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Apologetics:
Mankind: Created in God's Image

# Genesis 1:26-31

26. Then God said, “Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.”
27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
28. God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
29. Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;
30. and to every animal of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so.
31. And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.









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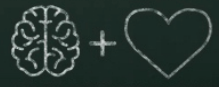

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# Image & Likeness – Imago Deo

- Rationality – Reason & Choose
- Morality – Know right & wrong
- Relationships – Desire Community
- Self-consciousness – I am here
- Creativity – Imagine & make



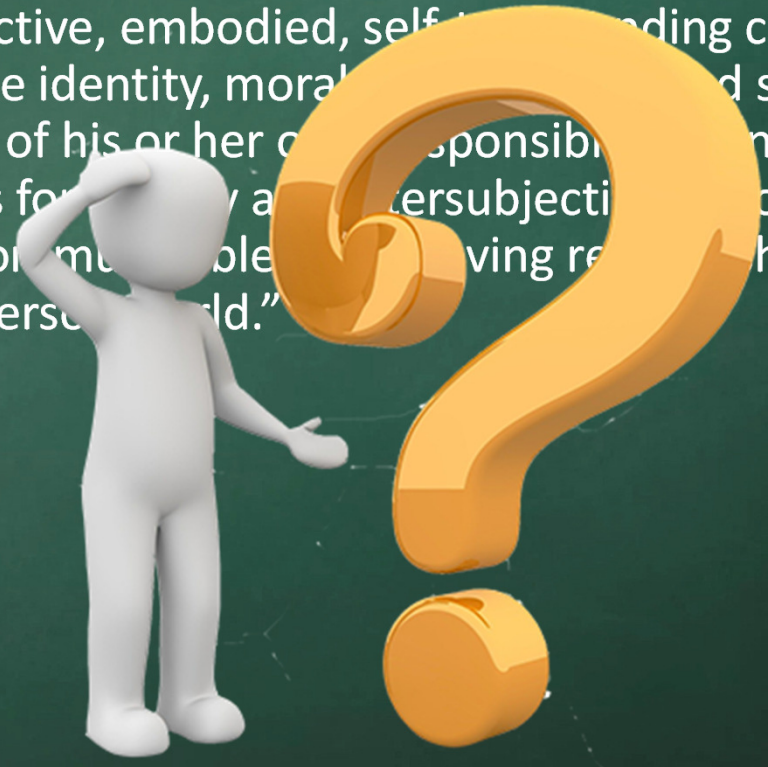
# Image & Likeness – What the Bible says

- Distinguishable and certifiably unique from all other creation
- Men & women included
- All humans must possess equally
- Shared Image = “Let Us”
  - Shared with God’s being and/or nature
- “Like” God in some way
  - God is Spirit, but also a person = Personhood
- Not partial or Incremental – Immediately intrinsic



# Image & Likeness - Definition

- Christian Smith, What is a Person?
  - "A conscious, reflective, embodied, self- ding center of subjective experience, durable identity, mora d social communication who – as the efficient cause of his or her c sponsibi ns and interactions – exercises complex capacities fo a tersubjecti order to develop and sustain his or her own inco mu ble ving re hips with other personal selves and with the nonpers ld."





# Image & Likeness – What the Bible says

- Rationality
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- Unique
- Equal
- Immediate



# Image & Likeness

## “Let Us make mankind in Our image”

- Put the dishes ***in*** the sink.
  - Location
- Write the letter ***in*** pencil.
  - Means or agency
- The mirror broke ***in*** pieces.
  - Outcome or result
- I work ***in*** medicine.
  - Capacity or field
- Let Us make mankind ***In*** Our image.
  - Created ***as*** God’s image bearer
  - Function, role or status
  - Created to Image God



# Image & Likeness – “In Our image”

- Pinnacle of Likeness = Jesus
- What about us?

2 Corinthians 4:4
in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might

Romans 8:29
For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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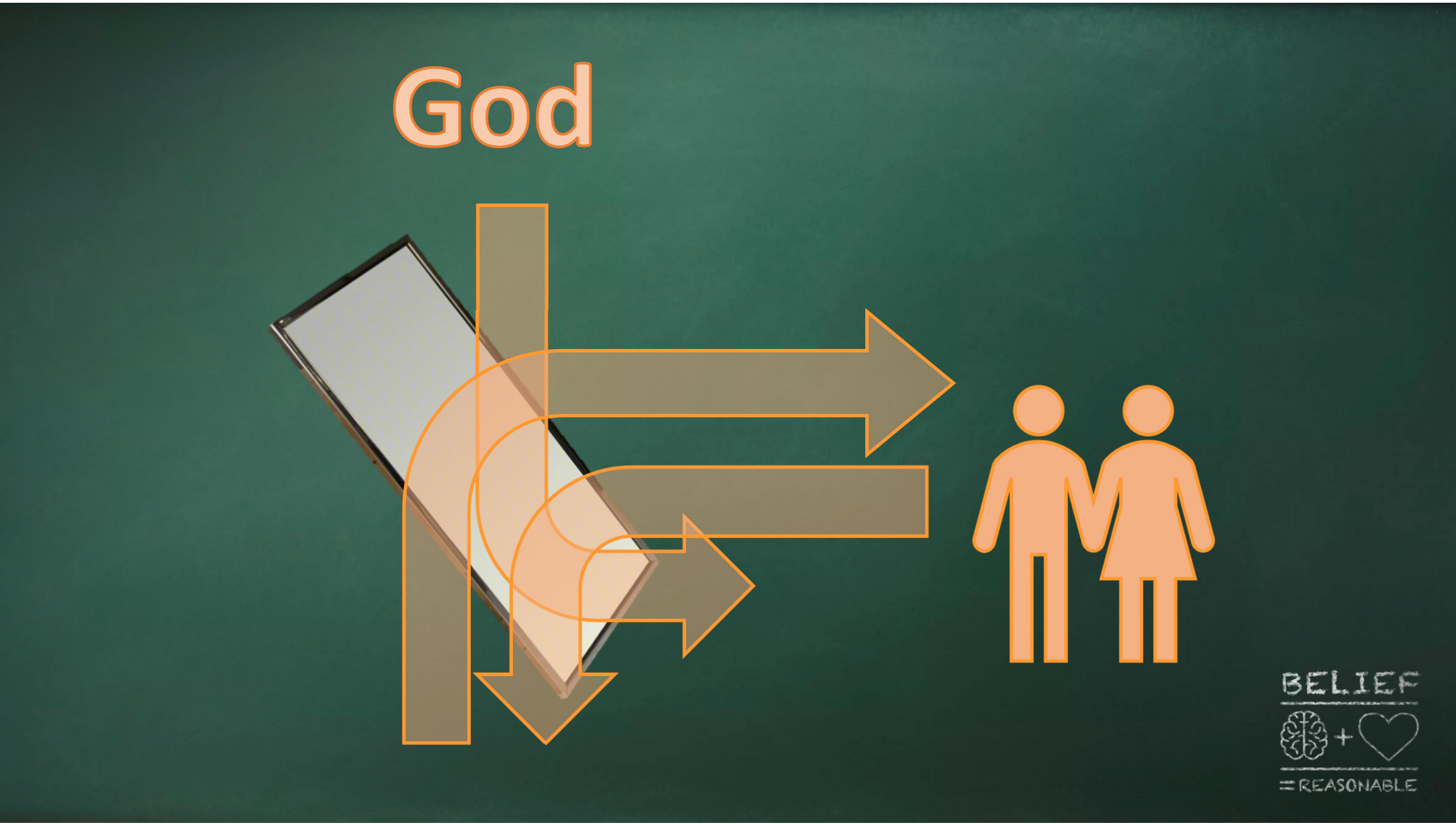
2 Corinthians 3:18
But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

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# In God's Image – Function over Ability

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# Image & Likeness: Are you special?

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# Image & Likeness – Important to God

## Genesis 9:6

Whoever sheds human blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made mankind.



# Image & Likeness: Are you special?

- Unique Dominion

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## Hebrews 2:6-8

6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"What is man, that You remember him?
Or the son of man, that You are concerned about him?
7 "You have made him for a little while lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
And have appointed him over the works of Your hands;
8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

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# Image & Likeness: Are you special?

- Unique Life-giving

**Genesis 2:7**

7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man
became a living being.



# Can Science Explain Everything?

- Sir Peter Medawar – Oxford Nobel Prize winner: “it’s perfectly obvious that science is limited since it can’t answer the typical questions of a child.
  - Where have I come from?
  - What am I here for?
  - What’s the purpose of life?”
- John Lennox: “Why is the water boiling?”





# What does the World say?

- Nobel Laureate George Wald
- "When it comes to the origin of life, we have only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution; the other is a supernatural creative act of God. There is no third possibility...Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved one hundred years ago by Louis Pasteur, Spellanzani, Reddy and others. That leads us scientifically to only one possible conclusion -- that life arose as a supernatural creative act of God...I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation arising to evolution." - George Wald, Scientific American, August, 1954.



# Evolutionary Ideas Debunked

- Haeckel's Embryo's

- Donald Prothero, *Bringing Fossils to Life: An Introduction to Paleobiology* (Columbia University Press, 2013).
- Sylvia S. Mader, Jeffrey A. Isaacson, Kimberly G. Lyle-Ippolito, Andrew T. Storfer, *Inquiry Into Life* (13th ed., McGraw Hill, 2011).
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- National Geographic, Alton Biggs, Lucy Daniel, Edward Ortleb, Peter Rillero, Dinah Zike, *Life Science* (McGraw Hill, Glencoe, 2005).

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- Joseph Raver, *Biology: Patterns and Processes of Life* (J.M. Lebel, 2004, draft version presented to the Texas State Board of Education for approval in 2003).
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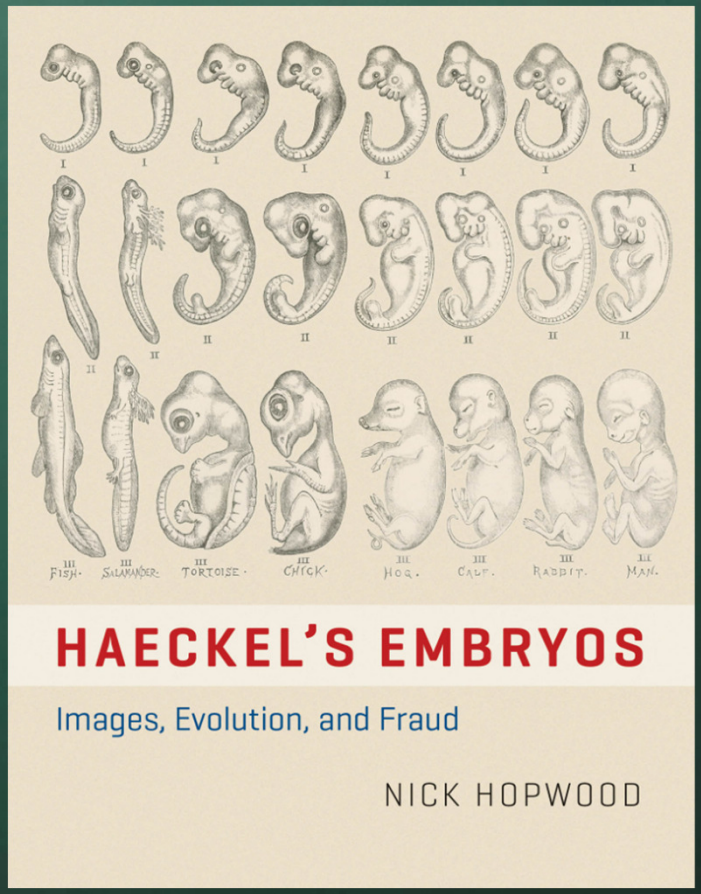


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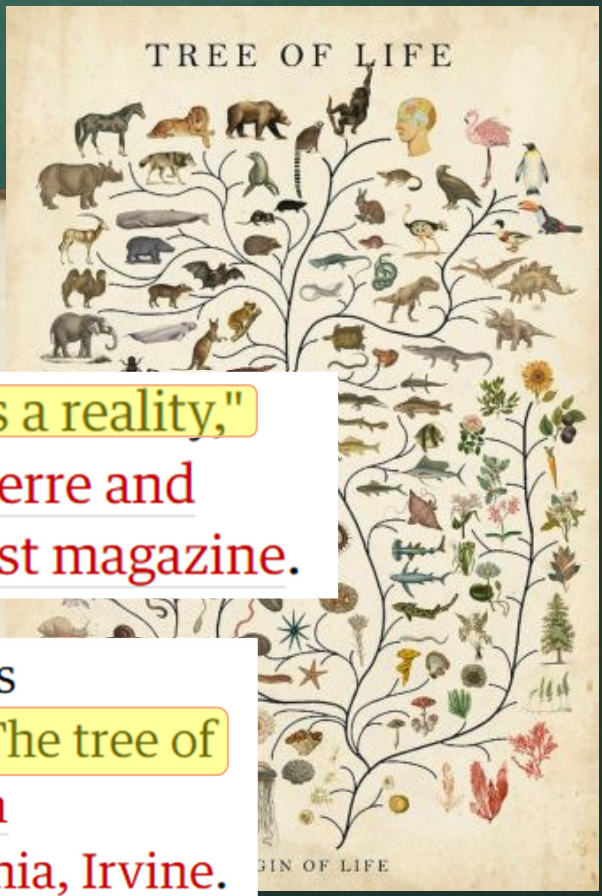


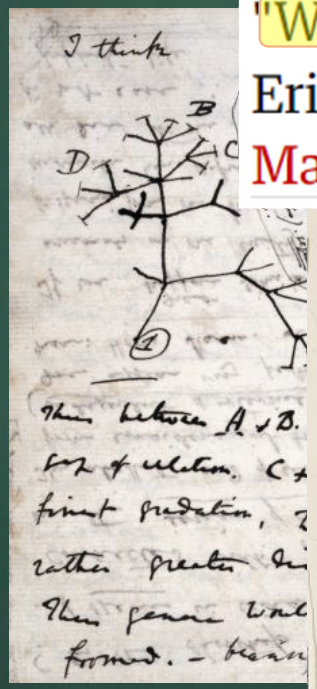

"We have no evidence at all that the tree of life is a reality," Eric Bapteste, an evolutionary biologist at the Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris, told New Scientist magazine.

The findings mean that to link species by Darwin's evolutionary branches is an oversimplification. "The tree of life is being politely buried," said Michael Rose, an evolutionary biologist at the University of California, Irvine. "What's less accepted is that our whole fundamental view of biology needs to change."




https://www.theguardian.com/science/2009/jan/21/charles-darwin-evolution-species-tree-life#

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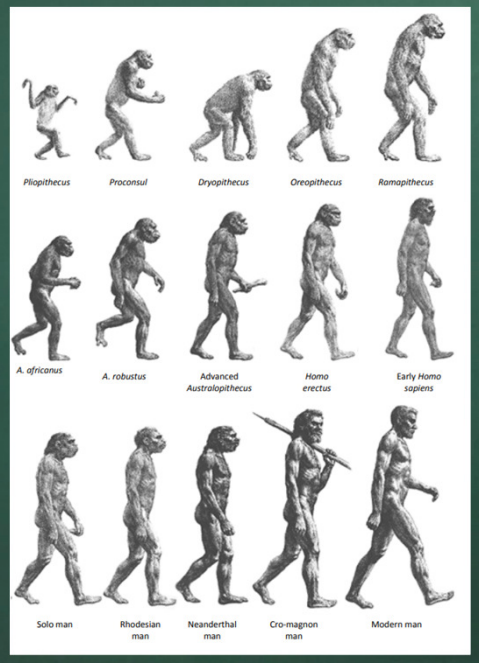







Paleontologist Steven Jay Gould critiqued pop culture's sometimes absurd depictions of evolution as a ladder of progress.

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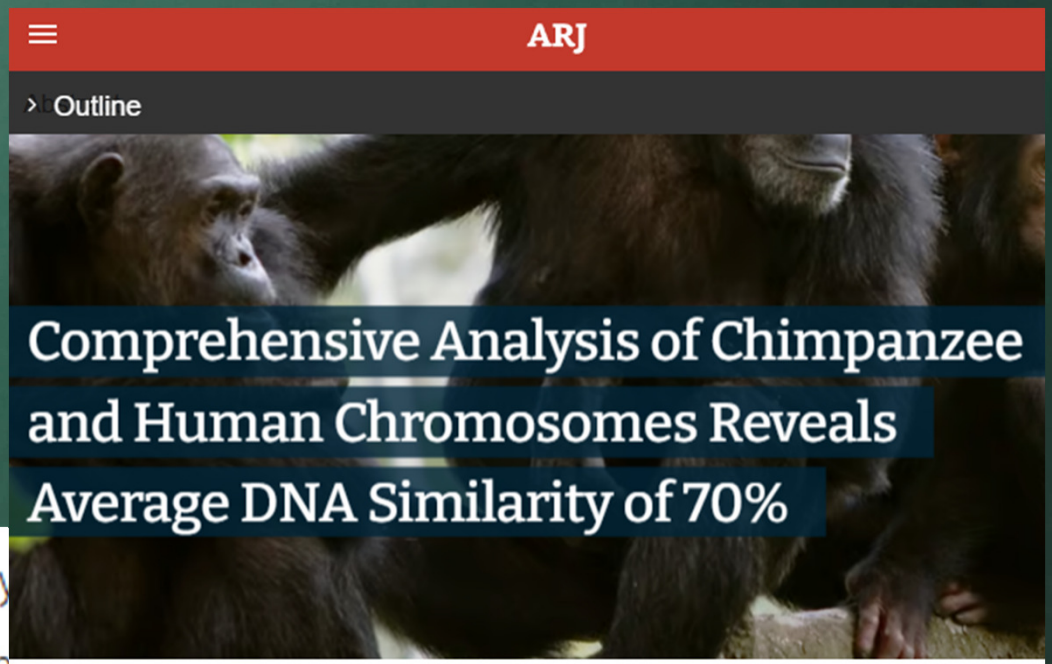


These three species look alike in many way
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their DNA, an essential molecule that's the instruction manual for building
each species. Humans and chimps share a surprising 98.8 percent of their
DNA. How can we be so similar--and yet so different?

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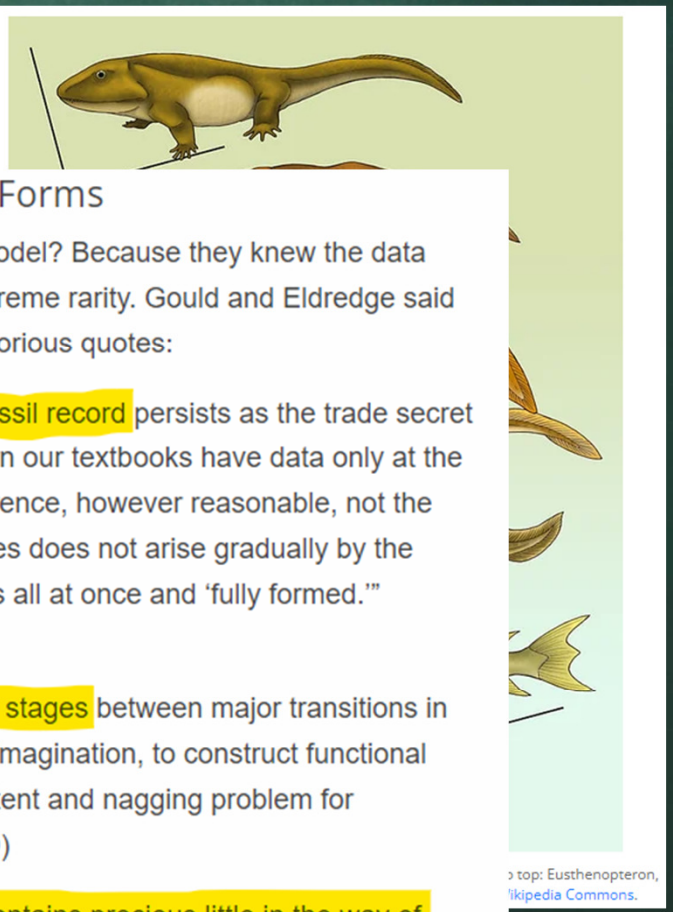

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## Grounded in the Lack of Transitional Forms

Why would Eldredge and Gould propose such a model? Because they knew the data showed that potential transitional fossils are an extreme rarity. Gould and Eldredge said this many times over the years. Here are a few notorious quotes:

- "The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of fossils. … In any local area, a species does not arise gradually by the steady transformation of its ancestors; it appears all at once and 'fully formed.'" (Gould, 1977)
- "The absence of fossil evidence for intermediary stages between major transitions in organic design, indeed our inability, even in our imagination, to construct functional intermediates in many cases, has been a persistent and nagging problem for gradualistic accounts of evolution." (Gould, 1980)
- "All paleontologists know that the fossil record contains precious little in the way of intermediate forms; transitions between major groups are characteristically abrupt." (Gould, 1982, p. 189)




https://evolutionnews.org/2022/01/yes-the-punctuated-equilibrium-model-was-developed-to-explain-the-lack-of-transitional-fossils/

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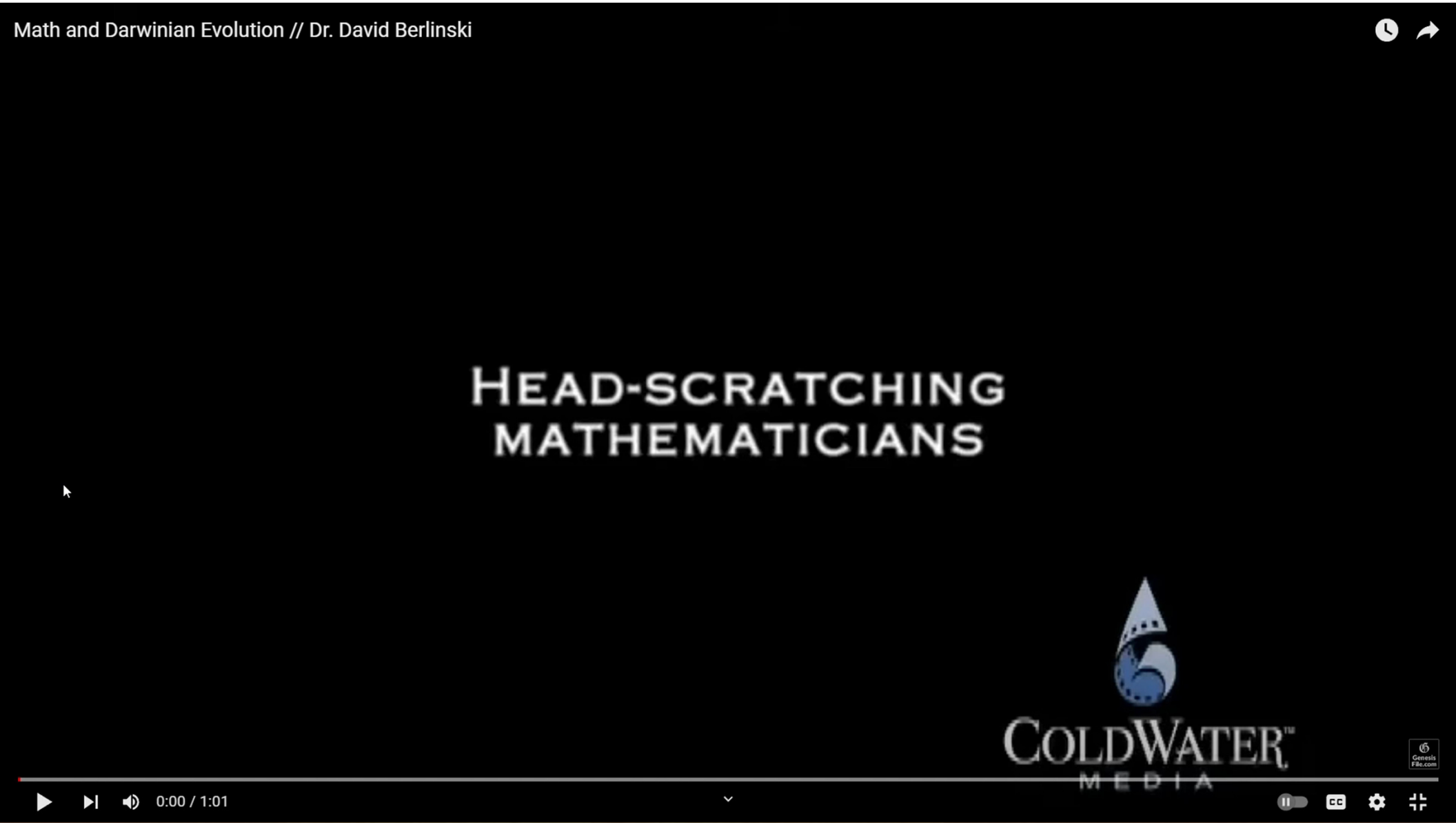
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- Jesus, OT Law & NT confirms 7 days of Creation





# Can Science Lead us to God?

- Dr. John Sanford, Cornell University Professor for more than 30 years
- PhD from University of Wisconsin in plant breeding and plant genetic





## Psalm 139:14

I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully *made*;

Wonderful are Your works,

And my soul knows it very well.



# Why Preach Apologetics?

- Process Doubt
- Strengthen Faith



# Apologetics Series

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## Fossil Analyses with Verified Original Soft Tissues

| | Publication Date | Brief Description | Evolutionary Age | Publication |
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| | | **Articles Published in Peer-Reviewed Journals** | | |
| 1 | 8/6/1966 | *Tarbosaurus* collagen fibers | 80MY | Pawlicki, R. et al, *Nature*, 211 (5049): 655-657. |
| 2 | 6/14/1992 | Seismosaur osteocalcin (bone protein) | 150MY | Muyzer, G. et al, *Geology*, 20: 871-874. |
| 3 | 9/25/1992 | DNA in amber | 30MY | Morell, V. et al, *Science*, 257 (5078): 1860-1862. |
| 4 | 6/16/1994 | Hadrosaur bone possible DNA | 65MY | Woodward, S. R., N. J. Weyand, and M. Bunnell, *Science*, 266 (5188): 1229-1232. |
| 5 | 5/19/1995 | Live bacteria spores from amber | 25-40MY | Cano, R. J. and M. K. Borucki, *Science*, 268 (5213): 1060-1064. |
| 6 | 6/10/1997 | *T. rex* bone hemoglobin fragments | 67MY | Schweitzer, M. et al, *PNAS*, 94 (12): 6291-6296. |
| 7 | 6/2/1999 | Live bacteria from halite deposit | 250MY | Vreeland, R. H. et al, American Society for Microbiology, 99th General Meeting, June 2, 1999, Chicago. |
| 8 | 6/21/1999 | Live bacteria from separate rock salts | 250MY | Stan-Lotter, H. et al, *Microbiology*, 145 (12): 3565-3574. |
| 9 | 6/21/1999 | Cretaceous Madagascar bird keratin | 65MY | Schweitzer, M. H. et al, *J. Vert. Paleo*, 19 (4): 712-722 . |
| 10 | 9/1/2001 | *T. rex* collagen SEM scans | 65MY | Armitage, M., *Creation Research Society Quarterly*, 38 (2): 61-66. |
| 11 | 6/26/2004 | Live (non-spore) bacteria in amber | 120MY | Greenblatt, C. L. et al, *Microbial Ecology*, 48 (1): 120-127. |
| 12 | 3/24/2005 | *T. rex* soft tissue | 68MY | Schweitzer, M. et al, *Science*, 307 (5717): 1952-1955. |
| 13 | 7/25/2006 | Soft frog, intact | I0MY | McNamara, M. et al, *Geology*, 34 (8): 641-644. |
| 14 | 6/30/2007 | *T. rex* collagen | 68MY | Schweitzer, M. et al, *Science*, 316 (5822): 277-280 |
| 15 | 1/22/2007 | *Triceratops* and *T. rex* blood vessels | 68MY | Schweitzer, M. H. et al, *Proc. Roy. Soc. B*, 274: 183-197 |
| 16 | 4/7/2008 | *Psittacosaurus* skin | 125MY | Linghan-Soliar, T. et al, *Proc. Royal Soc. B*, 275: 775-780. |
| 17 | 7/8/2008 | Feather melanocytes | 100MY | Vinther, J. et al, *Biology Letters*, 4: 522-525. |
| 18 | 4/30/2009 | Hadrosaur blood vessels | 80MY | Schweitzer, M. et al, *Science*, 324 (5927): 626-631. |
| 19 | 8/26/2009 | Purple Messel feather nanostructure | 40MY | Vinther, J. et al, *Biology Letters*, 6 (1): 128-131. |
| 20 | 5/19/2009 | Primate "Ida" soft body outline | 40MY | Franzen, J. L. et al, *PLoS ONE*, 4 (5): e5723. |
| 21 | 7/1/2009 | Hadrosaur skin cell structures | 66MY | Manning, P. et al, *Proc. Royal Soc. B*, 276: 3429-3437. |
| 22 | 10/2/2009 | Permo-triassic fungal chitin | 250MY | Jin, Y. G. et al, *Science*, 289 (5478): 432-436. |
| 23 | 8/18/2009 | Squid ink | 160MY | Whilby, P.R. et al, *Geology Today*, 24 (3): 95-98. |
| 24 | 11/5/2009 | Salamander muscle, whole | 18MY | McNamara, M. et al, *Proc. Royal Soc. B*, 277 (1680): 423-427. |
| 25 | 2/25/2010 | *Sinosauropteryx* melanosomes | 125MY | Zhang, F. et al, *Nature*, 463: 1075-1078. |
| 26 | 5/14/2010 | Mammal hair in amber | 100MY | Vullo, R., *Naturwissenschaften*, 97 (7): 683-687. |
| 27 | 5/18/2010 | *Archaeopteryx* original feather remnants | 150MY | Bergmann, U., *PNAS*, 107 (20): 9060-9065. |
| 28 | 8/9/2010 | Mosasaur blood, retina | 65-68MY | Lindgren, J., *PLoS ONE*, 5 (8): e11998. |
| 29 | 11/12/2010 | Penguin feathers | 36MY | Clarke, J. A. et al, *Science*, 330 (6006): 954-957. |
| 30 | 2/7/2011 | Chitin and chitin-associated protein | 417MY | Cody, G.D. et al, *Geology*, 39 (3): 255-258. |
| 31 | 4/1/2011 | C-14 date of mosasaur (24,600 Yrs) | 70MY | Lindgren, J. et al, *PLoS ONE*, 6 (4): e19445. |
| 32 | 3/23/2011 | Lizard tail skin, Green River | 40MY | Edwards, N. P. et al, *Proc. Royal Soc B*, 278: 3209-3218. |
| 33 | 6/8/2011 | *T. rex* and hadrosaur Type I Collagen | 68MY | San Antonio, J. D. et al, *PLoS ONE*, 6 (6): e20381. |
| 34 | 6/30/2011 | Bird feather pigment | 120MY | Wogelius, R. A. et al, *Science*, 333 (6049): 1622-1626. |
| 35 | 2013 | *Triceratops* horn soft tissue whole sheet | 67MY | Armitage, M. H., and K. L. Anderson, *Acta Histochimica*, 115 (6): 603-608. |
| 36 | 10/15/2015 | Tube worm chitin | 551MY | Moczydlowska, M. F. et al, *J. Paleontology*, 88 (2): 224-239. |
| 37 | 7/9/2015 | *Brachylophosaurus* collagen sequence | 75MY | Bertazzo, S. et al, *Nature Communications*, 6: 7352. |
| 38 | 9/15/2016 | *Psittacosaurus* skin scale keratin | 120MY | Vinther, J., et al, *Current Biology*, 26 (18): 1-7. |
| 39 | 1/31/2017 | *Lufengosaurus* rib collagen | 190MY | Lee, Y.-C. et al, *Nature Communications*, 8: 14220. |
| 40 | 8/29/2017 | Dinosaur eggshell protoporphyrin, biliverdin | 66MY | Wiemann, J. et al, *PeerJ*, 5: e3706. |
| 41 | 4/18/2018 | Conodont keratin residue | 252MY | Terrill, D. F. et al, *J. of Analytical Spectrometry*, 33: 992-1002. |

**Selection of Published Reports of Original Soft Tissue Fossils**
Papers that were excluded from the list include those with dubious verbiage, especially those that discussed "soft tissues" but failed to specify whether or not the tissues were original or chemically altered to a more resistant material. Those papers that specified the latter were also excluded, to the best of the author's ability to discern. The chart demonstrates that a multitude of verified original soft tissue and biochemical "clocks" have set maximum ages of thousands of years to samples that had all been assigned ages of millions of years.

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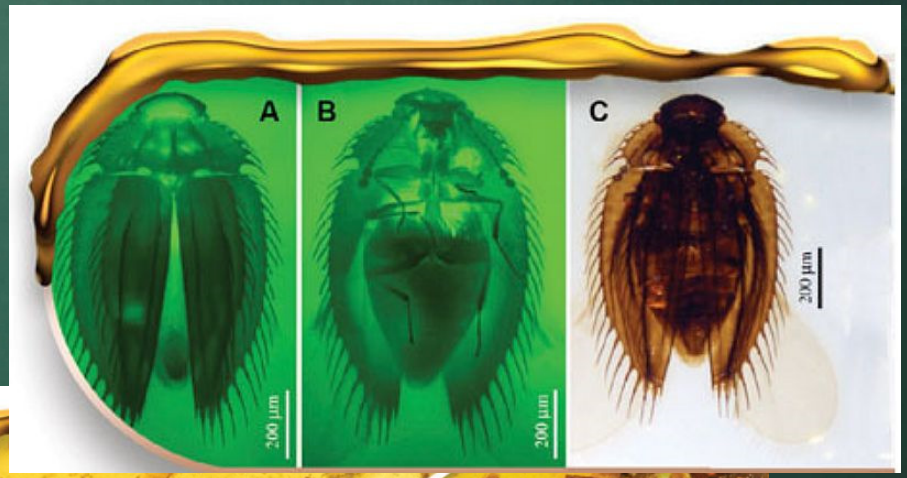


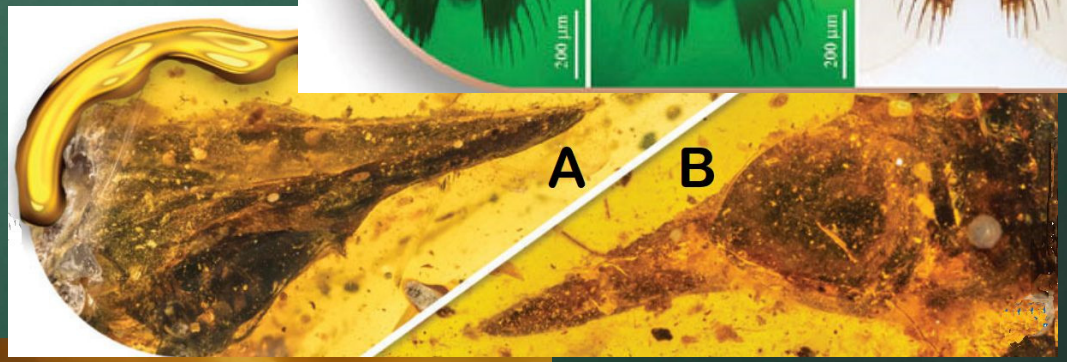




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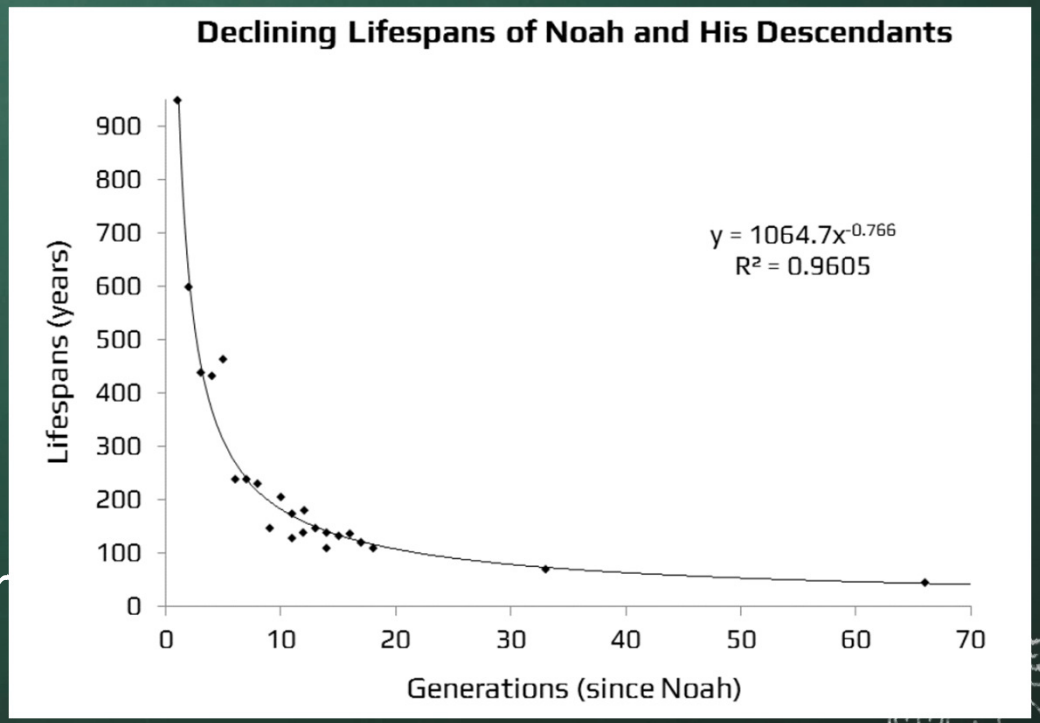




# Stripes – Forethought or Selection





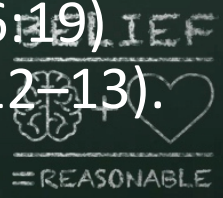
# Worldview





# Adam

- The Hebrew word for “man” in this text is adam ( .(אדם)Depending on context, the word can mean “man,” “mankind,” or the name “Adam.”3 The sub-categories of humanity are used with different words and the distinction is visible in both Hebrew and English. These sub-categories of mankind are “male” (zakar (זכרand “female” (neqebah .(נקבה)The language usage is profound and makes a significant point that the image of God distinction is made between mankind and all other creatures, not between the sub-categories of male and female.
- God only directly breathed into man’s nostrils the breath of life (Genesis 1:26, 2:7)
- In Christ, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19) and we are to use them as instruments of righteousness (Romans 6:12–13).



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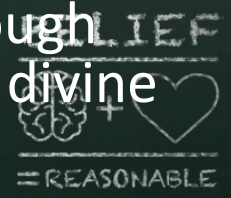
- Relational union between men and women is not a definition of what it means to be made in the image of God but is a result of bearing the image of God.
- But the preposition in is significant here. It depicts the standard or pattern in which God created: God created man in (the pattern of) His image.2 Similarly, in Exodus 25:40, God commanded Moses to make the furniture of the temple "in [the pattern of] their structure." In Genesis 9:6, the image of God is mentioned again as the reason for capital punishment because man is made in the image of God. In all three cases where the phrase appears in Genesis, God's image sets man apart from the rest of the earthly creation as a reflection of God, equips man to rule over nature, and ennobles human life.
- Ephesians 4:24, Paul writes, "And that you put on the new man which was created according to [the image of]6 God, in true righteousness and holiness." Paul reveals that God's image includes more than a free, rational, personal spirit but that God's image originally possessed a knowledge of God, righteousness, and holiness that was permeated by truth



# Adam

- Jewish scholar Kaufman Kohler wrote, “that which distinguishes man from the animal as well as from the rest of creation . . . is his self-conscious personality . . . through which he feels himself akin with God.”7 No human condition mitigates this truth, whether it is physical limitation, deformity, or cognitive capacity.
- Not even naked lunatics living in tombs or paralytics on the side of the road were beyond human dignity and Christ’s compassion (Matthew 4:24, 17:15; Mark 5:1–13).
- John Calvin observed that because man is God’s image-bearer, God deems Himself “violated in their person [the victim]” and one cannot injure another human being “without in a sense wounding God Himself.”8
- Rabbinic literature also speaks of “impairing” the divine likeness through homicide.9 God created man’s life sacred—to destroy this life invites divine judgment.



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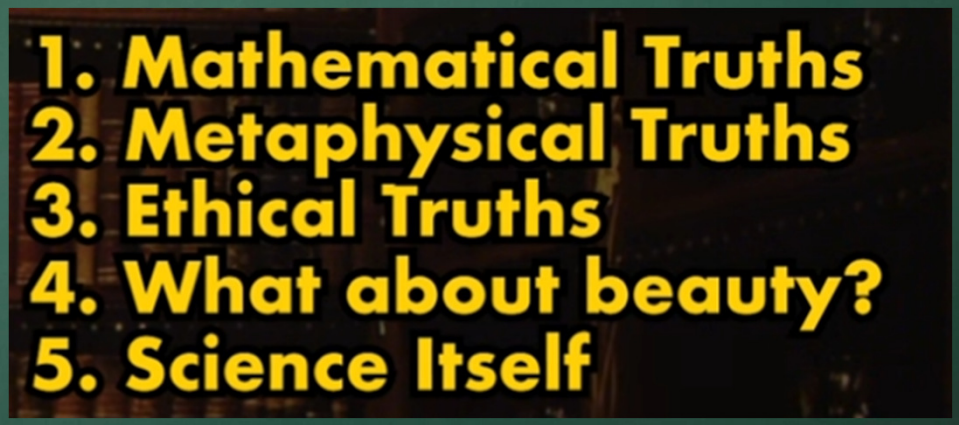




# Are you special?

- "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matt 19:4-6)
- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made…. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-3,14)



# Adam

- God's purpose for sending His Son in the likeness of man was to renew God's image in mankind through the gospel (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10). Indeed, Christians have been foreknown and predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). As image-bearers, we are uniquely set apart from creation, including angels (1 Peter 1:12), to be restored to fellowship with God the Father and His Son (1 John 1:3).



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# Come and see.

