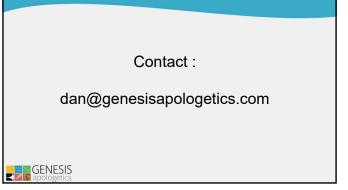
Thrive 2022: Approaching Apologetics in Today's Culture

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Apologetics in a "Post-Truth" or "Post-Christian" Era

- ∆"Don't force your truth on me or I'll cancel you."
- ∆"Let me discover my own truth."



Why is This?

- ∆1 Cor. 2:14: "But the natural man does not receive the things
 of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he
 know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
- ∆2 Cor. 4:4: "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those
 who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has
 blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the
 glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."



Romans 1

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who Suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world. His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools] 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature lather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions...28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ... those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.





2 Peter 3:3-6

"Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed."



1 Peter 3:15-17

"Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a **reason for the hope** that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil."



Key Considerations

Prayer Really, Really Does Work

A Story about Two College Presentations...

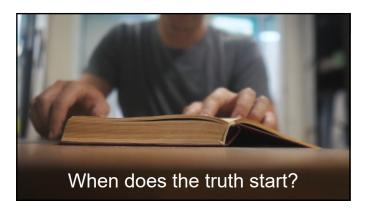


Goals for Apologetics

- △Affirming the faith of Christians so they can boldly invest and live out their faith.
- **○De-programming** world-conditioned Christians.
- **♦ Preparing the soil** of hearts of those who will be saved.
- **♦ Watering the soil** of hearts of those who will be saved.

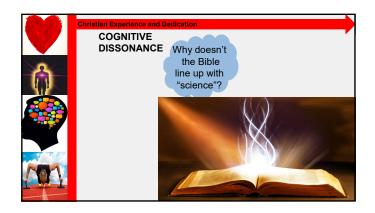


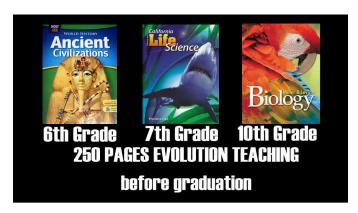
Top 20 Questions asked about Christianity	Primary Answer	
What does the Bible say about women pastors?	Genesis	
2. What does the Bible say about homosexuality? Is it a sin?	Genesis	
3. What does the Bible say about tattoos?	Leviticus/NT	Ton 20 Quactions
4. Once saved always saved? / Is eternal security biblical? / Can a Christian lose		Top 20 Questions
salvation?	NT	
5. Masturbation - is it a sin according to the Bible?	OT/NT	
6. What does the Bible say about interracial marriage?	Genesis	unus gotavostiona ora
7. Who was Cain's wife?	Genesis	www.gotquestions.org
8. What is the Christian view of suicide? What does the Bible say about		
suicide? What about a believer who commits suicide?	NT	
9. Do pets / animals go to Heaven? Do pets / animals have souls?	NT	
10. What happens after death?	NT	
11. What does the Bible say about Christian tithing? Should a Christian tithe?	NT	
12. What is the gift of speaking in tongues? Is it for today? What about praying		
in tongues?	NT	
13. What does the Bible say about dinosaurs? Are there dinosaurs in the Bible?	Genesis	
14. What is the importance of Christian baptism?	NT	
15. What does the Bible say about drinking alcohol? Is it a sin for a Christian to		
drink alcohol?	NT	
16. What does the Bible say about gambling? Is gambling a sin?	NT	
17. What does the Bible teach about the Trinity?	OT/NT	
18. What does the Bible say about sex before marriage?	Genesis/NT	
19. Where was Jesus for the three days between His death and resurrection?	NT	
20. What does the Bible say about divorce and remarriage?	Genesis	



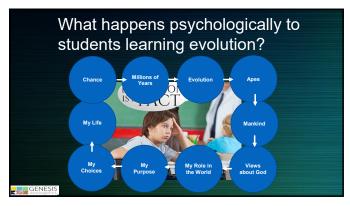
Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' (Luke 2:27)

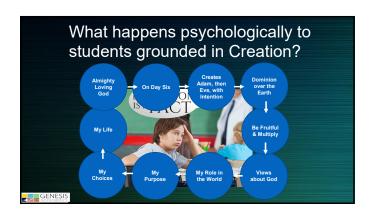


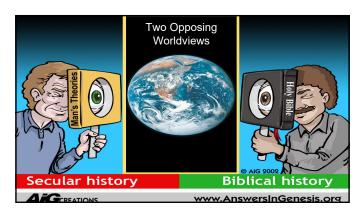


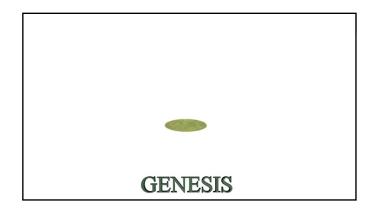






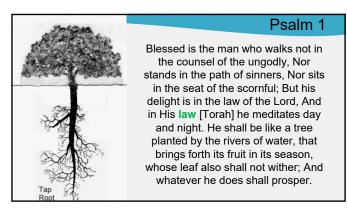


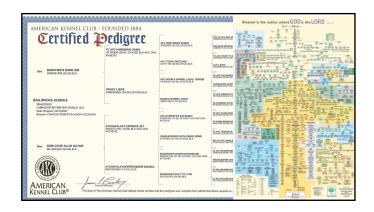










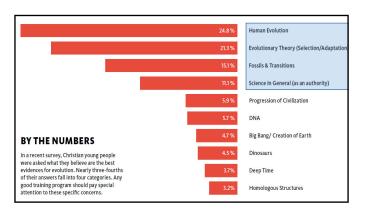


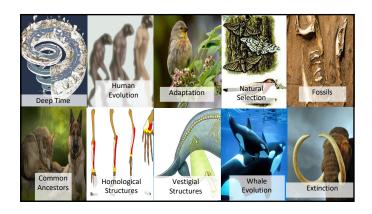


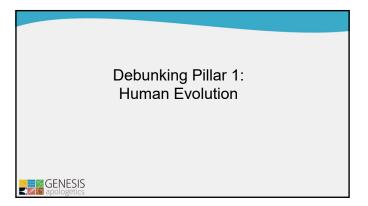


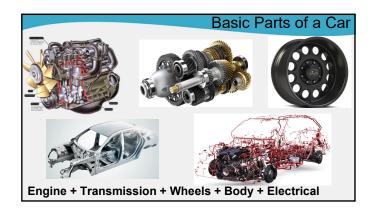


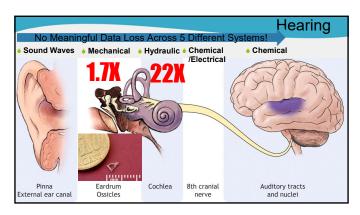


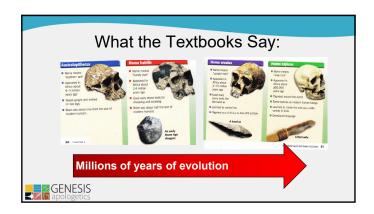


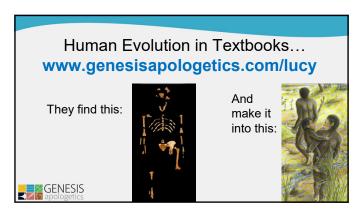












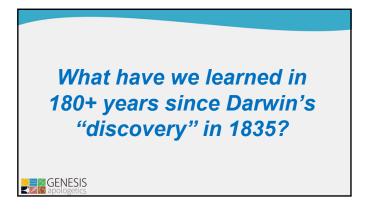
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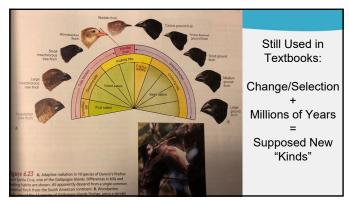
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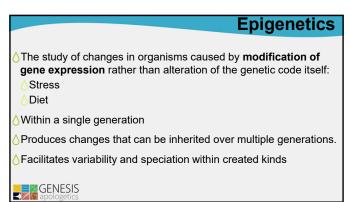
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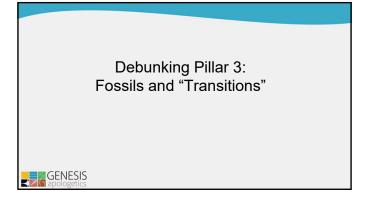


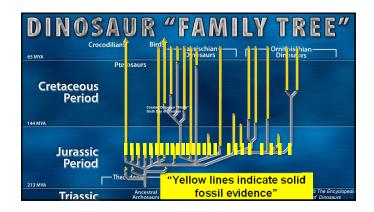


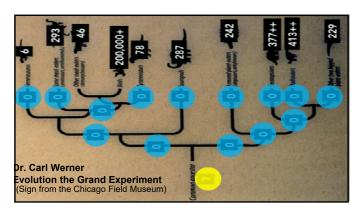


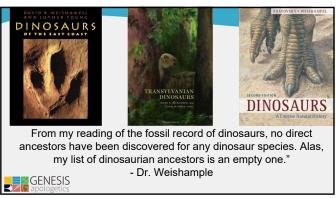












"We know only little about the evolution of pterosaurs. The ancestors are not known... When the pterosaurs first appear in the geol ogic record, they were completely perfect. They were perfect pterosaurs."

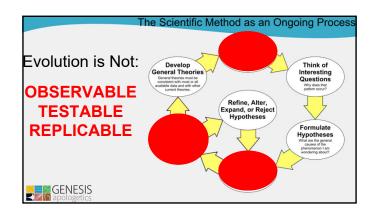
- Dr. Viohl, Curator of the Famous Jura - Museum in Germany

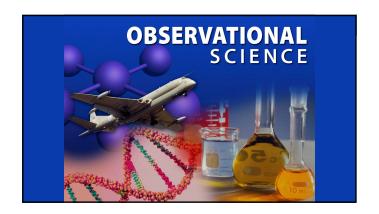
But, as by this theory, innumerable transitional forms must have existed, why do we not find them embedded in countless numbers in the crust of the earth?" (Origin of Species, 1859).

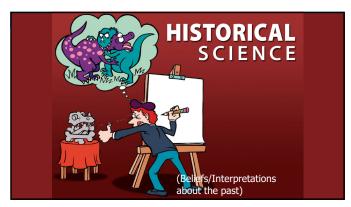
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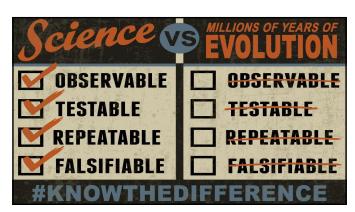
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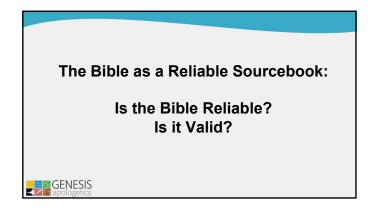


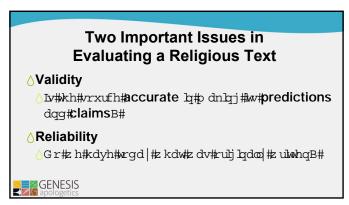


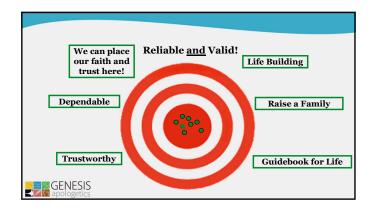


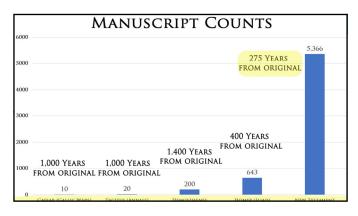




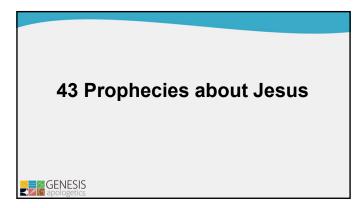












Prophecies About Jesus	Old Test. Scripture	New Testament Fulfillment
Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4–6
Messiah would be born of a virgin.	Isaiah 7:14	Mt. 1:22-23; Luke 1:26-31
Messiah would come from the line of Abraham.	Gen. 12:3; Gen. 22:18	Matthew 1:1; Romans 9:5
Messiah would be a descendant of Isaac.	Gen. 17:19; Gen. 21:12	Luke 3:34
Messiah would be a descendant of Jacob.	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:2
Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah.	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33; Hebrews 7:14
Messiah would be heir to King David's throne.	2 Sam. 7:12-13; Isa. 9:7	Luke 1:32–33; Romans 1:3
Messiah's throne will be anointed and eternal.	Ps. 45:6-7; Daniel 2:44	Luke 1:33; Hebrews 1:8– 12

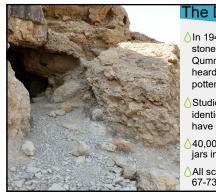
Egypt.	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14–15
Children would be massacred at Messiah's birthplace.	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16–18
A messenger would prepare the way for Messiah.	Isaiah 40:3-5	Luke 3:3–6
Messiah would be rejected by his own people.	Psalm 69:8; Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11; John 7:5
Messiah would be a prophet.	Deuteronomy	Acts 3:20-22
Messiah would be preceded by Elijah.	Malachi 4:5-6	Matthew 11:13–14
Messiah would be declared the Son of God.	Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:16–17
Messiah would be called a Nazarene.	Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 2:23
Messiah would bring light to		

Messiah would speak in parables.	Ps.78:2-4; Is. 6:90	Matthew 13:10-15,34-35
Messiah would be sent to heal the brokenhearted.	Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:18–19
Messiah would be a priest after Melchizedek order.	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:5 6
Messiah would be called King.	Ps. 2:6; Zech. 9:9	Matt. 27:37; Mark 11:7-11
Messiah would be praised by little children.	Psalm 8:2	Matthew 21:16
Messiah would be betrayed.	Ps. 41:9; Zech. 11:12-13	Luke 22:47; Mt:14–16
Messiah's betrayal money used to buy a potter's field.	Zechariah 11:12- 13	Matthew 27:9–10
Messiah would be falsely accused.	Psalm 35:11	Mark 14:57–58
Messiah would be silent before his accusers.	Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4–5

Messiah would be spat upon and struck. Messiah would be hated without	Isaiah 50:6 Ps. 35:19; Psalm	Matthew 26:67
cause.	69:4	John 15:24–25
Messiah would be crucified with criminals.	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27–28
Messiah would be given vinegar to drink.	Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:34; John 19:28–30
Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced.	Ps. 22:16; Zech. 12:10	John 20:25–27

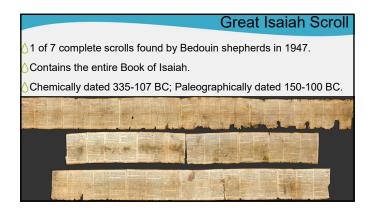
The Dead Sea Scrolls





The Dead Sea Scrolls

- Studies reveal they are nearly identical to the Biblical texts we have today!
- ∆40,000 scroll fragments found in jars in 11 caves



Now that we have a copy of Isaiah that predates Christ (125 BC), we can check whether the Bible was reliably copied for 2,200 years.

Let's examine just one chapter:

Isaiah 53



Isaiah 53
Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. e had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. 4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afficited. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, be held not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression[a] and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut of from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering or sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. 11 After he has suffred he will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
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Isaiah 53 Prophecy	Historical Fulfillment
Would not be widely believed	John 1:10-12
Would not have the look of Majesty	Luke 2:7
Would be despised and suffer	Mt 26:67-68; 27:39-43
Concerned for others' health/die for our sins	Mt 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24
Pain/punishment would be for us	Mt 28:20; Rom. 4:25
Would not respond to charges	Mt 26:63
Oppressed and killed	Mt 26:65-68
With criminals during life/death	Mt 27:38, 57-60
Buried in a rich man's tomb	Mt 27:57-61
Crushed, suffer/die, yet live	Luke 23:44-48, 24:36-44
Would bear our sins	1 Peter 2:24
Have a portion with the great	Phil. 2:8-11



Trusting the Bible... ◇Is there a difference between these 4 written copies? ◇Of the 166 Hebrew words in Isaiah 53, only 17 letters in Dead Sea Scroll differ from the CODEX: ◇10 letters = spelling differences ◇4 letters = stylistic changes ◇3 letters = added word for "light" (vs. 11) ◇1 added word in 166 words = 99.4% the same! ◇17 letters = no affect on Biblical teaching

Isaiah 53: The Bible is Reliable!

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The Unanswerable Question

- ∆It should be used as an opener to reveal they have more faith than we do.
- ∆It stands against the accusation Christians receive: "You believe in God by blind faith" or "You can't prove your religion, it's all based on faith"!



The Unanswerable Question

Based on Observational Science, How Did Non-living Matter Become Alive?



The Unanswerable Question

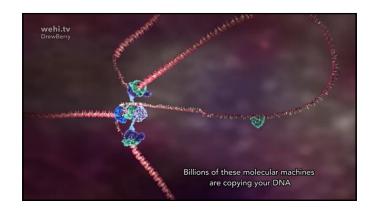
Evolutionists cannot answer this question. The Miller-Urey experiments failed, even after thousands of attempts and decades of trying. Evolutionists have faith that rain falling on rocks over millions of years made non-living matter become alive. That requires faith and it's not substantiated with observational science.



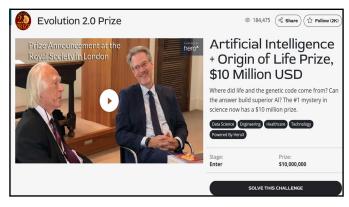
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The faith position of creationists is much better. We believe that information like DNA has to be organized by an intelligent designer. To the honest mind, this is obvious. Give examples of our machinery requiring intelligent design (see video).











"An incentive prize ten times the size of the Nobel

– believed to be the largest single award ever in
basic science – is being offered to the person or
team solving the largest mystery in history: how
genetic code inside cells got there, and how cells
intentionally self-organize, communicate, then
purposely adapt." (Jan. 13, 2020)



