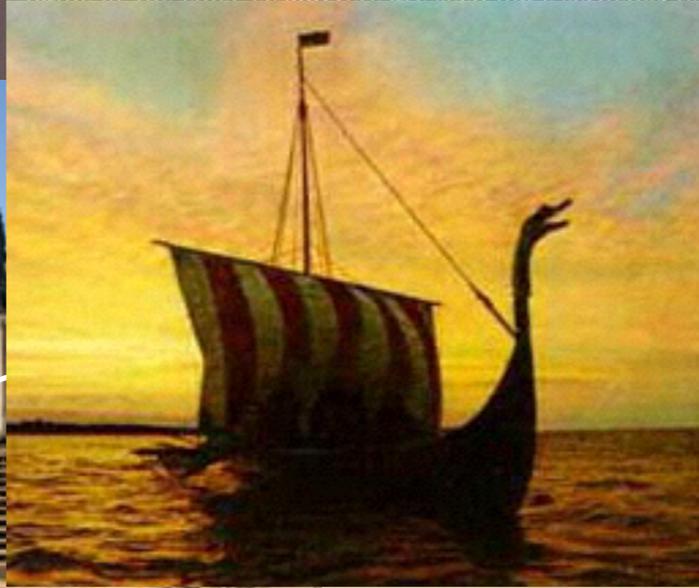
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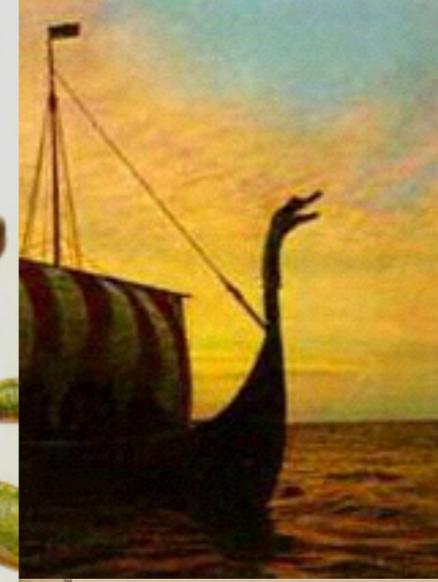
This is one of those legends that probably has a lot of truth in it. We know St. George was a real man who lived during that time period, and unfortunately we have the record of his martyrdom (put to death because of his faith) on April 23, 303.

St. George was held in the highest regard by the crusaders, and in 1350 was made patron saint of England. Great churches were named after him all over the world. We may never know the exact truth, but you can be sure he did something very special and brave.

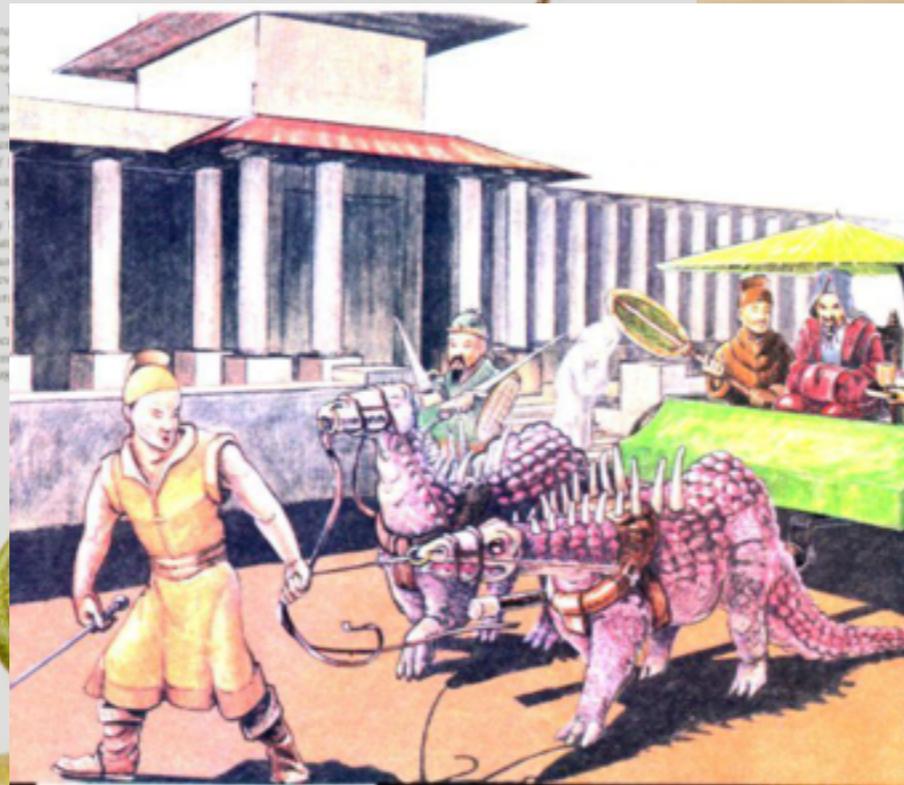
The "dragon" in this illustration is the meat-eating Baryonyx, a dinosaur whose fossil remains were discovered in Great Britain in 1983.



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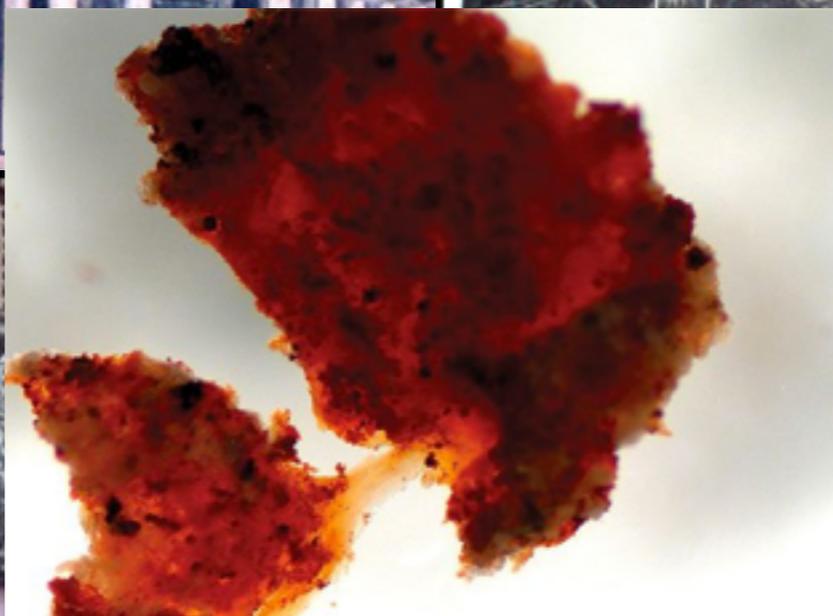
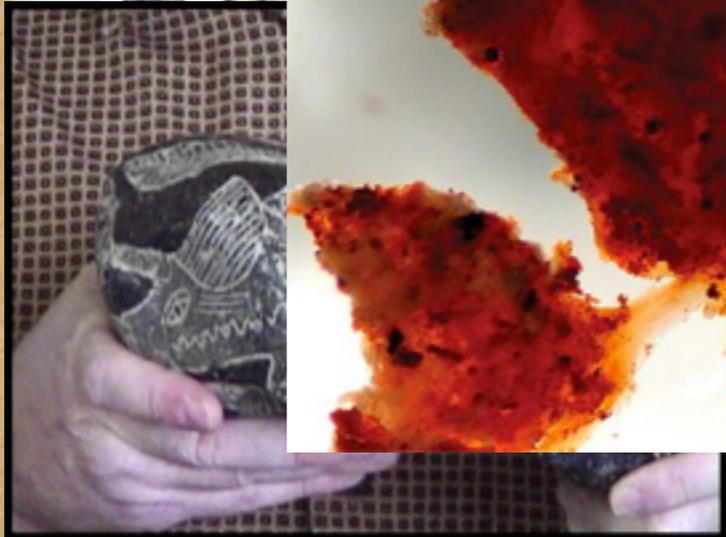
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Oldest living plant is the Ancient Bristlecone Pine, the in mountains of east California.

10,000 feet up in the mountains they grow.

Oldest is 4,200 years. Flood about 4,500 years ago.

Nothing older than the flood.

strong sign the flood was real. Also no changes in 4500 years so probably never. No evolution.

Vegetarians



- ♦ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. (Genesis 1:29)
- ♦ Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. (Genesis 9:3)

Panda's eat bamboo.

Baboon's in Ethiopia. Eat mostly grass.

Australian fruit bat - eat fruit.

Bear - mostly berries, roots, grasses. Some meat like fish.

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Summary

- ◆ Talked about the importance and reality of faith.
- ◆ Talked about the importance of understanding creation.
- ◆ Evolution has many problems with no reasonable answers.
- ◆ Evolutionists 'by design' will not consider God.
- ◆ Evolutionists have strong faith in 'no God'.
- ◆ Evolutionists state 'facts' which are really theories.
- ◆ You can answer questions by pointing to science that counter evolution's claims.

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As these slides have shown, more evidence for design, recently as everything works just so. Not random.

Worldly (no God) viewpoint



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

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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.

See struggles throughout the whole Bible.

Satan relentless to take us down.

By like Paul, do not tire, don't grow weary, fight the good fight, run the race

End with faith. KEEP THE FAITH.



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