



Training Christians
to Teach *Biblical Truth*

Battle for the Next Generation (A Winning Strategy)

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Mission

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen

Situation

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Three Truths from God's Word



Truth 1

The Bible teaches that God is the Creator of all things.

◆ Genesis 1:1

◆ Colossians 1:16

Nehemiah 9:6

Acts 14:15

Isaiah 45:18

Ephesians 3:9

Jeremiah 32:17

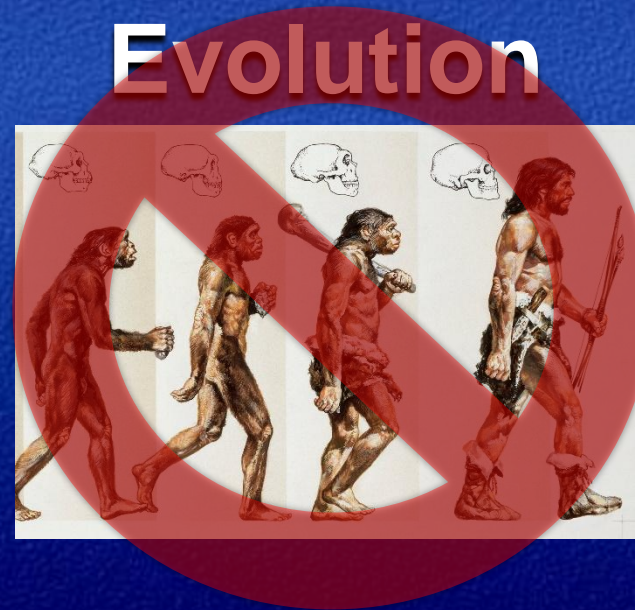
Hebrews 11:3

John 1:1-3

Revelation 4:11

What Does This Mean?

The Bible refutes evolutionism



Truth 2

The Bible teaches that God determines what is right.

I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, seek Me in vain'; I, the LORD, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Isaiah 45:19

*Sanctify them by Your truth.
Your word is truth.*

John 17:17

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the
truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through Me.*

John 14:6

What Does This Mean?

The Bible refutes the philosophy of moral relativism (no absolutes, no right or wrong).



Truth 3

The Bible teaches we should train our children according to God's ways.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

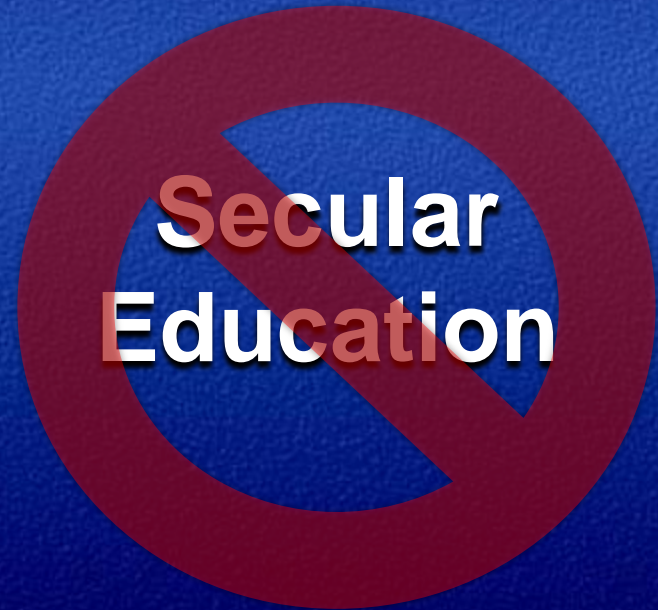
And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

What Does This Mean?

Parents have the responsibility to make sure their children are brought up in God's Word with a biblical worldview.

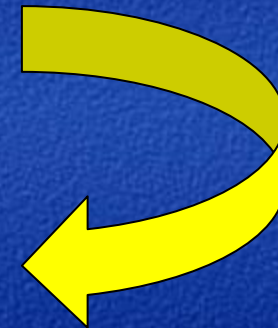


Start With A Biblical Worldview

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Matthew 22:37

Sanctified



Rom 12:1-2 Renew our minds

John 17:17 Sanctified by His Word

1 Pet 3:15 Sanctify God in our hearts

The Heart of the Matter

- ◆ In 1973, abortion was legalized nationwide.
- ◆ On June 26, 2015, the U. S. Supreme Court legalized same sex marriage nationwide.

- ◆ For many years students have been taught moral relativism starting in the early grades.
- ◆ For decades evolutionism has been taught as a fact in our secular universities and schools.

National Science Organizations

The Teaching of Evolution



- ◆ National Science Education Standards
- ◆ National Research Council's Board on Life Sciences
- ◆ National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
- ◆ National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT)
- ◆ National Center for Science Education (NCSE)

Promote the teaching of evolution throughout the K–12 curriculum.

Life Sciences Education: **The American Society for Cell Biology**

Created a plan for developing the
“Thinking Evolutionarily Initiative”

(Evolution Education Across the Life Sciences)

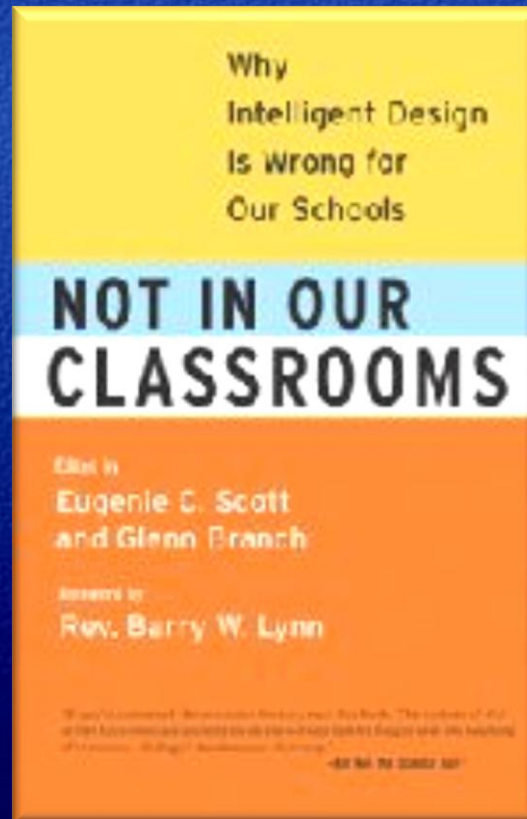
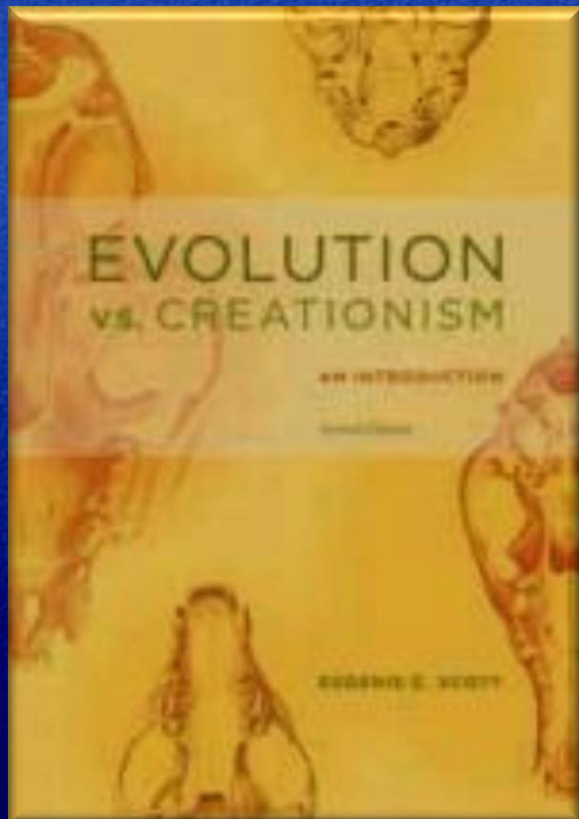
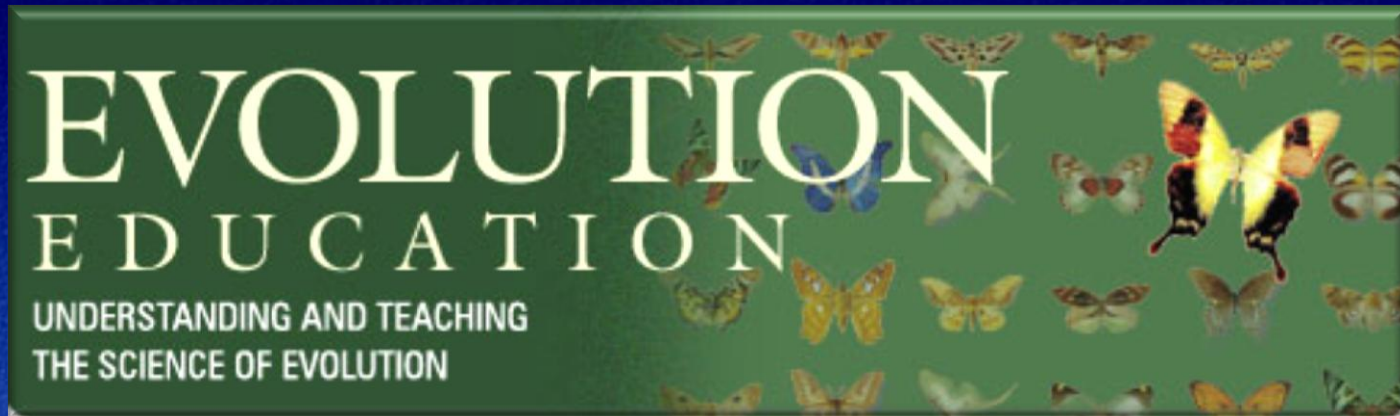


Teaching Evolution Initiative

- ◆ Develop and implement models of successful professional development for teaching evolution.
- ◆ Identify sources of funding to allow K–12 teachers to attend professional society meetings.
- ◆ Find effective ways to train teachers to teach evolutionary thinking. There is a need to create teacher leaders.

- ◆ Develop clear messages about the importance of thinking evolutionarily.
- ◆ Interact with communities and engage them as partners in education.
- ◆ Utilize social networking.

NCSE

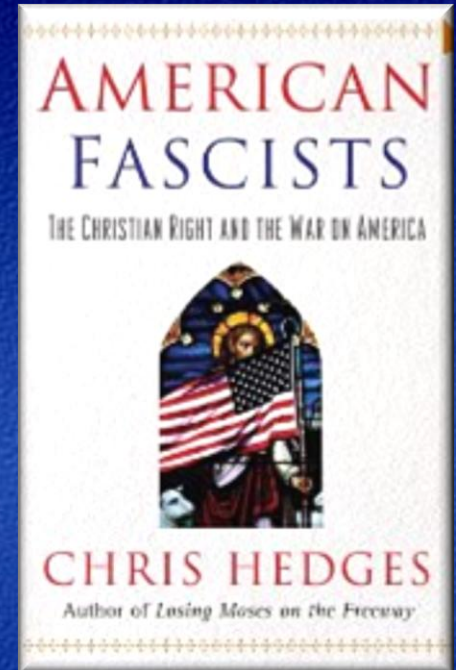


Resources to
help you defend
the teaching of
evolution

Northern Arizona University

Freshman honors class

“American Fascists:
The Christian Right and
the War on America”.



Chris Hedges (graduate of Harvard Divinity School, American journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner)

“Followers [Evangelical Christians] in the movement are locked within closed systems of information and indoctrination that cater to their hates and prejudices.”

“Most of America’s fundamentalist and evangelical churches are led by pastors who peddle this non-reality belief system, one that embraces magic, the fiction of a ‘Christian nation’ ...”

Comment from a student who attended
the class:

“I didn't know Christians
were so bad.”

Comment from the mother of a student:

“Don't Christians realize what their children will be up against? And if they do, why aren't they preparing their children for these battles?”

Questions

- ◆ Should we be upset with the abortionists?
- ◆ Should we be upset with the gay rights activists?
- ◆ Should we be angry with the evolutionists?
- ◆ Should we be angry with the moral relativists?
- ◆ Should we be angry with the teachers who teach these alleged rights and philosophies?

The State of Christian Education?

- ◆ Many seminary graduates are unable to defend their faith.
- ◆ Churches seldom bring up the topics.
- ◆ Youth leaders are unable to train their students to defend their faith.
- ◆ Most Christian leaders are not prepared to carry out the Great Commission against the strongholds of evolution and moral relativism.

Can We Answer These Challenges?

- ◆ How can you call God good when He allows bad things to happen?
- ◆ How can the first three days of creation be literal days when the sun was not created until day 4?
- ◆ What is true for you is not true for me.
- ◆ In the Old Testament God killed men, women and children. What kind of a God do Christians worship?

- ◆ Why are Christians against a woman's right to have a choice (abortion)?
- ◆ Doesn't carbon-14 prove the earth is older than 6,000 years?
- ◆ The age of the earth does not matter. We should just preach about Jesus.
- ◆ Why are Christians so intolerant of other people's beliefs?
- ◆ Give me any real evidence for the existence of God.

- ◆ Evolution is a fact and Christians should learn to accept this and stop trying to indoctrinate children with the fantasy of creationism.
- ◆ How do you fit dinosaurs into the Bible?

Education at a Crossroads

- ◆ Evolutionism and the idea of billions of years is confusing our youth. Which is true: Evolution or the Bible?
- ◆ Parents are concerned that their children don't believe the Bible any more after going to school.
- ◆ Many church youth leaders are more concern with numbers and entertainment than teaching students to defend their faith.

Knowledge and Hosea 4:6

- ◆ Many Christian schools want someone with the knowledge to teach apologetics and creation.
- ◆ Many parents are looking for some way to learn how to defend their faith so they can teach their children.

Brian Rohrbough (son Dan was murdered in the Columbine massacre), “Heavenly or Earthly Treasures,” *IndoctriNation*, 2012, p. 20.

“Looking back, I realize that my church upbringing didn’t stand a chance against all of the immersive ‘education’ that I’d received.”

David Noebel (President of Summit Ministries),
The Battle for Truth, 2001, pp. 6-7

“In fact, Secular Humanism is the dominant worldview in our secular colleges and universities. It has also made gains in many Christian colleges and universities.... Humanists recognize the classroom as a powerful context for indoctrination.”.

Don Bierle (Ph.D., Life Sciences), *Surprised by Faith*, 1992, p. 2.

“At that time [14 years old], and during the subsequent few years, I did not see the church as a source of answers....

During this time I mentally either discarded or challenged much of traditional Christian teaching about the Bible, creation, Jesus Christ and salvation. I was asking ‘why,’ and could not find answers.”

Voddie Baucham, Jr. (M.Div., D.Min., D.D.),
“*IndoctriNation*, 2012, p. 263.

“The correlation is clear: If we continue to send our children to Caesar for their education, we need to stop being surprised when they come home as Romans.”

The Hard Facts



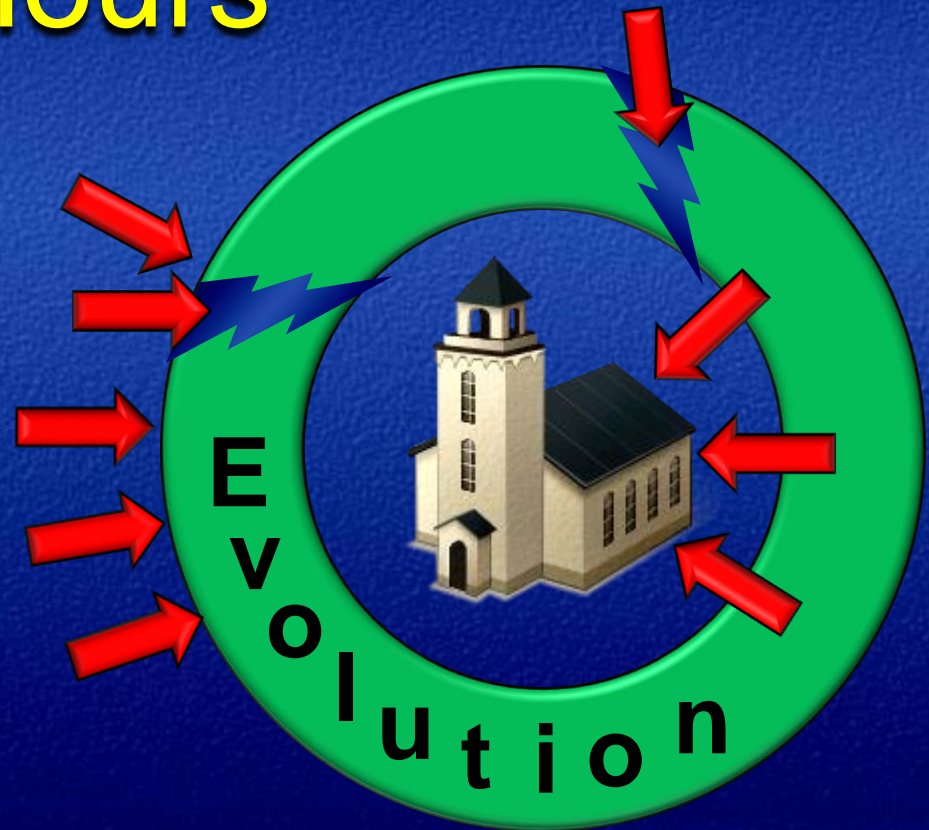
Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent to teach students evolution, moral relativism, same sex marriage is normal, and abortion is a woman's right.



Education: Grades 1-12

12,000 – 14,000
Hours

Out-numbered
Out-financed \$\$
Surrounded
Compromised
Out-educated



Jim Wilson (U. S. Naval Academy, Korean War, Director of Community Christian Ministries & Evangelism), *Principles of War: A Handbook on Strategic Evangelism*, 1991, p. 7.

“In the study of warfare, great men have concluded that there are some overriding principles that, if followed, will always tend toward success in battle, and if neglected or ignored, will tend toward defeat or even destruction.”

The Plan of Action

The plan is simple, but it will take time.
It is based upon 2 Timothy 2:2.

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

The Plan of Action

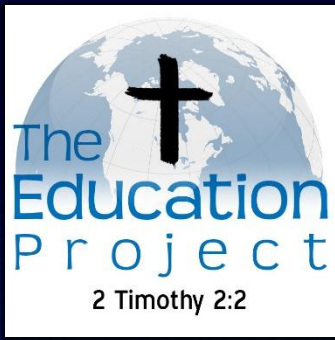
Increase the number of teachers who can teach creation and apologetics.



Train the next generation to stand firm.

Abraham Lincoln and Education

“The philosophy of the classroom in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”



The Education Project

One of the most ambitious and exciting Christian education endeavors in decades.

A teacher in every Bible believing church and Christian school who can teach biblical creation and apologetics.

The BIG FIVE

This project is designed to equip the next generation to:

1. Think biblically.
2. Think critically and analyze statements and challenges.
3. Refute evolutionism.
4. Respond to the claims of moral relativists.
5. Recognize and respond to biblical compromise.

Education Project

Strategy Implementation



Creation 2
Apologetics 0
TEACHERS 1
COLLEGE 0

AUGUST 1-6, 2016


The Implementation

Three 1-Day Training Courses

Over 1,000 trained

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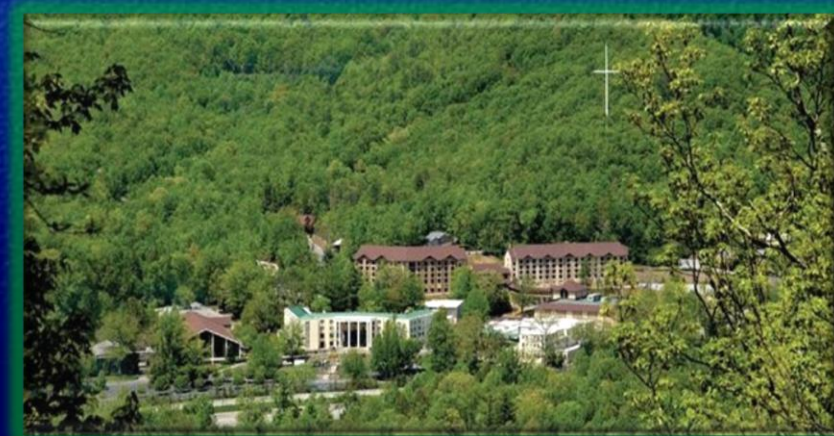
5-Day Creation Apologetics Teachers College

When: August 1-6, 2016

Where: Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference
Center, Ridgecrest, NC

Who: 60 students (pastors, youth leaders,
school teachers, parents, college age)

Cost: \$540



Training

At CTI we have trained over 100 Christians in our 5-day Creation Apologetics Teachers College with the skills and knowledge to teach biblical creation and apologetics in their churches and schools.



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TEACHERS **1**
COLLEGE **O**

AUGUST 1-6, 2016



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"Since I was very young I have been a Christian, but until I got to the CTI course I did not realize how much false teaching had crept into my worldview. With the help of CTI I now feel that I can trust and defend the Bible."

- Nathaniel, Ohio



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“This has been the best week of Bible lectures I have experienced and I want to thank you for all the preparation and work.”
- Tim, Alabama



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“The Creation Apologetics Teachers College was what I hoped for and more. After studying the creation/evolution subject for the past 15 years, it is only now, after this week, that I can really discuss the issues from a solid Biblical foundation.”

- Rick, New Mexico

The Implementation

The Sanctity of Human Life Video-Based Course

The course will cover three specific topics:

1. What the Bible teaches about the sanctity of human life.
2. Science and human life.
3. How to answer challenges from abortionists.

The Implementation

Equipping Courses

Designed for Christian students attending public schools.

Purpose

Train students to challenge evolution using critical thinking skills.

Help students write reports about evolution that show there are many unanswered questions.

4 Equipping Courses

1. The Origin of Life
2. The Origin of Humans and the Mechanism for Change
3. Dating Methods (rocks and fossils)
4. Biblical Creation and Compromise

The Outcomes

Pastors, youth pastors, teachers and parents will be equipped to teach biblical creation and apologetics in churches and schools.

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The Outcomes

Thousands of high school students will have the knowledge to apply the BIG FIVE. This will give them greater boldness to present and defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. Think biblically.
2. Think critically and analyze statements and challenges.
3. Refute evolutionism.
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Abraham Lincoln

Lyceum Address, Springfield, Illinois, "The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions", January 27, 1838

“Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years.

Continued

Abraham Lincoln

At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer. If it ever reach us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen we must live through all time or die by suicide.”

Abraham Lincoln, Lyceum Address, Springfield, Illinois, "The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions", January 27, 1838

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*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:
“Whom shall I send, And who will go for
Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”*

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“If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not professing Christ, however boldly I may be confessing Him. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved!”

Martin Luther &
Elizabeth Rundle Charles, "The Chronicles
of the Schoenberg Cotta Family," 1864.



The Greatest Teaching Method

45 Years in the Education Field

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Christian schools

Universities, Graduate school

Churches

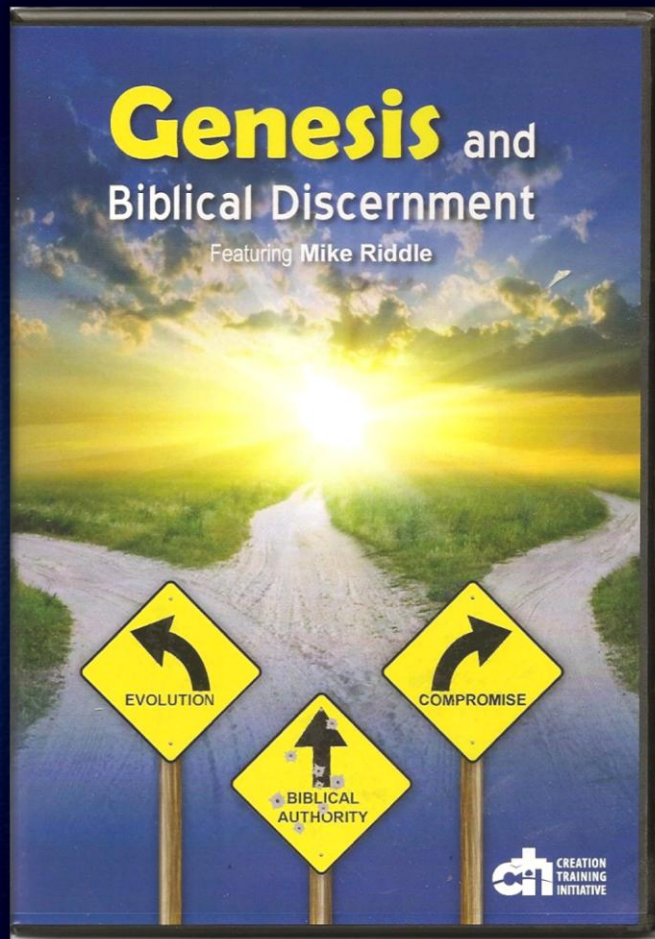
Business world

U.S. Marine Corps

The greatest teaching method is the one used by Jesus. (2 Timothy 2:2)

Genesis and Biblical Discernment

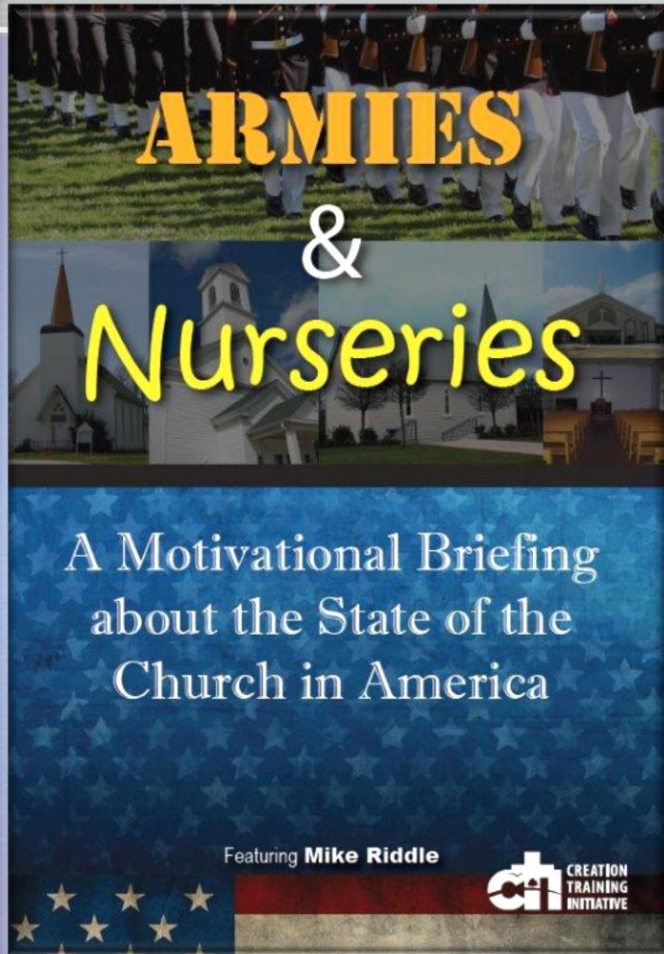
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- How long were the days of creation?
- Does the age of the earth matter?
- What are they really teaching in the public schools?

Armies and Nurseries

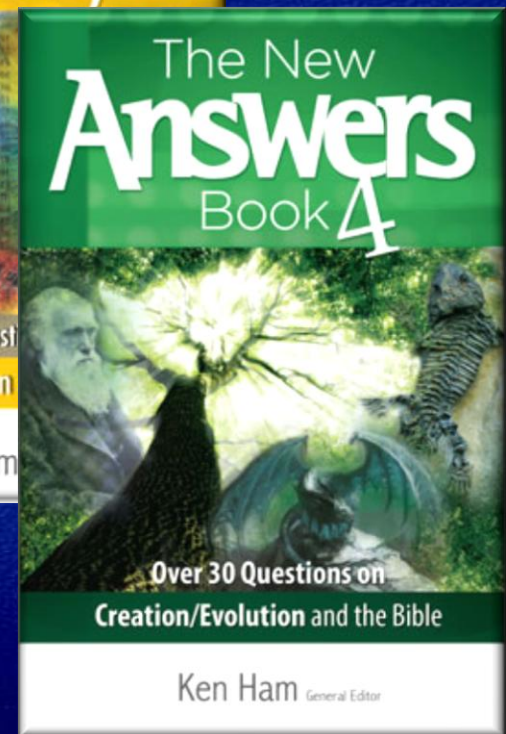
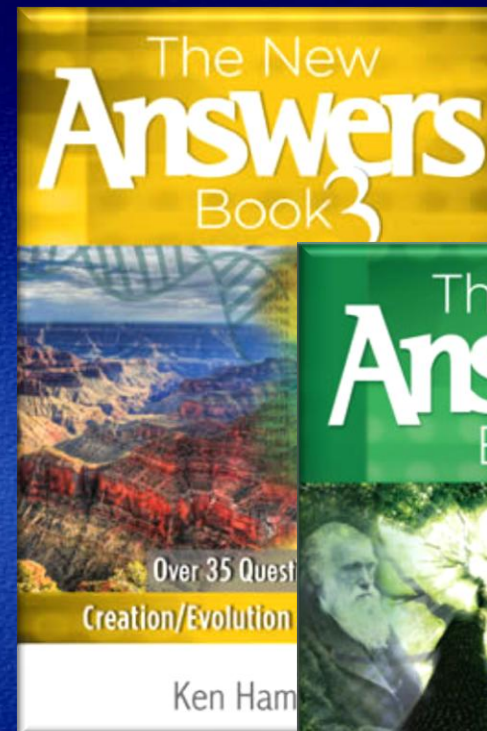
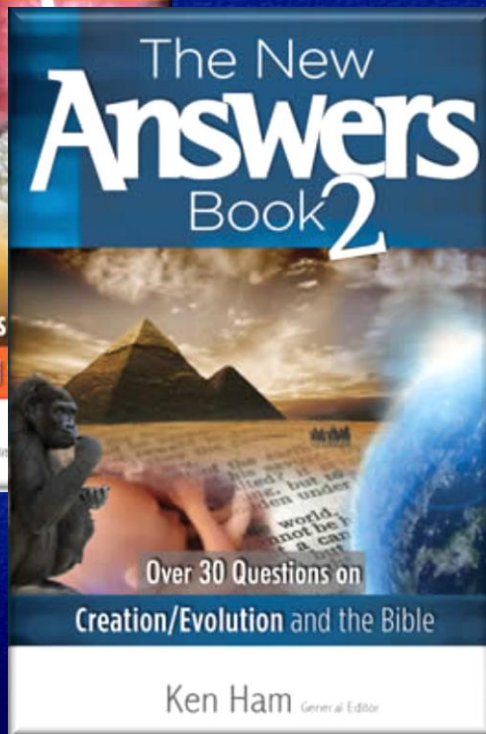
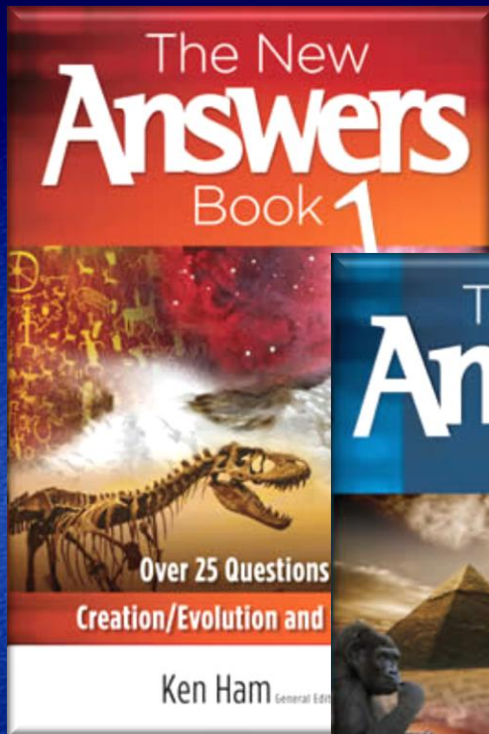
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A briefing about the state of the church in America

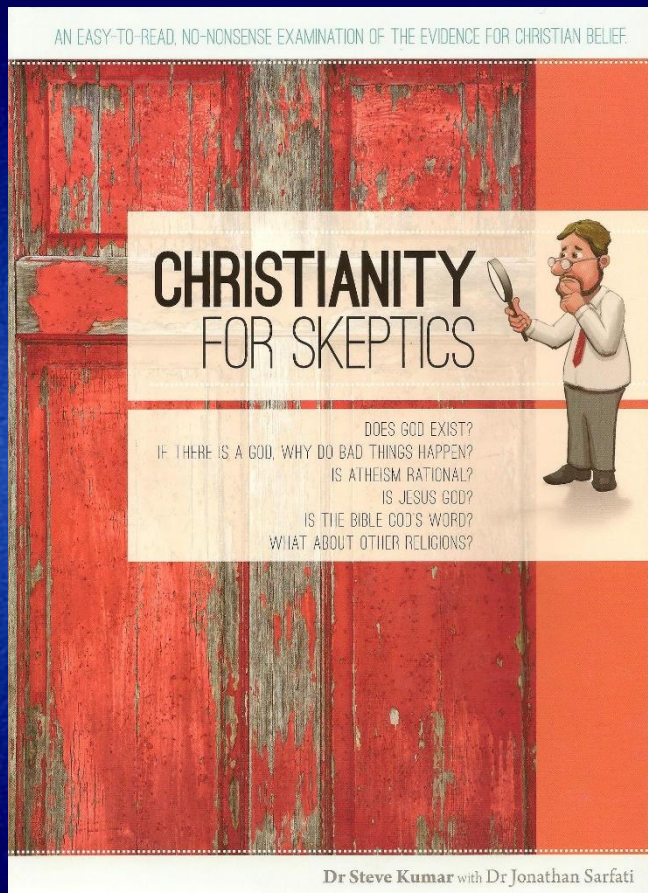
- Our history
- The current situation
- How we lost the education system
- What we can do to win

Answers Book 1, 2, 3 & 4



Christianity for Skeptics

Apologetics



Does God exist?

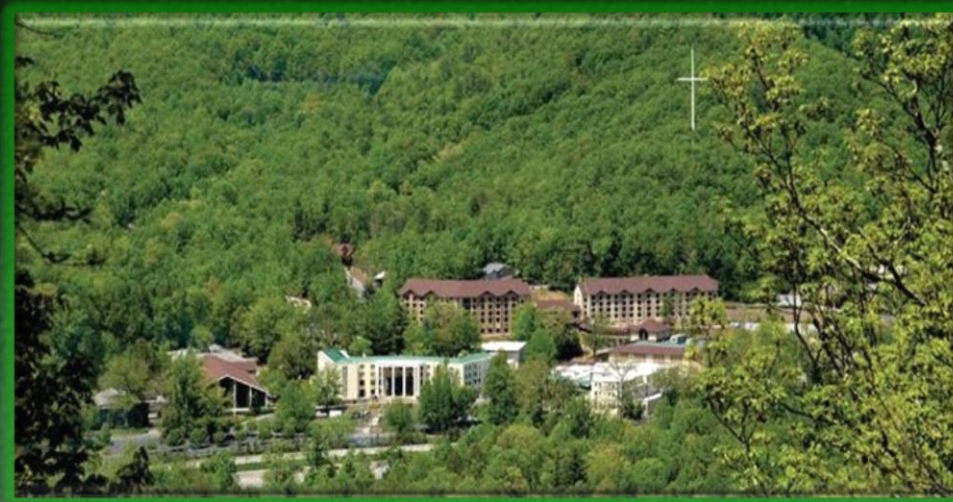
If God is good, why is there evil?

What about other religions?

The challenge of Islam

More...

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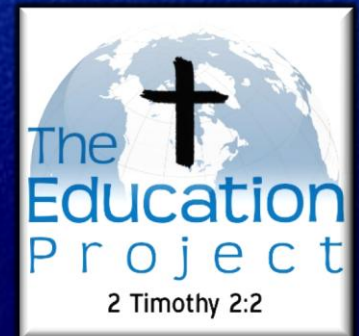
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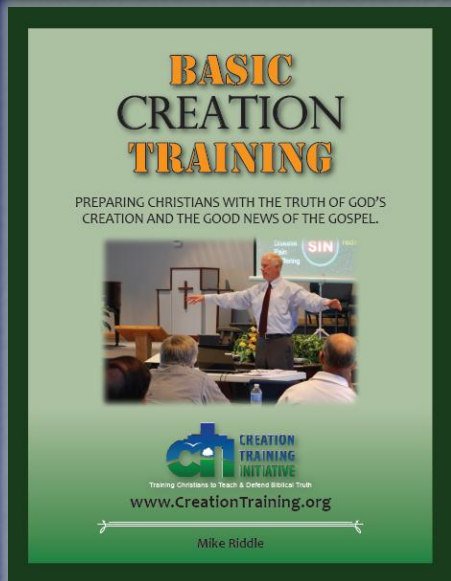
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Victory is the goal.



Basic Creation Training Course

When: Jan30, 2016

Where: Covenant Baptist Church
Collierville, TN



- Establishing a biblical worldview
- The Genesis Flood, geology and fossils
- Apologetics
- Dismantling the 4 pillars of evolution

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The Plan

Provide training courses where Christians can learn to:

- Defend their faith without fear
- Become better evangelists

Equip Christians with the knowledge and skills to teach biblical creation and apologetics (Discipleship).

\$300,000 Education Project 4 Years



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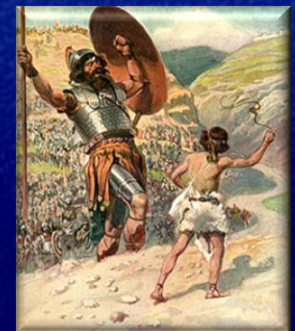
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Strategic Plan

Equip the next generation to believe, trust, and defend God's
Word

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biblical creation and apologetics

Who will train the next generation?

3 Dates in American History



December 7, 1941
Pearl Harbor



June 3-7, 1942
Battle of Midway



June 6, 1944
D-Day

“When an opponent declares, ‘I will not come over to your side,’ I calmly say, ‘Your child belongs to us already. What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time, they will know nothing else but this new community.’”

Is This America Today?

The Situation

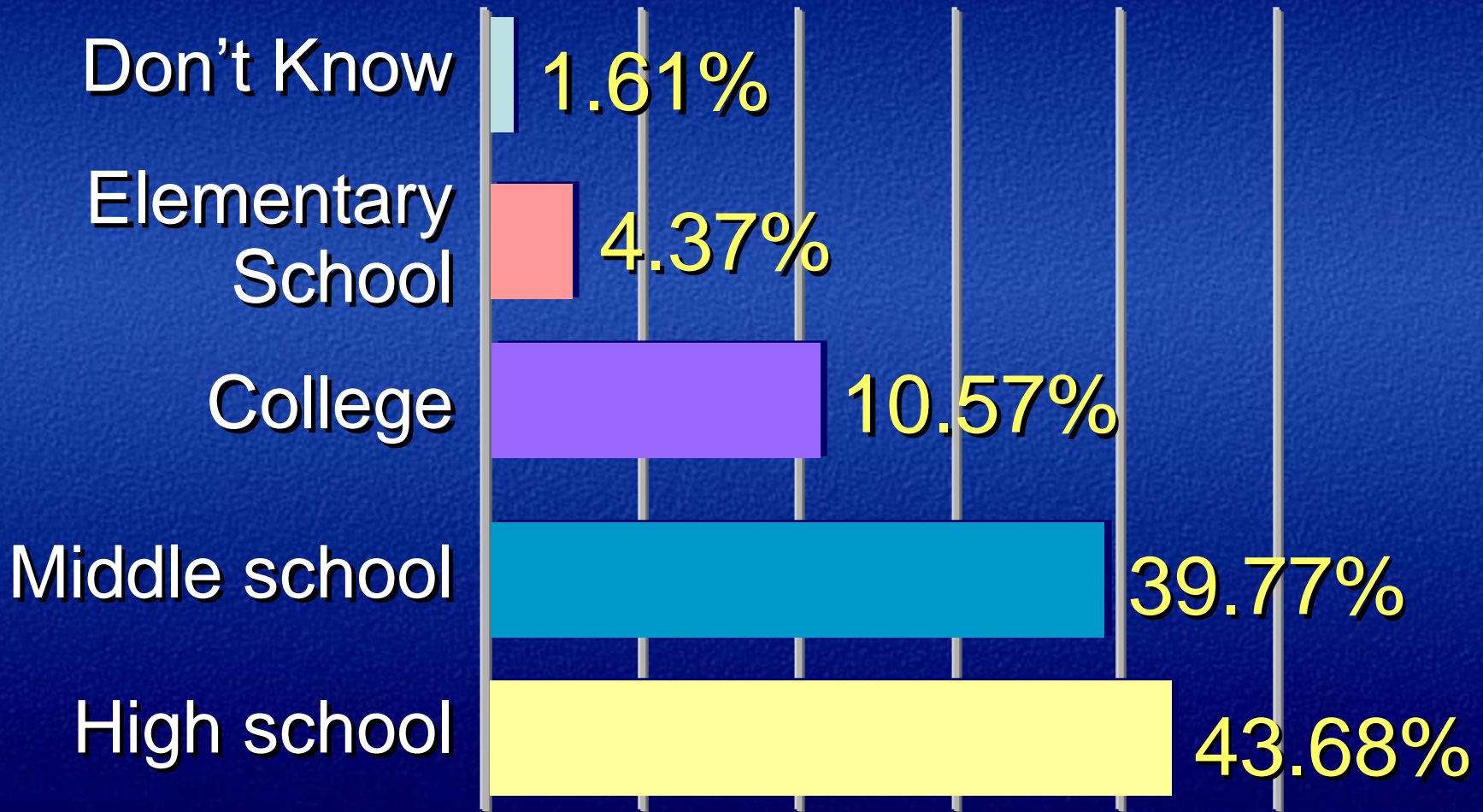
Gay rights Tolerance
Abortion rights God used evolution
Moral relativism Eastern mysticism
Evolutionism Emergent church

Pressure to Conform

Who will teach the next generation?



If you don't believe, when did you first have doubts?



State Schools

- ◆ Disallow the singing of Christmas carols
- ◆ Disallow prayer
- ◆ Disallow the posting of the Ten Commandments
- ◆ Disallow the name of Jesus at athletic events or school assemblies
- ◆ Disallow the teaching of a Creator God

The Changing of America

Sexual purity has become sexual “freedom”
from constraints

Academic freedom has become state
mandated training (indoctrination)

Freedom to live has become freedom to
choose who dies (abortion)

Absolute morality has become moral relevance

Biblical principles have been deemed intolerant

The Battle for Foundations

Mattill, A. J., Jr., “Three Cheers for the Creationists,” *Free Inquiry*, vol. 2 (Spring 1982).

“And the creationists have also shown irrefutably that those liberal and neo-orthodox Christians who regard the creation stories as myths or allegories are undermining the rest of Scripture,

continued

for if there was no Adam, there was no fall; and if there was no fall there was no hell; and if there was no hell, there was no need of Jesus as Second Adam and Incarnate Savior, crucified and risen. As a result, the whole biblical system of salvation collapses. . .

Evolution thus becomes the most potent weapon for destroying the Christian faith.”

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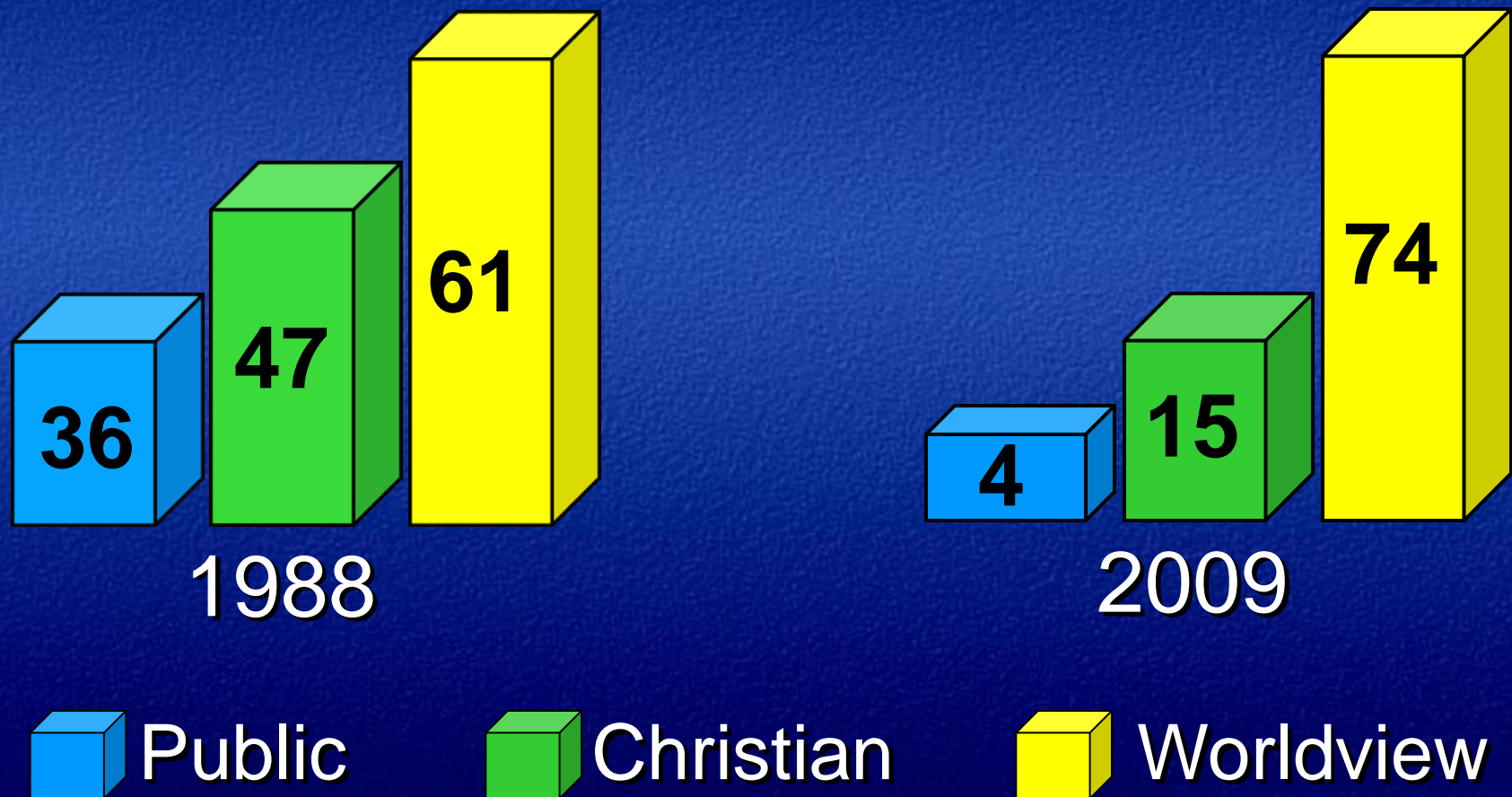
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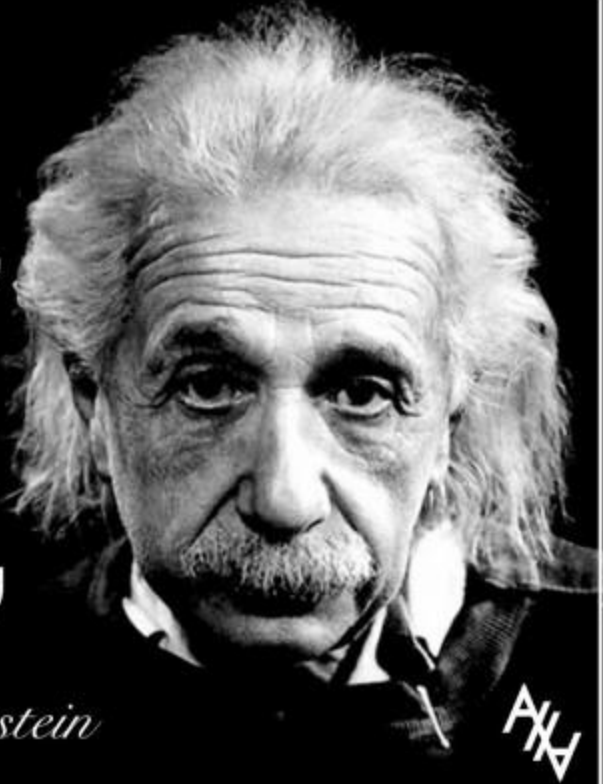
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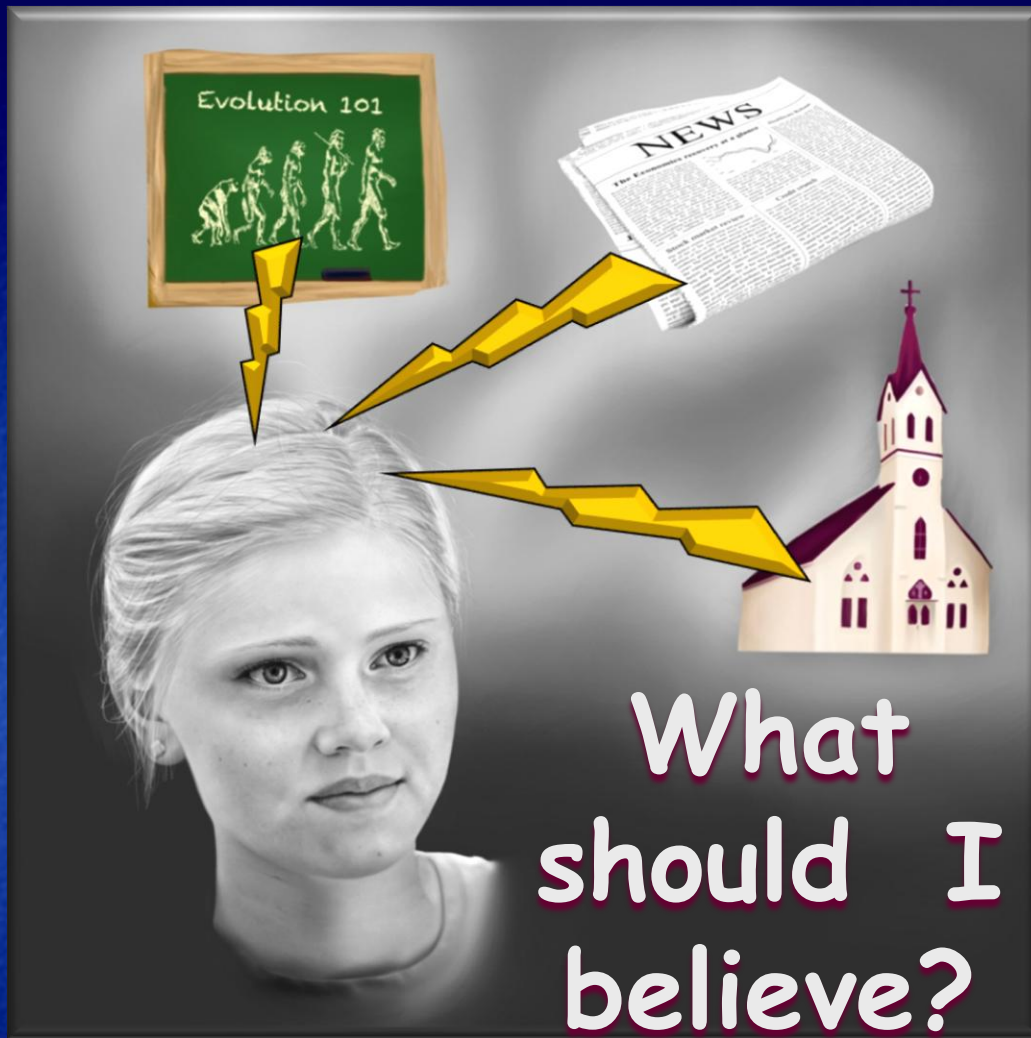
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-Albert Einstein





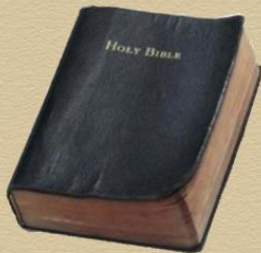
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