

Apologetics 101

Answering the Challenges

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APOLOGETICS 101 DVD STUDY GUIDE

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DVD Study Guide

Purpose of Study Guide

The guide is intended to aid memory retention of the information on the DVD by supplying information from the DVD in picture and written format.

Recommendation for optimum learning

1. Review the objectives in this study guide
2. Go through the study guide (except for the final exam)
3. Watch the DVD and take any additional notes
4. Take the written exam

About Creation Training Initiative

Creation Training Initiative is a 501c3 non-profit, biblical-based education and apologetics ministry dedicated to equipping and training Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ effectively. CTI focuses particularly on training others to teach and speak with authority on issues surrounding the book of Genesis.

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CTI Mission

The mission for Creation Training Initiative is to train-up Christians worldwide to be effective teachers and speakers on the subject of biblical creation.

.....So that

The next generation can be trained to stand firm on biblical truth and defend their faith.

In order to achieve this mission, CTI offers basic level to in-depth, extensive training courses for Christian teachers and parents to effectively equip adults and youth to defend their Christian faith and Biblical truth.

- 1-Day Basic Creation Course (high school and above)
- 1¼ Day Advanced Creation Apologetics Course (available July 2012)
- 1-Day Making Christian Education Life-Changing Course (available July 2012)
- 3-Day Youth Leader Teaching Seminar (available 2013)
- 7-Day Youth Apologetics College (available 2013)

Objectives

At the completion of reviewing this DVD and study guide you will be able to state:

1. Why Christians must learn to defend their faith (supply Scripture support).
2. Who Cain married.
3. How the first three days of creation could be literal days without the sun.
4. How Adam could name all the animals in one day.
5. How Noah could fit all the creatures on the Ark.
6. Two evidences why the Bible can be trusted as real history.
7. Three scientific evidences that confirm the reliability of the Bible.
8. How carbon-14 refutes an old earth and supports a young earth of thousands of years rather than billions of year old.
9. Where the water went after the Genesis Flood.
10. How Christians can prepare themselves for the attacks against God's Word.

Fill-ins (blank lines)

Some of the boxes with text will have blank lines. These can be filled in when viewing the DVD. The correct fill-in words can be found on page 25 of this study guide.

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Bible Stories or Real History?

**Are there real answers in the Bible?
Can we trust the Bible in this scientific age?**

Our culture asks, "Can we trust the Bible in this scientific age?"

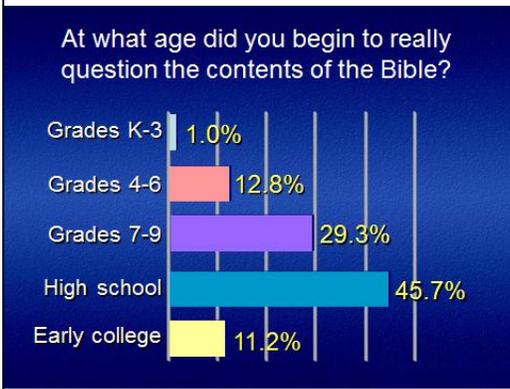
The church itself attacks the credibility of the Bible when it allows fairytale illustrations of its accounts. For example, when Noah's ark is illustrated like a big bathtub.

Results of a nationwide poll about the next generation

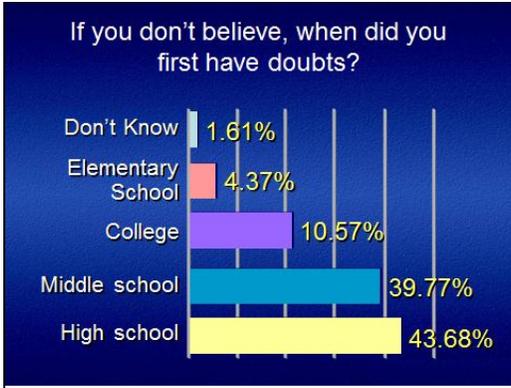
Research by AiG and American Research Group

Why Study Apologetics?

Over 70% of our youth stop attending church before they finish school.

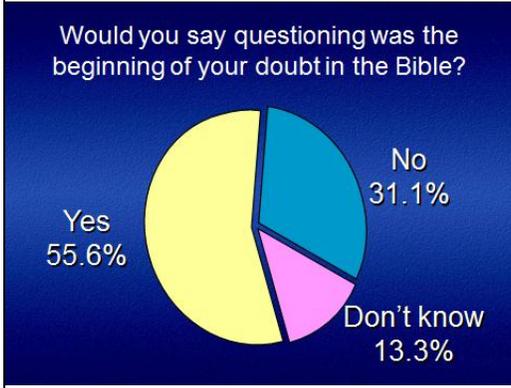


Many have been surprised to learn that it was not the influence of college which led most young people away from the church. Many Christian students begin having doubts about the Bible in middle school and high school. A main reason is that they are not getting answers to their questions.



The questioning which then led to disillusionment had already occurred well before college age.

Parents, church youth leaders, and Christian school teachers are not trained or prepared to answer the questions.



As Satan did at the beginning with Eve, he tempts today by influencing people to doubt God's Word.

There is nothing wrong with questioning. We should train our students to ask good questions. If students are not getting answers in church, then where will they find answers to their questions? They are getting their answers from television and the public education system and these answers are directly opposed to the Word of God.

Apologetics Greek: "apologia" meaning a verbal defense

Christian apologetics is that branch of Christianity that deals with answering any and all critics who oppose or question the Word of God

Our youth need to be trained to have answers and be able to defend their faith.

Christian Apologetics answers any and all critics who oppose or question the Word of God.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready **always to give an answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

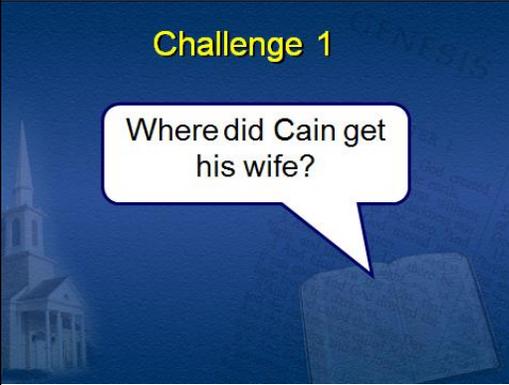
God commanded us to have a ready answer _____. This means we need to study (2 Timothy 2:15). We are also told to do this with gentleness and respect and bring down the strongholds.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

Through apologetics we learn to answer these common questions or challenges

Challenge 1

Where did Cain get his wife?



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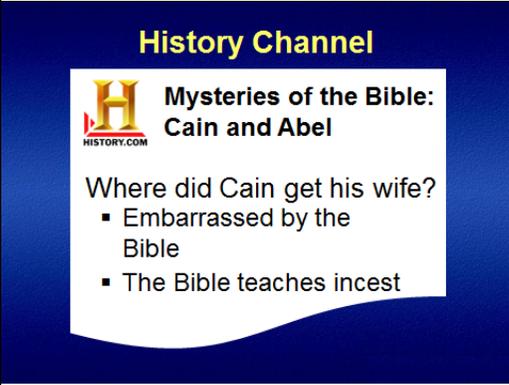
History Channel



**Mysteries of the Bible:
Cain and Abel**

Where did Cain get his wife?

- Embarrassed by the Bible
- The Bible teaches incest



Does the Bible teach incest?

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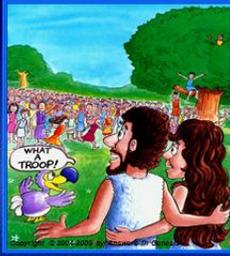
Adam and Eve

Cain Abel Seth



The best place to start our search for who Cain married is _____.

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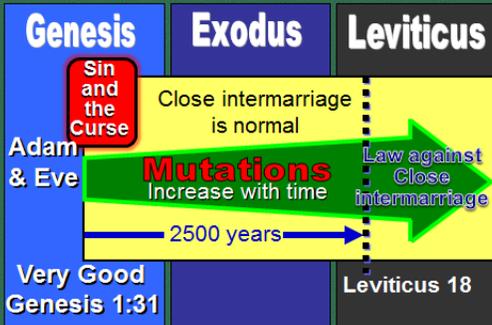


“And he begat sons and daughters”
Genesis 5:4

Note the plural: “Sons and daughters”

Cain married his sister or very close relation. Was this incest?

Today we are not allowed to marry our close relation because of _____.



In Genesis 1:31 God pronounced His creation _____.

God’s creation was perfect – no mutations.

Challenge 2

The sun was not created until the fourth day. Therefore, the first three days could not be literal days.

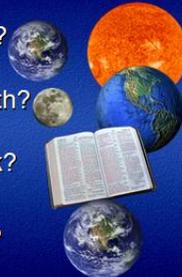
Astronomy

Where do we get a year?

Where do we get a month?

Where do we get a week?

Where do we get a day?



A good way to answer this question is by asking a series of questions so the other person can discover the answer.

The words year and month describe astronomical events. A week is a biblical event.

The definition of a day is the rotation of the earth once on its axis also an astronomical event. Therefore, we do not need the sun for a day.

Where did the light come from?

Challenge 3

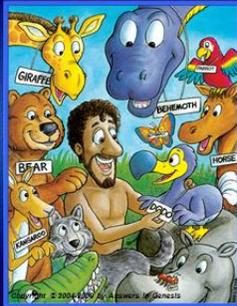
How could Adam have named all the animals in one day?

Adam did not have a whole day to name all the animals. Adam had to name the animals before Eve was created.

Adam and the Animals

Genesis 2:19

God brought the animals to Adam to see what he would call them



God brought the creatures to Adam to see what he would call them. Therefore, Adam did not have to go out and find them.

Adam and the Animals

Genesis chapter 1 states that the animals were created according to their kinds



Adam only had to name the _____ and not all the varieties within kind.

Adam and the Animals

Adam was not required to name any of the sea creatures, or any of the creeping things



Adam did not have to name any of the sea creatures or insects. The task could have been done in about 9 hours. He did not have to name millions of creatures, only several thousand.

Challenge 4

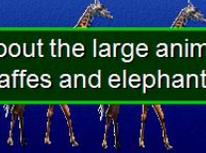
How could Noah fit all the animals on the Ark?

The Bible does not state that there were millions of creatures on the Ark

Noah and the Animals

- ◆ God brought the animals to the Ark
- ◆ Only two of each kind (2 dog kind, 2 horse kind, 2 cat kind,...)
- ◆ Sea creatures were not on the Ark

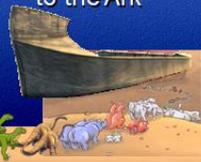
What about the large animals like giraffes and elephants?



The Bible never teaches that God brought the large grandpa and grandma creatures to the Ark.



God brought the young animals to the Ark



Only about _____ or less creatures needed to be on the Ark. This would be plenty of room for all the creatures plus Noah and his family. The Ark was large (450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet tall).

Challenge 5

The Bible was written by men and cannot be trusted as real history?

This statement also comes from religion classes in universities.

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|  <p>All scripture <i>is</i> given by inspiration of God, and <i>is</i> profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2 Timothy 3:16</p> <p>Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word <i>is</i> truth. John 17:17</p> | <p>We should start with the Bible since this is our main source of truth.</p> |
| <p>Accuracy of Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jewish Scribes and the Torah ◆ There are more than 24,000 partial and complete manuscript copies of the New Testament in existence today. <p>Jesus viewed the Old Testament as reliable</p> <p><i>Have ye not read... (11 times)</i> <i>It is written... (30 times)</i></p> | <p>The Torah is the first 5 books of the Bible.</p> <p>Why should we trust the Old Testament as real history? _____ made many references to it as reliable history.</p> |
| <p>Accuracy of Content</p> <p>Floyd Nolan Jones, Th.D., Ph.D., <i>Chronology of the Old Testament</i>, 1999, p. 20.</p> <p>The Dead Sea Scrolls of Isaiah agree with the Hebrew Masoretic Text... The earliest Masoretic Text which we have is dated c.900 AD. Almost no changes have occurred in the book of Isaiah. Isaiah 53, for example, contains only one word of three letters which is in doubt after nearly eleven hundred years of copying.</p> | <p>The Masoretic Text is the only existing representation of the Old Testament in Hebrew.</p> |
| <p>Accuracy of Prophecy</p> <p>The Bible is about 30 percent prophecy</p> <p>"The odds alone say it would be impossible for anyone to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies."</p> <p>Lee Strobel, <i>The Case For Christ</i>, 1998, p. 183.</p> | <p>According to the <i>Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy</i>, by J. Barton Payne, there are 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament, and 578 prophecies in the New Testament. These prophecies involve 8,352 verses. Since there are 31,124 verses in the Bible, this would amount to 27% of the Bible being prophecy.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Born of a virgin ◆ Seed of Abraham ◆ Betrayed by a friend ◆ Sold for 30 pieces of silver ◆ Accused by false witnesses ◆ Silent before accusers ◆ Beaten and spit upon ◆ Mocked ◆ Garments divided ◆ Hands and feet pierced ◆ Crucified with thieves ◆ Bones not broken ◆ Raised from the dead | <p>These are some of the prophecies about Jesus. Note how specific these prophecies are.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Accuracy of Archaeology</p> <p>“To date, over 25,000 sites in biblical lands have been discovered, dating back to Old Testament times, which have established the accuracy of innumerable details in the Bible.”</p> <p>Ron Rhodes, Th.D., <i>Answering The Objections of Atheists, Agnostics and Skeptics</i>, 2006, p. 130.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Accuracy of Archaeology The City of Jericho</p> <p>“The archaeological evidence supports the historical accuracy of the Biblical account in every detail. Every aspect of the story that could possibly be verified by the findings of archaeology is, in fact, verified.”</p> <p>Bryant G. Wood (M.A. in Biblical History, Ph.D. in Syro-Palestinian archaeology), <i>Bible and Spade</i>, 1999, vol 12, no. 2</p>  | <p>Once again Scripture is confirmed: 2 Timothy 3:16 and John 17:17.</p> <p><i>All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:</i></p> <p><i>Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Archaeology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 33 separate tablets have been discovered of a gigantic flood ◆ 30 tablets mention an ark ◆ 28 mention an ark came to rest on a mountain ◆ 29 state that birds were sent out ◆ 30 mention favor for the survivors ◆ Most mention an act of worship as the survivors left the ark | <p>In addition, Dr. Duane Gish in his popular book <i>Dinosaurs by Design</i>, there are more than 270 such stories of a gigantic flood, most of which share a common theme and similar characters.</p> |

Weld-Blundell Prism

Found in 1923 in lower Mesopotamia



Written about 100 years before Abraham

Mentions a flood that swept over the earth

The Weld-Blundell Prism is a baked clay "prism" with four equal sides, each about 20cm high and 9cm wide. An unknown scribe recorded the names of the rulers of Akkad and Sumer (today's central and southern Iraq) in cuneiform. It contains the most complete surviving list of the Sumerian kings from c. 3200-1800 B.C.

Weld-Blundell Prism



10 kings with long life spans are listed who lived before the Flood

kings listed after the Flood have shorter life spans

The record parallels the genealogies in Genesis 5 and 11

The list parallels the Book of Genesis by ascribing extremely long life-spans to the rulers before the Flood and more conventional life-spans to the rulers who lived after it.

Ebla Tablets



Over 17,000 clay tablets discovered in Northern Syria

Documents written on clay tablets from around 2400 B.C.

Contained a creation account and a flood account

The tablets mention Sodom and Gomorrah, previously thought to be mythical cities

Archaeology

Nelson Glueck (Archaeologist), *Rivers in the Desert: History of Negev*, 1969.

"It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference."

Is the Bible accurate history?

Absolutely



Challenge 6

Evolution is science and the Bible is just a book about religion

Is this statement true? No!

1. Evolution is not science
2. The Bible is not just religion, it is about a personal relationship with _____

The Bible and Science



Astronomy



Medical Science



Physics



Biology

The Bible is not a science textbook, but it does have scientific principles in it.

Isaiah 40:22 and Science

It is he that sitteth upon the **circle of the earth**, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Astronomy

The Bible never taught that the earth is flat. The Bible has always taught the earth is round (spherical) in shape.

Neither Christopher Columbus, nor his contemporaries, believed the earth is flat.

For more information got to:

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v16/n2/flat-earth>

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| <p>Jeremiah 33:22 and Science</p> <p>As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.</p> <p>Astronomy</p> | <p>The stars are too numerous to count.</p> |
| <p>Stars too numerous to count</p> <p>100,000,000,000,000</p> <p>Hundreds Thousands Millions Billions Trillions Quadrillions</p> | <p>How many stars do the astrophysicists estimate are in the universe?</p> |
| <p>How Fast Can You Count</p> <p>Count a star every second for 100 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 3,600 seconds in an hour ◆ 86,400 seconds in a day ◆ 31,557,600 seconds in a year ◆ 3,155,760,000 seconds in 100 years <p>The stars are too numerous to count</p> <p>100,000,000,000,000</p> | <p>If you counted a star every second for 100 years you would not even come close to the total number of stars in the universe. Once again the Bible is true.</p> |
| <p>Leviticus 11 and Science</p> <p>Medical cleanliness and sanitation</p> <p>Leviticus 18 and Science</p> <p>Law against marrying a close relative (incest)</p> <p>Medical Science</p> | <p>Leviticus 18 takes place about _____ years after creation. Therefore, any marriage between close relations would not have been against the law.</p> |

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| <p>Romans 8:22 and Science</p> <p>For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.</p> <p>Physics</p> | <p>This verse teaches that all of creation is wearing out (decaying). This is a general description of the Second Law of Thermodynamics. It is stated in the Bible almost 2,000 years before scientists discovered it.</p> |
| <p>Genesis and Biological Stability</p> <p>Genesis 1: 11, 24</p> <p>after his kind</p> <p>Biology</p> | |
| <p>What do we observe happening today?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Evolution</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kinds (Bible)</p> | <p>The philosophy of evolution states that all creatures evolved from a common ancestor over billions of years. The Bible teaches that all creatures were created after their kind. The Bible allows for variability within a kind, but not for one kind becoming a new kind such as a reptile evolving into a bird. These two competing views can be tested by using observational science.</p> |
| <p>Dogs</p> <p>What do dogs produce?</p>  | |

Cows

What do cows produce?



Cats

What do cats produce?



Horses

What do horses produce?



Chimpanzees

What do chimpanzees produce?



What do we **observe** happening today?

- Evolution
- Kinds (Bible)

Challenge 7

Carbon-14 dating proves fossils are older than 6,000 years

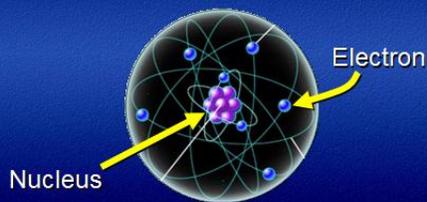
Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?



This question is from the book *Already Gone* which can be purchased from Answers in Genesis. www.answersingenesis.org

Note that almost 30% of people attending church have a problem believing the earth is less than 10,000 years old. This means the age of the earth is a stumbling block for many and needs to be addressed in the church.

Understanding Carbon-14 and Dating



The atom is made up of three subatomic particles:

- Proton
- Neutron
- Electron

RATE Group

Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth

- ◆ Larry Vardiman, Ph.D. Atmospheric Science
- ◆ Russell Humphreys, Ph.D. Physics
- ◆ Eugene Chaffin, Ph.D. Physics
- ◆ John Baumgardner, Ph.D. Geophysics
- ◆ Donald DeYoung, Ph.D. Physics
- ◆ Steven Austin, Ph.D. Geology
- ◆ Andrew Snelling, Ph.D. Geology
- ◆ Steven Boyd, Ph.D. Hebraic and Cognate Studies

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For over a hundred years, evolutionists have insisted that the earth is billions of years old, and have dismissed any views contrary to this belief. Scientists associated with the Institute for Creation Research finished an eight-year research project known as RATE, or Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth.

Three books have been published with the findings.

- Thousands... Not Billions
- Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth, Volume 1
- Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth, Volume 2

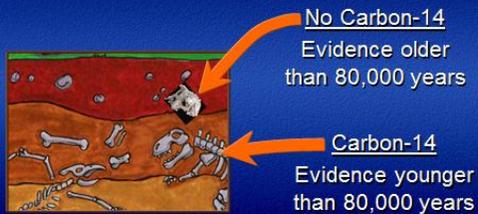
Carbon-14 is found in organic material



For further study go to *New Answers Book 1*, Chapter 7

- Cosmic rays (charged subatomic particles, originating from outer space) bombard the earth's upper atmosphere.
- This results in some of the nitrogen atoms in the atmosphere being changed into _____ atoms.
- Carbon combines with oxygen to form carbon dioxide.
- Plants take in the carbon dioxide.
- Living creatures take in carbon-14 by eating and breathing.

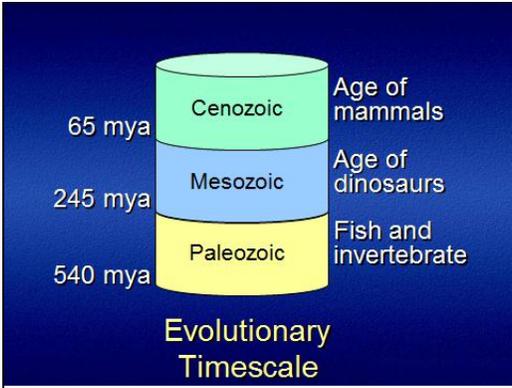
Anything older than about 80,000 years should contain no datable C-14



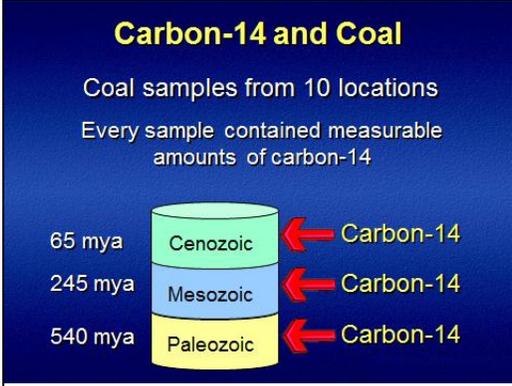
C-14 is an unstable atom (isotope). This means that over time it will decay back into nitrogen. This is referred to as radioactive decay and is measured in terms of half-lives (how long it takes half the C-14 in a specimen to decay). The half-life of C-14 is 5,730 years.

For more on C-14 dating see:

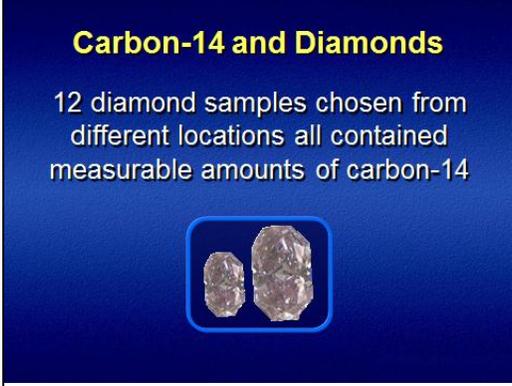
1. Dating Fossils and Rocks DVD by Mike Riddle
2. *The Answers Book 1* from Answers in Genesis



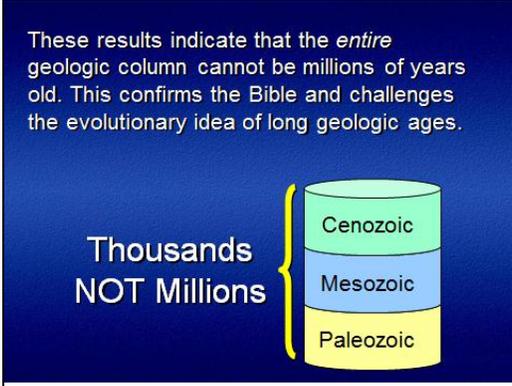
This is a timescale based on evolution.
 If scientists found a fossil in the Paleozoic time era should it contain any carbon-14? _____



The scientists from ICR took coal samples from different locations to a reputable evolutionist dating lab. According to evolutionists coal is millions of years old and should not contain any carbon-14. However, in each coal sample measurable amounts of C-14 was found.
 What this means is that the coal, and where the coal was found cannot be millions of years old, but only thousands.



The RATE team also had diamond samples tested at the same lab. According to evolutionists, diamonds are billions of years old. However, in each diamond sample carbon-14 was found.
 Diamonds are a special type of stone. They are made of pure carbon that has been under very high pressure and intense heat.



C-14 Conclusion

The scientific evidence supports the biblical worldview of a young earth



Biblical Challenge 8

Where did all the water go after the Genesis Flood?

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. Genesis 7:11-12

Where did the water go?

Genesis 7:19

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

Mount Everest is over 29,000 feet high. How could the water cover it? The mountains were not always this tall.

“Observational evidence indicates that the terrain where these mountains now exist, in many if not most cases, was nearly flat and near sea level when the recent intense pulse of uplift began.”

John Baumgardner, Ph.D. Geophysics

For more information go to:

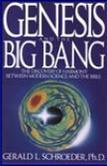
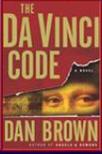
<http://www.icr.org/article/recent-rapid-uplift-todays-mountains/>

Genesis 8:3

And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

This continual receding of the water would cause massive amounts of erosion.

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| <p>Psalms 104:8</p> <p>The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them.</p> | <p>The Genesis Flood was a violent flood. Because of the breakup of the fountains of the deep, large land masses would be moving, which would cause rapid mountain uplift.</p> |
| <p>Isaiah 54:9</p> <p>for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth</p> | <p>Where did the water go? God made a place for the water where it would never again overflow the earth. The water formed the present day _____.</p> |
| <p>Challenge 9</p> <p>The Bible is outdated</p>  | <p>How can we trust the Bible if it was written so long ago?</p> |
| <p>Burn it, ban it, outlaw it</p>  <p>Add books and subtract books</p>  <p>Not relevant to today's world</p> | <p>Diocletian was a Roman Emperor from 284 to 305. The Emperor demanded that Christians sacrifice to the gods of the state or face execution. Enver Hoxha (1908 – 1985) was a Marxist–Leninist revolutionary and the leader of Albania from the end of World War II until his death in 1985.</p> |

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| <p>Big bang cosmology (Compromise)</p>  <p>DaVinci Code (mock God and His Word)</p>  | <p>Big bang cosmology assumes billions of years of time. Acceptance of the big bang includes billions of years of death before sin.</p> <p>The big bang is a <i>secular</i> story of origins. When first proposed, it was an attempt to explain how the universe could have been created without God.</p> <p>For more information: <i>Answers Book 2</i>, chapter 10 or go to web address: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/nab2/does-big-bang-fit-with-bible</p> |
| <p>The Track Record</p>  <p>Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Matthew 24:35, Luke 21:33</p> | <p>The track record is that all those who have mocked God's Word are dead and His Word remains unchanged.</p> |
| <p>America Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Christianity is under assault ◆ Marriage is under assault ◆ Human life is under assault ◆ Our youth are learning not to trust God's Word ◆ People are seeking answers | |
| <p>The Solution</p> <p>But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:</p> <p>1 Peter 3:15</p>  | <p>Christians are to have ready answers _____.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">The Solution</p> <p>Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.</p> <p>2 Timothy 2:15</p>  | <p>We must turn back to God's Word as our source for answers and not the world's wisdom.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">The Solution</p> <p>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:</p> <p>Matthew 28:19</p>  | <p>This is the mission statement for all who claim to be Christian (followers of Jesus Christ).</p> |

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Exam Answer Key

1. What is one of the reasons so many young people are turning away from the church?

They lack confidence in God's Word because they are not getting answers in the churches.

2. Who did Cain marry? Is this an example of incest in the Bible (why or why not)? (Support your answer with biblical references)

Cain married his sister (or very close relation). It is against the law today to marry your close relation because of the genetic load of mutations in the human species. It was not incest when Cain married because God's creation was perfect (no mutations). After the Fall (sin) mutations began to spread, but it was not until the book of Leviticus chapter 18 (almost 2,500 years after creation) that God made the law not to marry your close relation.

3. If the sun was not created until the fourth day, how could the first three days be literal days?

The definition of a "day" is a 24-hour period during which the earth completes one rotation on its axis. Therefore, the sun is not needed for the definition of a day.

The Bible also teaches that God created light (*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.* Genesis 1:3-4). There are many forms of light. The colors of the rainbow are made up of waves—electromagnetic waves (light).

4. How could Adam have named all the animals in one day?

First, God brought the animals to Adam.

Second, Adam only had to name the "Kinds" and not each variety we have today.

Third, Adam only had to name the birds, cattle, and beast of the field. He did not have to name the sea creatures or insects. This could have been done in just hours.

5. How could Noah fit all the animals on the Ark?

First, God brings the creatures to the Ark.

Second, only two of each Kind went on the Ark (7 of the clean Kind).

Third, sea creatures and insects were not on the Ark.

Fourth, the Ark was large (450 feet x, 75 feet, by 45 feet).

Fifth, only the young creatures (not the grandpa and grandma) had to go on the Ark.

Sixth, this would be about 10,000 creatures at most, which would be about half the space on the Ark.

6. Could dinosaurs have been on the Ark? (Defend your answer)

Yes. There are only about 50 different kinds of dinosaurs. God could have brought the young dinosaurs to the Ark and not the full-grown ones. The largest dinosaur eggs found are no bigger than twice the size of a football. The Bible teaches that God created dinosaurs (land creatures) on day six of creation. In addition, there is good scientific evidence that dinosaurs and man lived at the same time.

7. State two evidences that support the reliability of the Bible

- The Bible declares it is true (John 17:17)
- Accuracy of content
- Accuracy of prophecy
- Accuracy of archaeology

8. Did Jesus trust the historical accuracy of the Old Testament? (defend your answer)

Yes. 11 times Jesus says “Have ye not read” and 30 times He says “It is written”. In each case Jesus is referring to the Old Testament as reliable history.

9. State how each of the given areas of science support the Bible

• **Astronomy**

When the Bible gives information related to astronomy it has always been correct. For example:

- Almost 3,000 years ago the Bible taught the earth was round. (Isaiah 40:22)
- Almost 3,000 years ago the Bible taught the stars were too numerous to count. (Jeremiah 33:22)

• **Biology**

- Observational evidence supports that creatures always produce after their kind

• **Physics**

- The Bible gives a general description of the Second Law of Thermodynamics in Romans 8:22. This is almost 2,000 years before scientists discovered the law.

10. What is significant about finding carbon-14 in coal and diamonds?

Carbon-14 has a half-life of 5,730 years. Based on this half-life, after about 80,000 years all the datable carbon-14 should have decayed out of any organic material. According to evolutionists coal is millions of years old and therefore should not contain any carbon-14. However, in the research done by scientists from the Institute for Creation Research (the RATE group: Radioisotope and the Age of The Earth) they found significant amounts of carbon-14 still residing in coal samples. This is positive evidence that coal, and where the coal was found, cannot be millions of years old. This finding supports coal is only thousands of years old.

According to evolutionists diamonds are billions of years old. Since diamonds are made of pure carbon they are organic and should not contain any carbon-14. However, the RATE group discovered significant amounts of carbon-14 in each diamond sample. This research supports diamonds are only thousands of years old.

The findings in both these studies also support that the evolutionary geologic time scale of millions of years is not true!

11. Where did the water go after the Flood? (support your answer with Scripture verses)

Genesis 7:19 gives us the extent of the flood waters. The waters covered the highest hills (mountains).

Genesis 104:8 teaches that God established a place to put the waters (the mountains rose and the valleys sank). The waters are contained in the oceans.

Isaiah 54:9 teaches that God put the waters in a place so that they would never again flood the earth.

12. What verses in the Bible provide information for how Christians can better prepare themselves for attacks against God's Word?

- 1 Peter 3:15 teaches that Christians are to have ready answers ALWAYS.
- 2 Timothy 2:15 teaches that Christians are to study to show ourselves approved so that we can rightfully handle the Word of God.
- Matthew 28:19 (the mission for all Christians) teaches we are to be witnesses to all the world.