



What's our path?



- What's flipped about God?
- What's flipped about us?
- What's flipped about life?
- What's flipped about living?

*Right ---- Ruined ---- Remade ---- Represent*



Attributes?

What about His

God is not:

- A Holy God
- A Just God
- A Loving God

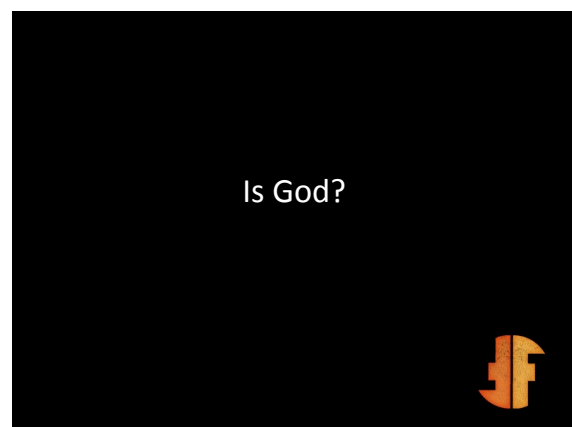



Attributes?

What about His

HE IS:

- Holiness*
- Justice*
- Love*



## Some Arguments for God's Existence

- Aquinas' Five Ways
  - Motion
  - First Cause
  - Contingency
  - Degree
  - Teleology
- Beauty
- Morality
- Love
- Ontology
- Atheism
- Religion
- Singularity
- Judaism
- Christianity
- The Holy Scriptures
- The Incarnation
- Jesus
- The Resurrection



## Some Definitions

- Motion: all things in motion need a mover, but there must be something unmoved that begins other things in motion; God is this Unmoved Mover
- First Cause: all effects must have causes, but there cannot be an infinite series of causes into the past; thus God is the first or Uncaused Cause - *cosmology*
- Contingency: all things exist in dependence on something else, that is, contingent; therefore there must be something that is absolutely independent, that is, necessary; this necessary being is God



## Some Definitions . . .

- Degree: there appears to be an increasing degree of perfection among things; therefore there must be a being who is the height of perfection; this Being is God
- Teleology: the observable design in the world suggests that there must be an intelligent designer—God



## Some Definitions . . .

- Beauty: aesthetics, much like degree, demands levels of increasing preference toward a perfection of not only ontology, but pleasure – This must be born from a necessity to conform
- Morality: with all mankind having an innate sense of right and wrong, there must be a set of justice scales, therefore One who holds the scales
- Love: Affection requires being affected. Love comes from being loved. God is love



## Some Definitions . . .

- Ontology: if it is logically possible for God (a necessary being) to exist, then God exists. Concepts must be tied to reality.
- Atheism: All men know there is something greater than them, what some call the Numinous, even if unnamed. This is God. The strong denial of what all men know, is an ethical denial of what all men know.
- Religion: In all cultures in all times, religion has been a prominent part of all people groups, even if but prominent denial of religion in the modern era
- Singularity: an infinite Being cannot be understood by finite beings unless He reveals Himself and must do so in a such a way as to be understood and therefore would only do so in a singular, non-confusing way



## Some Definitions . . .

- Judaism: One of the major world religions that has at its absolute core a monotheistic approach to life. Yahweh IS. Their place in history is prominent.
- Christianity: The followers of Jesus, the Christ have as their core a monotheism, within a Triune Godhead – of which the founding “prophet” is God Himself. The most impacting worldview for the entire history of the Western Civilization, Christianity builds all ideals on the predicate of the existence of God.
- The Holy Scriptures: The Christian Book of Scriptures has more literary and cultural veracity than any other religious book and has as its main Character, God.



## Some Definitions . . .

- The Incarnation: An event that has defined the Western world and been taken across the globe, the coming of God to men, showed us the existence of God, tangibly.
- Jesus, the Christ: The man Jesus, claimed not only to affirm the existence of God, but promoted Himself to be God with irreconcilable claims to have the authority to say such. His claims were affirmed by His deeds, signs and ultimately, His resurrection from the dead.
- The Resurrection: The most unique event of all human history was the event of the Incarnation, but this was fulfilled when the One who claimed deity proved it by coming back from the dead. He accomplished this to bring life to humanity, because that is God's will.



## What is God?

Creator  
Sovereign  
Judge  
COLOSSIANS 1:15-23



## HE IS

- IMAGE OF INVISIBLE GOD
- PREEMINENT IN CREATION
- EVERYTHING MADE BY HIM – *CREATOR*
- EVERYTHING MADE FOR HIM – *JUDGE*
- EVERYTHING HELD IN HIM – *SOVEREIGN*
- *HE IS:*
  - *OUR SOURCE*
  - *OUR SUBSTANCE*
  - *OUR STANDARD*



## God is . . .

The Creator, Sovereign and Judge

- He Made all reality as we know it
- He Sustains all reality as we know it
- He Relates to all reality as we know it



## God Created/Creates

- |                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • <i>Genesis 1-2</i>              | • <i>Matt. 19:4</i>            |
| • <b>Deut. 4:32</b>               | • <i>Mk. 13:19</i>             |
| • <i>Psalms 139</i>               | • <b>Eph. 2:10, 3:9, 4:24</b>  |
| – Old and New Creation            | • <b>Col. 1:16-17</b>          |
| • <b>Isaiah 43:7, 65:17-18</b>    | • <b>Heb. 1:2</b>              |
| • <b>Ezekiel 28:13-15</b> – Satan | • <i>Heb. 11:3</i> – ex nihilo |
| • <b>Mal. 2:10</b>                | • <b>Rev. 4:11</b>             |



## God is Sovereign

- **1 Chronicles 29:10-13**
- Job 38-42\*
- **Ps. 83:18, 86:10, 115:3**
- **Isaiah 37:16**
- Acts 4:24
- **1 Tim. 6:15**
- **Rev. 6:10, 15:4**



## God is Judge

- Ezekiel 18:4-9
- Psalm 2
- Romans 3:26, 11:33-36
- 2 Thess. 4:8
- Heb. 9:27
- 1 Peter 2:23



## What is God?

Creator



“For by Him all things were  
created . . .”

Col. 1:16



## God is the Creator

- Genesis 1-2: Not an apologetic . . . Reality.
- TRINITY INVOLVED, BUT FOCUS ON THE SON
- John 1:3  
**3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**
- Heb 1:1-3  
– his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.



. . . And how did He make everything?



With  
words . . .



Remember also your Creator in  
the days of your youth, before the  
evil days come and the years draw  
near of which you will say, “I have  
no pleasure in them”  
-Ecclesiastes 12:1





# Evolution?

What about


## The Danger

The dum-dum head



## It's bad science . . .

Scientific Method	Neo-Darwinian Evolution
• Ask a Question	• Do species evolve from one to another?
• Do Background Research	• Observe life and look at fossil record
• Construct a Hypothesis	• Noticed inner-set changes
• Test Your Hypothesis by Doing an Experiment	• Assume intra-set changes
• Analyze Your Data and Draw a Conclusion	• Interpret based on assumptions
• Communicate Your Results	• Translate from theory to fact without proof




## It's bad science . . .

- Still just a theory – yet, taught as fact
- Darwin **observed** *micro-evolution* and wondered about *macro-evolution*
- **Darwin caved to irreducible complexity**
- So-called “missing links” are missing significance
- Fossil record does not bear Darwin's *Tree of Life*




“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”

(ORIGIN OF SPECIES, 1859, P. 158)




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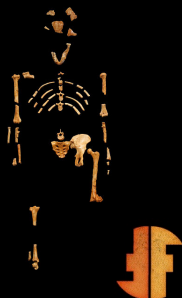
## It's bad science . . .

So-called missing links	What it actually was
• Archaeoraptor	• Fake – “Frankenstein's dino”
• Pakicetus	• A few skull fragments from aquatic animal
• Piltdown man	• Fake – reconstructed bones and teeth
• Nebraska man	• A single (pig) tooth
• Java man	• A piece of a skull, a thigh bone and 3 molars
• Heidelberg man	• Jawbone, large chin section and a few teeth
• Neanderthal	• A dude
• Ida	• A lemur
• Lucy*	



### It's bad science . . . as good as it gets

- Lucy is a total of 47 discovered bones
- Relates to a shin bone and knee fragment 1.5 miles away and 230 feet deeper in the earth
- Related to footprints up to 1000 miles away
- Described as, "about the size of a chimp"



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"The fossil record had caused Darwin more grief than joy. Nothing distressed him more than the Cambrian explosion, the coincident appearance of almost all complex organic designs..."

(Gould, Stephen Jay.,  
The Panda's Thumb, 1980,  
pp. 238-239.)

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### Let's look at the Text

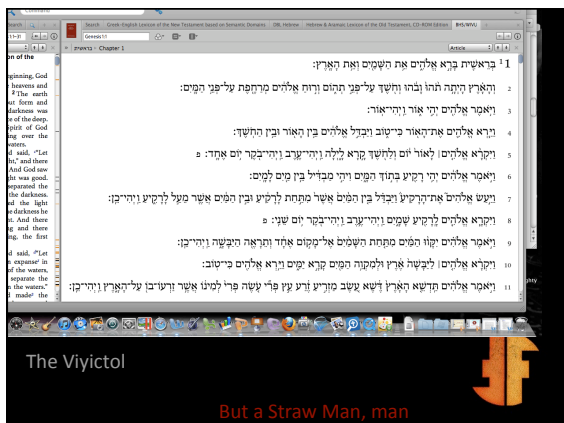
- Read the Text: Genesis 1-2
- What do you notice?
- Three important formulas
  - "And God said, Let . . ."
  - It was Good
  - "Morning and Evening"
- Is that a black hole between Genesis 1:1 & 1:2?



Is there room in the Creation Account for Long Eras


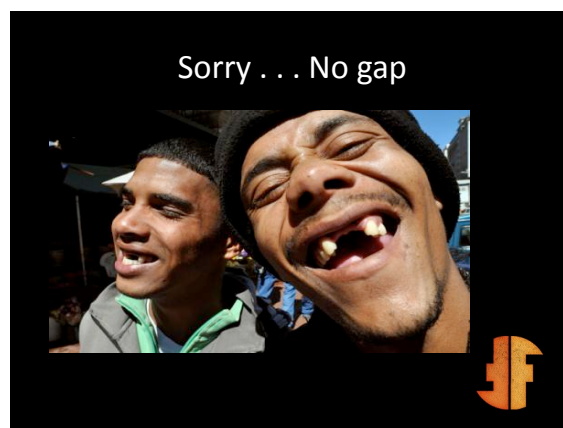
**What about the so-called Gap Theory?**





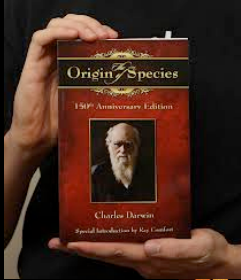
### Some problems with the Geological Record

- Bad angles of Strata
  - Inconsistent angles
- The mastodons of Siberia
  - Frozen solid
- Mt. St. Helens
  - 150' canyon in a day
- The "ageless" trees

### TOPICS COVERED

- Darwin's History
- The particulars of evolution
  - Micro-evolution
  - Macro-Evolution
- The Fossil Record
- The Nature of things
- Darwin in time
- Social/Theological significance of NeoDarwinian Evolution



### Some Issues

- Spiritual background of Darwin halted most particularly at the death of a child
- Darwin leaving room – He likely would not be a NeoDarwinian evolutionist today
- The Cambrian Explosion
- The failing Family Tree of Darwin's design
- Irreducible complexity
- Microbiology tells another story than did the Galapagos Islands

## Some BIG Issues

- To remove God as Creator removes our reason and purpose
- Neo-Darwinian Evolution is bad science – The Descent from Darwinism
- The social Aspects of Neo-Darwinism are devastating
- Hitler becomes the hero



## What is God?

Sovereign



“In Him all things hold together.”

Col. 1:17b



Our God is in the heavens;  
he does all that he pleases.

PSALM 115:3



Yeah . . . Let's do an  
exercise . . . Volunteers?

We might ask, though,  
“What about my free will?”



How about another  
angle? . .

We might ask, though,  
“What about my free will?”



## Psalm 139

13 For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother's  
womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

in your book were written, every one of  
them, the days that were formed for me,  
*when as yet there was none of them.*



**COME BACK HERE . . .**

I BELIEVE IT IS BOTH AND  
COMPATIBLE . . . BUT THERE IS ONLY  
ONE FREE WILL



Our God is in the heavens;  
he does all that he pleases.

**PSALM 115:3**



**IT'S HIS WORLD**  
WAKE UP!  
THIS IS OUR COPERNICAN  
REVOLUTION



What is God?

JUDGE



"All things were created . . .  
For Him . . . And He is the  
head . . ."

Col. 1:16-18



GOD HAS TO . . .



Where did “law” come from?

- There are no outside rules that God keeps . . .
- God did not just make up arbitrary rules.
- God is always intention and always the center.
- What is right is what is real.
- What is wrong is what is false.
- Evil is not a “stand-alone” – it is a parasite.
- Evil/Sin/Etc. is just “NO”



This is why . . .

**Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. *1 John 3:2***



This is why . . .

**For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. *1 Corinthians 13:12***



This is why . . .

**For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. *Romans 8:29***



This is why . . .

**And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. *2 Corinthians 3:18***



This is why . . .

by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

**2 Peter 1:4**



God doesn't keep the rules . . .

**. . . HE IS THE RULES!**



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COLOSSIANS 1:15-23



**So what?..**

Wake up!

What does that mean for us?



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