

## HISTORY OF THE FRAMEWORK: supplement with slides

### Slide #1: Headline

History of Framework development (how it grew from my personal experience in trying to acknowledge the supreme authority of the Word of God)

### Slide #2 MIT phase (1957–1961)

- a. Campus Crusade leader (Roe Brooks one of original workers with Bill Bright) visited dorm once a week with a group of us all new believers
- b. Discipleship developed the future ministries of an HCJB builder, an early Microsoft programmer, and a future campus leader (electrical engineer)
- c. MIT environment spiritual blindness but there were professors who stood up against sloppy misuse of science (Engineering Prof laughed at evolutionary Biologists for their violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics)
- d. United Christian Fellowship presidency defending our evangelism against the chaplains in Dean of Students Office multiple times

### Slide #4 Bob Thieme phase (1960–1962)

- a. Teaching about the historical context of Biblical history, not just Bible “stories”
- b. Emphasis on exact processes to follow in the Christian life from his military experience (example of ROTC procedures in on-board flying in a T-33 jet trainer)
- c. Discussions before Bible class in Major’s Coffee shop with Bob, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Swindoll and others who went on to fruitful ministries
- d. Repetition in lessons

### Slide #5 Dallas Theological Seminary phase (1964–1968)

- a. Biblical languages for exegesis of the text
- b. Bruce Waltke “History of Israel” > reinforced Thieme’s linking biblical stories to real history
- c. Championed controversial speakers—Henry Morris (thesis on his Genesis Flood book) and Jay Adams (Competent to Counsel)

### Slides #6 & 7 Lubbock Bible Church phase (1969–1972)

- a. Watched unbelieving faculty profs at Texas Tech undermine.the.faith.of.Christian.students
- b. Reinforced emphasis on Creator\_creature.distinction
- c. Encouraged students to take.the.offense.and.not.just.defense, attending evening seminars run by liberal chaplains
- d. Encouraged exposure to Francis Schaeffer on impact.of.Bible.upon.world.culture
- e. Importance of Genesis 1–11 as the foundation.of.all.subsequent.revelation (which is foundation of all future progress in revelation that follows)

### Slides #8–12 US Army job at Aberdeen Proving Ground (1973–2009)

- a. Traveling within the United States (one trip to Canada) to widely-varying congregations → Framework developed. => linkage between.Rv.and.Rnv. (God's.»show\_and\_tell« .story– His.Word.™ .His.Engineering.has.internal.consistency)
- b. Reformation gave Bible translations in vernacular of Europeans => Rise of modern science (now largely forgotten); see Ray Mondragon's new book
- c. Lecture on War and Weather “George Washington and his Continental Army escaping.the.British.blockade.of.Long.Island.and.crossing.the.Delaware.River.to.attack.the.Hessian.mercenaries.at.Trenton” (connecting.framework.truth.with.every.subject.™ .activity)

### Slides #13–15 CTS Christian Framework I & II (2013–2025)

- a. Videoed at Preston City Baptist Church Dave (Roseland Pastor) in 2013
- b. Term papers to use the framework to get insights into contemporary problems: clearly deploy the framework as the tool to study any subject of interest → I've been impressed by term paper subject choices & development.
- c. Two term papers have been selected by the editor of new CTS Theological Journal Pneumatikos:
- d. Morgan Arnold's original term paper > what are the dynamics underlying results of the 2022 election that clearly showed the difference between rural and urban cultures > what events and ideas in the framework show

the cultural differences between rural and urban cultures spiritually—Morgan traced urban cultures back to cities in biblical history > article in Pneumatikos, “Let.Us.Build.fur.Ourselves.a.City;A.Biblical.Look.at.the.Correlation.Between.Secularism?Liberalism?and.Urbanization.in.America.”

- e. A second term paper is by Ryan Kwok in Singapore entitled “The. Worldview.of.Hinduism” from Ryan’s witnessing to a Hindu friend. C.S. Lewis once commented that Hinduism is the best well thought through paganism in the world. It, therefore, is one of the most difficult challenges to Christian missionaries.

#### Slide #16 What the Framework is not

- a. It is not.a.substitute for theology or exegesis.
- b. It is not.a.replacement.for.classical.Bible.teaching.

#### Slides #17–18 What the Framework is

- a. Francis Schaeffer: “One of the weaknesses of evangelical, orthodox Christianity—we have been proud in despising philosophy and the intellectual. Our theological hardly ever relate their theology to philosophy. . . . Thus, men go out from the seminaries not knowing how to relate to it. It is not that they don’t know the answers, but my observation is that most men graduating from our theological seminaries do not know the questions.” He.Is.There.and.He.is.Not.Silent. 1972, page 4.
- b. Illustration of what Schaeffer is getting at: Why the 60-year lapse by all the leaders of conservative theology that repeatedly tried to “adjust” their hermeneutic to fit historical geology. Never a thought to question the methodology of historical geology that calls itself “science” when it doesn’t follow the rigor of making careful observations, that characterize laboratory science. Ray Mondragon’s plainly written book which I recommend that all students in CTS obtain for their library.
- c. An antidote to theological isolation that so restricts conversations with unbelieving friends. Man was created to manage creation, and he can’t properly manage creation without dealing with Rv and Rnv.