

APOLOGETICS



The
Mind's
Journey
to
Heaven



Hasn't Science proven Christianity False? Can a rational person believe in Christianity?

Last Week

1. Science is the only discipline which is objective and can therefore be trusted.

- Science assumes that miracles and supernatural don't exist.
- Religion requires supernatural and miracles and thus are false.
- Religion is tainted with small minded subjective thoughts rather than based on facts...hence not rational.

This Week

2. Evolution has proven that we were not created.

- God is not needed to understand all the complexities of creation
- It makes the Bible incoherent in light of 7 day creation or Noah's flood...i.e. it is a fairy tale.
- Christians are closed minded and won't look at scientific evidence...blindly have faith in a fairy tale or legend!

To help someone change paradigms...

1. They have to realize their current worldview has issues.
2. You have to show them a more congruent or better worldview to switch to.



REASON

FACEBOOK

EMOTIONS



To help someone change paradigms...



Bottom Line:

- If evolution is the stumbling block for them, then showing them the proof that evolution theory is false must be done.
- I think it is important to start opening their mind to the Biblical TRUTH they were wonderfully and uniquely made by a creator for a purpose.
 - Evolution leaves people feeling empty and void of meaning...we should work to turn on their taste buds for God as He is the only water which satisfies the soul.

Before we begin...

DON'T GIVE EVOLUTION MORE THAN IT DESERVES...

- How can evolution prove there is no God?
- Can it prove that God did not use evolution to create?
- Can it prove where the primordial soup & lightning bolt came from?
- Can it prove where the laws of physics come from which governed the soup and lightning?
- What can evolution say regarding any metaphysical topic?

➤ **It is silent on all accounts.**

It's proponents want to remove God's creation as evidence HE EXISTS!
...BUT THEY CAN'T PROVE HE DOESN'T EXIST.

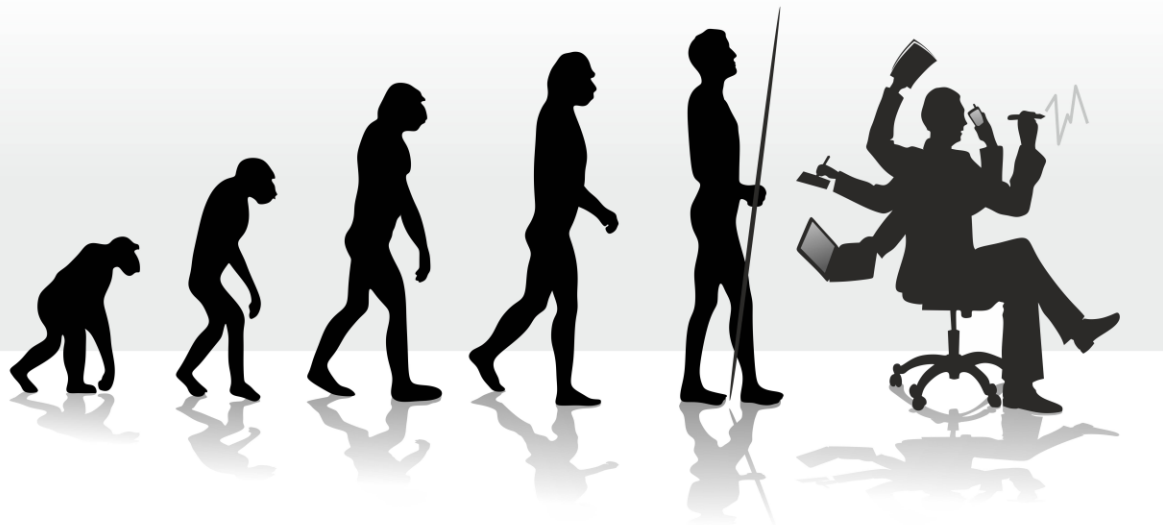
Evolution – What is it?

Darwinian Definition

The theory of evolution by natural selection, first formulated in Darwin's book "On the Origin of Species" in 1859, is the process by which organisms change over time as a result of changes in heritable physical or behavioral traits. Changes that allow an organism to better adapt to its environment will help it survive and have more offspring.

This has “evolved” into 6 different philosophical theories which can be simplified as follows:

1. Cosmic evolution: the origin of time, space, and matter from nothing in the “big bang”
2. Chemical evolution: all elements “evolved” from hydrogen
3. Stellar evolution: stars and planets formed from gas clouds
4. Organic evolution: life begins from inanimate matter
5. Macro-evolution: animals and plants change from one type into another
6. Micro-evolution: variations form within the “kind”



Evolution vs Biblical Worldview

Meaninglessness



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Is Evolution Science? Or Not?

Science Definition

Principles and procedures for the systematic pursuit of knowledge involving the recognition and formulation of a problem, the collection of data through **observation and experiment**, and the formulation and testing of hypotheses

- It has to have data through observation and experiment with testing of the hypotheses.

HAS THIS OCCURRED SINCE THE THEORY WAS PROPOSED?



Evolution vs Biblical Worldview

- **The Bible has no issue with #6 Micro Evolution (or Adaptation/Genetic Variation)**
 - We observe adaptation or genetic breeding constantly. Agriculture depends upon it. Nature thrives on it.
 - God's word supports it.
- **The areas which are most at odds with the Biblical world view are all of the others**
 - Matter from nothing ...without an intelligent designer...i.e. GOD.
 - Different "kinds" switch to other "kinds".
 - Kinds are created gradually and in progressively more complex orders over Billions of years by "Chance" ...without God.

DO WE SEE MACRO EVOLUTION TODAY?

IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE IT EVER OCCURRED IN OBSERVABLE VERIFIABLE WAYS?

IS THERE ANY VERIFIABLE EVIDENCE IT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED?

WHAT IS THE CHANCE IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?

Macro Evolution – the last 150 years

- It has been tested with massive amounts of money and effort in almost every discipline of science for over 150 yrs...physics, chemistry, biology, archeology, sociology, etc.
- To date, there is no observable evidence in any area of “macro” evolution...
 - Life from non Life
 - One species switching to a different species
 - Humans sprouting wings or gills....etc...etc...etc. through the addition of genes in the DNA

Coelacanth Fossil
Supposedly Extinct
400Million
Years
Ago

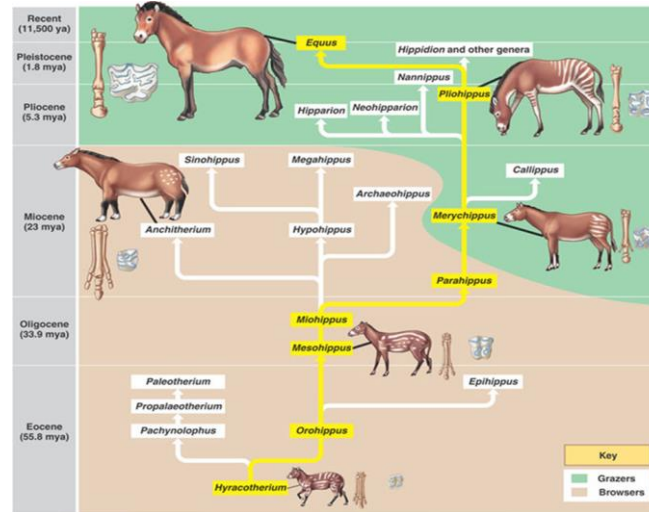


Till We Caught One In 1974
Off coast of Africa with...

... Zero Evolutionary Changes

Macro Evolution – the last 150 years

- *If someone disagrees, AND THEY WILL, then have them offer to show you the evidence. This will be an area you can help their mind not to be fooled by slick marketing or untested hypotheses.*



- *To change their world view they need more critical thinking skills. Seek help from the many web sites or resources at the church.*
- **BE HUMBLE ABOUT IT.**

Evidence Against Evolution!

- There is significant and growing evidence against evolution on all fronts.
 - EXAMPLE...**evidence we are devolving...ugh!**
 - After 25 yrs of research on the Human Genome Scientist believe we are devolving.
 - Reference Genetic Entropy by John Sanford
 - On the basis of Darwin's Evolution, we see more negative mutations, diseases and ways to die rather than ways to live.
 - On the basis of intelligent design, we see medical advances fighting the onset of cancer, Alzheimer's and innumerable diseases...yet the evidence is that the problems caused by Genetic entropy are outstripping our ability to overcome them...i.e. the human race is losing more information in our genome than we can recover from.
- **Charles Darwin** said, "Believing as I do that **man in the distant future will be a far more perfect creature than he now is**, it is an intolerable thought that he and all other sentient beings are doomed to complete annihilation after such long-continued slow progress.
- Darwin's real issue is believing God has the right to judge mankind!



Is Evolution a stack of cards ready to fall?

Darwin's Theory of Evolution is a slow gradual process. Darwin wrote, "...Natural selection acts only by taking advantage of slight successive variations; she can never take a great and sudden leap, but must advance by short and sure, though slow steps." Thus, Darwin conceded that, "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."



Is there any evidence Darwin's Macro Evolution could NOT have happened?

Irreducible Complexity

- DARWIN's BLACK BOX by Michael Behe
- An irreducibly complex system is one composed of multiple parts, all of which are necessary for the system to function. If even one part is missing, the entire system will fail to function. Every individual part is integral.
- Example: The Mousetrap



Do Real World “Mouse Traps” Exist?

Proteins...the basis of all life forms

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_tYrnv_o6A

Bacterial Flagellum

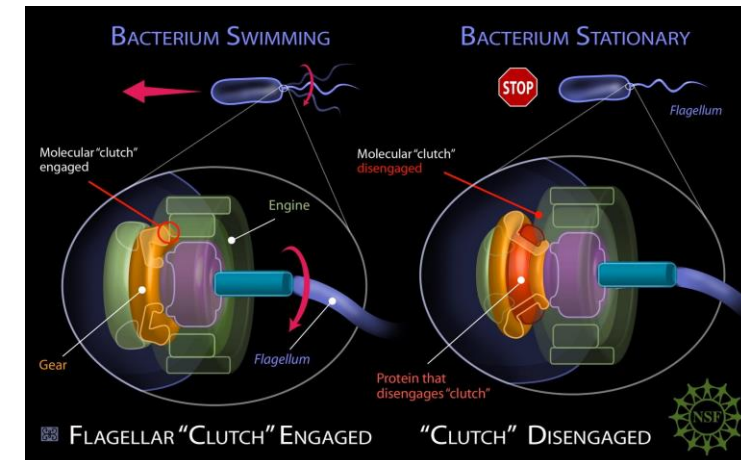
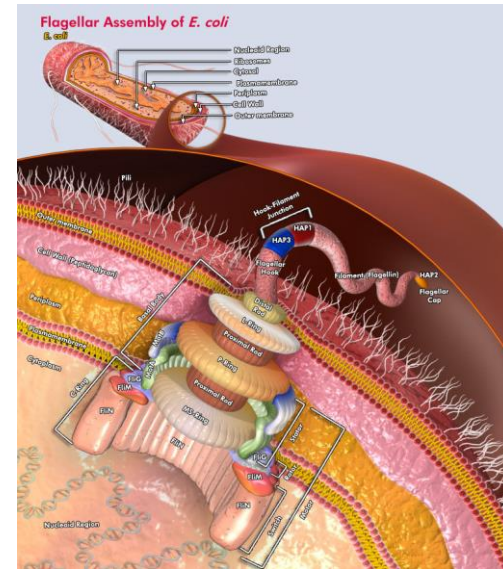
Blood...hemoglobin, insulin, white blood cells, etc.

Blood / Heart / Veins

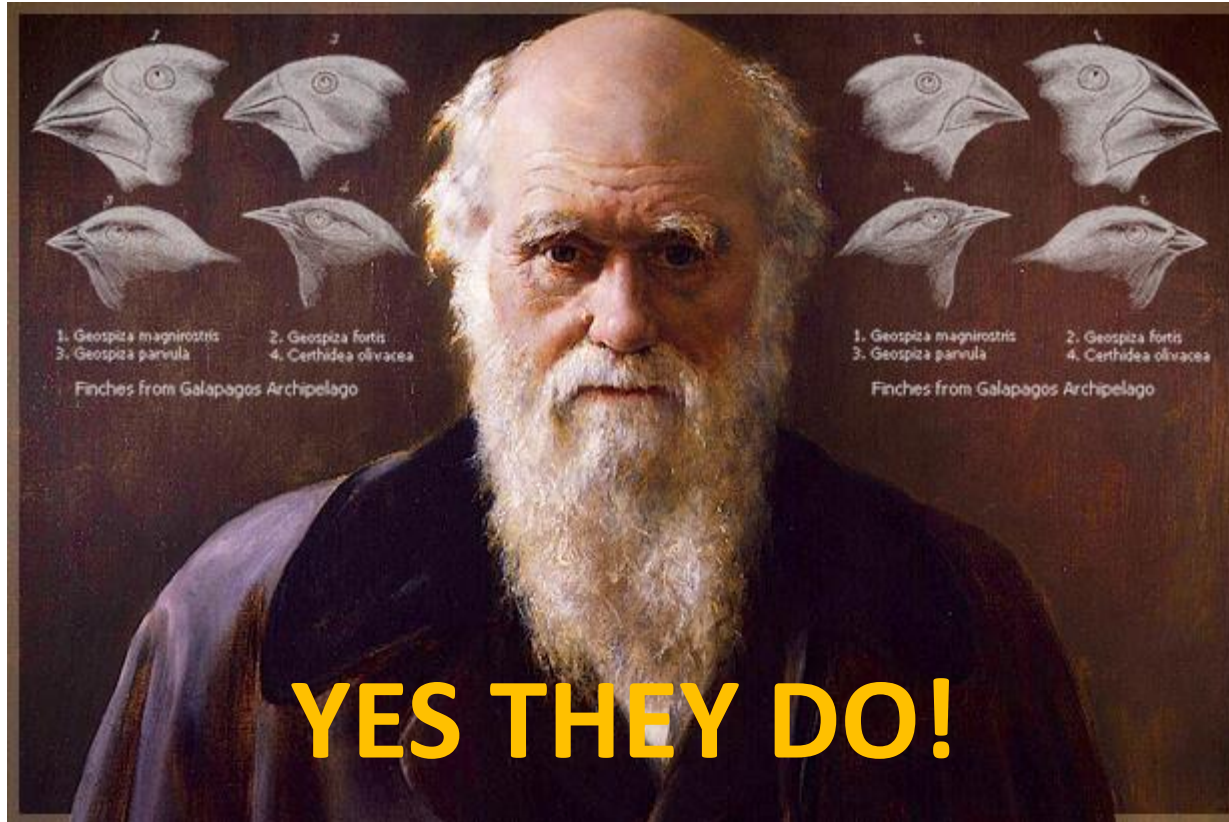
Liver, Kidney, Spleen, Lungs, Stomach, Large Intestine,
Small Intestine, Brain, Pancreas, Muscles, etc etc etc

The entire planetary system.

1000's of examples all around us.



Do Real World “Mouse Traps” Exist?



DARWINIAN MACRO EVOLUTION IS PROVEN FALSE

OK... So slow gradual change didn't work but what about fast mutations?

- Mutations distort and remove information ...causing death...not life.
- A mutation where something new shows up out of nothing without any observable cause creating a higher level of complexity is really like ...
...an act of God” ... Isn't that what evolution is arguing against?
- A mutation where one kind even creates another kind has never been seen nor even artificially reproduced...certainly not by chance.
- Regardless, Let's just go with them calling it “random chance” see where it leads us. What does this look like in reality or in numbers?

What is the chance it could have happened?



- How do we define improbable or impossible?

- Dembski defined the law of Small probability as follows:

- 10^{80} elementary particles in the universe.
- 10^{45} times per second an event can occur.
- He then calculated the number of seconds from the beginning of the universe to the present and for good measure multiplied by one billion for 10^{25} seconds in all.
- He thereby obtained $10^{80} \times 10^{45} \times 10^{25} =$ **one in 10^{150} for his Law of Small Probability**

- Note leading proponent of Evolution Richard Dawkins said 1 in 10^{20} was improbable to his definition.

- We will go with one in 10^{150} as our limit for very improbable.



What is the chance it could have happened?

- Chance a single molecule of simplest protein to form is 1 in 2.3×10^{75} .
 - Note odds of the protein in blood which is an average size protein is 1 in 10^{600} and there are much larger variations.
- Even if we gave the Macro Evolutionist the starting point of a privileged planet...
- ...and a primordial goo
 - **The Problem of Unreactivity...The Problem of Ionization...The Problem of Mass Action...The Problem of Mass Action...The Problem of Reactivity ...The Problem of Solubility...The Problem of Sugar...The Problem of Chirality...and so on and so on...**
- ...Then fill it full of the most complex amino acids possible...
 - We assume these acids don't somehow bond into something useless while we are waiting billions of years in the Goo...
- Then, is it possible to form a single cell?
 - NO
 - It requires DNA (genetic information) for it to form.
 - Moreover, it takes the right Protein molecule to read the DNA in order to replicate the proteins required to make the cell.
- What is DNA anyway?





What is the chance it could have happened?



- What is DNA?
 - 3 Billion lines of code which is the basis of all living things...each “kind” is different.
 - The amount of DNA in one human if unstranded and put end to end would reach the Sun and back!
- What are the odds DNA could be created by chance?
 - 1 in 10^{89190}
 - It would take enough DNA building blocks to run through this number of possibilities.
 - Which would weigh 10^{89147} times that of the Earth...which would fill the universe many times over.
- Since the DNA needed for 100 Billion people fits in $\frac{1}{2}$ an aspirin tablet, what are the odds that the DNA would form on just our planet at just the same place and time as the protein molecule at the right temperature...in our mystical “goo” ...etc...etc...etc?
- **I am starting to feel like Alice in Wonderland falling into a rabbit hole!**



Be gracious and give them the miracles ...

- Ok so what if we give them the DNA how many of the single molecules of protein would be needed to create the simplest living cell?
 - It requires **60,000 proteins of 100 different configurations**
- What if we said these proteins were not more complex than the simplest single protein as above and all of the 60,000 were made available at the same place and time, what would the probability be that the necessary mutations would yield the most basic of living cells?
 - **1 in $10^{4,478,296}$ random mutations by chance** to get it right.
- Remember 1 in 10^{150} is the limit of improbability.

We are done here. There just aren't enough particles in all of the known universes to provide enough resources for chance to work.

Optimist to the end or grasping at straws?



- But you say, *“I feel lucky...it is still possible!”*?
 - This is like saying if you deal 20 poker hands a night for your entire 100 yr life you will always get a royal flush.
 - If it happens 4 hands in a row in the real world....you would be called a cheater...why?
- But you say, *“no fair...you aren't counting the effect of the law of physics and law of chemistry and law of etc etc etc!”*?
 - Where do these laws factor into complete random chance?
 - If evolution is the answer for all of life, then how does it explain all of these laws?
 - The answer = More and more chance and royal flush poker hands!!!!



By faith in chance....



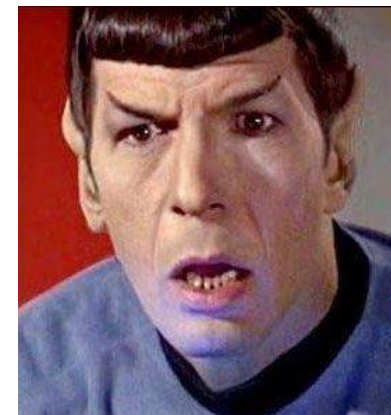
• So we need to agree by faith that...

- Something came out of nothing by chance...no "first cause"...matter, space, time, gravity, etc.
- It all lined up perfectly on Earth for life to begin...by chance with no intelligent helper.
- Mystical goo formed and showed up by chance...ignore the impossibilities of this from a chemical standpoint.
- DNA mutated in parallel and occurred at just the right time...forget the impossibility of this...take it on faith.
- Then out of no where all the right protein resources showed up...even though there aren't enough in the universe...take it on faith.
- Then some mutations occurred $10^{4,478,296}$ times...by chance with no help...until it got it right one time...and during all this time no weather, temp, volcanoes, or any other negative factor stopped the factors of chance...take this on faith too.
- Well...we forgot all of the gracious assumptions we gave them at countless other areas in our calculations...but still...here we stand by faith in chance...what do we get?

...We get a single cell which won't come close to proving anything close to what we see today in the simplest of bacterial worlds...let alone human life!

• *And I thought no one could invoke miracles as a scientific answer!*

• *Can we discuss what is considered rational now?*



OK but how can this all happen in 6 days?

- I believe in the 6 days of creation but I prefer to not argue this with unbelievers.
- Some respected reformed pastors believe in the old earth theology.
- I would redirect this by saying the old earth vs young earth discussion is secondary. You will die in less than 100 years, if not tomorrow, regardless of how old the earth is! Do you know Jesus?



OK but how can this all happen in 6 days?



- Nonetheless, if you start digging into the age of the earth scientific arguments you get overwhelmed with young earth evidence.
 - If, as science is now proving, the speed of light is not constant through time then all of our equations cannot be trusted backwards nor guaranteed forward for that matter.
 - Carbon 14 in coal from all the layers of geology are still there...but they have a half life of 5K years...what gives.
 - Helium % in Zircon from earths core should be zero after Billions of years but it has amounts which point to less than 10K yrs
 - Moon is moving away from Earth...if we were Billions old then the Moon would have crashed into Earth due to gravity. If we are less than 10K Yrs then no issue.
 - On and on an on it goes.
- However, this only makes the impossible even more impossible...so why pile on if it can distract further. This, of course, depends on the context of how much time you have with the person...an airplane ride, a neighbor, or your brother who lives next door.

A proposed way to engage the “Evolution has proven all” perspective.

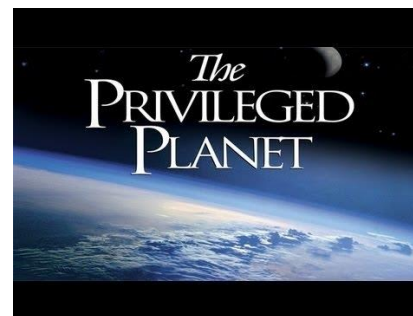
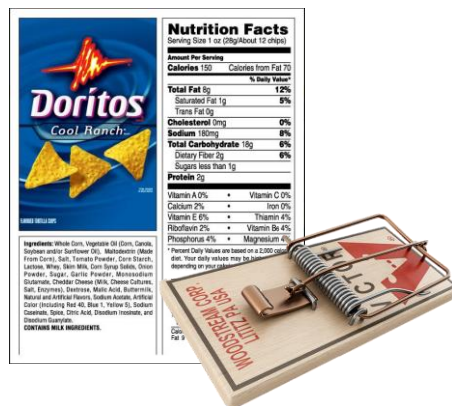
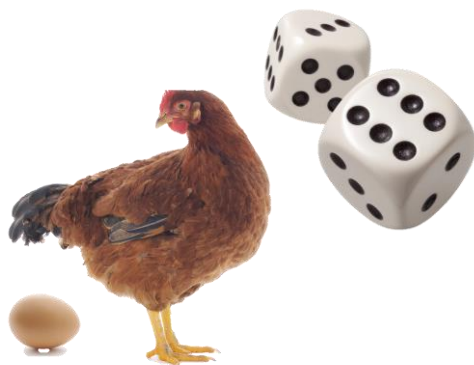
Show them flaws in their world view...

Absurdity

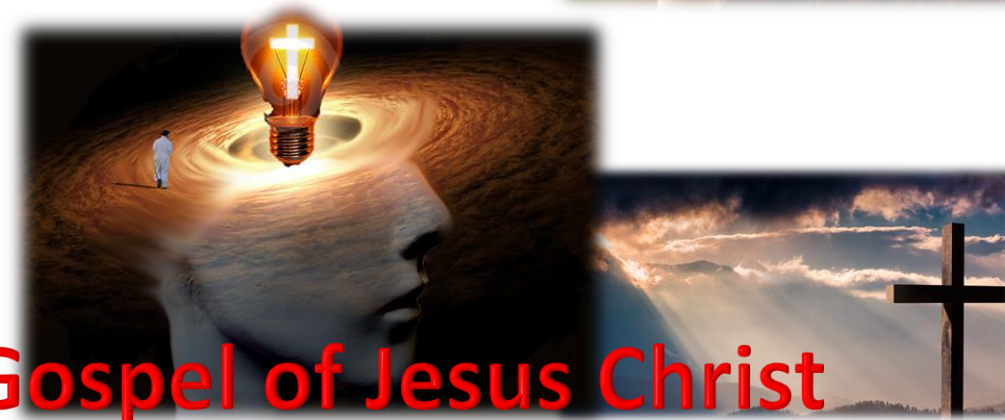
Teleological

Cosmological

Morality



Show them a better world view...



Gospel of Jesus Christ

Where are we going to go?

- How do we know God exists?
- Doesn't science prove Christianity is false? Can any rational person believe in the Christian Faith?
 - Science is the only discipline which is objective and can therefore be trusted.
 - Evolution has proven that we were not created.
- Can you trust the Bible as accurate?
- How can a good God exist if He allows suffering and evil?
- Is it fair for God to condemn someone to hell? What about those who have never heard the Gospel?
- Isn't Christianity arrogant to say it is the only way to heaven? Aren't all religions just different ways to the same God?
- Aren't all people basically good?
- Isn't Christianity just a "white man's" religion used to oppress women and people of color?
- Isn't Christianity just a bunch of Do's and Don'ts?
- Isn't the institutional Christian Church just about getting your money? Do you really have to go to church to be a Christian?
- Optional – Crowd generated questions...open Q&A
- Major World Religion's Arguments against true Christian Faith
 - Islamic Arguments
 - Roman Catholic Arguments
 - Hinduism Arguments
 - Mormonism Arguments
 - Buddhism Arguments