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This is my Father's World



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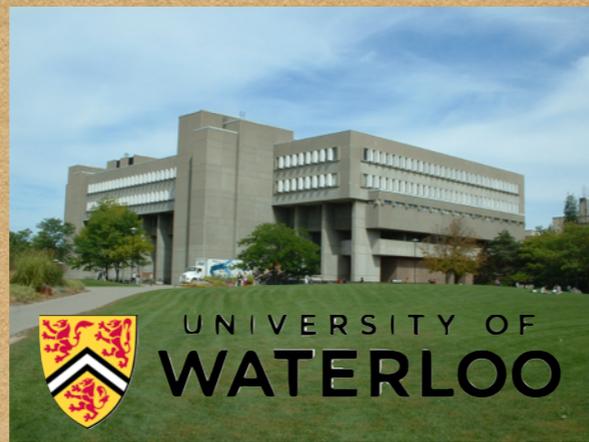
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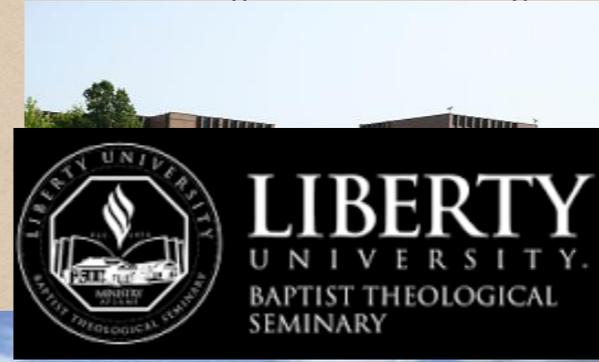
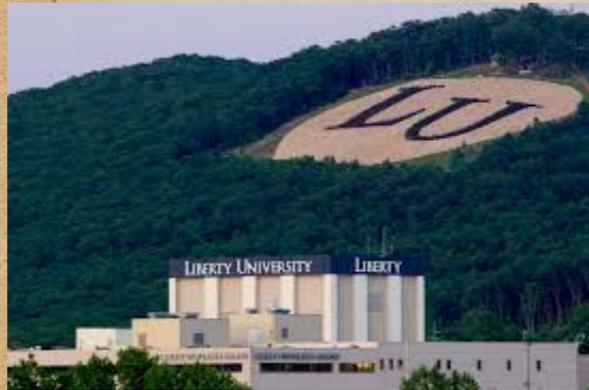
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Bachelor of Mathematics,
Honours Co-op
Major - Computer Science
Minor - Combinatoric & Optimization
interests - Physics, astronomy



Masters of Arts in Religion
Major - Leadership
cum laude

Went off to UofW.
Met my wife. Got my degree. She has degree in math as well, specialised in accounting.
Got job at IBM in Toronto in April 86. Got married July.
Moved to Markham location in 2001, on 9/11!

In 2004 I decided I wanted some formal Biblical training so while working I took classes at Liberty University, in Virginia.
Received a Masters degree, cum laude (with honours).

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.

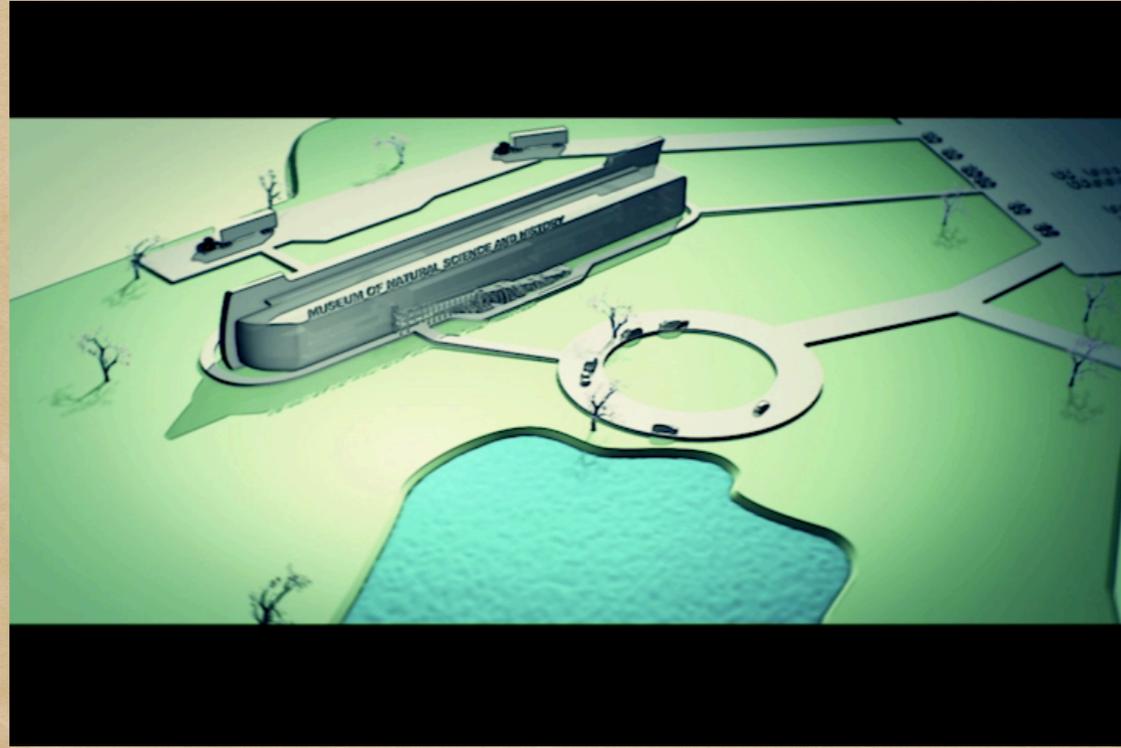
His wife Jen doing masters at UofT in molecular biology and doing research at SickKids hospital.

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.

Museum of Natural Science and History



Ask for and was granted early retirement from IBM at the end of June 2015.

Why? To pursue my dream.

1.5 minute animation of what I am working on.

Building a museum and science centre to show people, especially youth and young adults 8 to 35, that science confirms the Bible.

Evolution is bad science.

Ignaz Semmelweis

- ◆ Hungary, 1815 - 1865. Physician.
- ◆ Many mothers & babies died at birth.
- ◆ Observed and tested his theory of hand washing before delivery.
- ◆ Most peers did not believe him.
- ◆ His patients death dramatically reduced.
- ◆ Nicknamed the 'saviour of mothers'.
- ◆ Position at the hospital expired and was not renewed.
- ◆ Wrote scathing letters to former professors.
- ◆ Was committed to insane asylum. Beaten and died.
- ◆ Louis Pasteur soon confirmed micro organisms.
- ◆ Now there is a Semmelweis university in Budapest.



Bias, prejudice, hostility in science remains today!

Title was looking back, so lets look back a little.

Doctors did not wash hands between autopsies, births, other things.

Passed germs and diseases passed from patients and corpses to mothers and babies.

He was rejected. Later he was proven correct and honoured.

This still happens today. Many good scientists are rejected, papers not published. They are ridiculed.

And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.

And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.

And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

Looking back further.

Joshua 24: 1-29.

Jews came out of Egypt. Spent 40 years in the desert. Now came into the promised land.

Fought many battles. Defeat every enemy they fought. The Lord has been with them.

Joshua is now giving his final address to the people as their leader.

I will read it. Follow along on the screen or in your Bible's if you have them.

And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

Joshua 24:1-29

Joshua dies. Before he dies he wants to leave the Jews with something.

He has many things he could say. He wants to say something important.

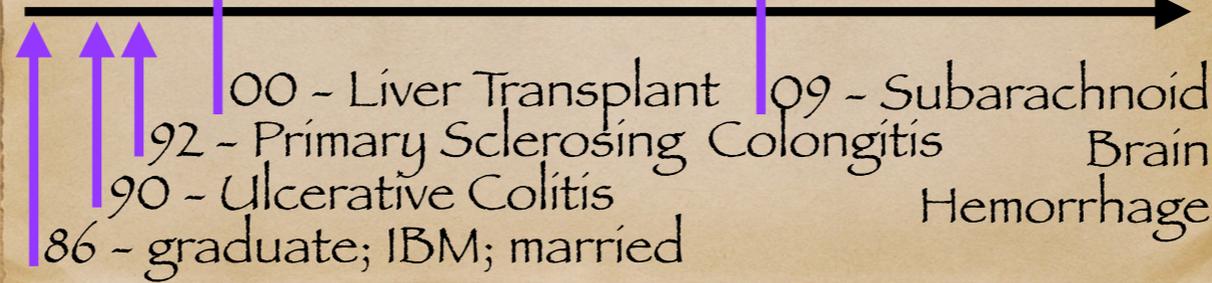
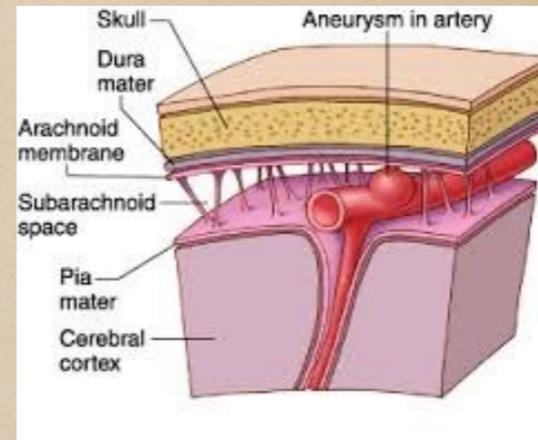
He wants to say something that will help his people in the future.

What does he say?

He talks about the past. He reminds them of all the Lord has done for them.

Why? So when they face troubles in the future they can look back and remember how the Lord cared for them.

Looking back at the past 30 years



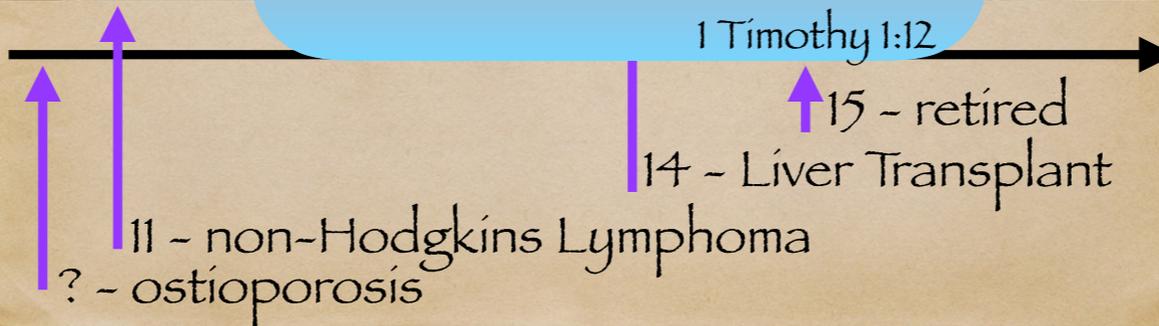
Now, look back again, but not so far back.
Looking back in my adult life and what the Lord has done or allowed to happen.

Looking back at the past 30 years



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

1 Timothy 1:12



The Lord has taken very good care of me.
I should be dead, but here I am.
In good health now as well. Weight more than ever - good thing, for me!
Retired from IBM 11 months ago. That has helped :-)

Why did I retire? As this verse says, God put me into service. This is the 'moving forward' part of the title.
Look back at where we came from to help guide us, strengthen unto move forward.

What did Joshua remind the people?

- ◆ Took Abram from idol worship to a new land.
- ◆ Gave Abraham many descendants - Isaac, Jacob, the Jewish nation.
- ◆ Plagued Egypt but not the Jews living in Goshen.
- ◆ Brought them out of Egypt, to the Red sea.
- ◆ He put fire between Jews and the Egyptians.
- ◆ He provided in the wilderness for 40 years.
- ◆ Brought them to a land of enemies.
- ◆ Defeated the enemies.
- ◆ Stopped Balaam from cursing them; blessed them.

Setup a stone under the tree for them to remember.

God told him earlier to setup 12 stones beside the Jordan river where they crossed, during flood season, on dry ground, to remind them what the Lord did there to stop the waters while they crossed.

Challenges - God tells us:



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 on his shoulders. We must trust he will not stumble.

He never has yet, so why would he now?

Past events in our own life confirm how he has taken care of us.

Faith - this man has faith the lighthouse in the North Atlantic - Celtic Sea, will remain standing and protect him, shelter him from the storm.

The events of this world are the storm ever raging around us.

Jesus Christ, the Word! is the firm, solid lighthouse. Will we trust Him?

Personal faith examples



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

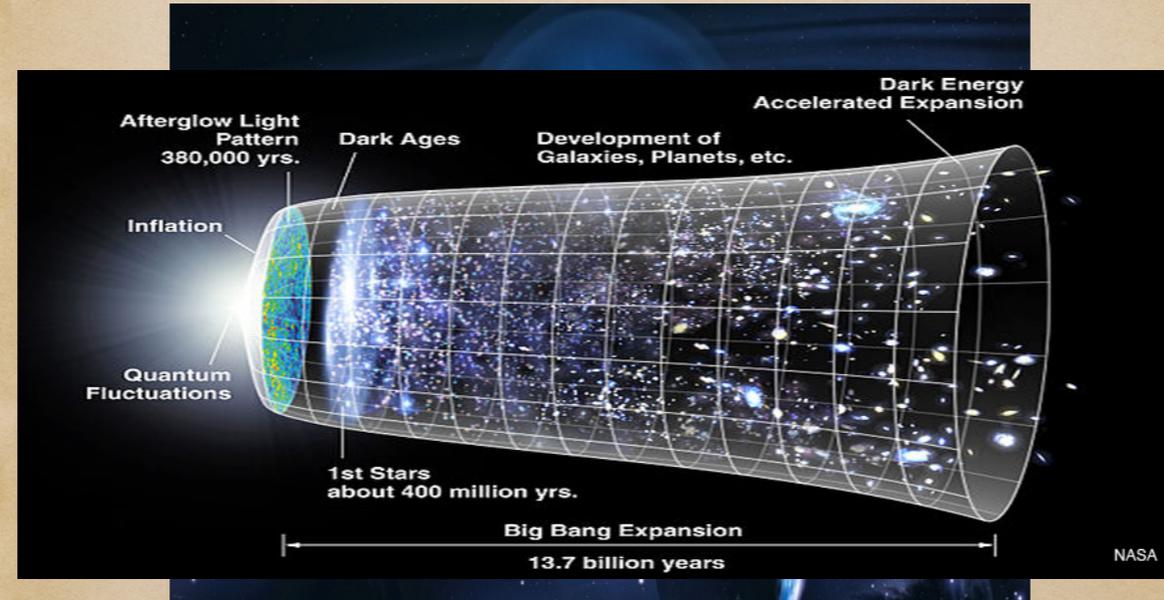
What are your challenges?

Can you look back on your life,
look back in God's Word
to draw strength to moving
forward?

Finances, marriage, health, children

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

Creation or Evolution?



Now, the next part of my life, what I am working on.

Lets look back again, to the beginning of time.

Did God create everything over 6 literal 24 our days
or did stuff evolve over 14 billion years, with no God.

And, why does it matter, who really cares?

We may think it does to matter, no one cares, but it is making a huge difference, especially in our young people.

I hope to open your eyes if you are not aware of some of the issues.

I expect some of you are as I think Ron has shared about creation in the past.

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

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

Why talk about creation and evolution, who really cares and does it matter?

Why not talk about Jesus, his love and values. His sacrifice for us.

Jesus talks about Moses and creation, as does Paul and others.

Why does it matter?

◆ Loss of faith

- ◆ 70% of Christian youth lose their faith.

Mark Cahill, evangelist

- ◆ 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!

Why does it matter?

- ♦ **Foundational** When 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

Gen 1:26 - let US make man in OUR image ...

Gen 7:1 Noah was righteous and the world was saved through him. Pointing to Jesus.

Why does it matter?

♦ Life's big questions

- | Creation | Evolution |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| ♦ Where did I come from? | ♦ Random |
| ♦ Why am I here? | ♦ No reason |
| ♦ What is my purpose? | ♦ Whatever I want |
| ♦ What happens when I die? | ♦ Turn to dust |

Why does it matter?

♦ What is yet to come

Past

Heaven & earth

Great Wickedness

Destroy by water

Created perfect

God walked with man

Future

New heaven & earth

As the days of Noah

Destroy by fire

Recreated perfect

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.

Evolution - Dr. Richard Dawkins & Bill Nye



November 1st, 2015

September 13, 2014

Dr Richard Dawkins

Oxford Professor of biology.

Former Biology scientist, now evangelist of evolution.

Engineer and TV personality.

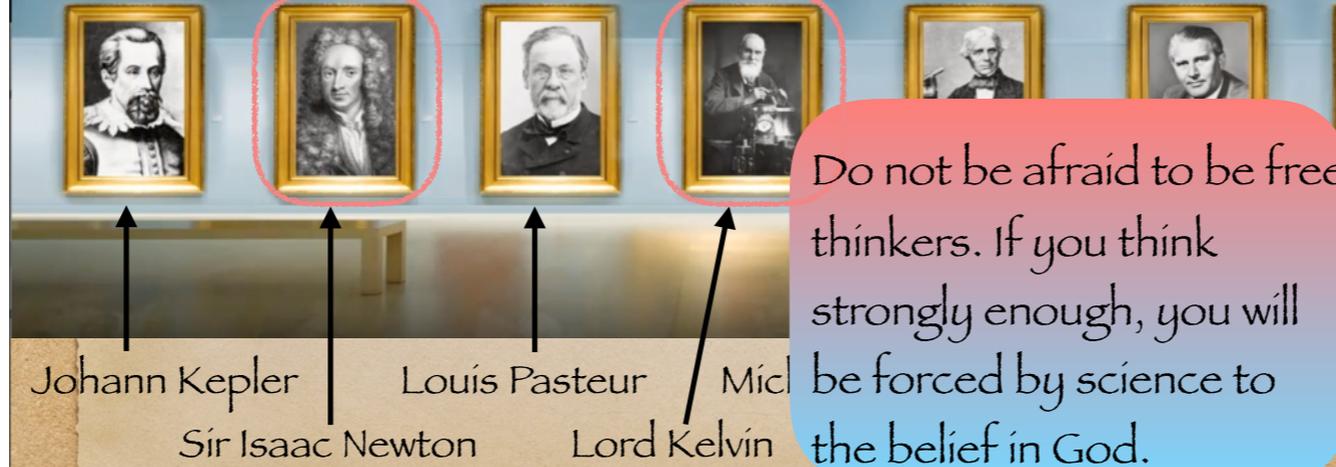
Now evangelist of evolution.

These are well respected individuals.

They are not giving science, no facts, just their faith in their understanding of science.

Famous Creation Scientists

Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion.



Do not be afraid to be free thinkers. If you think strongly enough, you will be forced by science to the belief in God.

Kepler - astronomer.

Newton - many things. Laws of motion, gravity.

Pasteur - biology. Vaccine for Rabies. Pasteurization process. Anthrax.

Kelvin - temperature, 2 laws of thermodynamics. Trans Atlantic telegraph cable.

Faraday - electrical induction - generators and transformers.

Von Braun - NASA : Apollo, Shuttle, Skylab.

Morse - Morse code.

From science point of view, scientists on both sides. Thus it is not facts that are the problem.



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?



Which came first?
Which evolved from the other?

Very similar: both have windows, doors, wheels, engine, metal parts, wiring, fuel, paint, carry passengers, ...

Human evolution?



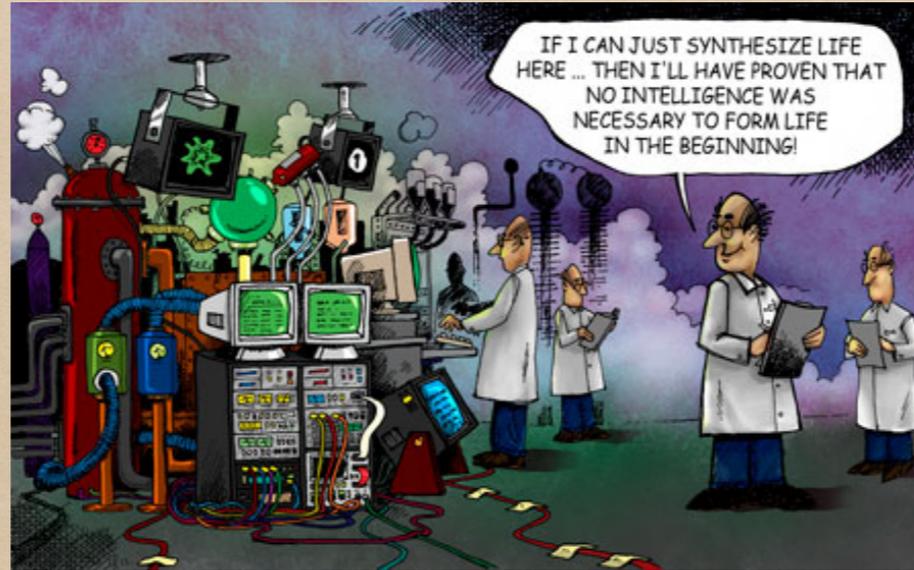
ape

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.

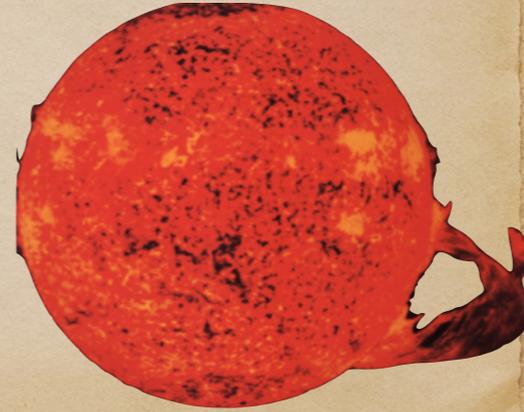
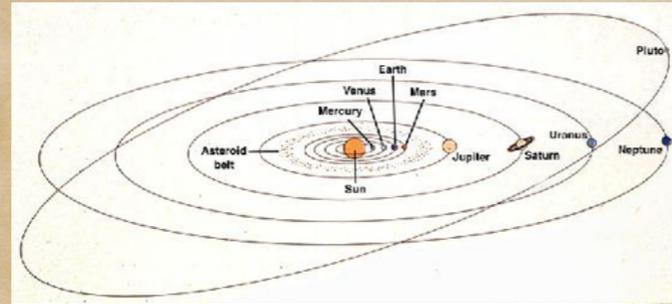
Intelligent people created the equipment used, ...

LOTS of intelligence.

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

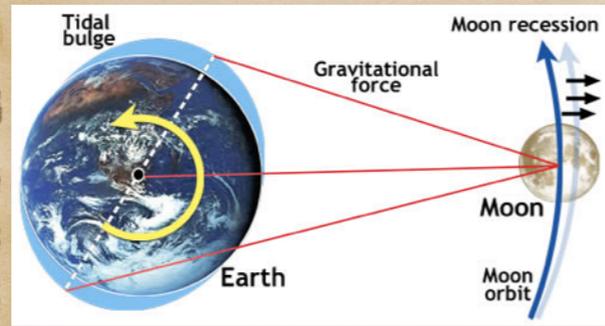
The Sun problem

- ✦ 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.

Global Flood Evidence



Valley of the whales, Egypt. Found 1902. 10 whales excavated so far. See small whale inside the large whale.

Labyrinth in Antarctica. Formed by huge flooding.

Grand Canyon. No way the Colorado river created this. Notice how flat the top is, like sand on the beach.

Ayre's rock, Australia. Notice how flat all around. Washes away and laid flat line sand on the beach.

Badlands of western Canada and USA. Created when flood waters or ice age receded.

Contrary to Evolution



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



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.



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.

Common Scientist viewpoint evolution

We take the side of evolution 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.

The more and more we learn from science the harder and harder it becomes to believe in evolution.

Why do many scientists push evolution so hard? This statement tells it all.

Do not want a God, then accountable to God.

Romans 1, people re willfully ignorant. Many just do not study so are ignorant as they believe the so called experts.

Summary

- ◆ Talked about the stones as reminders of past events.
- ◆ Talked about my personal past and how God has provided.
- ◆ Talked about the importance of understanding creation.
- ◆ Evolution has many problems with no reasonable answers.
- ◆ You can answer questions by pointing to science that counter evolution's claims.
- ◆ By looking back at history: God's Word, God's creation, events in our personal lives we can see Him working and providing.
- ◆ By looking back we gain trust that He will help us move forward!

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

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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