

# Quick Answers to Tough Questions

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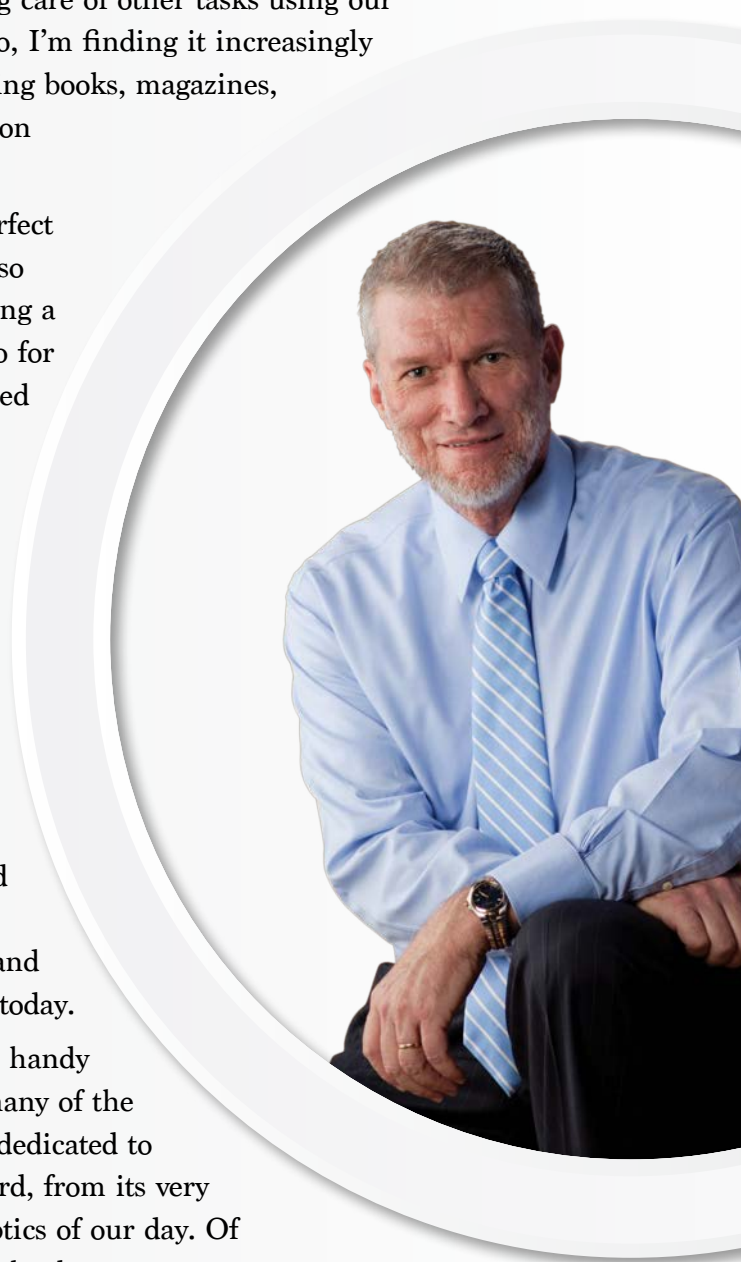
# Foreword

In this electronic age, I'm often checking my smartphone for emails, posting items to Facebook, and taking care of other tasks using our wonderful modern-day technology. So, I'm finding it increasingly difficult to keep up my habit of reading books, magazines, and other literature that are printed on good-old-fashioned paper.

*Quick Answers to Tough Questions* is a perfect resource for those of us who can get so absorbed with electronic media reading a printed book becomes a challenge. So for brevity sake, the authors have provided readers with a series of mini articles on a variety of topics.

This book is ideal for teens and adults looking for brief Bible-upholding and science-confirming answers to some of the most-asked questions of our day. Take a peek, for example, at page 38. Right there, in less than 400 words, Bryan and Bodie give an excellent answer to the question "Why is there death and suffering if there is a God?" That's a question that many non-Christians (and even many Christians) struggle with today.

*Quick Answers to Tough Questions* is your handy tool that offers relevant answers to many of the pressing questions people have. It is dedicated to upholding the authority of God's Word, from its very first verse, and to answering the skeptics of our day. Of course, the gospel is presented in the book.





Today, it's unfortunate to see so many pastors and other church leaders not taking a stand on God's Word, starting in Genesis. Should we be surprised, then, that the church is not affecting the culture as it once did in our Christianized countries? Indeed, our Western nations are becoming more secular every year.

Over the decades, I have been deeply saddened to see a huge exodus of young people from our churches. The “seeker-sensitive” approach, prominent in so many churches nowadays (often with an emphasis on entertainment), has overtaken the teaching of God's Word as the top priority. As a result, generations do not know what they believe, much less why they believe it. More than ever, our young people and adults need to be equipped with answers to defend the Christian faith against the secular attacks of the day—confident in knowing they can trust God's Word from Genesis to Revelation.

As Answers in Genesis seeks to help usher in a new reformation within our churches so that once again they will impact the culture for the gospel, it's thrilling that apologists like Bryan and Bodie are leading the charge. They are producing excellent resources like this book that defend the Christian faith and proclaim the gospel.

Yes, the spiritual struggle is an enormous one—and at times the battle can be daunting. But by becoming better-equipped, Christians can be more effective in engaging the culture for Christ.

Thanks for putting down your smartphone or other electronic device to read this book. I know you'll be blessed by Bryan and Bodie's wonderful apologetics resource.

~ Ken Ham,  
president/CEO of Answers in Genesis

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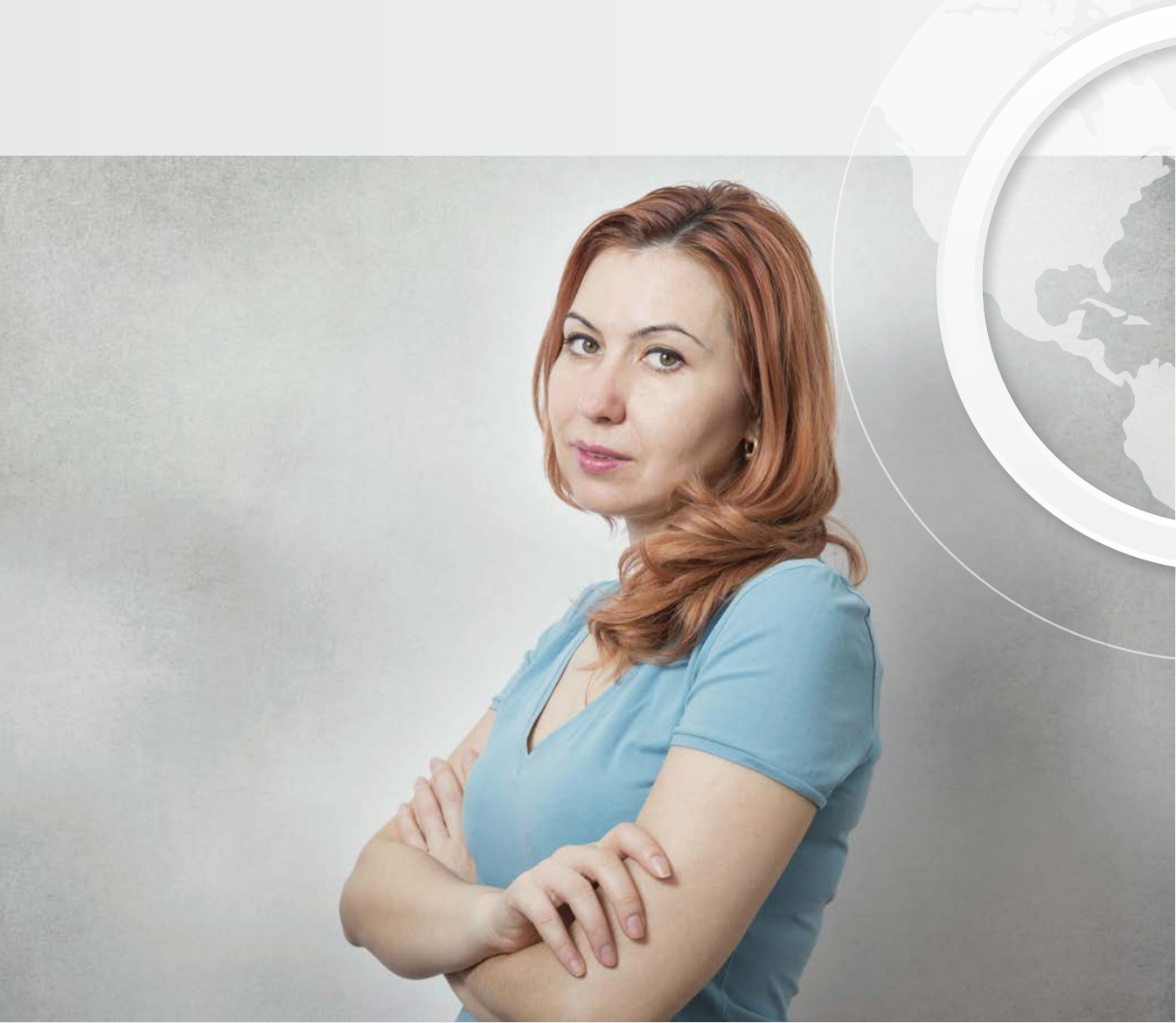
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## What is going on in our culture?



What is happening? To the honest observer, it is clear that America is undergoing a rapid moral and cultural revolution of unprecedented momentum. America is becoming less Christian and more secular with each passing moment. We now live in a culture where the Bible, prayer, Christian symbols, and Christianity as a whole are increasingly attacked and marginalized. And it's all taking place in a nation founded on many biblical principles!

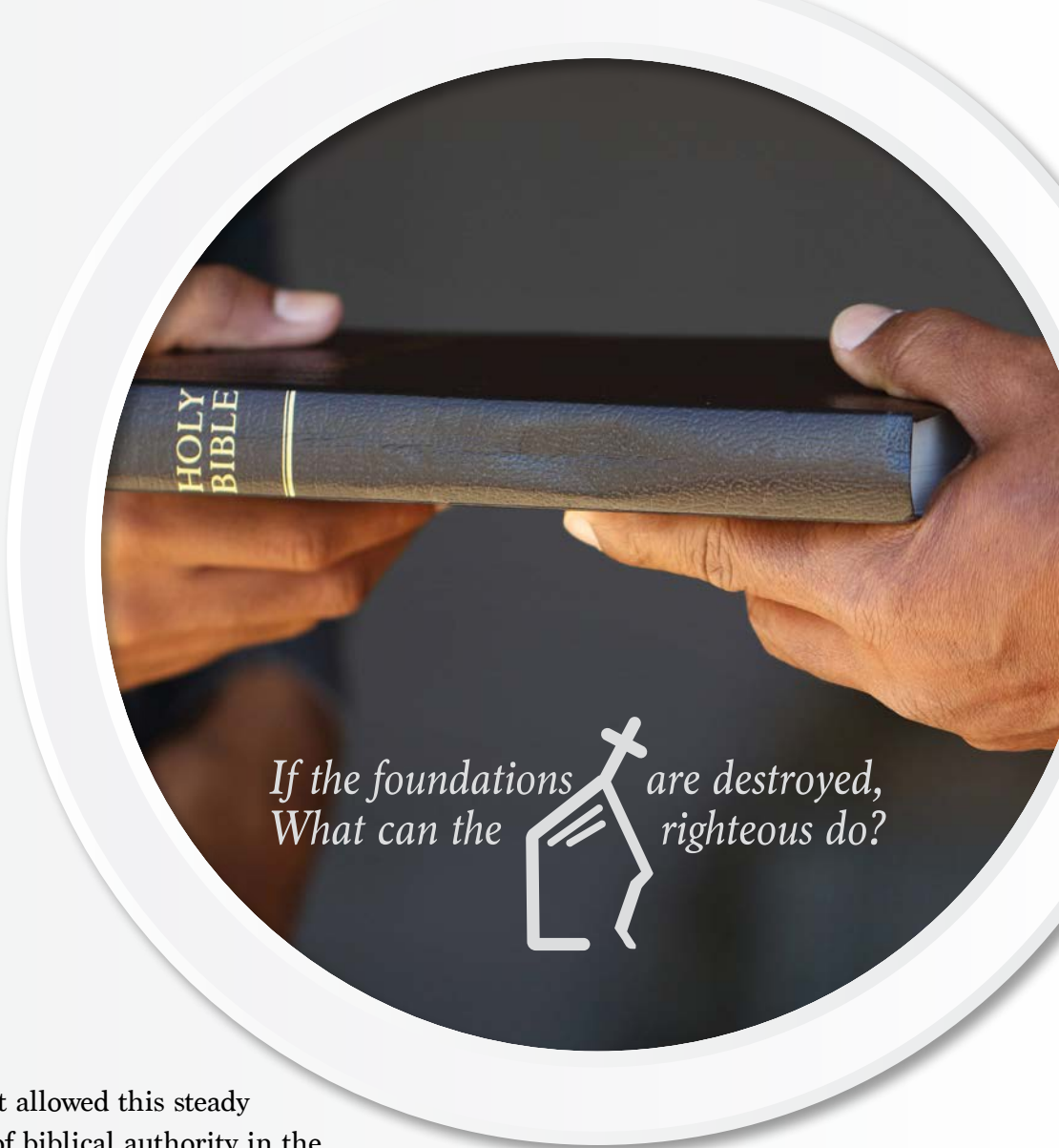
This revolution is not limited to America; it's happening all across the Western World. But the fact it is happening in America is quite astonishing. Why? Because America is one of the most "Christianized" nations ever. Right now it has more Christian resources (churches, seminaries, Christian colleges, bookstores, TV and radio stations, etc.) than any other nation has ever had throughout all of history! And yet Christianity is quickly fading away in America.

Why is this happening? As referenced in Psalm 11:3, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" There has been a foundational shift in our culture from God's Word as the authority to man's. This transformation did not happen overnight. It occurred in much the same way a person is carried by the ocean's tide when playing in the waves. One moment you're having a great time, and the next you look up and don't even recognize where you're at.

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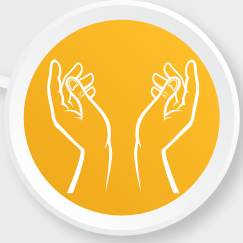
Psalm 11:3  
Matthew 7:24-27  
Colossians 2:8  
Jude 1:3





*If the foundations  
What can the*  *are destroyed,  
righteous do?*

But what allowed this steady erosion of biblical authority in the American culture? A loss of biblical authority within much of the church. The concession of biblical truth, especially in regard to origins, allowed the infiltration of secular ideas into the church. The culture has invaded the pews. Like Israel of old, the church has adopted doctrines of the current pagan religion, leaving it impotent to influence the surrounding culture. And like Israel of old, the first order of business must be repentance inside the church before there can be influence outside the church.



## – Why the division over creation vs. evolution?



Many Christians believe there is no need to quarrel over creation vs. evolution. They say, “Christians have lots of different views on other subjects, like baptism, tongues, eschatology, etc. Can’t Christians have different views on origins?”

The short answer? No. And here’s why. For the most part, when Christians have different understandings or interpretations of a particular doctrine, they stay within Scripture. Take eschatology, for example. There are

lots of different views: pre-mil, post-mil, a-mil, wind-mil, tread-mil, etc. And in most instances, the people who hold to these different positions view Scripture as the authority for their positions. They’re comparing Daniel with Ezekiel and Revelation to try to rightly understand God’s Word. They’re using the best commentary on the Bible, which is the Bible! But this is **not** how Christians arrive at different views of origins. The way Christians get different understandings of Genesis is by reinterpreting it with ideas **outside** of the Bible. Imposing **secular** ideas like evolution, the presupposition the earth is millions of years old, uniformitarianism, and naturalism (all tenets of the **pagan religion** of humanism) *onto* the Bible results in things like The Day Age Theory, Gap Theory, Progressive Creation, Theistic Evolution, Framework Hypothesis, Cosmic Temple, etc.

**BIBLE REF.**  
Ephesians 4:13–15  
Romans 16:17  
Romans 5:12  
2 Timothy 3:16



**CREATION**

**EVOLUTION**

The division over creation vs. evolution is actually a division between the **Word of God** & **the word of man.**

All of these compromised ideas lead to major textual, doctrinal, and theological contradictions, as we'll see later on. This bending, editing, and manipulating of the Word of God is a failed attempt to make it bow to the word of fallible, finite, sinful man.

The division over creation vs. evolution is actually a division between the Word of God and the word of man. Either God's Word is true or man's word becomes the final authority.

Indeed, the body of Christ is to be unified (Ephesians 4:13–15), but that unity is founded upon the explicit truth of Scripture (Romans 16:17, 2 Timothy 3:16). Will Christians stand united on God's Word, trusting that the Creator of the universe can communicate effectively? Will we believe the account of origins clearly articulated in Genesis, affirmed by Jesus and the biblical authors, and confirmed by science?



## Biblical authority



If you took a stethoscope and listened to the heartbeat of our ministry, Answers in Genesis (AiG), what would you hear? Biblical authority.

We often share that AiG is not a creation vs. evolution ministry. AiG is about reaching our lost world and building up the faith of Christians by defending the authority of God's Word where it's being attacked today.

There is no doubt the Bible is under a barrage of assaults today. And one of the primary areas where the enemy has focused his attack is against the Bible's history. Particularly the history revealed in Genesis 1-11.

In a real sense, the devil has executed a covert attack on the foundation of God's Word by getting people to doubt the history of the Bible, with things like evolution, ape-men, big bang, millions of years, etc., to undermine the authority of the Bible, to ultimately undermine the Gospel that's based on that authority.

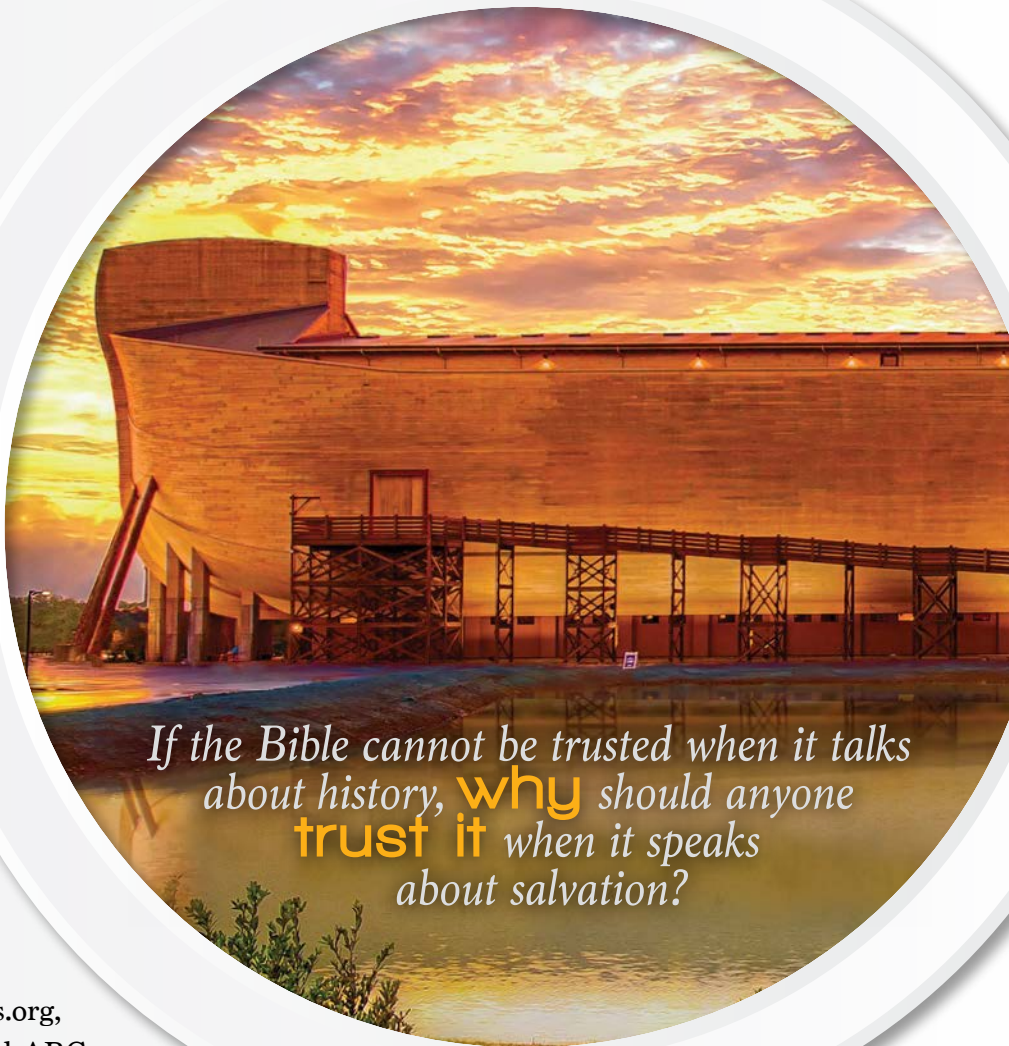
Therefore, we strive to alert believers to the present-day attack and encourage Christians and the Church at large to heed the command of 1 Peter 3:15:

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

It is this theme that pulses through AiG's veins, whether we're talking about the state-of-the-art Creation Museum, the

### BIBLE REF.

Genesis 1-11  
John 3:16  
John 17:17  
Titus 1:9  
1 Peter 3:15



*If the Bible cannot be trusted when it talks  
about history, **why** should anyone  
**trust it** when it speaks  
about salvation?*

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Ark Encounter,  
our website at  
[answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org),  
our chronological ABC  
Sunday School curriculum, our  
world-traveling speakers, our books,  
our videos, or our curricula, etc.

All of it is dedicated to fighting on the front lines of the modern battle to promote the authority of God's Word, answering the skeptical questions of this age, demonstrating that God's Word is true from cover to cover, and leading to the powerful proclamation of the Gospel.

Bottom line: if the Bible cannot be trusted when it talks about history, why should anyone trust it when it speaks about salvation? If Genesis 1:1 is not true, neither is John 3:16.

It's an issue of authority.



## -2 Worldviews: God's vs. man's



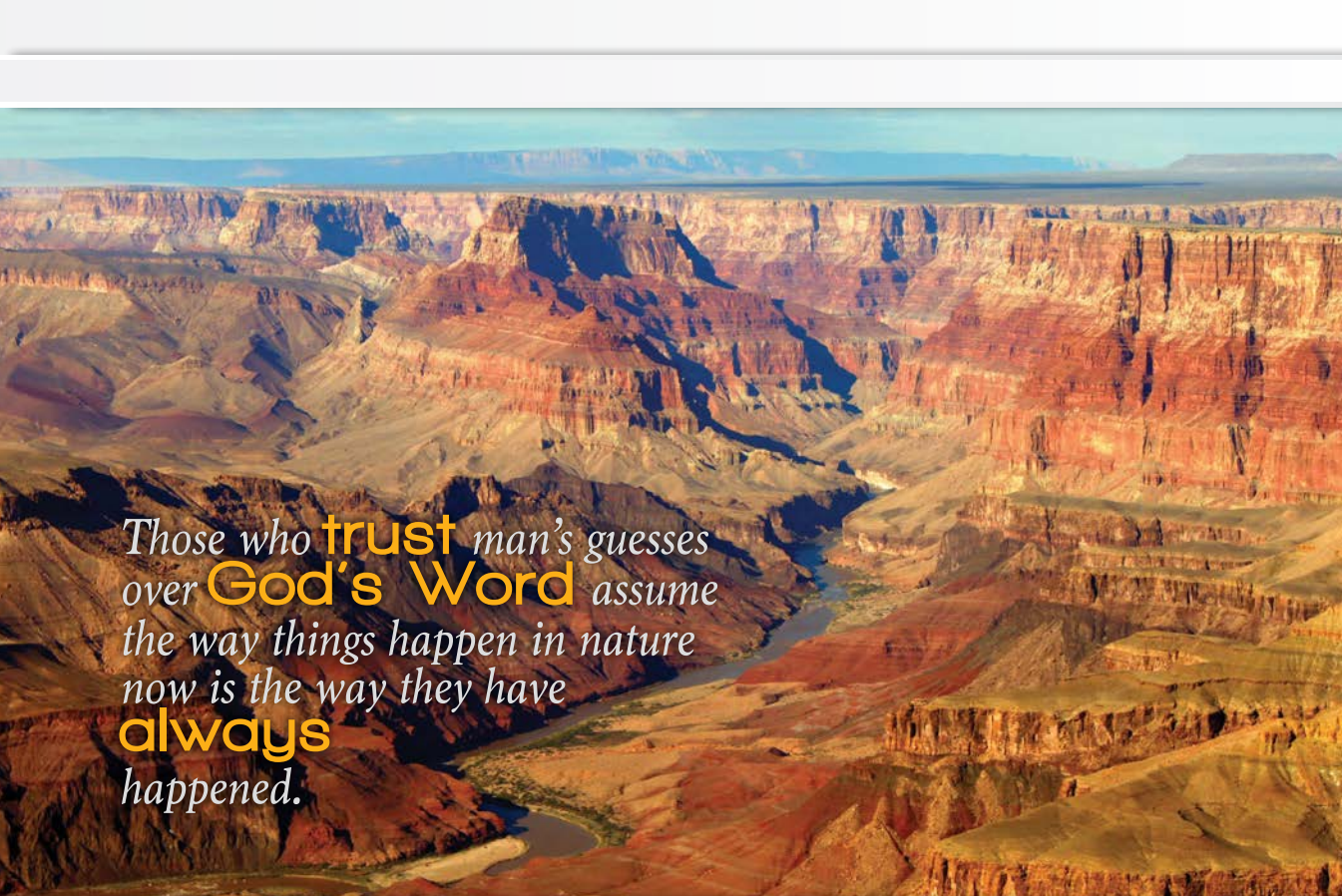
Quite possibly the biggest misconception about the origins debate, by both creationists and evolutionists alike, is that it is a battle over who has the largest pile of evidence. The creationists are accumulating their pile of evidence, while the evolutionists are making their own pile of evidence, and the one with the largest pile in the end is the grand winner.

But the shocking truth is the real battle is over the same evidence! The same evidence that exists in the **present**.

Quick question: When do fossils exist, past or present? They exist in the present; if they didn't, we would not have any. And when someone finds a bone in the dirt, it does not come with a label disclosing its age. Nor do bones talk. If a bone talks to you, run away (or seek out the necessary medical attention)! When a fossil bone is discovered in the present, all that is known for sure is that something has died in the past.

Here is the point. All scientists today, whether secular or biblical, have the same facts in the **present**. The same rock layers, fossils, radioisotopes, DNA, stars in the sky, etc. But they get extremely different **interpretations** of what they are looking at in regard to the **unseen past** based on their different starting assumptions based on their different **worldviews** (religions). And as we'll see, secular scientists have reached really wrong conclusions about certain things

**BIBLE REF.**  
1 Corinthians 1:20  
2 Corinthians 10:5  
2 Timothy 2:25



Those who **trust** man's guesses over **God's Word** assume the way things happen in nature now is the way they have **always** happened.

— like the age of the earth, rock layers, fossils, dinosaurs, etc. — because they have started with the wrong, anti-biblical worldview.

For those who start with the Bible, they use biblical history — the eyewitness account of the Creator Himself — to understand what is observed in the present.

Those who trust man's guesses over God's Word assume the way things happen in nature now is the way they have always happened. **Before** addressing the evidence, they **assume** no divine intervention in the past, no supernatural Creation, no Fall of man, no global Flood, no Tower of Babel, etc. They **assume** the Bible is wrong and believe by **faith** that natural processes can explain everything.

In the end, the battle over creation vs. evolution is a clash of worldviews. A struggle between the only two fundamental religions: man's word vs. God's Word.



## What is the ultimate and supreme starting point?



So, if this issue of origins is a war of worldviews, then which worldview is the correct starting point?

A powerful initial argument would be that the biblical worldview is constantly confirmed by real science and evolutionism (humanism/atheism/materialism) is not. This will be seen over and over again throughout this book. The features of the rock layers, fossils, dinosaur tissue, DNA, etc., provide tremendous confirmations of the Bible's history and authenticity.

But here is the ultimate confirmation that the Word of God is the supreme starting point: only the biblical worldview can self-consistently make sense of all of reality. The biblical worldview alone can explain the origin of all things, material and immaterial alike, without contradicting itself.

The Bible provides the only logical explanation for all material things, like stars, planets, DNA, animals, and so on. But beyond that, the Bible provides the only coherent reason for the existence of non-material things, like the laws of logic, laws of nature, and absolute morality. Things that cannot be seen, tasted, or touched but are absolutely real.

These immaterial realities must be true for us to live, think, and operate within this world but make absolutely no sense without the biblical God. The all-powerful Creator of everything, seen and unseen, who has revealed Himself to us through His Word is the One who made man in His image so that mankind may understand and function within the universe He created.

**BIBLE REF.**  
Proverbs 1:7  
John 4:24  
Colossians 2:3



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Only the biblical worldview can account for all of reality consistently. Every other worldview will eventually blow itself up by its own standard. Every worldview outside of the biblical one is “suicidal.”

For example, the atheistic/evolutionary view is that everything is material. If it is not material (not physical), then they claim it doesn’t exist. God is not material but Spirit (John 4:24), so they claim God doesn’t exist because He is not material. See how that works? Now, likewise, love, truth, knowledge, logic, dignity, honor, and so on are also not material. So, in the atheistic view, these cannot exist, either! Of course, this causes a big problem! The atheist, by his own worldview, cannot make sense of a discussion about anything without jumping off his worldview and waving good-bye to it!

Or consider the currently popular worldview of relativism, the belief that everything is relative and there are **no absolute** truths. But are they **absolutely** sure? For them to be right, they must be wrong. That’s what is meant by suicidal.

And because of the suicidal nature of all non-biblical worldviews, all of them must borrow from the biblical one to operate within reality. Ironically, those who reject and argue against the Bible must use principles that only exist because the Bible is true!