

# STORY

ORIGINS IDENTITY PURPOSE

Exploring what was,  
to discover what  
will be.

For those who believe in Christianity,  
it is wise to remember the basics.  
I consider myself an explorer and learner.  
There are lots of things to learn. DH

## What are the four basics of the Christian faith?

- Nature of God,
- Scripture,
- Incarnation/Christ,
- Salvation

## Story Group

2–3 people share their stories each week

- Background: family, spiritual origins
- Now: your place in your journey/story
- Future: growth, hopes, expectation/vision

## OUR Purpose

We are committed to exploring our origins in  
Supernatural Creation; helping others through the  
power of our Creator's story to examine & restore  
our identity & purpose.

## RULES of ENGAGEMENT

### *Exploring in community*

- *Open conversation and freedom of ideas – no final judgment*
- *The search for Truth – worship of our Creator  
Theories- among truth*
- *Creating community – sharing our Stories*

# AFTER THE FIRE

*Imagine it is your Senior year in high school, you wake up in a your house all alone in your bed. As you rub sleep from your eyes you smell smoke and your eyes shoot open. You scramble to you feet, only to be stopped cold by dark cinders and a breeze blowing in your face. Half of your house is burned to the ground, miraculously you're still alive, you stumble into the living room, a hole burned in the roof lends you a view of the sky. On the kitchen table you find a letter. It says you have a full ride scholarship to any of the top 5 schools in the nation.*

I need a bold volunteer, a future actor or actress – someone who likes theatre  
Act out as someone narrates, then ask audience questions. maybe use some students as props

# AFTER THE FIRE

What does our  
player need to  
ask themselves  
to figure out  
their story?



# AFTER THE FIRE

Everyone has a story- some seem exciting, some seem boring

You are not the only writer of your story

Left on our own we often write horrible stories, Why?

What are some of your favorite stories? Why?



What is in these stories that intrigue us?

New Moon, Harry Potter, Avatar, the Matrix,\* Star Wars,\*  
Christmas, Beauty and the Beast, Christ, Alice in Wonderland, great  
biographies, etc.

\*A Restored identity

What are the parts of a story?

Plot – purpose      Protagonist – antagonist- villain etc..

# AFTER THE FIRE

We are going to discover how to write and have an amazing story. What are the parts of a great story?

What kind of story does God care about?

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Matt 25



## BACK STORY

Two very different stories:  
Naturalistic Evolution  
VS Creation

The same evidence, but radically different conclusions.

Why? - different assumptions and beliefs

**A Comparison of the Two Main Views:**  
handout from my book – “The Spark, The Light & The Planet”

[www.sparklightplanet.com](http://www.sparklightplanet.com)

## TWO WORLD VIEWS

two primary  
world views

A comparison



Handouts:

Worldviews

Comparison of Creation — Evolution



# World Views...continued

- Morality — it varies upon your evolution level.
- Death — maybe the end, maybe not. Definitely the end of your personality as the universe recycles your energy or essence.
- Life — seek to be at balance with the universe and with others, but don't get caught in the wrong caste system or the downward spiral of reincarnation. Which evolved entity or force do you listen to in this worldview? Nothing is for sure; just seek peace and love and hang loose, however that is done.
- Directives — There is something out there bigger than us. Some great observations about humans, nature, and the universe, but not sure what to do or where to go with them.

**Monotheism / The One:** All existence, reality, knowing, time, energy and matter, start from one being. This being (alien) has always existed, always been, and has no end. This being is outside of time, space, and matter. Life, light, love, relationship, choice, and all things find their source or origin in this being.



## What this world view believes about:

- Origins — All of time, space, energy and life come from this source. The Creation is a reflection of the creator, but not the same as the Creator.
- Humans — A special reflection of the creator, designed to be in a unique relationship with the creator.
- Morality — Light and dark, good and evil, right and wrong exist outside the human experience and we live the happiest and best when we discover and align ourselves with the harmony of the universe and choose to live connected with the source of life and reality.
- Death — the result of separation from the Source. A consequence of choice, our choosing to seek independence from the origin of all things. A transition resulting in rebirth or restoration of all things lost, broken, stolen, or destroyed because of human independence from Life's Source. Or, complete separation resulting in judgment and annihilation.
- Life — the opportunity to discover your purpose and connect with the Creator, living out your hopes and dreams and gifts to your fullest potential.
- Directives— learn to live in love, connected to the Source, live in balance and harmony with nature and your fellow humans. Reflect the love, life, and glory and relationship given to us by the Creator, exploring and living in wonder at all that is around us.



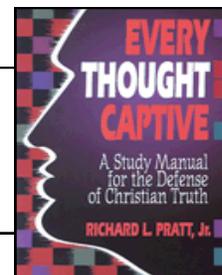
**Note:** Of the three main beliefs, Islam, Judaism and Christianity, only Christianity holds to a being who has love and relationship at its core in a trinity of three personalities of the same essence in perfect harmony with each other, showing themselves to humanity in one Creator. A truly alien and mind-twisting concept. In contrast Islam and Judaism (to some extent) have only one being with love being one trait of that being— much more like the Greek gods of Olympus who loved and hated and had no core nature.

**DH**

**Every Thought Captive: A Study Manual for the understanding of Christian Beliefs**

By Richard L. Pratt, Jr.

**A great look into the presuppositions of thought and belief**



# A Comparison of the Two Main Theories

**Note:** there are many variations between the two, such as theistic evolution, which try to adopt characteristics of the other.

**Key:** In discussing naturalistic evolution and creation theories it will be helpful to distinguish some sets or differences in the animal kingdom. (*More: see page 11*)

The broadest sets are invertebrates, vertebrates.

Then mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, arthropods, starfish, mollusks, segmented worms, roundworms, flatworms, jellyfish, sponges.

Then kinds/ baramins: dog, primate, cat, horse, cow, spider, whale, turtle, lizard, bird etc.

Then species: swan, house cat, doberman, draft horse, ape, blue whale, crocodile, etc.

**More info:** <http://www.answersingenesis.org/get-answers/topic/created-kinds>

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/home/area/cfol/ch2-species.asp>



## Naturalistic Evolution:

Assumption – Time, matter and energy have always existed, and somehow defy the laws of entropy.

This model allows for no outside or intelligent intervention (supernatural). Only time, matter, and energy- only the natural.

**Universe:** from the big bang – origin point out of “nothing”

Billions of y.o. 8 to 20 billion y.o.

**Earth & Solar System:** just one of many solar systems and planets, which by chance happens to be in a life zone.

Billions of y.o. Earth Approximately 4.3 Billion y.o.

**Life:** By chance arose from non-life chemicals and minerals, possibly in the deep oceans.

Billions of y.o.

All life/complex organisms (us) “evolved” from non-life – single cell.



**Creation:** Assumption – A creator being (outside the universe) has always existed, no beginning and no end. This model allows for supernatural intervention in nature and claims that the Creator used natural and supernatural means in the origin and development of the universe and life on earth and even outside of it.

**Universe:** from an origin point, spoken into existence (created) out of nothing.

Could be billions y.o. or young, thousands y.o. In the Bible, the Earth is talked about first, and the planets, sun, and stars show up later. It could be that they were created billions/millions of years before and their light reached earth on the day described in the Bible – naturalistically. There are some great scientific observations for a young universe that is thousands of years old. There is also the supernatural nature of the Creator, beyond the access of science.

**Earth & Solar system:** designed specifically for life and humanity. It could be millions or thousands of years old. According to the Bible, the earth was formless and void, but it doesn't say for how long until the day / night cycle was started by the Creator initiating time measurement and life.



**Life:** designed and specifically created. Thousands y.o.

All life (simple and complex organisms created and designed within their kinds (original design) before genetic entropy – the Fall possibly introduced mutation and degeneration.



**Natural Selection:** In nature one or more traits will be favored and/or selected out because of environmental conditions.

**Adaptation:** A living organism's reaction to natural selection. An internal system will enhance traits so that the organism / animal/ human survives better. (Scientifically observed within kinds, called speciation. Darwin's finches or dogs – wolf to Chihuahua.)

**Mutation:** change within an organism on the genetic level. Scientifically no new genetic information has ever been observed to be added to an organism by mutation. It works with the existing information. Mutations can be beneficial, neutral, or harmful. The huge majority are harmful.

Naturalistic evolution proposes that these three mechanisms can change one kind of creature into another and that they can- given enough time- take one celled organisms and “evolve” them into a range of different kinds of creatures. This is referred to as macro (large) evolution, and differentiated from micro-evolution, which happens within kinds from the three forces mentioned above.

**Long periods of time:** billions and millions of years. With enough time the improbable or the impossible become possible- is the theory.

**Fossil record:** claims to be able to show millions of years of life and geologic change, Millions y.o.

**Tenants:** the present is the key to the past – uniformitism. (Does not acknowledge that a worldwide cataclysm happened, except whatever wiped out the dinosaurs.)

Reality and morality originate from nature. Existence is only in life on this earth. Death ends everything. There is no pre - or post - existence, no supernatural.



## Summary:

The key differences between evolution and creation theories are the pre-existence of a supernatural creator versus a completely naturalistic world. Billions of years versus thousands for the origin and development of life and the universe. They differ on the scientific viability of natural selection, adaptation and mutation to “evolve” non-life / single cell organism to the multiplicity of complex organisms we see today and in the fossil record. They interpret the fossil record and past events differently.

**Natural selection:** imported from the Fall. The result of sin and separation from the Creator's plan and design.

In nature one or more traits will be favored / selected out because of environmental conditions. This fits both models and is neither evolutionary or creationary.

**Adaptation:** an amazing design feature enabling creatures to modify or adapt to nature (within kinds) dog, horse, cat, turtle etc.

A living organism's reaction to natural selection. An internal system will enhance traits so that the organism / animal/ human survives better. (Scientifically observed within kinds, called speciation. Darwin's finches or dogs – wolf to Chihuahua.)

**Mutation:** a mechanism designed to assist adaptation. Harmful mutations (possibly all) are the result of the Fall – human's choice against the Creator, separating all of nature and the planet and ushering in degeneration and mutation. All things were created to their optimal use and purpose, but now are diverging or degenerating.

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**Short periods of time:** for life, and possibly other processes

**Fossil record:** no intermediates, but many varieties of creatures affected by a global flood, many not in existence today. Mostly laid down by a global flood catastrophe.

**Tenants:** The present is very different from the past. It has been affected by entropy/degradation and global and local catastrophic events of the past.

Reality and morality originate from the Creator. The supernatural exists, and an afterlife as humans being made in the image of the Creator are designed to exist in a relationship of love and dependence with their Maker forever. The world will be restored and the story will continue and, probably, expand into the rest of the universe as humanity continues to learn and explore the universe created.



## How well do you know your (humanity's) backstory?

- When was the last ice age?
- How long ago did T-Rex live?
- Are there such things as ghosts and demons?
- Who was Abraham's father?
- What was the earliest ancient civilization?
- Name two ancient cities now under water?
- Why do bad things happen to innocent and good people?

## How well do you know your (humanity's) backstory?

- How long has humanity been on the planet?
- When did Lucifer/Satan fall and why is he still around?
- Did humans and dinosaurs ever coexist?
- How do we know how old something is?
- Did God set us up to sin and fail?
- What is hard science and soft science?
- How was the Grand Canyon formed?

# STORY

## Group Project

What questions have you had or know others have about origins, God, the Bible, creation and evolution?

**In small groups discuss this question**

Write out questions and gather for question & answer times in the following weeks.



# STORY

Cool stuff you might  
not know about

- The amazing original world
- Pyramids all over the world
- The ice age and sunken cities
- The origin of pain and suffering
- The reason for our creation- the angels, satan and our destiny

## TWO STORIES OF ORIGINS AND WHY ?

What are the issues?

Why learn about  
origins?

What does it matter  
and who cares?

***What are the issues? Why learn about origins?  
What does it matter and who cares?***

- **The nature of humanity – naturally good vs. Naturally broken and deceived?**
- **The validity of the Bible- and trustworthiness/ existence of God?**
- **Is human life more precious than animal life? Abortion- animal rights, etc?**
- **Is morality God given or humanly made up?**
- **Are dinosaurs an amazing creation of God or evidence of naturalistic evolution and millions of years?**
- **How did the universe originate and how old is it?**
- **If there is a God is he really in control or helplessly standing by?**
- **Where did life come from – God, naturally (TME+C), aliens?**
  
- **Are ghosts, werewolves, vampires, demons, etc. real or fantasy?**
- **Will humanity destroy ourselves in 2012 or evolve into super beings?**
- **How long has the earth and life been around?**
- **Are we supposed to stop global warming and take care of the environment?**
- **Will we ever mutate super powers like the X-Men?**
- **Will we ever explore the solar system and universe like Star Trek?**
- **Who should control our lives, Government, us, God?**
- **Is homosexuality natural and ok? Does God hate sinners?**
- **Does Science and rational thought contradict God and Creation?**
- **Did Jesus come for nothing (just a man) or was he really God's Messiah?**

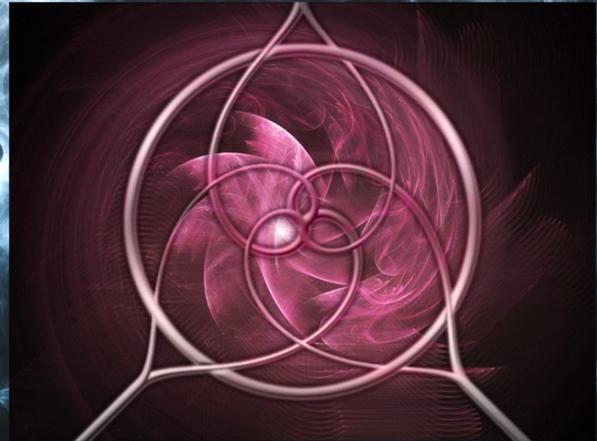
# THE GODHEAD

The ONE (was, is, will be) Mal 3:6

Heb 13:8 Rev 1:8

What is the nature of  
God / Elohim

Why create the  
universe and  
humanity?



God is not just "love" he is Relationship  
Justice, judgment, kindness, jealousy, goodness...

# THE GODHEAD

Creation — Let us...

Imagine if you will, if you can, a being without beginning or end, (three persons) in total agreement, submission, equality and power. One essence. This being has relationship / love as its core, needing nothing, but wanting to share and express the love and relationship they already have, and so we begin...

God in the beginning created the heavens and the earth...

# What ancient Chinese characters reveal about our creator

## The Godhead

There are many ancient cultures, which have writings pre-dating or separated from Christianity or the Jewish beliefs/writings. The following are their descriptions of this Creator Being.

***'Before time, and throughout time, there has been a self-existing being, eternal, infinite, complete, omnipresent Outside this being, before the beginning, there was nothing.'* (1)**

from the writings of the Taoist *Lao-tzu*, who flourished in the China of the 6th century BC, that the following profound statement concerning the existence and some of the attributes of God is taken:

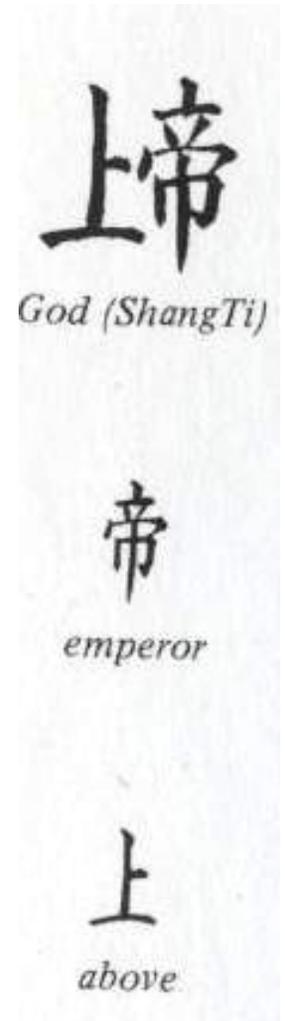
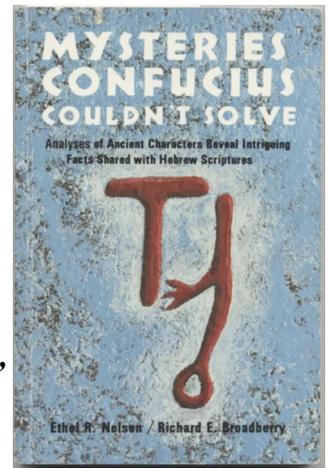
***'I am the creator of all things that exist...that came forth from my mouth. Heaven and earth did not exist, nor had been created the herbs of the ground nor the creeping things. I raised them out of the primeval abyss from a state of non-being...'* (3)**

from an ancient text from Heliopolis in Egypt: It would not be overstating the case to say that the Egyptian concept of a divine creation of the universe was so strongly held that throughout Egypt it governed every sphere of thought and action, political, educational, philosophical and so on. And it is also noteworthy to consider that there is no record anywhere amongst the vast amount of literature to be recovered from ancient Egypt, that suggests that this view was ever challenged. Nowhere in all the long history of Egypt do we find that a philosopher arose who was prepared to propagate the notion that the universe came into being through the agency of non-divine forces and processes.

***'First of all the Void came into being ...next Earth ...Out of the Void came darkness ...and out of the Night came Light and Day...'* (7)**

this from the early Greeks we have the Theogony of Hesiod (8th century BC) an account of the creation of the world that bears unmistakable and remarkably close similarities with the Genesis account:

***'Homer and Hesiod attributed to the gods all the things which among men are shameful and blameworthy--theft and adultery and mutual deception...[But] there is one God, greatest among gods and men, similar to mortals neither in shape nor in thought ...he sees as a whole, he thinks as a whole, he hears as a whole ...Always he remains in the same state, changing not at all ...But far from toil he governs everything with his mind.'* (8)**



## THE GODHEAD

What ancient Chinese characters reveal about our creator

**The Godhead**

$\text{亻} + \text{山} + \text{水} + \text{雨} + \text{口} + \text{工} + \text{气} = \text{帝}$   
God mountain water rain mouths work persons SPIRIT (River) (three) (two)

$\text{亻} + \text{手} + \text{人} = \text{帝}$   
God radical hands person God (Shen)

$\text{亻} + \text{山} + \text{土} + \text{父} + \text{山} = \text{上}$   
God's (incline) mount "dustman" God Father Hill presence

帝  
God (ShangTi)

帝  
emperor

上  
above

from Xenophanes, for example, who lived some two centuries after Hesiod, held an altogether loftier view of the Creator and in a most inspiring passage sought to redress the theological balance:

Above quotes from

**After the Flood by Bill Cooper**

The Chinese understood the Creator to be a Tri-une being - see characters from the following books

They called their God ShangTi 上帝 Shangti, ), the Heavenly (above) 上 Emperor 帝

The authors remind us that China boasts of 4,000 years of unbroken civilization. The ancient Chinese were monotheists, serving a Supreme Heavenly Ruler.

See also

**God's Promise to the Chinese** Ethel R. Nelson, Richard E. Broadberry and Ginger Tong Chock

**The Discovery of Genesis:** by C. H. Kang; Ethel Nelson

**God and the Ancient Chinese** by Samuel Wang and Ethel R. Nelson

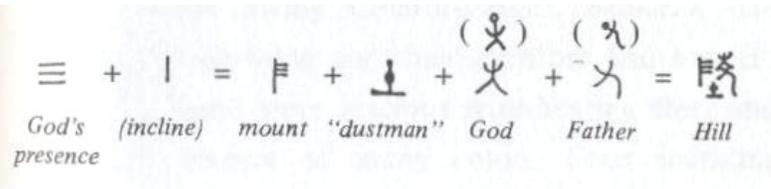
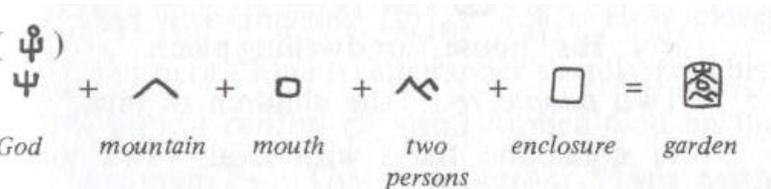
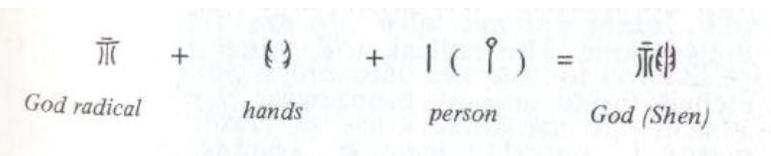
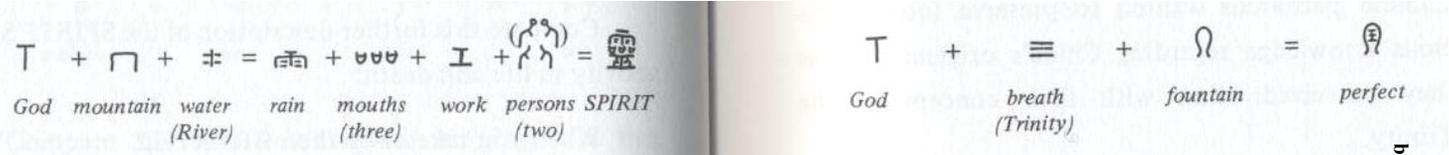
## Mysteries Confucius Couldn't Solve by Ethel R. Nelson, Richard E. Broadberry

Recorded in the collected statutes of the Ming Dynasty, designating ShangTi as the CREATOR OF THE WORLD:

*“Of old in the beginning, there was the great chaos, without form and dark. The five elements [planets] has not begun to revolve, nor the sun and moon to shine. You, O Spiritual Sovereign first divided the grosser parts from the purer. You made heaven. You mad earth. You made man. All things with their reproducing power got their being. ... All the numerous tribes of animated beings are indebted to Thy favour for their beginnings. Men and things are all emparadised in Thy love, O Te [ShangTi]. All living things are indebted to your goodness, but who knows from whom his blessing come to him. You alone, O Lord, ar the true parent of all things. ... Your sovereign goodness cannot be measured. As a potter You have made all living things. ... He [ShangTi] sets fast forever the high heaven, and establishes the solid earh. His government is everlasting.*

*“Grant O Te [Shang Ti], Thy great blessing to increase the Happiness of my house. ... While we celebrate His great name, what limit cha there e or what measure?For ever he setteth fast the high heavens, and established the solid earth. His government is everlasting. His unworthy servant, I bow my had, I lay it in the dust, bathed in his grace and glory.”*

From the Border Sacrifice/ sacrifices to Heaven preformed by the Emperor of China – found in the Shu Ching9Book of History, compiled by Confucius.) of Emperor Shun (c2230B.C.)



Secrets of A Lost Garden

(所), for we find “God’s presence” 示 (note the three strokes above the mount 阜 from which the River of Life flows 川 ).

示 + 川 = 所  
mount “God’s presence” river place

We can erase the last doubt that the Garden of Eden had a holy hill 陸 (O)<sup>26</sup>, 陸 (B)<sup>27</sup> (陸) when we examine this character. The mount 阜, 阜 (B) (阜) is identified by three mouths 口 (the TRINITY), or God’s presence 示. In 陸 we find the couple 示 (示); while in 陸 only Adam as the “dustman” 土 appears before God 示 the Father 父.

示 + 亠 = 示 + 土 + 示 + 父 = 陸  
God’s (incline) mount “dustman” God Father Hill presence

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# THE GODHEAD

## Creation — Let us...

*If we make them you know what will happen...*

*They will think they have the choice to live independent, to declare their word as truth and ours as lie. They will want to know what life without us will be like. And separated from the Source of Knowledge, Truth and Life, they will die.*

*We shall give them choice, for we are after relationship, to share our love and relationship with them, and for them to chose to be fully dependent upon us for all things.*

*It will cost us all.*

*I will pay the price...*

## EDEN & THE FALL

The original world

The Plan-Relationship

The Fall / Separation

 the true history and story of humanity

# THE GODHEAD & US

"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations. ... There are no 'ordinary' people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations -- these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit -- immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."



-- C. S. Lewis, From The Weight of Glory.

## The original world



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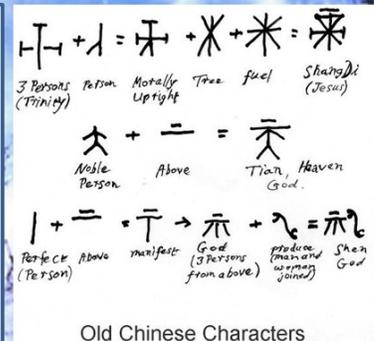
## The Original Design Harmony, Purity & Communion

- with our Creator
- With nature
- With each other



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Ancient Chinese Language and the Creator God ShangDi

Original Chinese consisted of ideas in pictures which could be interpreted. These have been discovered on bone and bronze ware. 150,000 specimens have been recovered. The story of creation deciphered from these pictograms is very close to the Genesis 1 account. Both accounts were written about 4000 years ago.



## The original world



Ex. 34:35 Moses face glowed from being with God



This is the Chinese character for human

人

This is the character for Fire – a human with light coming from them

火

The character for glory also uses a root human with light coming from them.

光荣

From the book God's Promise to the Chinese

**14<sup>th</sup> Century Indian Painting depicting Adam and Eve being driven from the garden of Eden**

## The original world

**Characters reveal GENESIS account**

Oracle bone (ancient) characters	Modern characters
女 + 林 = 婪 woman + trees = desire, covet	婪
蛇 + 林 = 弗 serpent + trees = negative, no, not	弗 <small>used in classical writing</small>
口 + 木 = 束 mouth (eating) + tree = restrain	束
木 + 囗 = 困 tree + enclosure (garden) = difficulty, trouble	困
手 + 戈 = 我 hand + lance = me	我 <small>Traditional</small>
羊 + 义 = 义 sheep + righteousness = righteousness	义 <small>Simplified script</small>
人 + 羊 = 美 noble person + Lamb, sheep = beautiful	美

Genesis 3:6 A woman, facing one tree, coveting the fruit, with her back to the other tree conveys the idea of coveting or desiring.

Genesis 3:1-5 The serpent (Satan) lied about the trees and the negative consequences.

Genesis 2:16-17 God's command was 'Don't eat; restrain yourself!'

Genesis 3:16-24 Eating of the tree in the garden brought trouble, difficulty.

Genesis 3:21 The sheep, like a garment, covers me. But 'me' is composed of a hand and a lance, a weapon, which suggests that I am ultimately responsible for the death of the Lamb.

When the Lamb covered their sins they were beautiful in God's sight. This was fulfilled in Jesus. John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:17-21, cf. Romans 4:1-8

Many more such fascinating examples and details are given in the book God's Promise to the Chinese.  
 Postpaid: Aus: A\$24.95; USA: US\$17.95; UK: £8.45; NZ: \$29.95; Other countries: A\$29.95 (addresses p. 2).  
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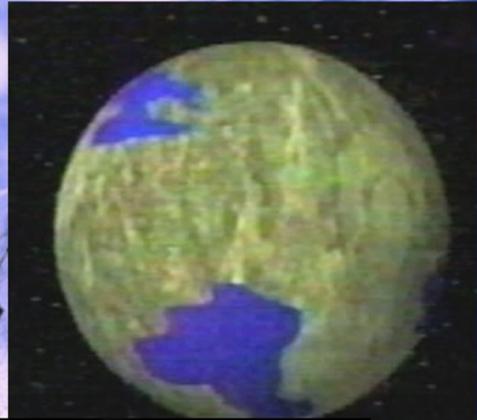


**Our future  
Become like Christ**

## The original world

We lived in communion with God, with the animals, everything lived longer and grew bigger

- Planet
- Atmosphere

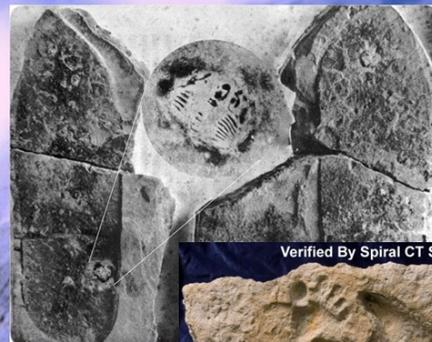


## EDEN & THE FALL

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- Humans
- Animals
- Plants



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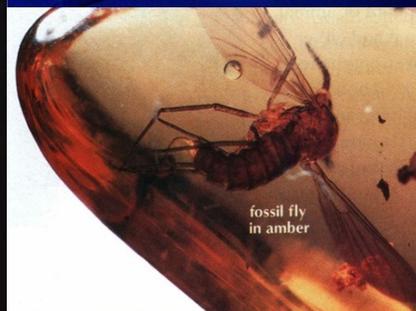


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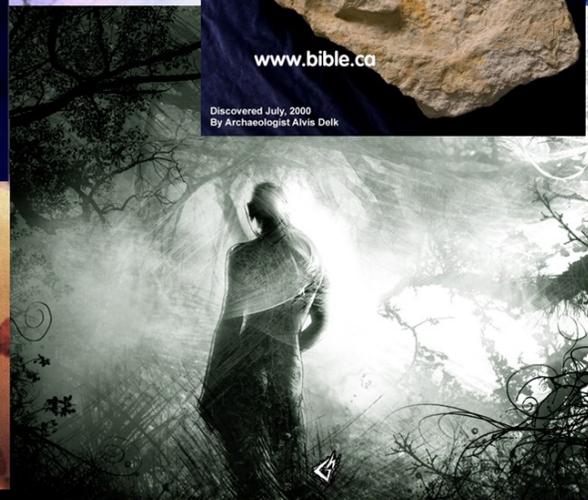
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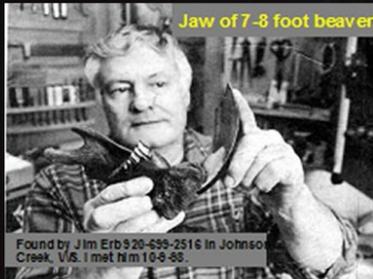
# The original world

We lived in communion with God, with the animals, everything lived longer and grew bigger

- Humans
- Animals
- Plants



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Jaw of 7-8 foot beaver

Found by Jim Erb 920-659-2516 in Johnson Creek, V.S. I met him 10-9-83.



### 47 inch Human Femur

In the late 1950s, during road construction in south-east Turkey in the Euphrates Valley, many tombs containing the remains of Giants were uncovered. At two sites the leg bones were measured to be about 120 cms '47.24 inches'. Joe Taylor, Director of the Mt. Blanco FOSSIL MUSEUM in Crosbyton, Texas, was commissioned to sculpt this anatomically correct, and to scale, human femur. This 'Giant' stood some 14-16 feet tall, and had 20-22 inch long feet. His or Her finger tips, with arms to their sides, would be about 6 feet above the ground. The Biblical record, in Deuteronomy 3:11 states that the Iron Bed of Og, King of Bashan was 9 cubits by 4 cubits or approximately 14 feet long by 6 feet wide!

## Maximinus Thrax

Imperator Caesar Gaius Iulius Verus Maximinus Pius Felix Invictus Augustus Augustus  
235-238

MAXIMINUS THRAX	
Born 172 or 173 in Thrace or Moesia	Children a son Gaius Iulius Verus Maximinus
Accession February or March 235	Murdered by the troops at Aquileia April 238
Wife Caecilia Paulina	

Maximinus was probably the biggest man ever to hold the office of Roman emperor. The Historia Augusta has it that he was 8 ft 6 in (2.6 m) tall, and so strong that he could pull laden carts unaided! The size of his footwear was also legendary, and the expression 'Maximinus's boot' came to be used in popular parlance for any tall or lanky individual. Surviving portrait busts, such as this one from the Louvre, show Maximinus as a heavily-muscled man with powerful jaw and close-cropped hair, the image of a seasoned soldier.



Fossil Museum, New Haven, Connecticut

For more on the science concerning Creation and why Evolution doesn't hold the answers download my book free from [www.sparklightplanet.com](http://www.sparklightplanet.com).

<http://www.train2equip.com>

This is Mike Riddle's main site. He has an excellent DVD series that I recommend. A good portion of his material is included in my book. Thanks for your permission, Mike.

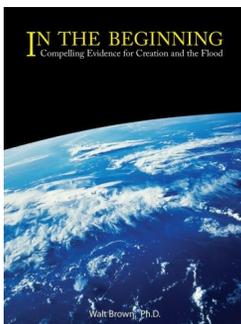
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This book examines the claims of naturalistic progressive (macro) evolution and disassembles the theory one letter at a time. One of the best scientific examinations of the "molecules to man theory"

I have ever read.

## DEGENERATION

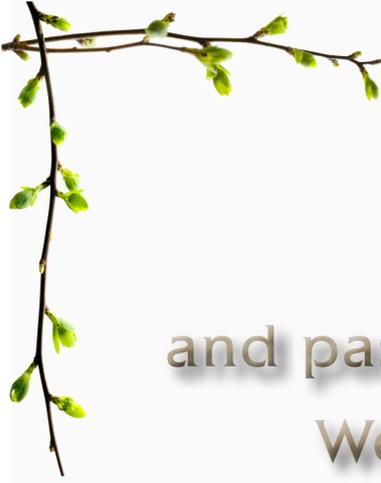
the end of the evolution theory



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*In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood*, by Dr. Walt Brown.

One of the most thought-provoking books of our century, very well researched - a must read and is free on-line!



We have lost eden  
and passed through the cataclysm.

We have lost our FATHER  
and been found.

We have established kingdoms  
filled our houses  
but remain empty.

Our story has been lost in time and the lies  
of men.

We must explore our Origins.

We must love our world and each other.

We must remember the face of our CREATOR.

Then we can write our stories  
and join the song of Eternity.

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# EDEN & THE FALL

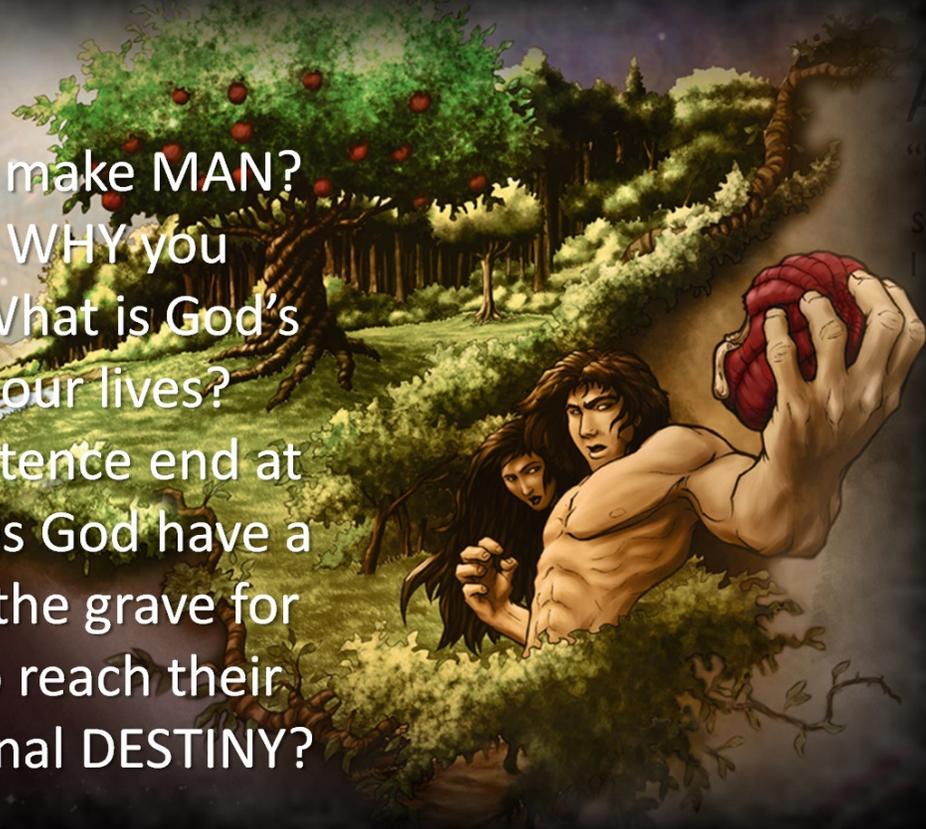
## The original world

### Our Story

Why did God make MAN?

Do you know WHY you were born? What is God's PURPOSE for our lives?

Does our existence end at death, or does God have a plan beyond the grave for all humans to reach their ultimate eternal DESTINY?



## God's Plan for us - A summary [Teachers copy] -handout

### What was/is the purpose or reason for God creating us?

Genesis 1:26; Genesis 5:1-2; Titus 2:14; [1Corinthians](#) 15:45-52; Hebrews 2:6-10; 1John 3:2; Romans 8:16-17; Rev 4:11

- adopted children, friends, who would choose to live fully in Him, caring for his creation... **RELATIONSHIP**  
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### Outside of life, what were two of the greatest gifts God gave us/ humanity?

Gen 3, Romans 1-2; Rom6:23; *Deuteronomy 30:1; Joshua 25:1; Isaiah 1:18 and Ezekiel 18:23,32 and Ezekiel 33:11, Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15; 6:12; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38; 17:30*

- Choice and consequences Choice for genuine relationship, consequences as God is the source of all life, light, love and good, and a choice away or against him brings the antithesis. God respected us enough to set a choice before us and to show us what life without him would be like. God set a choice before us, not a set up. We could have chosen to eat of the tree of life- a chose for God and would have lived forever with him.

The fact that God has given people a choice is shown by the presence of sin and evil in the world - obviously this wouldn't have been God's choice for His creation!

<http://www.ukapologetics.net/2CHOICE.html> <http://www.all-creatures.org/sermons97/s13mar94.html>

### What and who did we (Adam and Eve) chose to believe and trust in when given the choice?

Gen 3; Rom 5; 1 Corinthians 15

- We chose to believe and trust in ourselves, our word and satins' lies over God and his word. We believed the lie of independence and self.

<http://testallthings.com/2007/06/02/what-happened-in-the-garden-of-eden/>

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<http://www.allaboutcreation.org/adam-and-eve.htm>

2. **The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil** — a number of critics have pointed to God forbidding Adam to eat of this tree and said God does not want man to have knowledge. This is entirely wrong. God had already given Adam dominion over the earth, and good stewardship requires knowledge of what one is responsible for. In other words, science is almost commanded. So what is this tree all about?

- first, Adam and Eve already knew good. They knew God. In the New Testament, Jesus stated in Mark 10:18 (and parallel verses in Matthew and Luke), "**Why do you call me good? no one is good -- except God alone.**" So there is no doubt that Adam and Eve knew good and the Source of good.
- that only leaves evil. Evil is the result of sin. Sin is defined by the law (Romans 7:7-11, etc.). So sin is disobedience to the law of God and evil is the result of all that.
- God only gave Adam one law: don't eat from that particular tree.
- Why did God give Adam an opportunity to disobey? Because without the opportunity to disobey, **obedience** means nothing more than something that is programmed in, like an instinct. But men have a choice where God is concerned. If you think about your children you will see something. They disobey, and probably fairly often. But that means when they do obey, it is special. Jesus told His followers, "**If you love me, you will obey what I command.**" (John 14:15). It is through obedience we can show love to God.
- Jesus said the most important command was to love, first God, with everything in you, and then your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40). We were created to love. But if love can be commanded, that means it is not a feeling. Feelings come along for the ride, and often plenty of them. But love itself is a decision one makes to serve another, care for another, commit to another. Loving God, for us, means serving him, caring for His reputation through our representation of Him, and committing to Him. We can choose this or choose against this. Choosing this implies obeying Him and choosing against this implies running our own lives in obedience to our sin natures. Adam and Eve did not have sin natures, at first. But they had the freedom of choice which God has given each of us.
- The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was therefore the opportunity given Adam and Eve to freely choose to obey and love God, maintaining their relationship with Him.....or not.
- Thus, what was forbidden about the tree was not knowledge, and not knowledge of the good, but rather knowledge of good as compared to evil, which meant knowledge of evil. Evil came from disobedience and this caused the breaking of the relationship with God. It was this God did not want for them.

From: [http://www.setterfield.org/weekly%20Bible%20Studies/Genesis\\_Studies\\_1.html](http://www.setterfield.org/weekly%20Bible%20Studies/Genesis_Studies_1.html)

God wants people who with full knowledge, knowing satan's lie (*God is holding out on you— he is not just and good*) will chose for their Creator.

We will realize our own (separation—self/state in death) and chose Him/Life.

# Adam & Eve – The Garden Story

What came before the Fall?

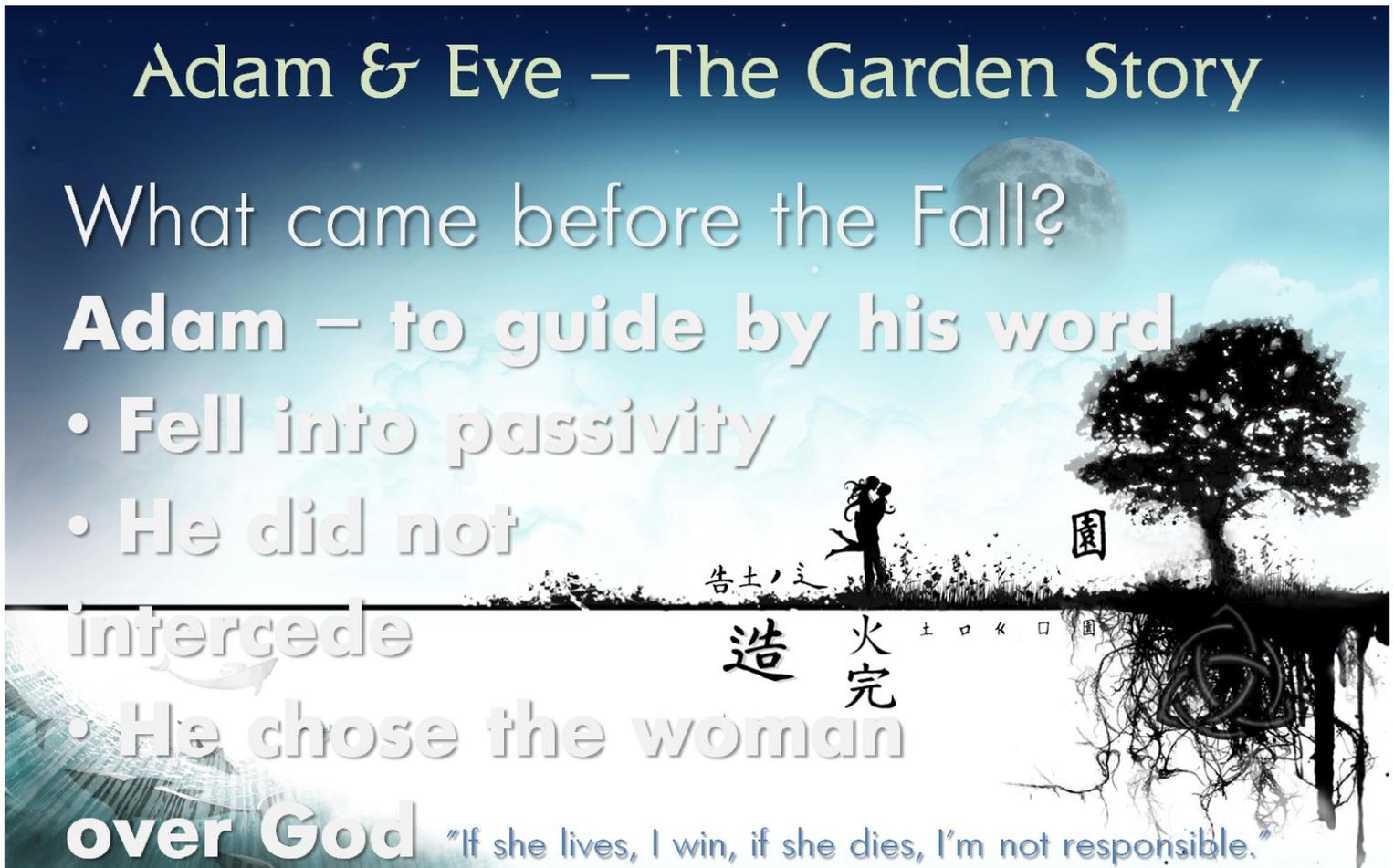
**Adam – to guide by his word**

- Fell into passivity
- He did not

intercede

- He chose the woman

**over God** "If she lives, I win, if she dies, I'm not responsible."



The curse is God's gracious warning of how we will go wrong without centering ourselves on him. Genesis 3 Phil. 2:6-8

## Genesis describes our roots. It is the story of all stories

- CH 1 is a wide angled focus of creation, an overview
- CH 2 is a close up or replay of day 6
- CH 3 is a tight focus on one single event

Ideas and some sections from  
[The Quest for Authentic Manhood](#) by Robert Lewis and [Wild at Heart](#)  
& [The Sacred Romance](#) by John Edridge

**In this Story we discover what happened to us, our gender roles, value, social structure etc., and how to reverse it.**

Genesis speaks of male and female value 1:26,27; we in his image, but man is singled out as responsible—and image bearer. God gives them unique and special roles, blesses and speaks with them. They are equally endowed and equally valuable just with different roles.

**Genesis 2 reveals a social structure.** Adam is given an occupation and responsibility before Eve's creation. Gen 2:15. Adam is shown by God how to lead with his words 2:16-17. Adam was to actively pass this word on to Eve and his descendents. God establishes functional community echoed in Eph. 5:25-26, a servant-leader. God provides them with relationship roles. Gen 2:18 God calls man out to be the social and spiritual leader. Male domination is a personal moral failure—part of our Fall. It is not a teaching of the Bible. Adam names his wife/helper (one called into) and is called to initiate a new household. Gen 2:23-24

**The Fall / temptation seeks to corrupt and reverse God's original social and spiritual order.** Gen 3:1-6

God holds Adam, not Eve accountable for Humanities first sin. Gen 3:8-9

Adam's actions show a self-centered passivity (the death of self-reliance)

In the curse, God seeks to show them that they will seek satisfaction and identity in work—for Adam, and in marital relationship/man—for Eve and they will not find it. These areas were to be an expression of our true Identities and worship, not the place for finding them.

# EDEN & THE FALL

The Deception/Fall  
**Lucifer/Satan in  
Eden as a guardian  
Trusted – the whisperer  
Purpose – to destroy  
our relationship  
with our Maker**



Alien origin theories could be the result of demonic and angelic interaction with humans in the past.

A few places in the Bible it indicates that Satan/ Lucifer walked in the garden before his fall and may have even been a guardian over Eden. **Ezekiel 28: 11-19** Luke 10:18

***A Lament over the King of Tyre (follows the Lament over the Prince—a person ) see Daniel 10:13***

**11** Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me: **12** “Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD:

“You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

**13** You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings.<sup>5</sup> On the day that you were created they were prepared.

**14** You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

**15** You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

**16** In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

**17** Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

**18** By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you.

**19** All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever.

Perhaps this is why Eve trusted him, and was led astray. In the original Hebrew and Alexandrian XXL texts it says the Whisper came to Eve. Serpent was only used later as an analogy. Satan now the Deceiver came and whispered to Eve.

**LXX: *And the LORD God gave a charge to Adam, saying, Of every tree which is in the garden you may freely eat [literally: eat for food], but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – of it you shall not eat, but in whatsoever day you eat of it, you shall die by death.***

- the biblical definition of death is not ‘unconsciousness’ as we think of it. It is, rather, ‘separation.’ Physical death is separation from the body. The ‘second death’ is separation from God. At no time is there any indication in either the New or Old Testaments that loss of consciousness on the part of the soul is involved.



the actual phrase translated ‘surely die,’ and ‘die by death,’ is, in the Hebrew, ‘in dying you will die.’ This indicates two deaths which will take place, one being physical and the other a separation from fellowship with God.

**Genesis 3:1** — *Now the serpent was more crafty [King James: ‘subtle’] than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”*

The word for serpent is ‘nahas,’ from a root meaning to hiss or whisper, as in a magic spell. The root also implies to foretell, with the implication of a divine enchanter or enchantment. Related words mean ‘enchantment.’ Interestingly, the word is related to the Chaldean word for ‘copper or brass.’ A variant of ‘nahas’ spelled the same way with different pronunciation, means divination, to interpret an omen, or learn by divination or sorcery. The root word also means to learn by experience or diligently observe.

It is interesting that the Greek word used for the serpent (in reference to Satan) in the Bible also does not mean ‘snake’ at all, but refers to sharpness of vision, a cunning or malicious person. What does need to be said is that the snake, or serpent, has been used as a type for this for a very long time, possibly since before the Flood. In many ancient and pagan cultures, the serpent is the source of wisdom. ‘Crafty’ is an interesting word. “Arum” is used eleven times in OT and eight times translated at ‘prudent.’ It is 6175 in the Strongs: cunning, crafty, prudent, subtle. Related to the word meaning ‘cunning’ is a word meaning ‘to make bare, smooth, to be cunning, to take crafty counsel, be prudent, deal subtly’.

The meaning is the serpent – or the hisser or whisperer – is being extremely careful about what he is doing. In terms of the understanding of the ancient Hebrew scholars who translated the paleo Hebrew to classical Greek several hundred years before Christ (the Alexandrian Septuagint), the meaning included the characteristic of maliciousness on Satan’s part. This whisperer’s first words recorded are a challenge about what God has said, an attempt to raise doubt. It should be noted that that will always be the first part most temptations today. It can be disguised as “Is it really right that....?” or “Do you think it is fair that....?” Remember Proverbs 1 and other places: *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”* An appeal to ‘right’ or ‘fair’ is simply one step down from an appeal to God, since it is He who has pronounced what is right and fair and just.

**Genesis 3:2-3** – *The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”*

In the Judgment God hands down to the Deceiver (serpent) He uses a word picture we miss, but the Hebrews would have totally understood.

**Genesis 3:13** – *Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

Each person is given a chance to accept responsibility before God, and thus to repent. Eve, however, claims deception and evidently that is the truth, despite the fact that she chose to depend on her own ideas rather than God’s command.

So this brings up the question, Why did Eve believe the serpent? And that is why we spent time last week on Ezekiel. If Satan/Lucifer were the guardian cherub of Eden, then Eve would have been used to him and would have thought he could be trusted. She would have associated him with God’s protection of them.

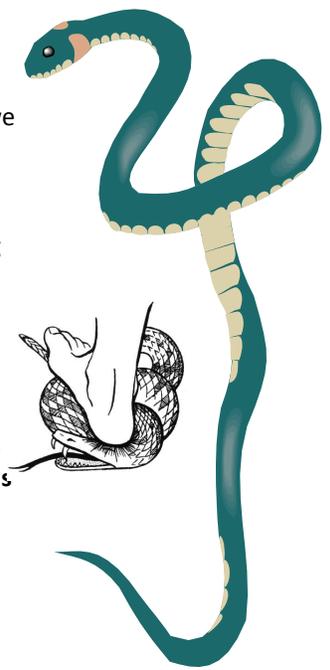
**Genesis 3:14-15** – *So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will crush your head and you will strike his heel.”*



If ‘serpent’ is the Whisperer or Hisser, and he is to go on his belly from thence forward, what is the possible meaning? The ‘go on your belly’ phrase in the ancient cultures was indicative of total subservience, as to a king. People would approach a king lying flat out on the ground, and one of the signs of total dominion was for the king to put his foot on the person who was on the ground. Keep that picture in mind for a moment.

If we are heading in the right direction here, then we are not talking about an actual glorified snake in the garden, but about the glorified cherub who was guardian over Eden (and possibly more) and proud because of his beauty. To this being who deceived Eve, then, God says “you will be totally subservient all the days of your life, on your belly.” He will not be able to challenge God in wisdom or beauty, as he originally wanted to do. He will be severely limited in what he can do. But the rest of the prophesy is also not what tradition tells us.

What does the phrase 'eat dust' mean? There have been so many studies about how snakes 'taste' dust with their flicking tongues. But what Genesis is saying is not about a snake and not about 'eating dust,' if we go back to the early meanings of the words. God is prophesying here about something that will happen in the future -- something they saw before the Flood and something we see today. Satan is devouring the earth. THAT is the meaning of the words so often translated 'eat dust.' The ancient Alexandrian LXX says Satan will *'eat the earth all the days of your life.'* The word 'eat' is also 'devour,' and not simply masticating and swallowing. The word so often translated 'dust' is the same word used in **Genesis 1:1** -- ***"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (eretz)."***



**Satan will be allowed to work his evil, but only on earth. Was he then originally not just the guardian cherub of Eden, but of the entire earth? In Job 1 when God asks Satan, rhetorically, where he has been, Satan says he has been walking back and forth on the earth. So for a time, Satan is allowed earth. This is why he offered Christ, in the third temptation, the dominion over all the earth's kingdoms. They were his temporarily. We also find an oblique reference to this in Ephesians 6, where we learn our battle 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."***



Thus, to Satan, God prophesies that Satan will be humbled, restricted, and eventually mocked (Ezekiel 28). But for 'this age' in this creation until Christ comes again, he will have dominion over the earth and will devour it. And then the Messiah, the Christ, will crush his head and kill him.

Again, we are not trying to present salvation doctrine here, so it is not vital that you believe one way or another about Satan in the garden. We simply wanted to present to you what it appears the original may have been saying as opposed to the traditional translations. Either way, Eve was deceived, got Adam to eat, and sin entered the world. That is the important part.

Then God goes on talking to Satan, stating there will be enmity between him and the woman. We mentioned this before, but it is interesting that it is normally the woman who must be talked into doing wrong. Women seem to have more of an instinctive aversion to evil; they seem to draw away more quickly. At least when they are young! This enmity will continue between the offspring of both, but here God puts in a qualifier: ***"he will crush your head and you will strike his heel."***

First of all, the woman's offspring will conquer Satan himself, disabling him completely and then killing him. It will not be offspring against offspring in this sense. Rather, the Savior will go back to the source. Second, the woman's offspring is here defined as one man, not a number of people. And, finally, this man will have his heel struck by Satan.

Think about that picture of going on his belly and a king putting his foot on the subservient one. In ancient battles in the Middle East, the winning king would put his foot on the supine body of the losing king. We see this in Joshua 10, where he had been victorious over the five kings and put them in a cave. Then, ***"so it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, 'Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.'*** " Afterwards Joshua killed the five kings. It was the victor's choice to kill or not kill



the losing king. The picture now becomes more clear. If Christ's foot is proverbially on Satan, who is on his belly, Satan can either lie still or try to strike back. The only possible place to strike the victor is on the foot itself. And so Satan does, striking Christ's heel. Down or not, Satan is going to strike back as much as he is able.

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# EDEN & THE FALL



**Aftermath  
Separation  
Degeneration**



**What were the effects of our choice — then and now? (To believe and trust in ourselves and lies over belief and trust in God and his word) We inherit the consequences of others choices—we are in Adam and Eve all separated and subject or affected by the fall.**

Rom. 5:12; Gen 3, 17-19; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 3:23; Matt. 8:12; Rom. 6:23; Isa. 59:2; Ps. 14:2-3; Gen. 4:7; Rom. 6:12; James 1:15; Romans 8:22

- Separation – relational, presence of God, not total, and we can seek and find him at any time, as he seeks and finds us.
- We entered into death and decay/degeneration and with us the whole world and universe, planet, plants, animals, genetic decay, spiritual decay, disease, entropy, violence of man and nature. The spiritual world and physical worlds are not separated (just our perception of them) and so we can see degeneration of spiritual conditions affects the physical. This may shed light on homosexuality — as humanity gets farther away from God –the fall event and heart — Spiritual separation, it probably affects our physiology.

What things around us and in us are the results / effects of our fall / choice against God?

- Hurricanes, cancer, false religions, bad government, personal injury, death of innocents, broken relationships, etc

**Why does God “allow” all these consequences? A broken world?**

**(Why is there pain and suffering- death of innocents? – bad things happening to good people?)**

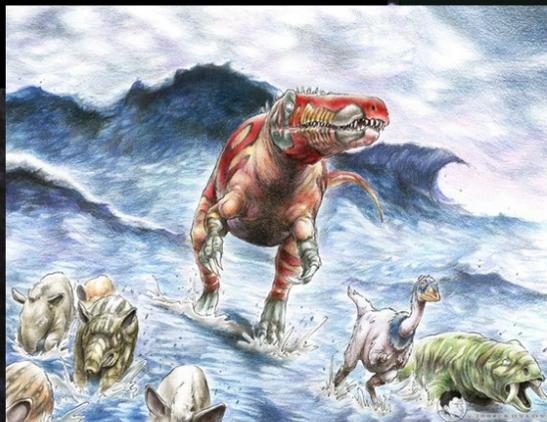
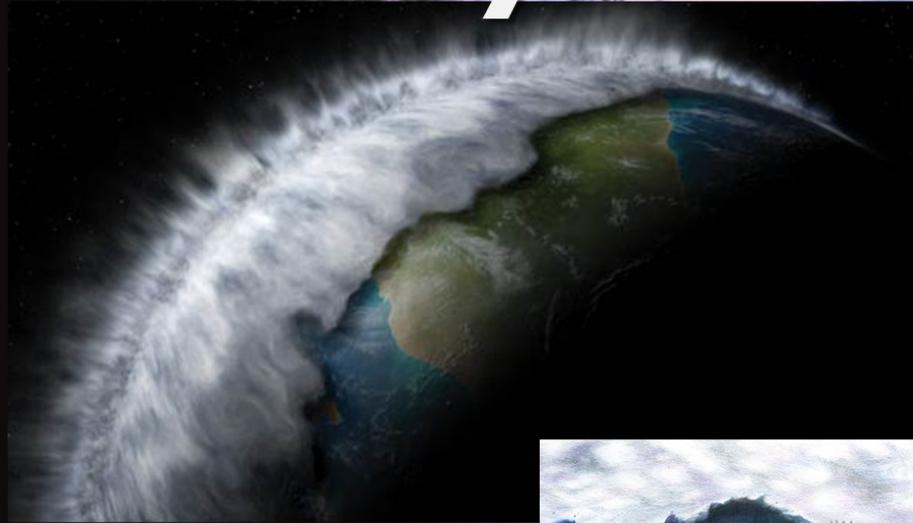
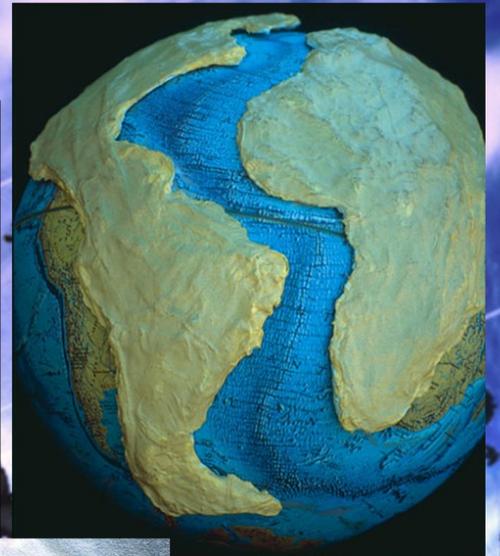
Gen. 3:15; Eph. 1:4-5; John 8:12; Rom. 5:18; Col. 3:10; Heb. 9:14

- He allows choice, but in being good — gives boundaries — consequences
- He created consequences – separation from the source and maker of life.
- A broken world shows us we can't trust and place our security or identity in the stuff of this life, and that our true home is in Him. See book of Job, Ecclesiastes, the Gospels.
- All he gives is a gift, we are but stewards, we must learn to find our peace our identity our hope in Him. We can and should enjoy his blessings, but they are not ours by right, we do not own anything, even ourselves.
- His power and might are shown in restoring and recreating life from death and bringing justice, judgment, life and light back into the world. He enters into our story and begins new life in us and then asks us to enter into his vision of restoring humanity. We enter into our Father's work. He wants to restore our Identities, built around Him, not the stuff of earth.
- - We have an enemy- satan, especially when we chose sides for Christ – persecution etc

The Effects of Sin

<http://flatlandapologetics.blogspot.com/2010/02/effects-of-sin.html>

# Cataclysm



## God's Response – the rest of our story

He enters into our lives and the world to restore and redeem.

1Timothy 1:12-13, 15; The Bible

### Handout:

Discussion on Flood and Ark Theories

**After the Garden,** Many walked with God and proclaimed his love and restorative truth.

Noah was the (eighth) Preacher of righteousness 2 Peter 2:5 <http://christianisrael.freevar.com/2+Peter+2:5> ; [http://bible.cc/2\\_peter/2-5.htm](http://bible.cc/2_peter/2-5.htm)

**The Flood Cataclysm** was a rescue of humanity from itself as well as a judgment upon evil. It was to be a sign forever to humanity of God's love and judgment.

He rescued believers and the animals

He shortened humanities' life span – reducing accumulated evil

He left a sign of this even, that satan and humanity have tried to erase from human thought and history, because it shows God as creator, owner and judge of all things.

*After the Flood cataclysm event, the earth was certainly not quiet; two other cataclysmic events for humanity are mentioned. The tower of Babel — where languages are confused and God comes down Genesis 11:1-9 and the "division" in the days of Peleg. Genesis 10:25*

**In the beginning:** Compelling evidence for the Flood by Dr. Walt Brown

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/>

<http://www.biblesearchers.com/ancients/noah/noah1.shtml>

A historical search into the mysteries of Noah and the Ark

# A Chosen People

## Lost and Found Abraham & Israel



## Abraham and Israel —

God chooses the imperfect and the willing and uses them to not only restore themselves but others and to reach out to humanity.

The lesson of Israel: The awesome power and presence of God does not and will not cause us to love him and enter into a dependent loving relationship with him. Absolute proof is not the answer, it is acknowledgement that we are in death, and need life.

**Abraham and Israel** — blessed to be a blessing and a light to the nations – a missionary God and nation. They withdrew into supposed security and into themselves and did not join God in his amazing adventure — to reach into the hearts of humanity and restore the creation one heart at a time. And they missed out on an amazing adventure. Either you transform the culture (empowered by Christ) or the culture transforms you into an image of deception and brokenness.

## God has always brought his light into the nations

In China ShangTi— the Emperor of Heaven above was worshiped for almost four thousand years  
Abraham, Joseph and Israel influenced the nation of Egypt.

Daniel influenced the nation of Babylon and its successors.

Jonah, in spite of himself influenced Nineveh to seek the one true God.

# Intervention God with us



## Intervention, God with us –

Hebrews 5:8-10

Christ – Emanuel God with us, fully man, but fully God. He took off the mantle of God, to enter into our story and live as a human fully dependent and empowered by his Father. Jesus came to show us what “an adopted one” looks like and what we can do when living fully in the Father.

Jesus brought an end to the true power of death — separation from God, and he ushers in the Kingdom.

### **Jesus succeeds at every point in which the nation Israel fails—John 15/gospels**

Through Him we are supernaturally grafted in to his Kingdom. This is Christ’s life in you, the righteousness of God.

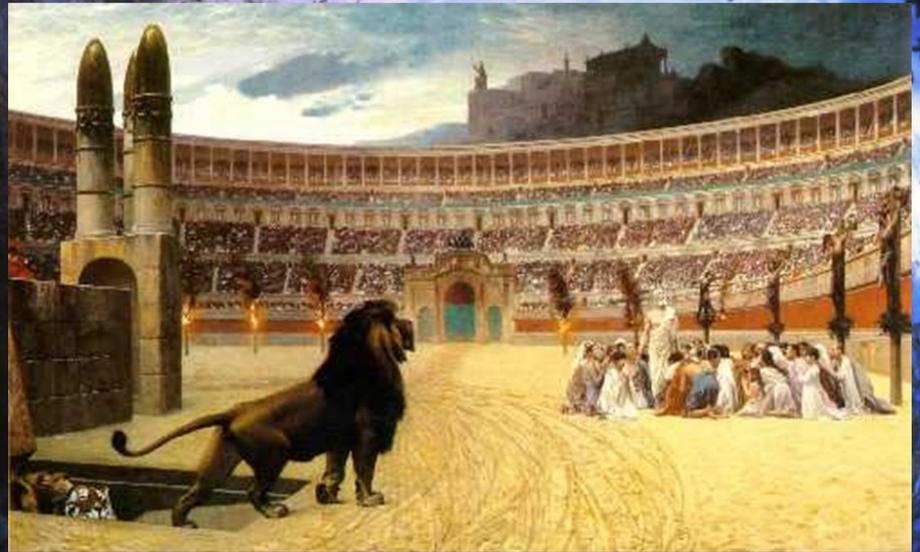
The invitation: come in and live God’s life and requirements. We trust and obey empowered by Him.

2Cor 3, 5:21. Rom. 8:29-30. Prov. 4:20-22. John 5:39-40. Eph. 1:15-23

# Rescue

## The Kingdom

- **Come**
- **Coming**
- **Has not yet come**



## The Rescue — the Kingdom — Restoration

**The Kingdom:** come, coming and not yet come (actualized)

**God's Word continues:** Old and New Testament, His heart for the people and our story

**The Church:** His body empowered by his life giving spirit.  
A precious treasure in clay jars.

### Life in the Early Church —First 300 years

**The Priesthood of all believers**— Christ is the head of his Church, and each person can preach, lead, heal, etc., as God so empowers. There are no first class Christians—Priest or Clergy

**Every Member functioning as a body**— community together. We are all called to participate. And Christ is revealed as we gather and share Him in our gifts (spiritual gifts and talents).

# New Heavens & New Earth

Restoration  
Resurrection  
Judgment  
Justice  
New Creation...



## Restoration – Resurrection, Judgment, Justice and the New Creation

I tell you a mystery; we shall all be changed...

1 Corinthians 15, Revelations 20, Isaiah 25:8, Romans 1:23, Philippians 3:21

We are just at the beginning of our story; we live in an adventure with the Creator of all things which will never end and will expand thought the universe.



### Engaging others in conversation

Have Story Group come up with questions for a survey and then go out and engage people in conversation.

#### Goals:

- To understand that person views and perspective
- Get them thinking about Origins and spiritual issues.
- Provide them resources and follow up if accepted
- Ask them if you can pray for them—any needs

# Bible Verses About The Resurrection

[http://gospelhall.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=2687](http://gospelhall.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2687)

## The Resurrection

A doctrine of the Old Testament **Job 19:26; Ps 16:10; 49:15; Isa 26:19; Da 12:2; Ho 13:14**

A first principle of the gospel **1Co 15:13,14; Heb 6:1,2**

Expected by the Jews **Joh 11:24; Heb 11:35**

Denied by the Sadducees **Mt 22:23; Lu 20:27; Ac 23:8**

Explained away by false teachers **2Ti 2:18**

Called in question by some in the church **1Co 15:12**

Is not incredible **Mr 12:24; Ac 26:8**

Is not contrary to reason **Joh 12:24; 1Co 15:35-49**

Assumed and proved by our Lord **Mt 22:29-32; Lu 14:14; Joh 5:28,29**

Preached by the Apostles **Ac 4:2; 17:18; 24:15**

Credibility of, shown by the resurrection of individuals **Mt 9:25; 27:53; Lu 7:14; Joh 11:44; Heb 11:35**

**Certainty of**, proved by the resurrection of Christ **1Co 15:12-20**

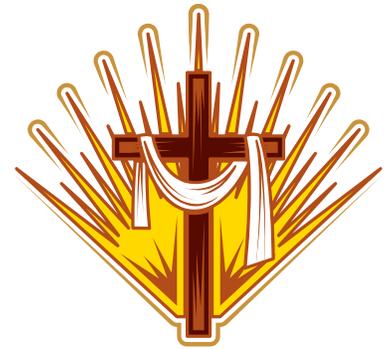
## Effected by the power of

God. **Mt 22:29**

Christ. **Joh 5:28,29; 6:39,40,44**

The Holy Spirit. **Ro 8:11**

Shall be of all the dead **Joh 5:28; Ac 24:15; Re 20:13**



## Saints shall

Rise through Christ. **Joh 11:25; Ac 4:2; 1Co 15:21,22**

Rise first. **1Co 15:23; 1Th 4:16**

Rise to eternal life. **Da 12:2; Joh 5:29**

Be glorified with Christ. **Col 3:4**

Be as the angels. **Mt 22:30**

Have incorruptible bodies. **1Co 15:42**

Have glorious bodies. **1Co 15:43**

Have powerful bodies. **1Co 15:43**

Have spiritual bodies. **1Co 15:44**

Have bodies like Christ's. **Php 3:21; 1Jo 3:2**

Be recompensed. **Lu 14:14**

Saints should look forward to **Da 12:13; Php 3:11; 2Co 5:1**

Of saints shall be followed by the change of those then alive **1Co 15:51; 1Th 4:17**

## Caused the preaching of

Mocking. **Ac 17:32**

Persecution. **Ac 23:6; 24:11-15**

Blessedness of those who have part in the first **Re 20:6**

## The wicked shall be raised to

Shame and everlasting contempt. **Da 12:2**

Damnation. **Joh 5:29**

Illustrative of the new birth **Joh 5:25**

Illustrated **Eze 37:1-10; 1Co 15:36,37**



# Your Story – Your response to God

## Have you identified who you are?

Your passions, likes, loves, hates, etc

Your character — what you are willing to die and live for.

What is your world view — how you view origins, humanity and a basic framework of beliefs you fit your life experiences into.

Your talents — what you like to do, what your good at.

What makes you come alive? The glory of God is seen in a man or woman fully alive.

What spiritual gifts are you given, what others is God calling you to exercise and seek.

## How have you entered into His story, His Kingdom?

Do you know what God wants of you?

Do you know His story – how we fit into it? Verse – love God, love others

What has He given you to invest and use in his Kingdom, in reaching out to the lives and hearts of people?

Are you going to live your life and story our join your life and story into his adventure and live in the adventure of our Creator.

**Work for (abide) and expect God's Reward out of (for) a restored identity**

- Peace & joy regardless of circumstances
- Released & healed from past wounds
- Admired by spouse & family (restored relationships)
- A cause in life—Kingdom connection
- Closer/intimate God relationship
- Being a life giver
- A passion from God that makes you come alive
- When you fully come before God , and expectation that He will breath Himself (life) into you
- God's greater reward, in restored life (heaven)

## Story Group

2– 3 people share their stories each week

- Background: family, spiritual origins
- Now: your place in your journey/story
- Future: growth, hopes, expectation/vision

## Story Group

One-on-one

- How do we engage and get to know other's stories and find out what they believe about origins, etc; how to build bridges and commonalities and find needs.
- Brainstorm questions as a group. Split into pairs to talk/interview.



**Based on your worldview, here is how you might answer these issues. How you answer life's questions largely depends on your worldview, and this determines what kind of story you will write with your life.**

### Issue

**Naturalistic Evolution (NE)**

**Supernatural Creation (SC)**

**Note:** I am not saying all NE or SC believe the things stated from their worldviews, but there is justification for what is stated coming from these worldviews.



# GOVERNMENT

Under a NE view, the government is an evolution of human rules and systems. This is a Roman Law system where human rights and freedoms are granted or withheld by the State. If the State deems there is no property ownership, it makes stealing irrelevant. In some countries like China this meant the State owned everything, even the people, and could force abortions, property sales, and determine work weeks. In this model, citizens only have the rights the State gives them.

Under a SC view, the government is an institution created by God who must answer to God via the people for protecting and safeguarding the rights of the people. Liberty and rights are given by the Creator and cannot be lawfully taken away by governments or states. This is a Hebrew Law system. The Ten commandments is a basis for this system.

**Note on American Politics:** America was founded in a SC view of government, one only need to read the Constitution or Bill of Rights to understand this or see the Ten Commandments and biblical figures carved into the doors, walls, and the sides of our capital's buildings. Now the people and politicians of America are forgetting our historical roots and justice system by forming a Roman system based on sole rule of the government where the State displaces God as the arbiter of laws, freedoms and rights.

# HEALTH CARE

Under the NE view, the state determines rights, so it may say we all have the right to health care and we must all pay for others' health or lack of it. The State can force you to have whatever coverage it dictates and make all pay for it. It removes personal responsibility for how one's behavior affects one's health and others around them. This is often called socialism — the concept that the State is the giver of benefits, property, etc., and that all work (lazy or hard), should be rewarded the same or evenly distributed. Therefore, if you work hard, pay taxes, stay off drugs, smoking, obesity, things that damage your body, etc., you must pay for the health care of others who smoke, eat to obesity, etc. (70% of our diseases are self-caused by lifestyle or our drugs — health care: From the documentary, “Fat, Sick & Nearly Dead.”)

Under the SC view, health care is not a right, but an individual's responsibility before their creator. Individuals are responsible for taking care of their own health and healthcare needs. Then, we are called to care for others who can not care for themselves, in this worldview, but it is not mandatory or funneled through the government. For most of Earth's history, healthcare as we currently know it, has not existed. Is it a “Basic Human Right” as some would assert? And who is responsible for the cost of this “right”?



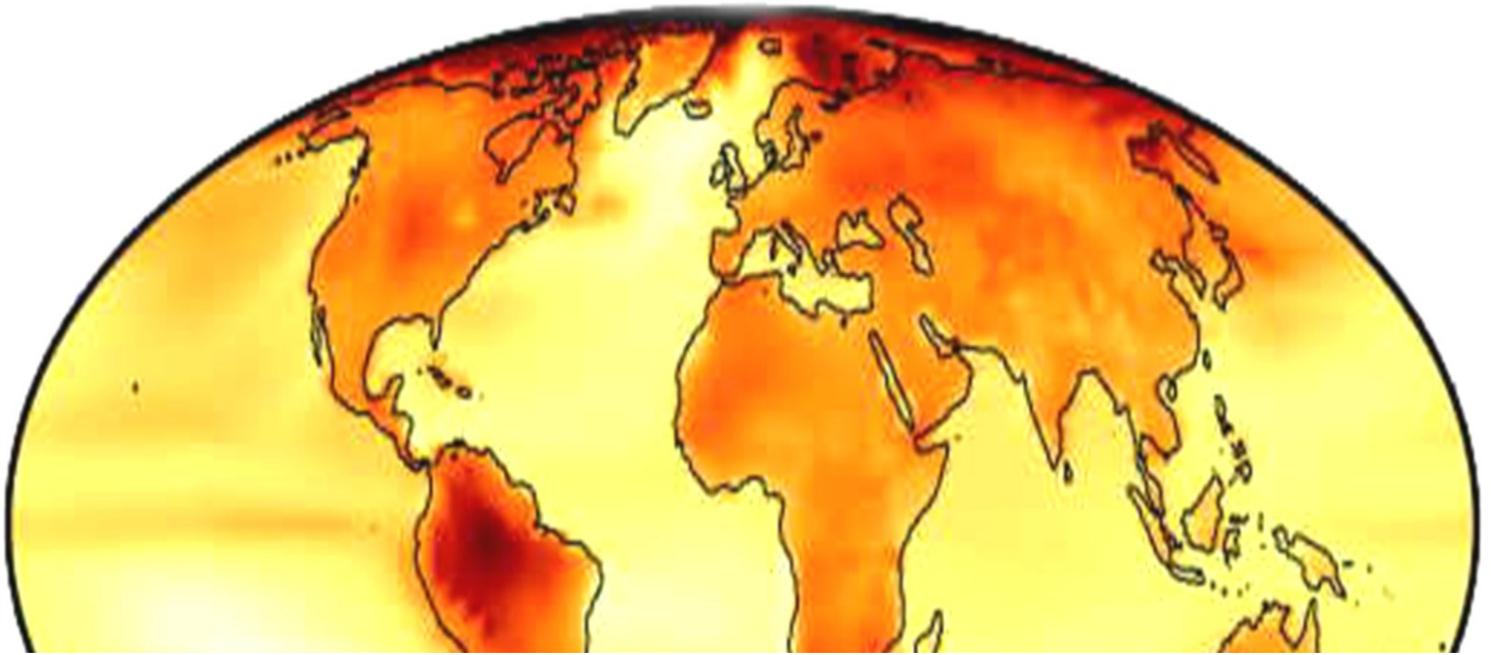
## The Environment

Under the NE view, there are two schools of thought. One sees human survival as the greatest good, the other sees nature's /the planet's survival as the greatest good. Most fall into the second school. They believe that the planet/environment must be protected at all cost, not for humanity's sake, but for Nature's sake.

So what are the greatest threats to our planet? We humans are, and the solution could be anything from reducing population to boycotting industrialization, free-enterprise “capitalistic” markets to taxing carbon dioxide emissions and saving the rain forests. In this view, this planet and future is all we have, and we can destroy humanity's future and existence quite easily.

Under the SC view, the Creator gives the responsibility of taking care of our planet and environment to humanity. We are to be wise and generous with our natural resources, not hoarding them for money or power. We should be concerned about our environment, rainforests, oceans, etc. In this worldview humans are not the threat; they are the solution. If we align ourselves with the Creator we will not destroy and covet our planet, but instead use our creativity to find solutions to pollution and energy problems. It is human greed and selfishness, not humanity itself, that is to blame. We also understand that the planet is caught in the separation from God and is degenerating (entropy). Our final home and hope is not just this planet which will wear out, but a restored planet and people.

**Note on environment:** Both views agree on taking care of the planet, ourselves and the environment. It is the motivations and solutions that we differ on.



# Global Warming

Global warming is one of the most popular environmental issue today. There are radically different causes and answers depending on your worldviews. Assumption: the earth is warming. There is plenty of data and research showing that it may or may not be happening, but for the sake of this illustration, let's assume that it is happening.

The earth is millions of years old in the NE view, and so knowing what is causing global warming is hard to judge. In current politics and pop-science, humans are to blame for the warming of the earth. It is billed as a “save the environment campaign,” but if you watch Al Gore, it seems like it is a “save the humans and our cities campaign.”

Or it may be a great way to gain control and make millions of dollars off of people’s fear.

If ocean levels rise and the earth warms, the plants and animals will adjust and evolve, and the earth will cycle itself into a cold/ice-age phase, as in the movie “Day after Tomorrow.” It may definitely mess with your next vacation, but will make for a great story. Is this a real and current problem or just a way for a few to make millions by taxing nations and people for their pollution and carbon emissions.

Remember you’re breathing out CO<sub>2</sub> – carbon, so you may be part of the problem.

The earth could be millions of years old in the SC view, but is more likely under ten thousand years old and has been shaped by supernatural and cataclysmic processes. In this view the earth and its systems were created perfect and in harmony, but with the fall of humanity away from their Maker, the planet suffers this separation as well. The environment is deteriorating as a result of humanity's choices, both physical and spiritual. Between 4 and 8 thousand years ago a global flood ravaged the planet, changing the earth and the environment forever. Because of plate movement and volcanism, the oceans warmed and caused an ice age lasting for a couple hundred years. After the flood cataclysm, the planet and its sedimentary rocks were saturated with water. The planet sometimes violently shed this water as continents shifted, rose, or fell. The earth has been drying out. We see this in desert growth and formation, the study of historic people and civilizations, etc. Global warming if it is occurring, is part of this planet’s cycle of “drying out.” The major factors are the sun, which creates the ozone layer, and helps regulate it's thickness, the oceans – holders of the vast amount of carbon dioxide, and volcanism. The human factor and influence on global warming may be small to irrelevant, But we humans like to make everything about *us*, right?



# Body Image and Fitness

In the NE view, your body is all you have and the purpose of evolution is survival and propagation. Basically, what ever helps you get ahead, procreate, and survive best is what is good for you. What if you are deformed, handicapped, ugly or even of a non-white race? Some would argue that you are not the fittest to survive. This is not too popular now, but it was in the past. It was called Nazism — Arianism, Eugenics, and we see this pervasive idea in ethnic cleansing. Also, it is startling and outrageous that there is more sex trafficking and human slavery today than in the days of open slavery in early America. How can this be justified? Well if we live in the world of NE then nothing is “wrong.” The motto is survival of the fittest. Oh, and you are just an evolved animal with no more intrinsic value than a monkey, dog, or rat.

In the SC view, we are designed and created with value and a purpose because of our creator. We are to take care of our bodies and not mistreat / abuse them. Though we may not be the strongest or prettiest, we have just as much value and importance as the “stars” of this world. We know that this world and us are separated from the renewing power of God, so we are ravaged by disease, genetic degeneration and entropy. Whenever we are attacked by cancer, disease and even death, we should cry out for the return of God and restoration. Only humans are made in the image of God and have a special value to our creator over the animals. We should not mistreat or abuse animals, as we are their guardians. It is an offense to our Creator to denigrate, enslave or put down one of His children.

## Sex and Marriage

In the world of NE, marriage is just a socially evolved arrangement and is always changing and evolving. Therefore, family can be same-sex partners or you and your dog. There are no real boundaries to stick to. It is a preference and social convention. Sex in a NE world developed to propagate the species. It has no higher purpose than pleasure and propagation. In this view, taboo sexual practices, slavery, pornography, etc., are only “wrong” if society deems them so. Since morality is up to preference and perception, almost anything goes or could go in this world.

In the world of SC, Marriage and family are a design of a creator for the safety and stability of the family and society. This design safeguards children and gives roles with equality. Deviations from this design will often lead to destructive practices and a distortion of society. Sex, though enjoyable and for propagation, is meant to bond a man and woman in marriage. Sex for its own end never fully satisfies, and most often outside of marriage becomes the focus of the relationship, often destroying real love and taking the relationship off balance. Sex is seen as a beautiful and wonderful gift that strengthens and makes marriage enjoyable. It may also lead to our destruction when distorted and used for self-serving purposes. The distortions of marriage and sex in our society are a result of our separation from God, degeneration of society, and genetics and the selfishness of humans.

# Abortion

In the world of NE, survival of the fittest, abortion is just a part of nature. The least fit don't survive. So whether society, government, or an individual wants to abort a human, NE has no argument against it except that if we all do it, the human race will reduce in size and maybe even cease to survive.

In the SC view, all life is precious, and even death by self-defense is a detrimental and unwanted occurrence though necessary for survival. God's original world did not include death of intelligent complex creatures. Abortion is the destruction of one of God's most special creations and is most undesirable, with sad and unfortunate and evil consequences.



In the world of NE, all the races are literally fighting for survival. If one uses a made up religion to dominate others, well that is OK. Isn't the only axiom of nature, survival? We have the Muslims, Arabs, Palestinians wanting to wipe out the Israelis/Jews, than why is that wrong?

Was what Americans did to the native Indians wrong? The slavery of African people, the Nazi/German extermination of the Jews, Gypsies, and handicapped, or the extermination of the Chinese by the Japanese, just to give a few examples. In the NE view none of these actions was "wrong" it was just the "preservation of favored races in the struggle for life" - This was part of the alternate title of Darwin's "The Origin of Species" 1859

In the world of SC, the people of Israel were one of God's ways of reaching down to humanity. They were a specially chosen people, who were blessed to be a blessing and reach the world with the love of the Creator. God has a special place for Israel and a continuing purpose. Those who wish to destroy and infringe upon Israel are going against God's wishes. God says He gave them the land of Canaan/Israel and that those who curse them will be cursed, and those who bless them will be blessed.

**Note on Middle East Conflict:** The Palestiniens / Arabs and the Isrealis both have been wronged and have done wrong, but Israel is surrounded by Arab/Muslim nations. The true historical name of the West Bank is Judea. Why don't the other Arab nations, in the spirit of brotherly love, invite the Palestinians into their lands and homes? I am sure Allah will look down on them in favor for such a generous action.

## Other Beliefs or Religions

In the view of NE, all beliefs in unscientific, provable phenomenon are illogical and superstitious. Therefore, all religions are human fairytales invented for weak minds and simple, foolish people.



In the view of SC, there is only one Creator and source of all knowledge and truth. Humans have been given the freedom to choose and think what they want. This leads to beliefs which contradict the reality of a Creator or totally disavow his existence. All beliefs do not lead to the same Creator of Humanity, because they describe different realities, Gods, and ways of being restored to that Creator.

**Clarke's Three Laws** are three "[laws](#)" of prediction formulated by the British writer and scientist [Arthur C. Clarke](#). They are:

1. When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong.
2. The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible.
3. Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

## Popular Media, Movies, and Music

In the view of NE most everything is permissible as long as it fulfills you or gives you purpose. Self-gratification and pleasure are the norm, and there is no greater message or story than our fantasies.



In the view of SC, these are all neutral mediums conveying the hearts and messages of the people producing them. If the intent is to wrestle or celebrate life or to worship the creator, then these medium will inspire you, bring life, and bring you closer to your Maker. If on the other hand they celebrate death, destruction, and things unproductive and destroying the message and name of God, then you will find loss and despair in these things. They will only leave you trapped and dissatisfied with their promises because they are terrorists to the way of life. Movies and music can retell the original stories of journey, sacrifice, true love, loss and restoration. Some intentionally do this, others without intent retell our story of our relationship to our Creator.

# Ghosts, Demons

In the view of NE, ghosts and demons do not exist and are a part of the un-scientific, unreal world. If all that exists is the natural, then where is the place for the supernatural in the solely atheistic world of NE?

**“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”**

[Arthur C. Clarke quotes](#) (English Writer of science fiction, b.1917)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarke's\\_three\\_laws](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarke's_three_laws)

In the view of SC, the existence of ghosts and demons do not negate science, learning or scientific understand. It does argue that there is more to the world. There are answers beyond what we have currently explored scientifically. Just because something can not be controlled, reproduced, and experimented on, doesn't mean it is not real.

## Afterlife

In the world of NE, all that there is is time, energy, and matter. Once you die, you cease to exist. Or the more open evolutionest will say that after we die, nobody knows. Therefore, to believe in an afterlife is foolish. All you have is this life.

In the world of SC, life is a completion of the natural and supernatural worlds. What we do in this life echoes in the next. In this world, all reality originates in the Creator, and to seek separation from this Being, is to chose death, its aftermath and annihilation. Our world is reeling from our choices against this Creator. The coming judgment and restoration will take place in this world and the seperation of “worlds” will end.

## A Creator — God

In the view of NE, there is no Creator, and the very processes and mechanisms, natural selection, mutations and “evolution” as popular believed, eliminate the need and existence for a Creator. The NE view does not work with or cohabitate with the SC view. Those who seek to blend them in Theistic Evolution saying God used evolution are tricking themselves. One view inevitability ends up destroying the key components of the other. For example: the Bible clearly states that death is a result of Humanity’s choice to separate ourselves from the Creator. It clearly entered the world by/ because of man, and it will be eradicated and reversed by the Creator/Man, Jesus Christ. This concept is eradicated by “evolution,” because death is a natural part of nature. It existed long before humans came into existence. In the world of NE, you have a fictitious Jesus dying for fictitious “sin” to restore us to a nonexistent world and Creator. Many others have argued this better, but you get the picture.

In the view of SC, the exploration and use of science leads us to the conclusion that our origins must be of supernatural nature. The complexity and design of our world and life indicate a planner, designer, and creator. All our models illustrate this. Buildings and machines do not form themselves and self replicate. All things will degenerate. They tend to disorder, and this Second Law of Thermodynamics (the most well known and scientifically founded law in our universe,) means that our origins and organization could have not self originated or organized into the incredible complexity we see today.

[http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v17/i4/theistic\\_evolution.asp](http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v17/i4/theistic_evolution.asp)

[http://www.alcazar.net/theistic\\_summary.pdf](http://www.alcazar.net/theistic_summary.pdf)

<http://hymn-addict.blogspot.com/2010/02/why-theistic-evolution-is-impossible.html>

<http://www.christlives.co.nz/S4P6.pdf>

# Food

In the view of NE, food is just a commodity. Here we see human greed is the culprit again for the degeneration of our food and the food industry. Everything from fast food, processed food to how animals are raised and how seed is now “owned” and how it is “illegal” to keep, sell or transport your own produce across state lines etc. See [Food Inc](#) the documentary.

In the view of SC, food is to be the individual’s and communities responsibility. Food with the least amount of human intervention is the best food for us. Producing food is an important and respectable profession and needs to be safeguarded and preserved. Keep government and mega corporations from controlling food raising, production and distribution.

Some NE’s have similar views to the SC view on food.

What is this farming system - and why did it cause the Irish Potato Famine? One word: monoculture. In case you’re not familiar with the term, it simply means growing a single crop over a wide area. That’s the very picture of how we grow food here in America today. Just take a drive through Nebraska, and you’ll see what I mean. You can drive past corn-fields for hours on end until you want to scream from the monotony. But that’s the way we farm today - industrial agriculture. Giant growers typically choose one type of plant - corn, wheat, and soy are the biggies here in the U.S. - that performs well, and plant acres and acres of just that one type. In fact, almost all of the fruits and vegetable varieties you find in the store today are grown that way. It’s Henry Ford’s assembly line method applied to agriculture. Growers just want lots and lots of food per acre, and it doesn’t matter much to them how it tastes or how nutritious it is.

- From Off The Grid News

# Parenting

In the view of NE, parenting can be done by the parents and equally well by the state/government. In some Communist countries the ownership of children was the State. They determine what was taught and what beliefs were passed on to children.

In the view of SC, parenting is the responsibility of the parents and the community. Parenting is a responsibility and there should be mentoring, classes, etc., so that Character is taught.

# Education / Schooling

In the view of NE, education is definitely the domain of the government or society. The parents may not know better. The State or Power is here to rescue us from our ineptitude and “religious” nonsense.

In the view of SC, education is the responsibility of the parents/family. Character cannot be taught apart from a Creator centered world view.

# History

In the view of NE, history is changeable and evolving. It is the most “fit/survivors” who write history. There is only interpretation and viewpoint. Not truth. The “strongest” in society should or does dictate what history is taught. Only Natural history is allowable. Any history originating in or influenced by the Supernatural is irrelevant and foolish.

In the view of SC, history in all its forms, cultural and scientific is revealed though God as well as human recording. History is best understood in a Creator centered world view.



