

The Bible

(The First Three Chapters)



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Who God Is (His Character)

- ◆ He is the Creator of all things
(Gen 1, Neh 9:6, Isa 45:18, John 1:1-3, Acts 14:15, Eph 3:9, Heb 11:3, Rev 4:11)
- ◆ He is all powerful – only He can create out of nothing!
- ◆ He is a God of order
- ◆ He is transcendent

- ◆ He is the sovereign (absolute) ruler of His creation (Isa 45:5, 46:9; 1 Tim 2:5)
- ◆ He has a special interest in mankind
- ◆ His works are perfect (Gen 1:31)
(Deut 32:4) *He is the Rock, His work is perfect.*
- ◆ He is a God of judgment (Gen 6-9)
- ◆ He is a God of mercy and grace

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The Foundation for a Christian Worldview

God exists and His Word is true

- ◆ Genesis 1:1 The Creator of all things
- ◆ 2 Tim 3:16-17 God breathed
- ◆ John 17:17 His Word is true
- ◆ Mat 22:37 Biblical Worldview
- ◆ Rom 12:2 Renew our minds

Why we call Him Lord

- ◆ He is the Creator of all things
- ◆ Revelation 4:10-11

*The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:
“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”*

Revelation 4:10-11

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The beginning of the universe

In the beginning God created the
heavens and the earth.

The Age of the Earth

- ◆ Six literal days about 6,000 years ago
- ◆ Day with a number
- ◆ Evening and morning
- ◆ Exodus 20:11
- ◆ Genesis 5 genealogies
- ◆ Mark 10:6

Understanding of science

- ◆ Astronomy, physics, biology, paleontology, origin of life, design in life
- ◆ Origin of stars and galaxies
- ◆ “After their kind”
- ◆ Fossil record
- ◆ Origin of dinosaurs
- ◆ Laws of science (Biogenesis, Thermodynamics)

◆ Design in all life (human life)

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

Psalm 139:14

The Incredible Human Body



- ◆ In the human body there are 60,000 miles of blood vessels
- ◆ A heart that pumps over 100,000 times a day
- ◆ Red blood cells that transport oxygen to tissues
- ◆ White blood cells that rush to identify enemy agents in the body and mark them for destruction

- ◆ Eyes and ears which are more complex than any man-made machine
- ◆ The human body is made of 60 trillion cells.
- ◆ Each second, 10 million cells die and are replaced.
- ◆ Bones stronger than concrete
- ◆ A nose that can recognize and remember 50,000 different scents

- ◆ Nerve impulses to and from the brain travel up to 170 miles per hour.
- ◆ You get a new stomach lining every three to four days.
- ◆ A liver with over 500 different functions
- ◆ Sneezes that exceed 100 miles per hour
- ◆ Teeth that start growing 6 months before you are born
- ◆ Eyes that are fully grown at birth
- ◆ It takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown.

Human Brain

- ◆ About 100 billion nerve cells (neurons)
- ◆ Over 100 trillion connections (synapses)
- ◆ About one quadrillion calculations a second



Purposeful design by our Creator God, Jesus Christ



Every human body is a testimony to
an all-knowing, all-powerful Creator

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Our original relationship with God

A perfect relationship until the Fall
(no sin or death)

Then God blessed them, ...”

Genesis 1:28

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The consequence of sin

- ◆ The curse
- ◆ Separation from a holy and perfect God
- ◆ Death (physical and spiritual)
- ◆ Romans 5:12 and 8:22

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

Why we die

- ◆ The Fall, sin, disobedience
- ◆ We were made to live forever (Genesis 3:22)

Genesis 3:22

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.”

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A God who keeps His promises

- ◆ God gave Adam one rule (Genesis 2:17)

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

The foundation for human rights

- ◆ God is the Creator of all things.
- ◆ The very existence of rights depends on God. God grants rights (John 1:12).

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

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Marriage

- ◆ One man and one woman
- ◆ Genesis 1:27

*So God created man in His own image;
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.*

Matthew 19:4-6

*And He answered and said to them,
“Have you not read that He who made
them at the beginning ‘made them
male and female,’
and said, “for this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother and be
joined to his wife, and the two shall
become one flesh”?*

Mark 10:6

But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.

All other gods are false gods

- ◆ God created all things.
- ◆ Isaiah 44:6; 45:5; 46:9 (one God)
- ◆ The sun, moon, stars, rocks and crystals are inanimate objects.
- ◆ Human hands carve statues to make lifeless idols.

Romans 1:20-23

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, 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.

*Professing to be wise, they became fools,
and changed the glory of the incorruptible
God into an image made like corruptible
man—and birds and four-footed animals
and creeping things.*

Romans 1:20-23

Why homosexuality fails

- ◆ God's plan to multiply the species was to create male and female.
- ◆ Genesis 1:28 (*"be fruitful and multiply"*)
- ◆ Genesis 2:24 (*"cleave to his wife: and they shall be one flesh"*)
- ◆ Homosexuality fails the test of evolution (survival of the fittest)

Our work schedule

- ◆ God established the work week (work 6 days and rest 1 day)
- ◆ Exodus 20:11 (Commandment 4)

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Why God will have to make everything new

The battle for sovereignty

- ◆ God will abolish death. (1 Cor 15:26)
- ◆ God will restore the perfect environment.
- ◆ God will crush Satan and rid the earth of his kingdom.
- ◆ God will reverse the consequences of sin.

The foundation for the Gospel

*For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the **Scriptures**, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the **Scriptures**,*

- ◆ God created all things (Gen 1:1; Col 1:16)
- ◆ God's creation was perfect (Gen 1:31)
- ◆ God gave one rule (Gen 2:17)
- ◆ Man disobeyed God (Gen 3:6)
- ◆ Death came into creation (Rom 5:12, 8:22)
- ◆ God's requirement is that we be perfect (Mat 5:48)
- ◆ No one is perfect – we all fail (Rom 3:23, 6:23)

- ◆ Our sin separates from a Perfect and Holy God (Isa 59:2)
- ◆ God has promised us a Savior (Gen 3:15)
- ◆ God demonstrates His mercy (John 3:16)
- ◆ There is only way to this salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5)
- ◆ We cannot work our way to heaven, it is a free gift (Eph 2:8-9)

God

Man

Christ

Response

The Gospel

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

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The first promise of a Savior and victory

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."



Temporary wound



Satan is crushed

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**The foundation for understanding
the book of Revelation and end
times**

Genesis

God's Bookends

Answers
Bible
Revelation

Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

The curse
announced
Gen 3:17b



The curse
removed
Rev 22:3



Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Toil for food
Gen 3:18-19



Abundance
of food
Rev 22:2



Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Death for all
Gen 3:19



No more
death
Rev 21:4



Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Coats of
skin
Gen 3:21



Clean linen
Rev 7:14

Genesis

Creation

Apologetics

Answers

Bible

Revelation

Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Tree of Life
denied
Gen 3:24



Tree of Life
supplied
Rev 22:14



Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Banished
from paradise
Gen 3:23



Entrance into
heaven
Rev 22:14

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Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Redemption
promised
Gen 3:15



Redemption
accomplished
Rev 5:9-10



Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Evil is
everywhere
Gen 6:5



Evil is
excluded
Rev 21:27



Paradise
Lost

Paradise
Restored

Angels block
the way
Gen 3:24



Angels show
the way
Rev 21:9

Why so many youth are leaving the church

- ◆ The teaching of evolution (billions of years)
- ◆ Youth are not being taught the Bible has answers to today's challenges
- ◆ The parent and education

Three Independent Studies Why Teach Apologetics

Answers in Genesis and The American
Research Group

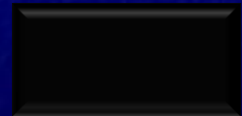
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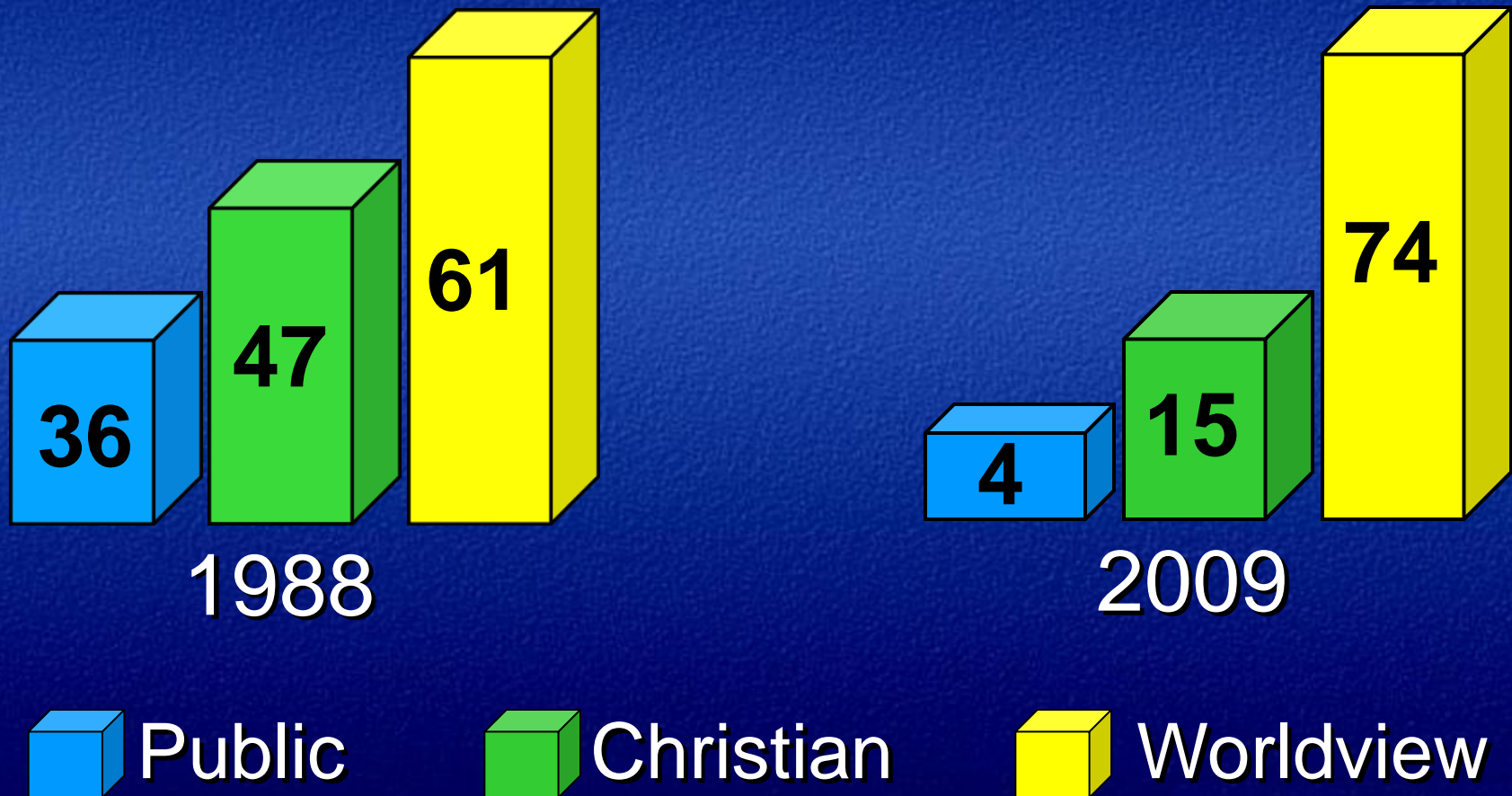


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Biblical Worldview Testing

Nehemiah Institute (www.nehemiahinstitute.com)
(Politics, Education, Religion, Social Issues)



Genesis Is The Foundation

Strategy: Attack the foundation

- ◆ Who God is
- ◆ Definition of marriage
- ◆ Why we need a Savior
- ◆ Why we die
- ◆ The Gospel
- ◆ Understanding science
- ◆ Biblical doctrines



If We Compromise the First Three Chapters

- ◆ Adding millions of years
- ◆ God used evolution
- ◆ Spiritualize Genesis (not real history)
- ◆ Apathy – not an important issue

THEN

**How can we know for sure
the rest of the Bible is true?**



The story of the Bible and
all human history is this:



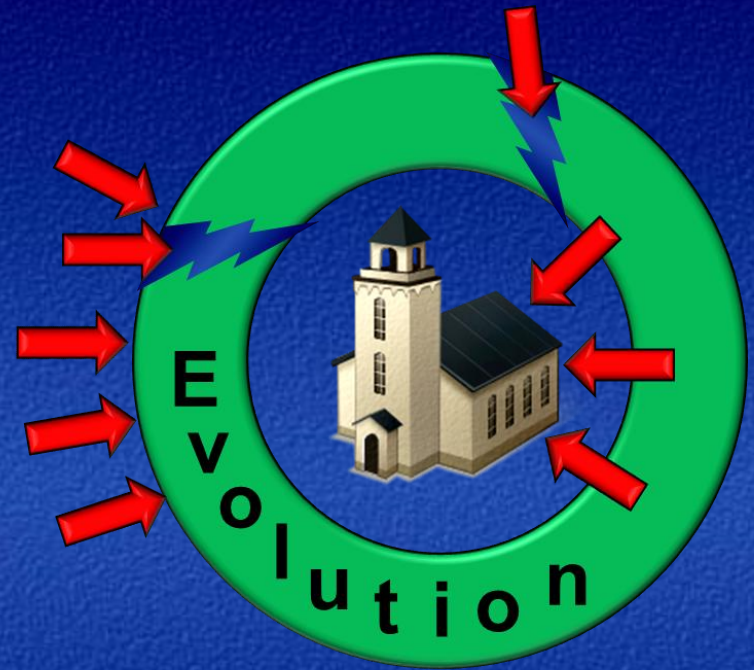
**Paradise Created, Paradise
Lost, Paradise Restored,
And It All Points To Christ.**

The Situation

- ◆ We are out numbered
- ◆ We are out financed
- ◆ We are surrounded

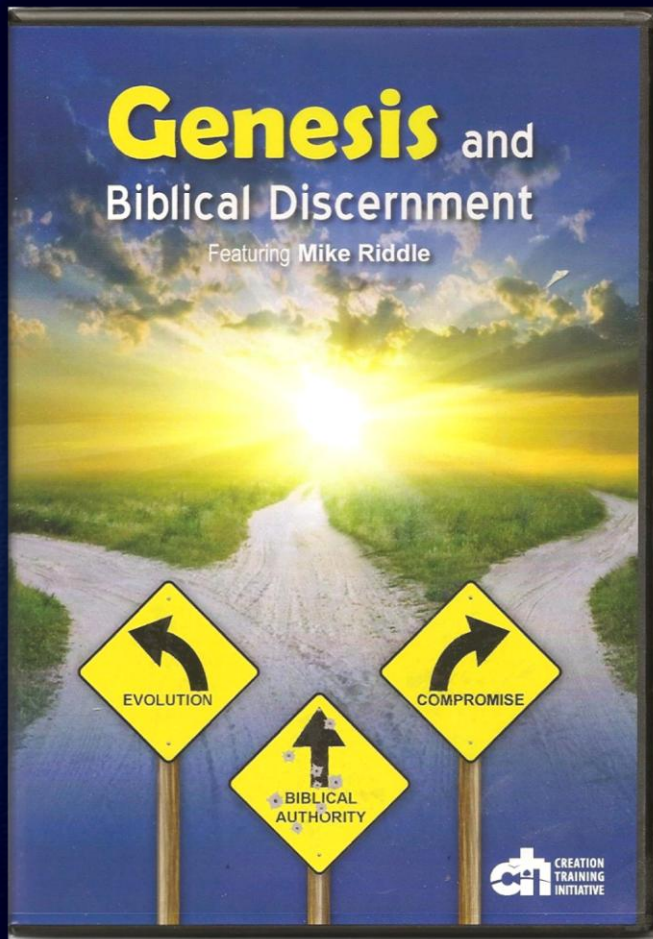
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There is dissention, compromise
and surrender in the church ranks



Genesis and Biblical Discernment

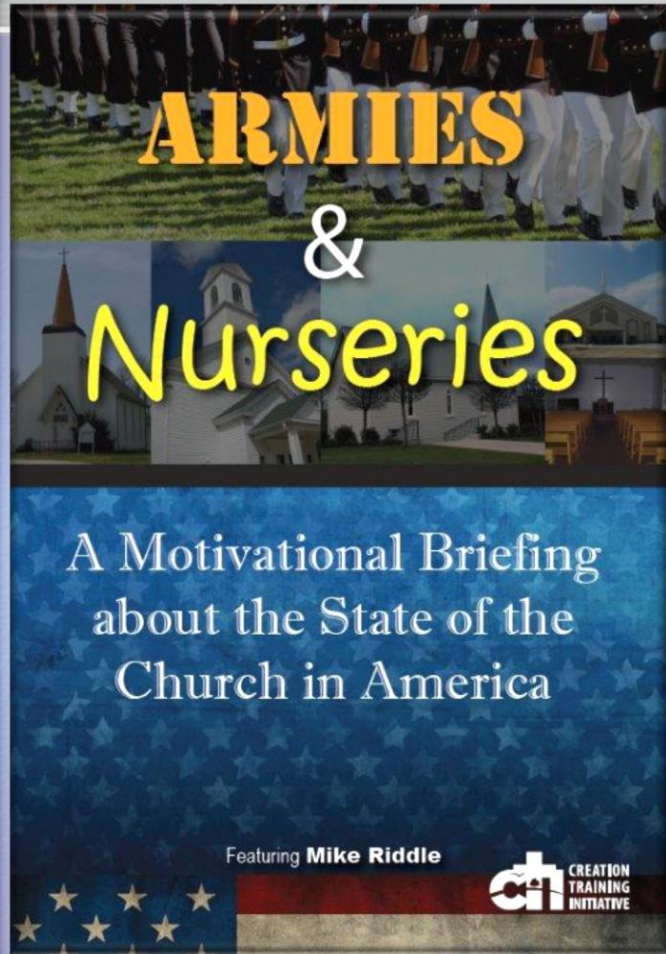
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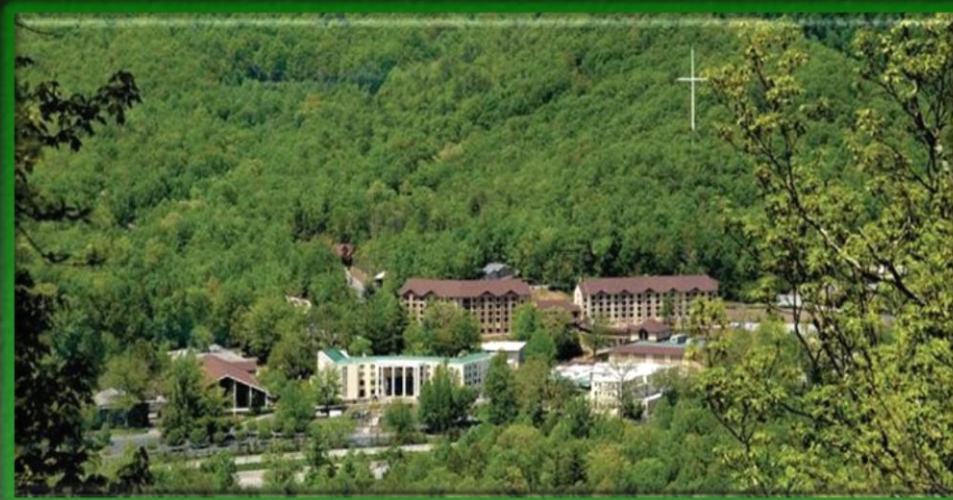
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- Our American foundation
- The current situation
- How we lost the education system
- What we can do to win

5-Day Apologetics Teachers College



When: August 1-6, 2016

Where: Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference
Center, Ridgecrest, NC

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

The Education Project



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Ron Luce, *Battle Cry For A Generation*, 2005, p. 16.

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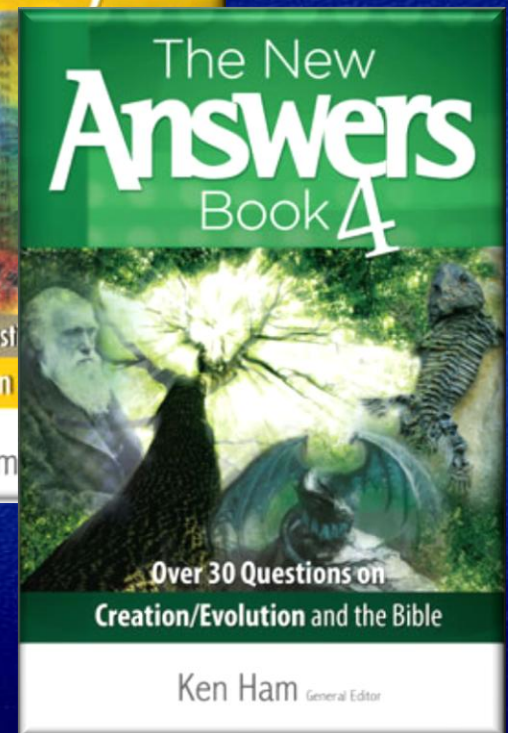
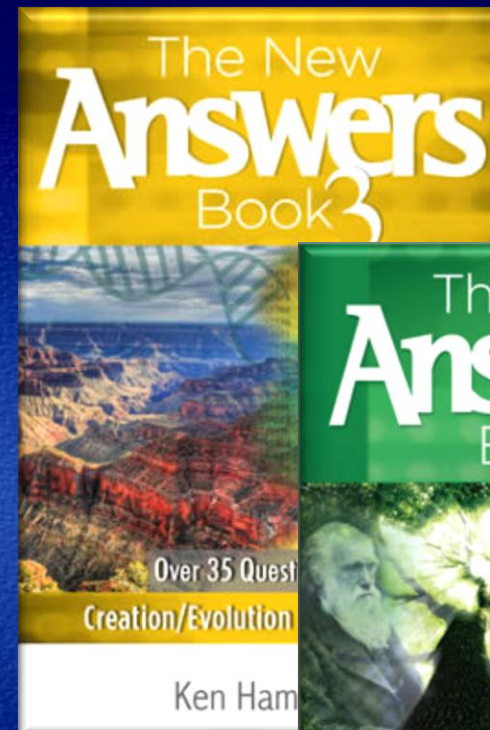
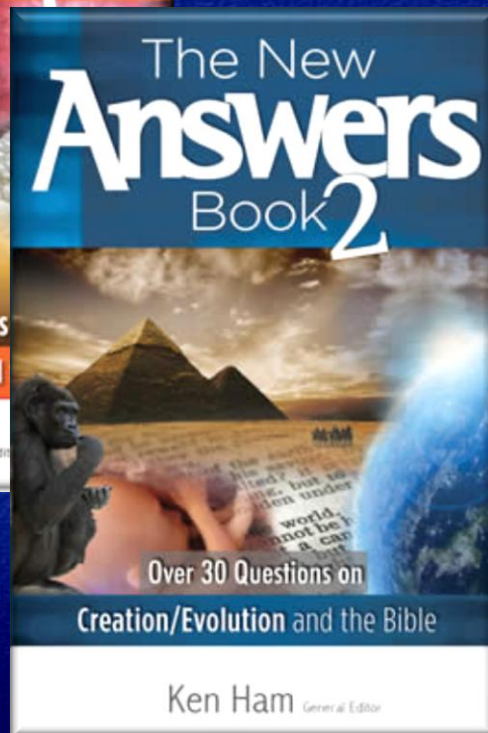
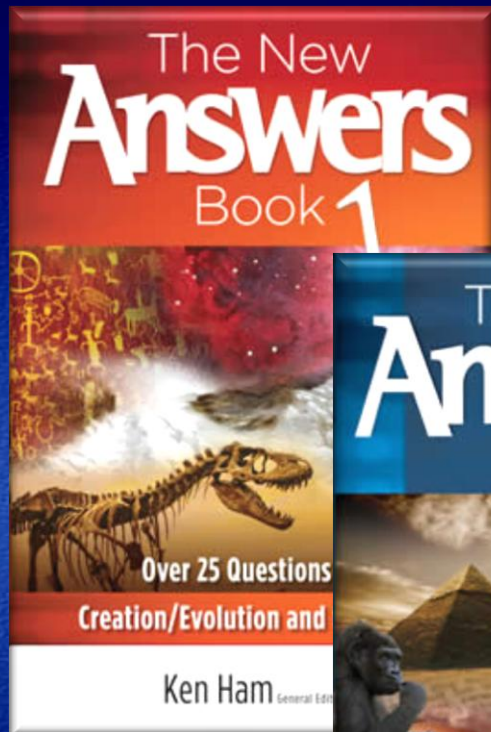
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A Relevant Question

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“I’ve seen the signs of war, and you have too. Yet to no avail. Too few of us have taken action. Too few seem to realize that the enemy is at our own back door. It is time to wake up and acknowledge that this is our war for the hearts of today’s teens and for the future of America. It is time now for us to get involved, not only as supporters but as warriors.”

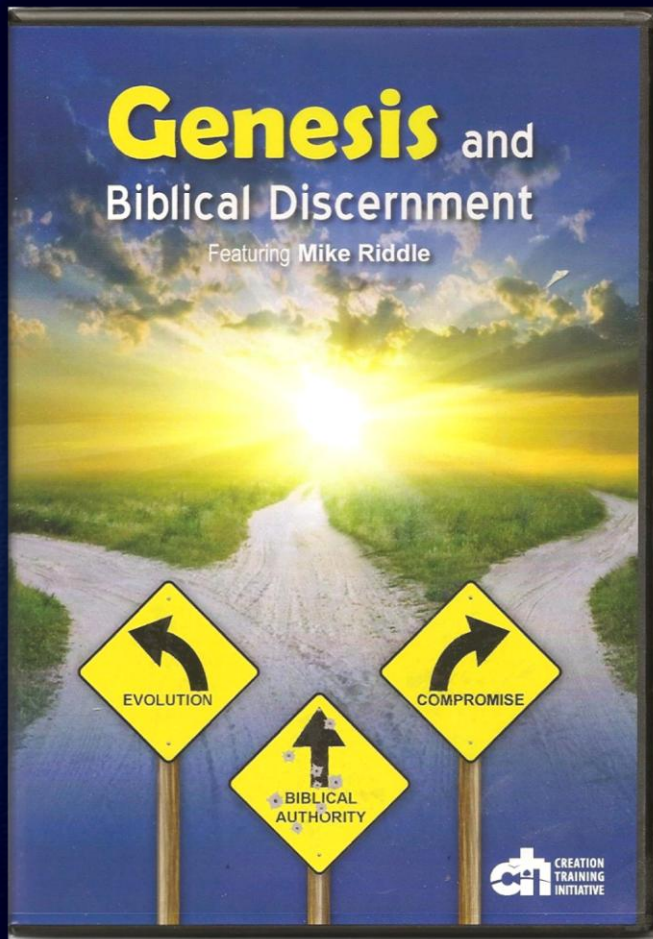
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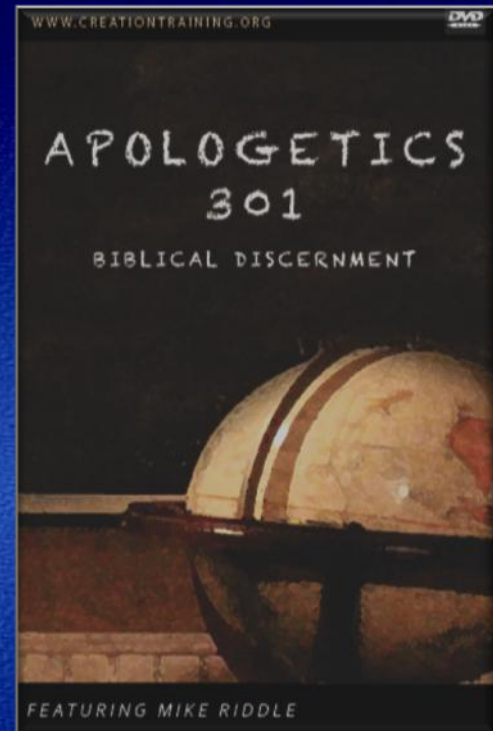
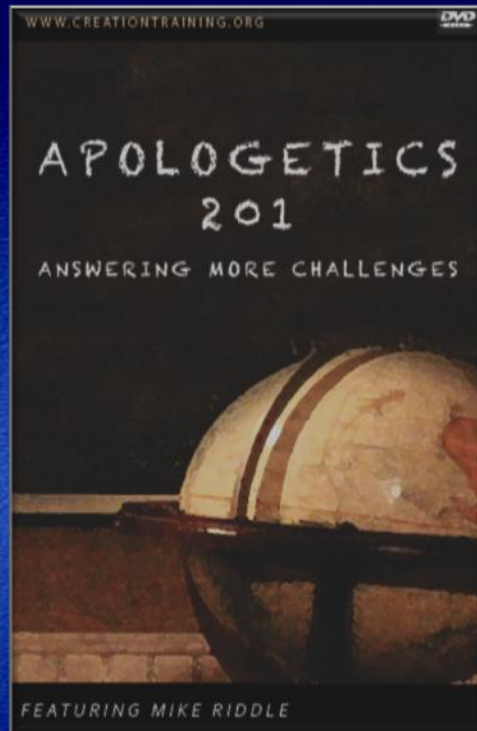
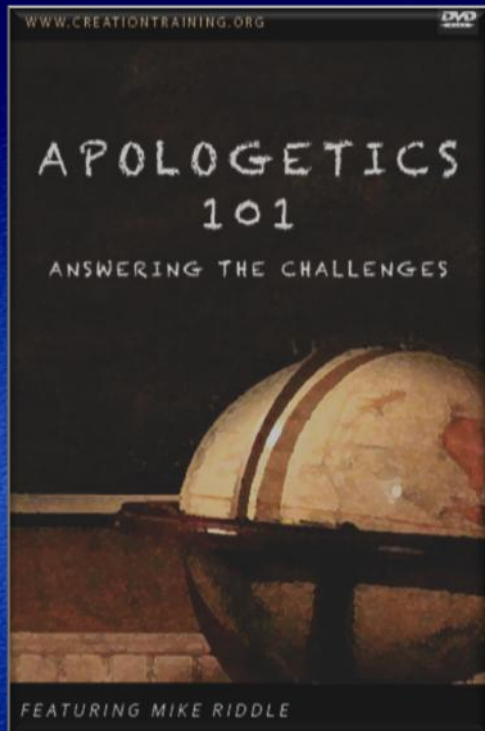
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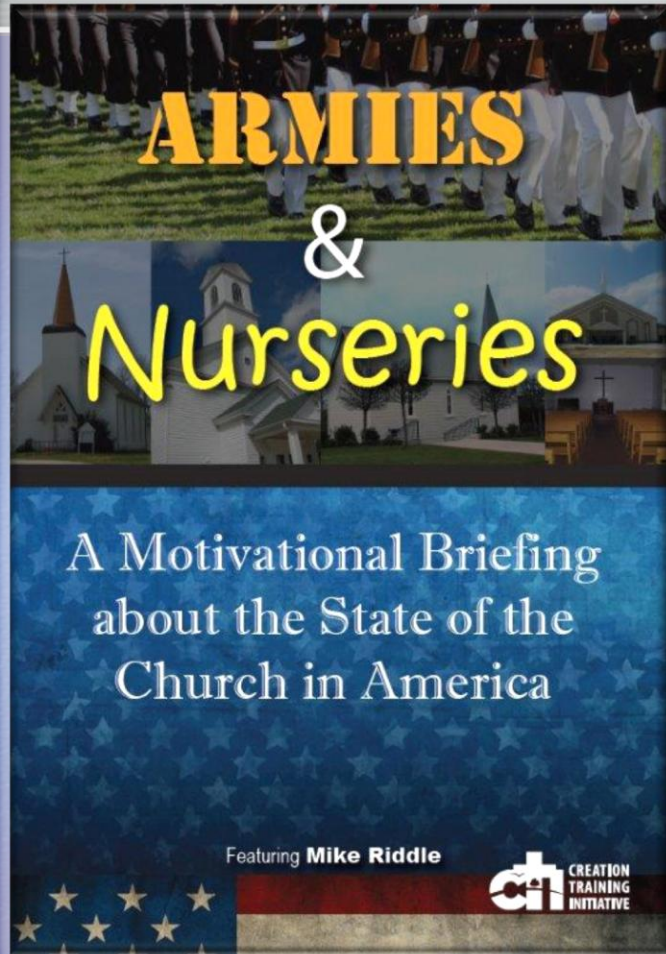
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Who did Cain marry?
What about carbon-14

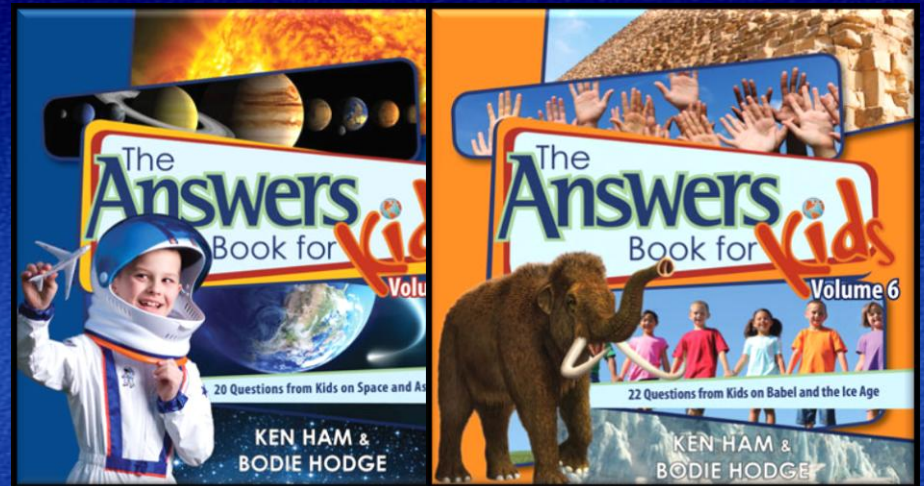
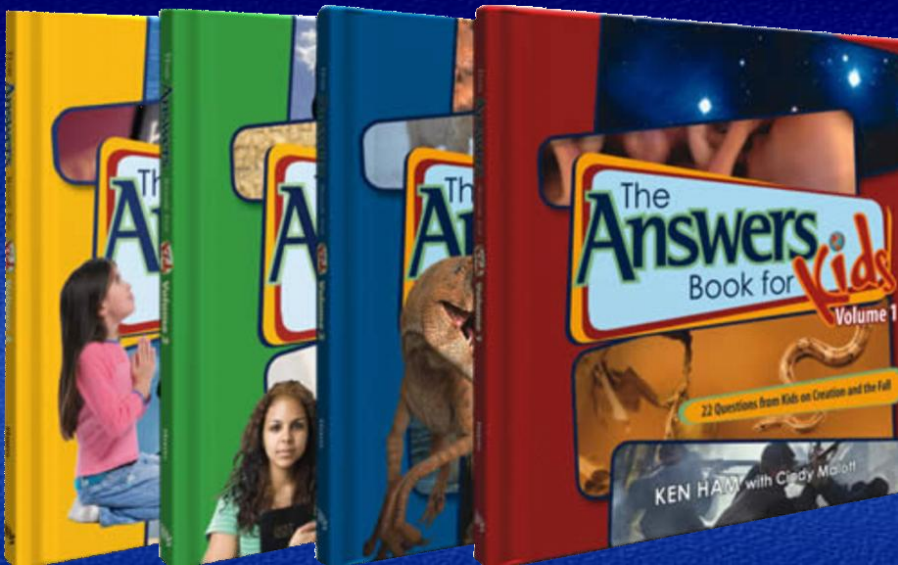
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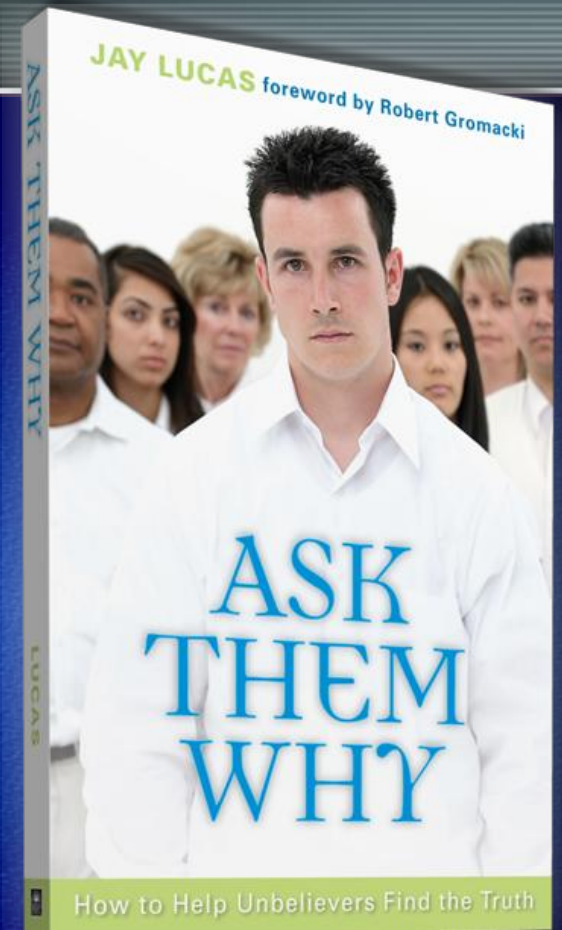
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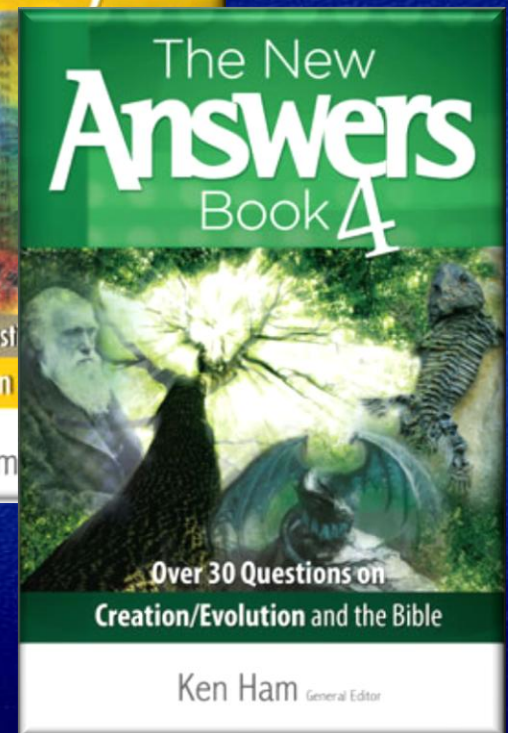
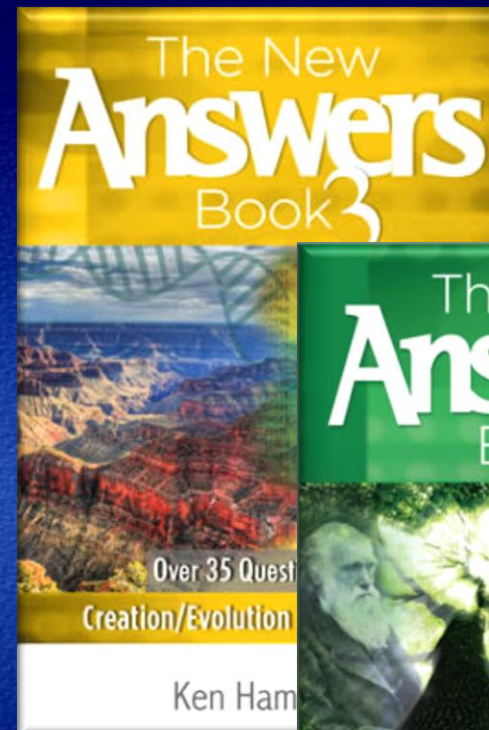
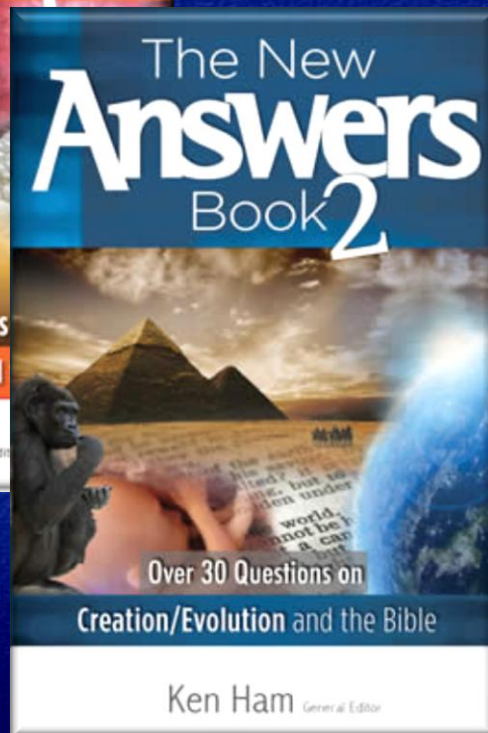
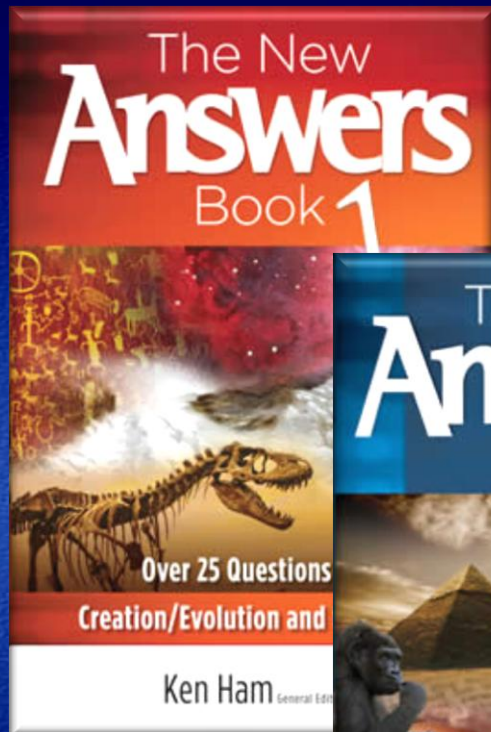
Answers for:

- The postmodernist
- The evolutionist
- The Liberal “Christian”
- Gay rights advocate

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The foundation for the Gospel

Christ

- God's solution - Jesus Christ
- How He acted to save us
- The central/core of the Gospel

God

Christ

- God's creation was perfect
- He sets the rules
- We are accountable to Him
- Why we call Him Lord

God

Man

Christ

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- The problem – man disobeyed God
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