

HOW GREAT THOU ART!

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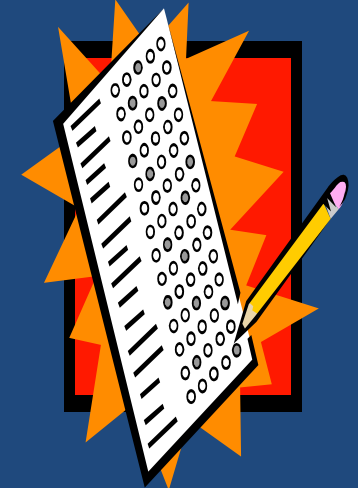
Schedule of Events



- November 25th
--Opening Day “In the Beginning”
- December 9th
– --Series Continues. “In the Beginning Part 2”
- December 16th “How Great Thou ART!”
- December 23rd “It’s a Young World After All”
- December 25th
– Merry Christmas!!!
- December 30th --“Behold Now, Behemoth!”
- January 6th – “The Beginning, The End, and The Flood in the Middle”



REVIEW



- It's a War of Religious World Views
- Either God made this world in 6 literal 24 hour days 6,000 years ago or this universe made itself from a explosion 4.6 billion years ago
- God's existence is DECLARED and need not be defended in the Bible
- Everything designed has a Designer

- *In the beginning,
God created the
heaven and the
earth. --Genesis 1:1*





- ***“A LOOK BACK.....”***
- Look at the universe—What do you see?
- Creation, design, art, and order.
- Everything man made has a creator, designer, artist, or orderer behind it.
- It's reasonable to then believe there is a Creator, Designer, Artist, and Orderer behind the Universe.
- Faith then is deciding on who the right Creator/ Designer/ Artist/ Orderer is.

Fingerprints of the Creator



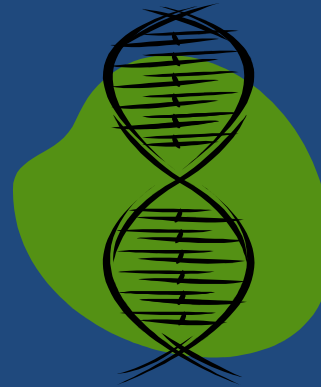
Consider the Banana

- Perforated wrapper
- Curved to the mouth
- Pull tab opener
- Tasty and nutritious
- Outward indicator of inward contents
- Biodegradable wrapper
- Shaped for the hand
- Well designed!!!!



from Ray Comfort's The Atheist Test
tract

How not to create a Frog.



The Evolutionist Watchmaker

- 1) Crush up a Watch
- 2) Put it in a shoebox
- 3) Shake for 4.6 billion years
- 4) Look at your watch.



Alternatives to leasing or buying?

- 1) Empty your garage of everything.
- 2) Come back in 4.6 billion years.
- 3) Open the garage.
- 4) Start your engine

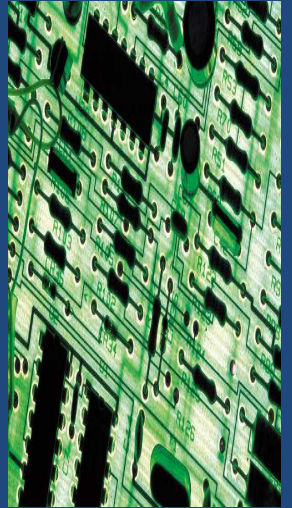


Does Man exist?



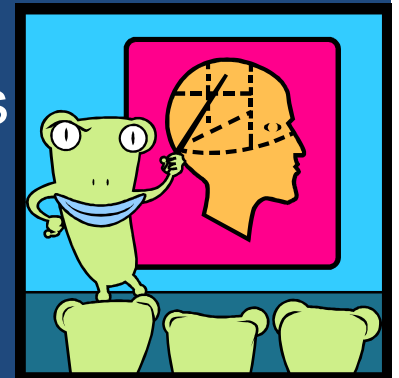
The AMAZING BRAIN!

- Weighs 1350 grams (3 pounds) and handles information of 1000 Supercomputers
- Fundamental unit is neuron or nerve cell
 - Each cell is 10^{-6} meter in diameter, has a nucleus, & branching fibers called dendrites and axons
 - When cell “fires” electrochemical impulses are sent along its axon extension to neighboring neurons
- Our brain has 10 billion neurons

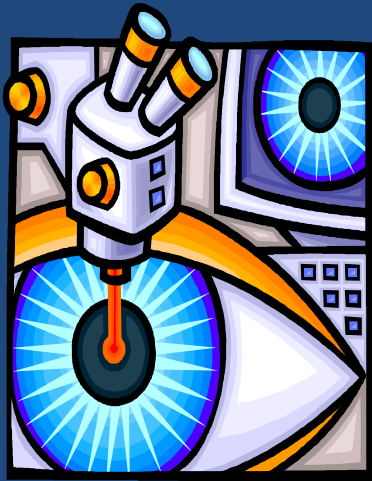


The Brain

- In 1st 9 months of life neurons form at astounding rate of 25,000 per minute
- Each neuron is in contact with about 10,000 other neurons
- Interconnections total 100 trillion
- Total length of nerve dendrites is over 100,000 miles
- The Supercomputer Cray-2 has storage capacity 1,000 times less than human brain
- Potential brain capacity is at least 25 million volumes—500 mile long book shelf
- Every single neuron cell contains a trillion atoms
 - There is a microscopic universe within each cell
 - With order, purpose, and interdependence of components



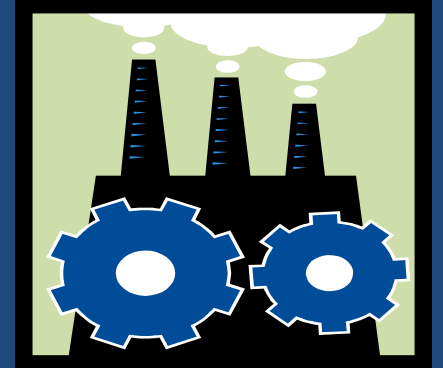
Thinking about the Brain, by Dr. Don
DeYong, Dr. R. Bliss, 2004, Institute for
Creation Research



Irreducible Complexity

- Charles Darwin wrote in his *The Origin of Species*,
 - “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.”

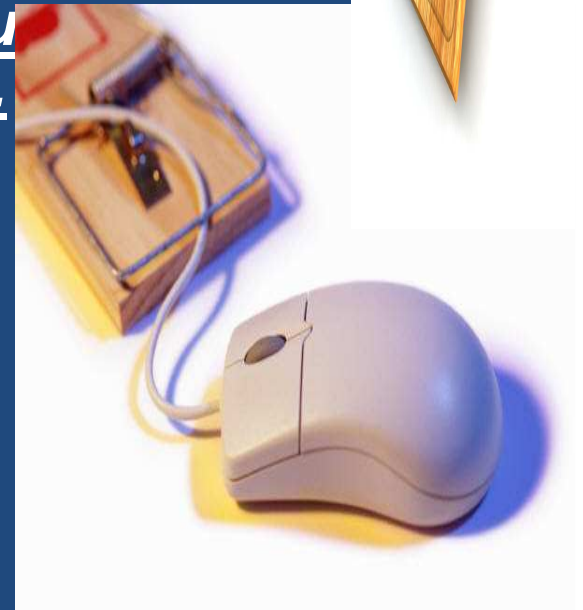
The Complexity of Molecular Machines



- “Evolution can’t produce an irreducibly complex biological machine suddenly, all at once, because it’s too complicated. The odds against that would be too prohibitive. And you can’t produce it directly by numerous, successive, slight modifications of a precursor system, because any precursor system would be missing a part and consequently couldn’t function. **There would be no reason for it to exist.**”
 - --Michael J. Behe, PhD Biochemist, Lehigh University

The Mousetrap, the Human Eye, and molecular motors

- Parts to a mousetrap
 - Flat wooden platform, metal hammer, spring with extended ends, catch that releases, and a metal bar that connect to the catch and holds the hammer.
 - *You need all the parts to work, and you need all the parts **immediately** to work.*
- The Human Eye –rods, cones, etc.
- The Flagellum –motor-driven propeller
 - Spins at 100,000 rpm, can change direction in a quarter turn
 - Has a rotor, a stator, O-rings, bushings, and a drive shaft

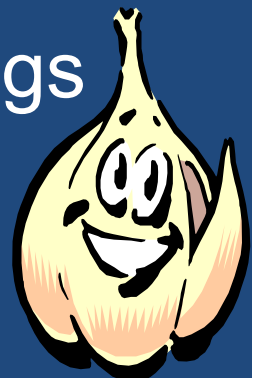
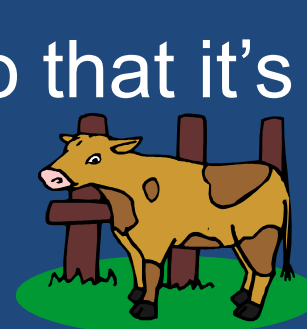




Questions for Evolutionists to Explain, Please



- How does a brown cow eat green grass to produce white milk that gets drunk by a person who grows red hair?
- How does a tree growing on a steep hillside grow upward and not at a right angle?
- How can you grow strawberries next to garlic yet each will taste different?
- How was a mosquito made so that it's wings beat 500 beats per second?



Ray Comfort, "God Doesn't Believe in
Atheists"

The Choice

- Come to God **for what He HAS.**

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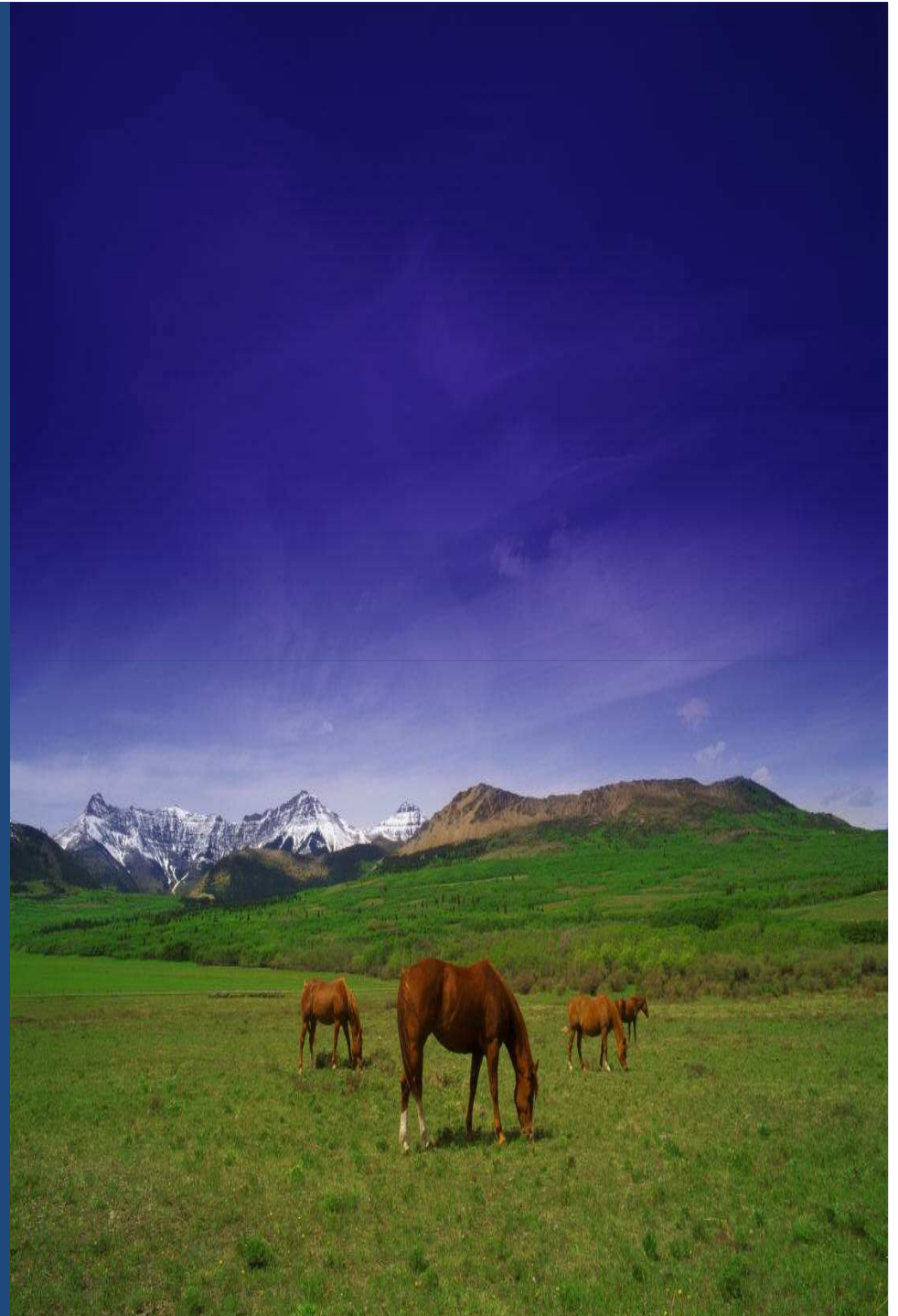
Come to God for **WHO HE IS.**



- The Question:
- Is God a MEANS to you— Or AN END?????
- *And ye shall seek me, and find me, **when ye shall search for me with all your heart.** —Jeremiah 29:13*

- *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*

Isaiah 6:3



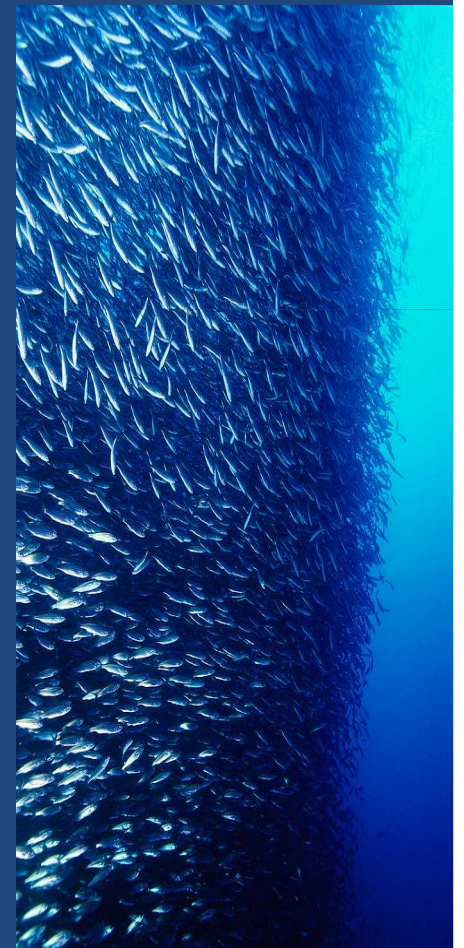
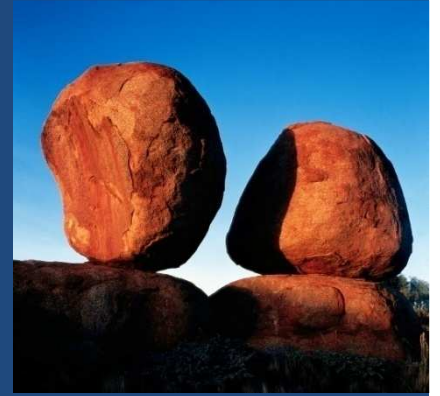
Matthew 11:25

- *At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has revealed them unto babes.*



Matthew 18:6

- *But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*





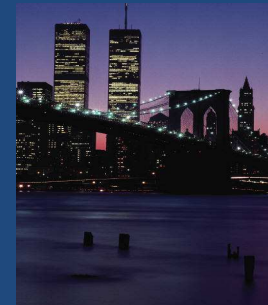
Elementary Irony



- Public Schools will be diligent in protecting the children from physical harm
 - Red flashing lights on the school bus. NEVER pass one of those!
 - No peanut butter allowed!
 - SWISH. (fluoride treatments)
- Yet have no concern over the spiritual harm they are doing
 - Literally damning these young ones to Hell
 - Turning them away from the truth of God's word and from the God that made them

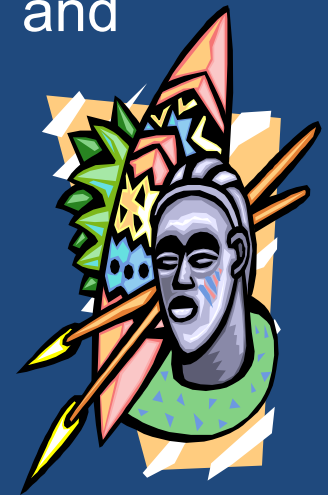
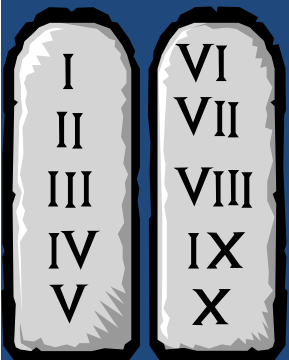
Webster's THEN and NOW!

- Darkness, n. absence of light.
 - *And darkness was on the face of the deep.* Gen i
- A state of being intellectually clouded; ignorance
 - Men loved darkness rather than light. John iii
- A private place; secrecy; privacy
 - What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light. Matt. xx
- Infernal gloom; hell
 - Matt. xxii.
- dark[1,adjective]
Main Entry: ¹dark Pronunciation: \ˈdärk\ Function: *adjective* Etymology: Middle English *derk*, from Old English *deorc*; akin to Old High German *tarchannen* to hide Date: before 12th century 1 a: devoid or partially devoid of light : not receiving, reflecting, transmitting, or radiating light <a *dark* room> b: transmitting only a portion of light <*dark* glasses>2 a: wholly or partially black <*dark* clothing> b of a color : of low or very low lightness c: being less light in color than other substances of the same kind <*dark* rum>3 a: arising from or showing evil traits or desires : [evil](#) <the *dark* powers that lead to war> b: [dismal](#), [gloomy](#) <had a *dark* view of the future> c: lacking knowledge or culture : [unenlightened](#) <a *dark* period in history> d: relating to grim or depressing circumstances <*dark* humor>4 a: not clear to the understanding b: not known or explored because of remoteness <the *darkest* reaches of the continent>5: not fair in complexion : [swarthy](#)6: [secret](#) <kept his plans *dark*>7: possessing depth and richness <a *dark* voice>8: closed to the public <the theater is *dark* in the summer> **synonyms** see [obscure](#)
 - — dark·ish \ˈdär-kish\ *adjective*
 - — dark·ly *adverb*
 - — dark·ness *noun*



What you believe determines how you behave

- Born into a headhunting family
 - You'll act like a headhunter!!!
- “You are an animal and share a common heritage with earthworms” – Biology: Visualizing Life, Holt 1994
 - You'll act like an animal!
- If evolution is true, how can one tell right from wrong?
 - You can't.
 - It's public opinion, situation ethics, relative morality, and “tolerance” instead
- What's evil today won't be evil in 25 years
- Tolerance means intolerance of Christian Absolutes
 - The Thou Shalt Not's.



The Battle

- **Absolute** Authority
 - God sets rules

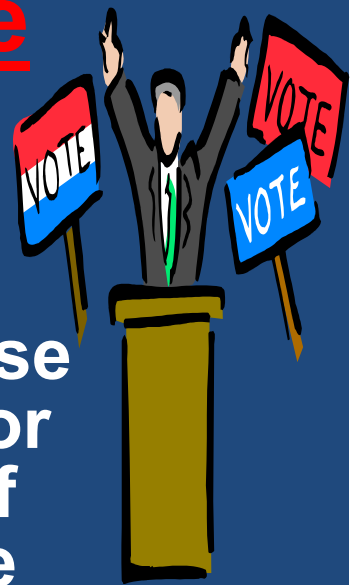
—VS.—

- **Relative** Morality
 - Man sets rules
 - Started when Adam rebelled against God



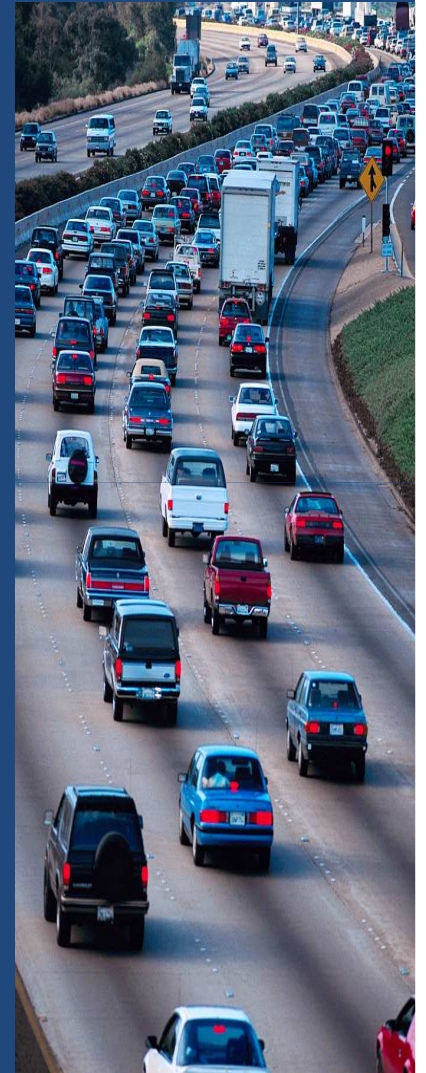
Ken Ham, in his book “The Lie: Evolution” says:

- “There has been a fundamental shift. Our society is now based on a relative morality: that is, a person can do what he likes and is answerable to no one but himself **as long as the majority of people can be persuaded that their interests are not being threatened**. This results in society’s being told that no one can say anything against those who choose to be sexual deviants, go naked publicly, or do whatever they want (within the limits of the law, which is also changing to become more “tolerant” of people’s actions.)”



Progression

- 1795 James Hutton's "Theory of the Earth" caused doubt earth is 6,000 years old
- 1830 Charles Lyell caused doubt in the world wide flood with "Principles of Geology" which introduced the geologic column
- 1859 Charles Darwin caused doubt in the Creator with his book "The Origin of Species"
- *If there's no God, then Who's in Charge?*
 - It must be us!
 - Birth to humanism. There's no God, we must make the rules then.



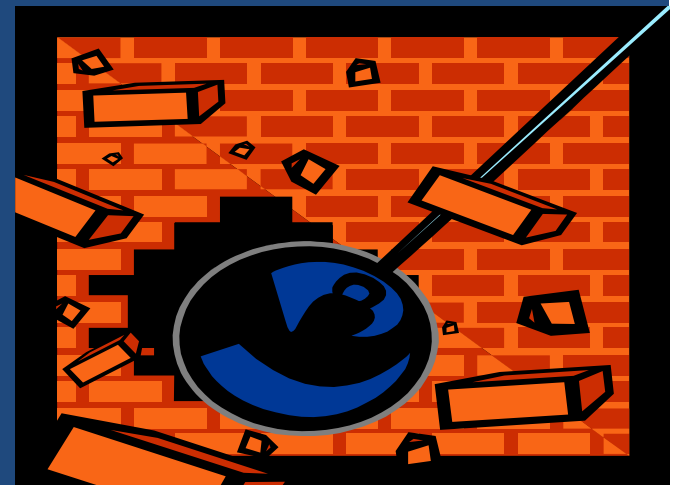
Genesis 3:5

• ...and ye
shall be as
gods...



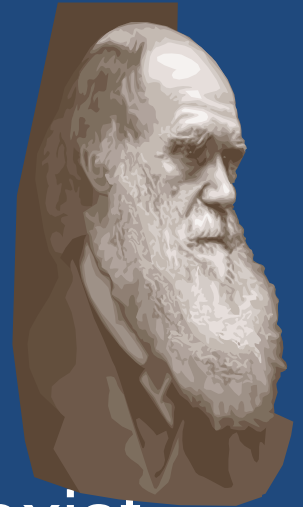
Psalm 11:3

- ***If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?***



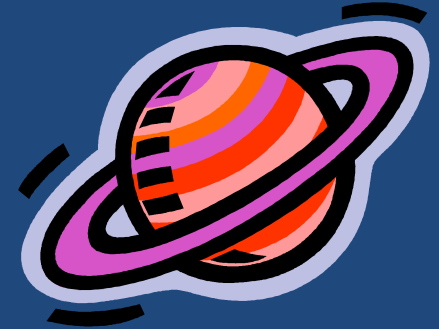
Evolution is a Faith-Based Religion

- Founding father: Charlie Darwin
- Holy Book: Origin of the Species
- Sacred texts: The Geologic Column
- Object of worship: “Mother Earth”, Self
- Takes faith— they believe God doesn’t exist, rule him out of the equation and then attempt to find how we got here
 - Rule out computer engineers and create a theory how the Lap top computer got here



Evolution ---6 “kinds”

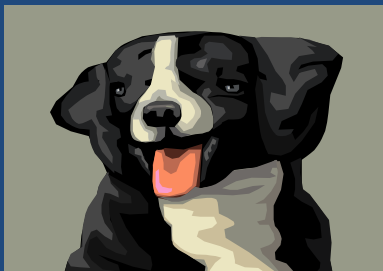
- 1) Cosmic Evolution
 - = Big Bang makes hydrogen
- 2) Chemical Evolution
 - Higher chemicals evolve
- 3) Star and Planet Evolution from gas
- 4) Organic Evolution –life from rocks (from soup)
- 5) Macro-Evolution
 - Change between kinds, ex: monkey to human
- 6) Micro-Evolution
 - ***only one that is seen and observed*** =science!
 - Variation within kinds : big cats, little cats



“After their kind.”



- The bible talks about “kind”
- Dog kind: Dalmatians, poodles, German shepherds
 - Likely included wolves, coyotes
- Cat kind: tabby, Siamese
 - Includes lions, tigers, jaguars.
- Horse kind includes zebras, donkeys



The Evolution of Evolution in America

- Background: 1957 Soviet Union launches Sputnik
- Humanists “America is behind space race because we don’t teach evolution”
- 1959 Pres Eisenhower asks Congress for \$1 Billion
 - Federal Government gets involved in producing text books for public schools
 - Violation of 10th Amendment to US Constitution
 - Department of Health Education & Welfare new American Education Fund
 - For Promotion and Publication of science of Evolution



Separation of Church and State

- Jefferson in his short and polite reply to the Danbury Baptists on January 1, 1802 assured them that they need not fear that the free exercise of religion would be interfered with by the federal government.
- As he explained:
- Gentlemen,-The affectionate sentiments of esteem and approbation which you are so good as to express towards me on behalf of the Danbury Baptist Association give me the highest satisfaction. . . . Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of government reach actions only and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, **thus building a wall of separation between Church and State.** Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties. I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man, and tender you for yourselves and your religious association assurances of my high respect and esteem. ⁹



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Jefferson

- So clearly did Jefferson understand the Source of America's inalienable rights that he even doubted whether America could survive if we ever lost that knowledge. He queried:

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“And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have lost the only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?”

- **Jefferson believed that God, not government, was the Author and Source of our rights** and that the government, therefore, was to be prevented from interference with those rights. Very simply, the Webster letter and the wall of the Danbury letter were ***not*** to limit religious activities in public; **rather they were to limit the power of the government to prohibit or interfere with those expressions.**

Matthew 7:17,20

- 17 *Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*
- 20 *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*



The Fruit of Evolution

- STD's Age 15-16 up 226%
- Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores decline from 970's to 900's
- Violent Crimes up 995%
- Unwed Birth rates up 325%, pregnancies in 10-14 up 553%
- Divorce rates up 111%
- Unmarried couples up 536%
- Child abuse up 2,300%
- Illegal Drug use up 6,000% in youth



Direct Fruit and By Products

- Abortion
- Homosexuality
- Pornography
- Fornication



- ***Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:.....that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.***
–Galatians 5: 19-21

- Nazism, Fascism
 - Stalin, Hitler, Pol Pot
- Racism
- Drugs
- Corrupt Business methods
- Male chauvinism (vs. God ordained authority) and Woman's lib
- Euthanasia
- Divorce
- Animal like behavior
- Meaninglessness
- Communism
- Socialism, Social Darwinism
- New Age Movement
- Secular humanism



Byproducts of “NO Absolutes”

- Middle school approves birth control for teens, Portland Maine
- Swedish Government does on warpath against creationism
 - Creation Crisis in Christian Colleges
 - European Council Warns about Creationism
- California Governor signs homosexual indoctrination law
- Bush says Christians and Muslims pray to the same God and Islam is a religion of peace
- Evangelicals and Mormons to dialogue
- Legislators in California pushing anti-spanking bill



Woe to them that call Evil Good.

- Some evolutionists even say that rape is a consequence of evolution. Professors Randy Thornhill and Craig T. Palmer, in their book, A Natural History of Rape: Biological Basis of Sexual Coercion (Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press, 2000), say that rapists, on average, have more children than other men; that is, they have greater “reproductive success.” Therefore, after millions of years, rapist tendencies have spread throughout the human population. “Good,” according to evolution theory, is solely that which enhances “reproductive success”; “good” has nothing to do with morality. The fields of evolutionary psychology and sociobiology, taught in many universities, popularize and legitimize such ideas.

George Washington said in his Farwell Address

- “And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality may be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds...reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”



Starbucks printing anti-Bible Slogans on Cups



- A quote from “The Way I see it campaign” has anti-God slogans on their coffee cups.
- From Bill Schell in London Ontario
 - “Why in moments of crisis do we ask God for strength and help? As cognitive beings, why would we ask something that may well be a figment of our imaginations for guidance? **Why not search inside ourselves for the power to overcome?** After all, we are strong enough to cause most of the catastrophes we need to endure.”

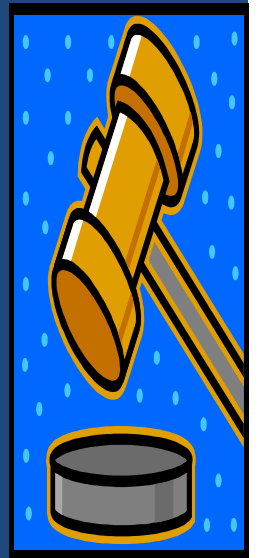
Environmentalist likens mankind to virus

- Paul Watson, president of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, says mankind is “acting like a virus” and “killing our host the planet earth”.
- Wants to see population reduced to one billion
- “We need vast areas of the planet where humans do not live at all and where other species are free to evolve without human interference.”



Noah Webster, Founding Father and Educator

- “All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war proceed from their *despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.*”

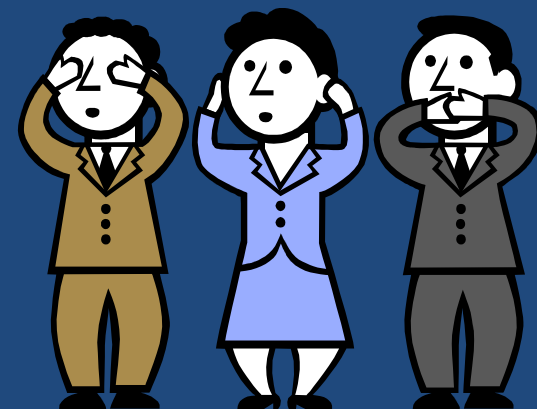


- *The proud have forged
a lie against me: but
I will keep thy precepts
with my whole heart.*

---Psalm 119:69



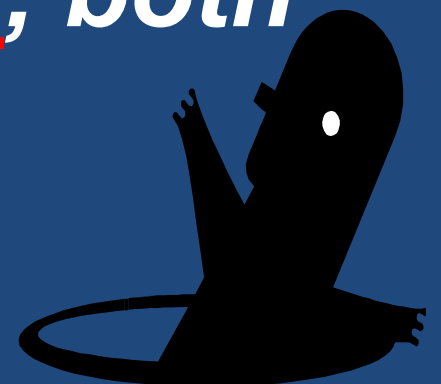
Matthew 13:15

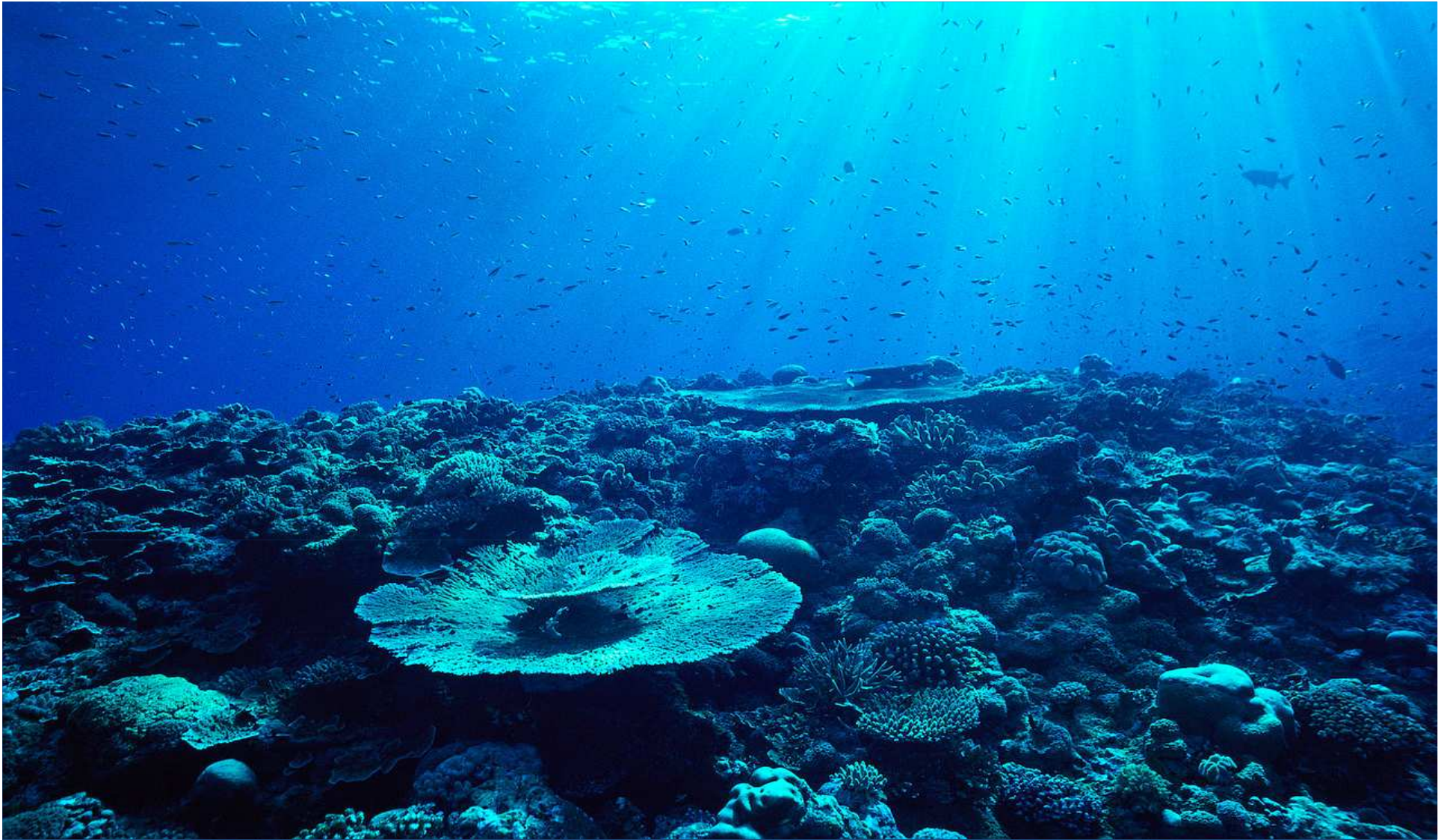


- *For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and I should heal them.*

Matthew 15:9,14

- 9 *But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*
- 14 *Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.*

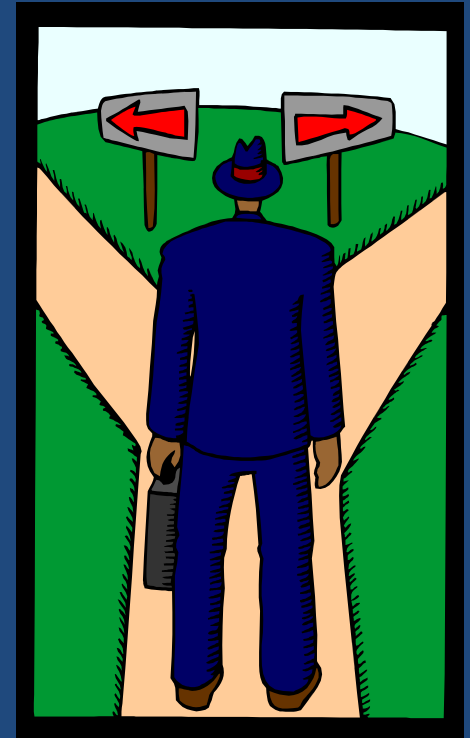




*O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.*

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Jeremiah 29:13



- *Holy, Holy,
Holy! Lord
God
Almighty! All
thy works
shall praise
Thy name, in
earth, and
sky, and sea.*

Holy, Holy, Holy Heber/Dykes

