

Interlocked Series

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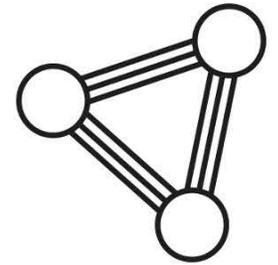
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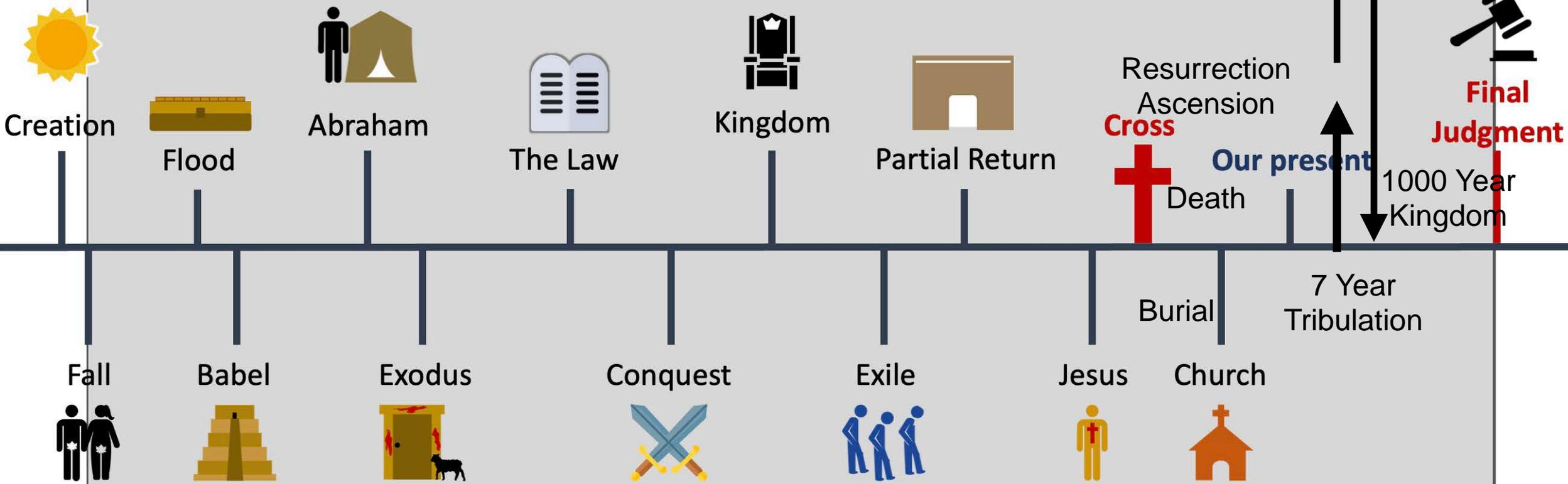
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Lesson 4 Part 2: Counterattack the Falsehoods

Lesson 4: Three Responses to the Pagan Worldview

Timeline of Biblical Events from Creation to Final Judgment



- 1. The focus of lesson one: God's Creation; Divine Institutions.**
- 2. Lesson 2 focuses on wrong views of creation, where they came from, and what this pagan worldview looks like today.**
- 3. Lesson 3 looks at what happened to the world and the Divine Institutions after the Fall.**
- 4. Lesson 4 looks at three responses by Christians to the pagan worldview.**

Biblical Worldview

- 1. Creator-Creature Distinction
One God | Man | Nature**
- 2. Personal Sovereign God**
- 3. Ultimate Authority: God**

Pagan Worldview

- 1. Continuity of Being (A scale)
gods _____ man _____ nature**
- 2. Impersonal Fate and Chance**
- 3. Ultimate Authority: Self**

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**Review; 3 kinds of death; how the Divine Institutions were affected;
God's Promise of salvation**

**Our Response: How do we decide who's right
3 ways**

- 1. Surrender the Truth: Science knows best**
- 2. Accommodate and reinterpret the truth**
 - a. Gaps in the genealogy of Adam**
 - b. Old Age Gap view**
 - c. Day Age theory**
- 3. Problems with each**
 - a. the problem of death before the Fall**
 - b. OT takes the creation account literally**
 - c. NT took the creation account literally:
Luke, Jesus, Paul**
 - d. When Paul is speaking figuratively he says so**
 - e. The Bible took genealogies seriously.**
 - f. The problem of treating science and the Bible as equally valid.**

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The Bible says God created the world.

Who is right?



The education system says evolution is true.

There are three ways that churchgoers have generally responded

1. Surrender the Truth 2. Accommodate and Reinterpret the Truth 3. Counterattack the Falsehoods



1. Surrender the Truth:

Science



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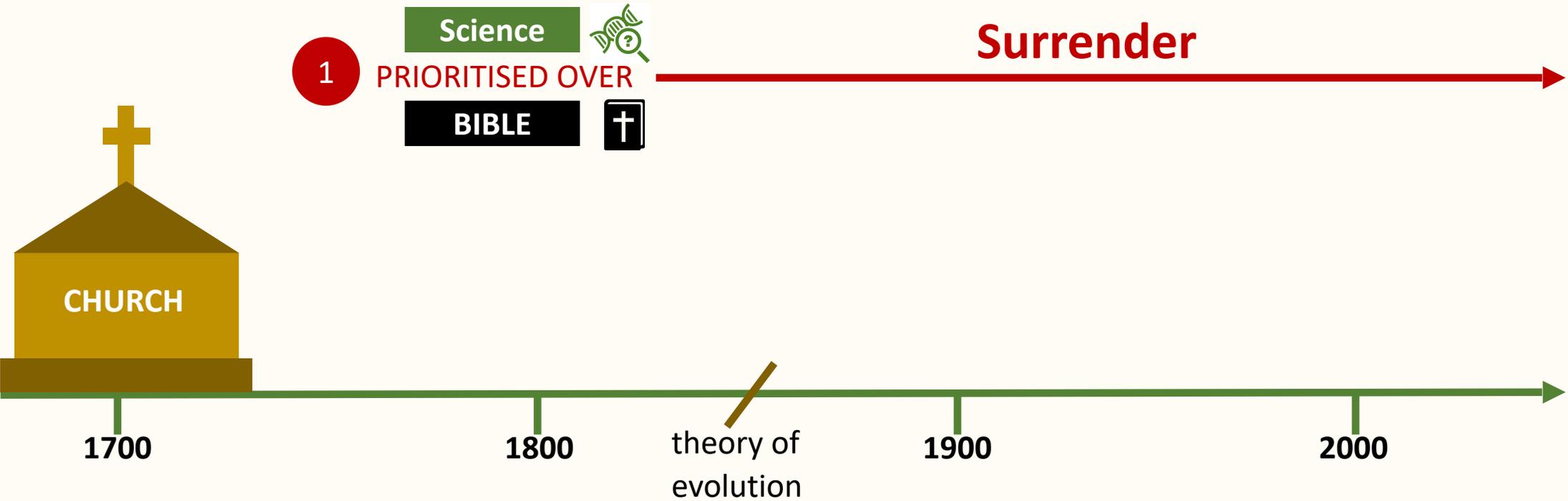
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Understand the world only through:

- (i) Science
- (ii) Natural elements and forces

Surrender the Truth



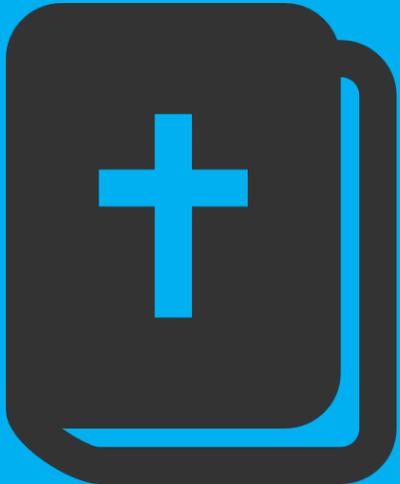
1. Surrender the Truth Response

1

Learns and accepts what the world teaches.

Understands the world only from natural elements and forces.

Rejects anything supernatural or spiritual.



2

Gives up on what the Bible teaches when it contradicts what the world teaches.

2. Accommodate and Reinterpret the Truth



Science

**EQUALLY
IMPORTANT TO**

BIBLE



2. Accommodate and Reinterpret the Truth Response



Science is **NEVER WRONG**.



Some of the Bible **CONTRADICTS** with science.



Then, we must have **MISUNDERSTOOD** the Bible.



We need to **REINTERPRET** the Bible.

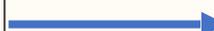
SCIENCE



hypothesis



experiment

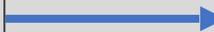


conclusion

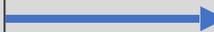
EVOLUTION



hypothesis



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conclusion



No hypothesis that could have been tested. It arose from philosophy.



Not possible.



Not verifiable.

Example 1: Gaps in biblical genealogy of Adam

Gen. 5:3, “And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

Gen. 5:4, “After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters.

Gen. 5:5, “So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.”

$$130 + 800 = 930$$

Example 2: The OLD EARTH Gap View

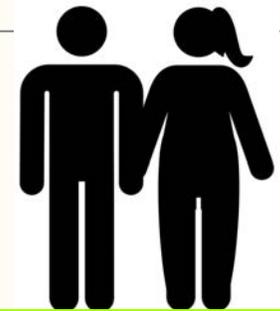
Genesis 1:1

*In the beginning
God created the
heavens and the
earth.*



Genesis 1:2

*The earth was formless and empty, and
darkness covered the deep waters. And the
Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of
the waters.*



← MILLIONS OF YEARS →

Death. Pain. Killing. Disease. Thorns. Suffering. Struggle. Extinction.

Garden of Eden

God said:
"IT WAS VERY GOOD"

Example: Reinterpreting the word “days”

When the Bible says “days”

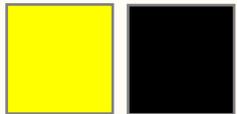
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Era of time

=

thousands or millions of years

“Day” 1



Millions of years

“Day” 2



Millions of years

“Day” 3



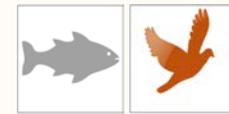
Millions of years

“Day” 4



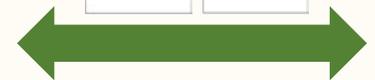
Millions of years

“Day” 5



Millions of years

“Day” 6



Millions of years

Problems with the “Surrender” and “Accommodate” Models

A. The problem of death before the Fall.

B. The Old Testament took the Creation account literally.

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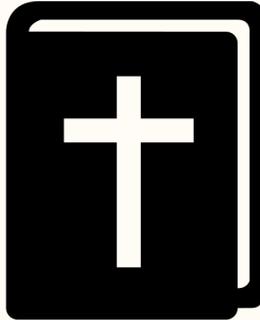
...we disagree with...



THEN



...we should throw this out



D. When Paul is speaking figuratively, he says so.

Gal. 4:22, “For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

Gal. 4:23, “But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,

Gal. 4:24, “which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—

Gal. 4:25, “for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—” [NKJV]

E. The Bible took genealogies seriously.

Think about this. In Luke 3:23–38 the genealogy, the family tree of Jesus is given. This is not a mix of real people and mythological people:

Luke 3:23, “Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, [NKJV]

Luke 3:24, “the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph,” [NKJV]

F. The problem of treating science and the Bible as equally valid.



God's Word

**SAME LEVEL OF
IMPORTANCE AS**

Satan's word

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level

CREATOR: Yahweh's Words

2nd level

Creature: Satan's words



Not the same
level of
authority!

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level

BIBLE: Based on the Creator-God's
INFINITE knowledge

2nd level

Science: Based on created man's
FINITE knowledge

Not the
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Pet. 1:12, “Therefore, I will not neglect to remind you constantly about these things even though you have known them and have been made stable by means of THE Truth [~~en~~—by means of] that you now have [or the present truth].” [RD]

2 Pet. 1:16, “For we did not follow clever myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majestic glory. [RD]

2 Pet. 1:17, “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory: ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ [RD]

2 Pet. 1:18, “And we also heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.” [the Exodus generation with Moses] [RD]

2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;”

Acts 1:3, “to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”

2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

2 Pet. 1:20, “But know this first [priority] that no prophecy in Scripture ever originated in any individual’s own understanding, [RD]

2 Pet. 1:21, “for no prophecy was ever originated or were carried along from human explanation or interpretation, but men spoke from God when they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” [RD]

3. Counterattack the Falsehoods

Why should we counter attack?

What exactly are we counterattacking?

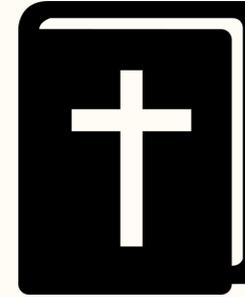
2 Cor. 10:4, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

2 Cor. 10:5, “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

2 Cor. 10:6, “and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

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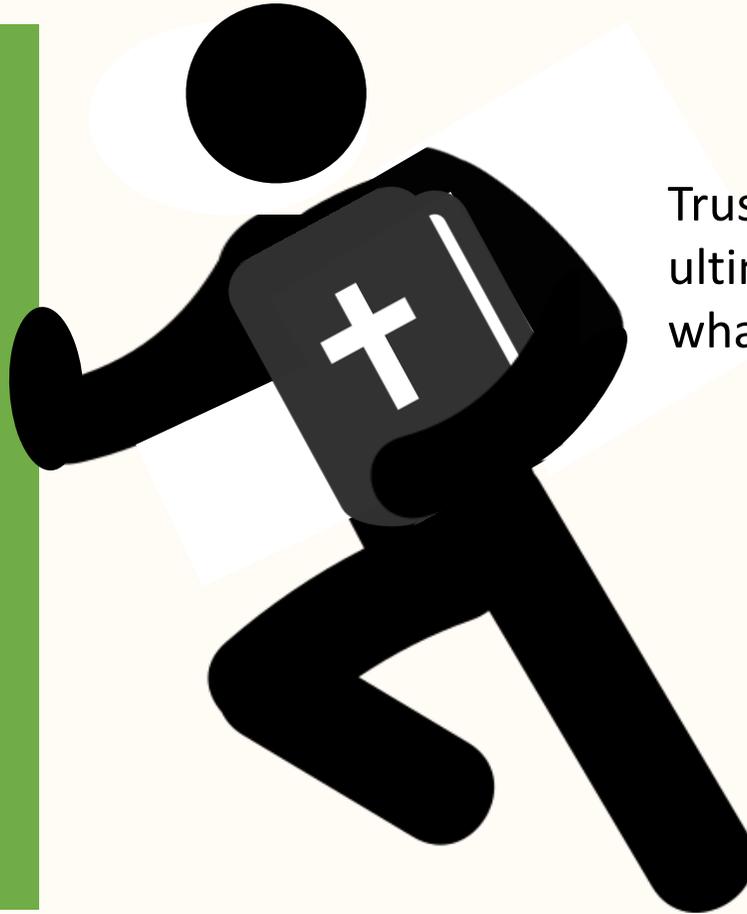
Science





2

Push back on what the world teaches if it goes against God's Word.



1

Trust God's Word as the ultimate authority over what the world teaches.

The Bible is **NEVER WRONG**.



Some science **CONTRADICTS** the Bible.

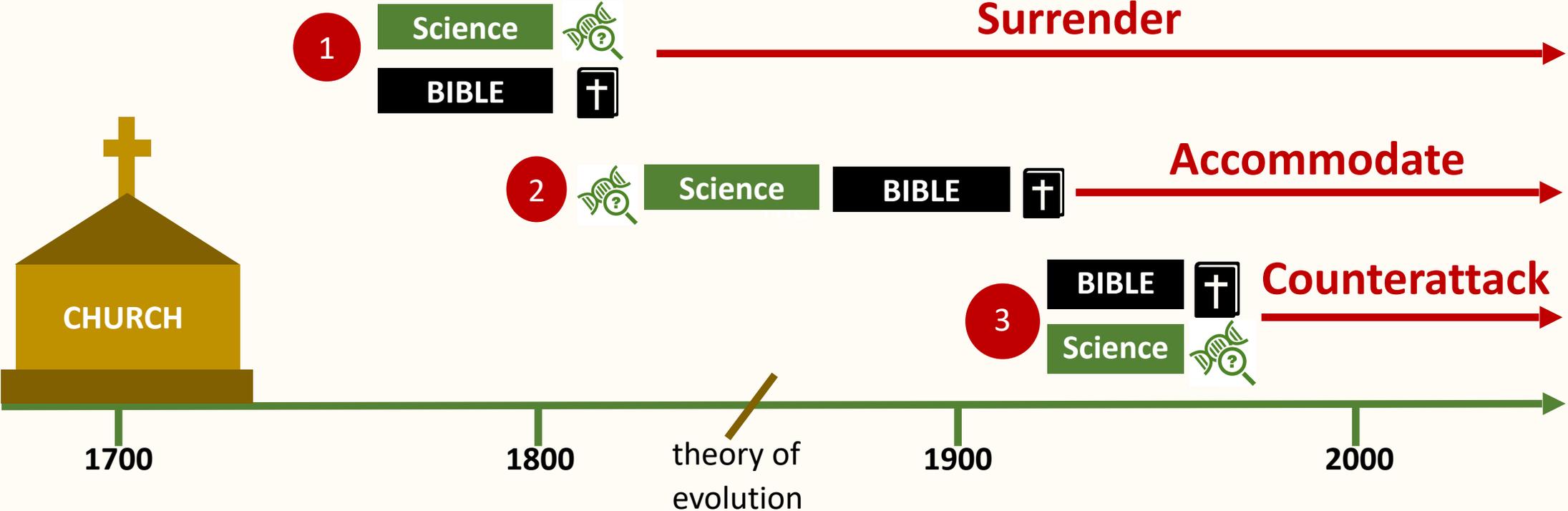


The Bible is **RIGHT** and our science is faulty or incomplete.

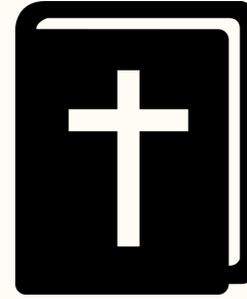


We need to do more research!

Counterattack the Falsehoods



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Science



BELIEVERS TRAINED IN

- Philosophy
- Sciences



Experienced in
critically
analyzing
hypothesis and
data

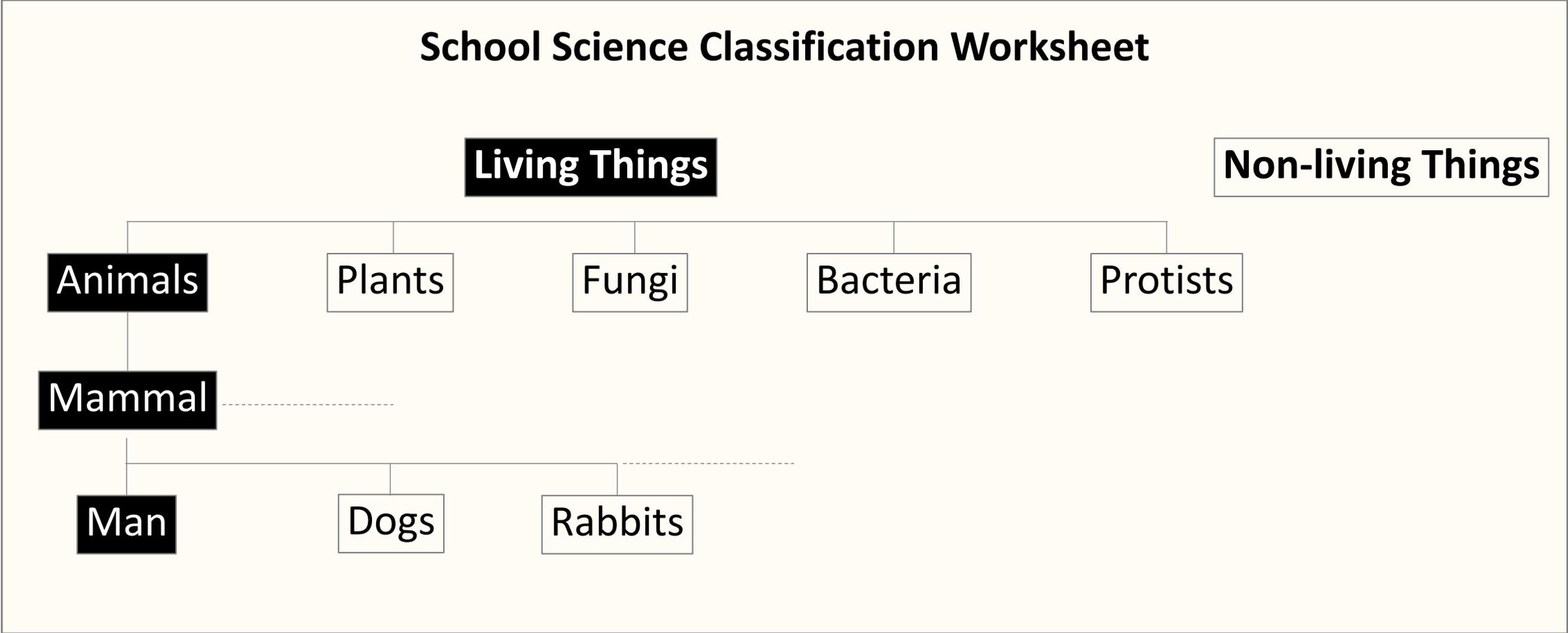
QUESTIONED THE ENTIRE APPROACH OF SCIENTIFIC INTERPRETATION



- Examined the thinking and philosophy behind scientific theories
- Identified underlying faulty assumptions that led to poor “scientific” conclusions
- Using the Bible → produced comprehensive counterproposals to existing theories

- **Answers in Genesis** — www.answersingenesis.org
- **Creation Ministries International** — www.creation.com
- **Institute for Creation Research** — www.icr.org
- **Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth (RATE)** — www.icr.org/rate
- **Creation Research Society** — www.creationresearch.org
- **Creation Moments** — www.creationmoments.com
- **Master Books** — www.masterbooks.com

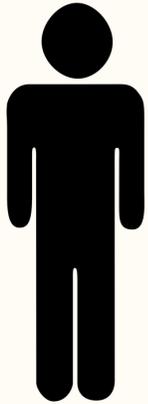
Are human beings animals?





YAHWEH

Says that man is:



- Made in the image of God
- Unique, not like any other creation
- Given the role of under-lord over creation

Can Science really determine the age of the Earth?

1

How long or tall was the candle when it was first lit?



2

“Burn rate” or how much wax is burnt every minute?

3

What is the length of the candle now?

How long has the candle been burning? = $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Length of whole candle} \\ - \\ \text{Length of candle now} \end{array} \right) \div \begin{array}{l} \text{“Burn rate” or} \\ \text{how much wax} \\ \text{is burnt every} \\ \text{minute} \end{array}$

Job 38:1, “Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:

Job 38:2, “ ‘Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Job 38:3, “ ‘Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

Job 38:4, “ ‘Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Job 38:5, “ ‘Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

Job 38:6, “ ‘To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

Job 38:7, “ ‘When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?’ ”

Science is based on Worldviews

Worldviews describe a philosophy of thought, not science.

Biblical Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level CREATOR: Sustains Everything

2nd level creature: nature, man

Pagan Worldview

~~1st level CREATOR~~

No such thing

~~2nd level creature~~ nature, man

sustains itself naturally

Pagan View: Good/Evil Mix is Forever “Normal”



Christians who believed in and taught about a young earth



Augustine

(AD 354-430)

City of God, Book 12,
Chapters 10-13



Martin Luther

(1483-1546)

Genesis commentary



John Calvin

(1509-1565)

Commentary on Genesis



John Wesley

(1701-1791)

Wisdom of God in the Creation



Start of Modern Science

(1500-1800)

AD 300

1400

1700

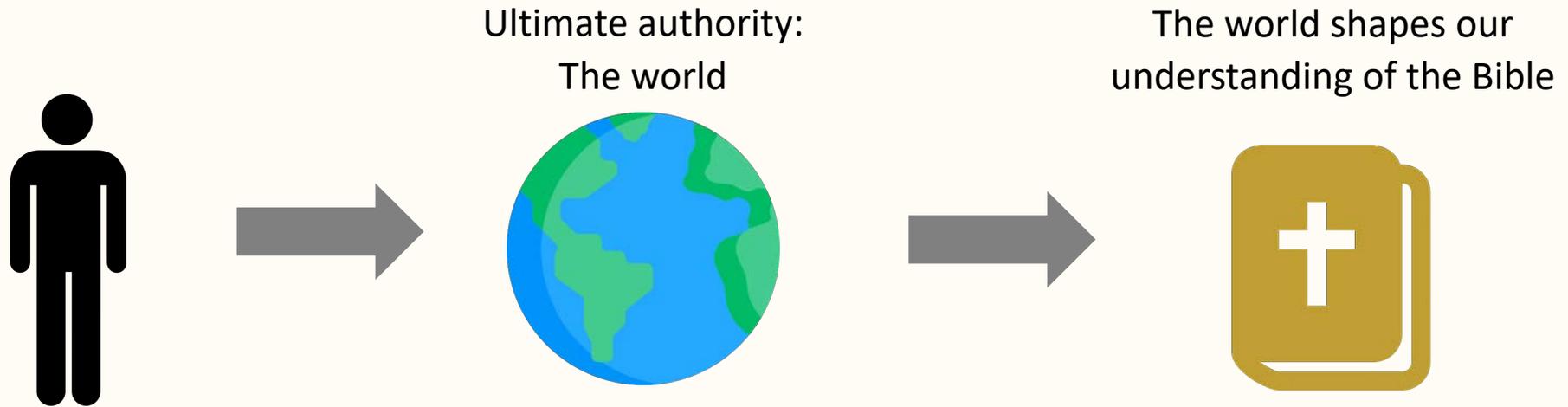
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Who is our Authority?

- Is it the Word of God? Do we try to understand the world from God's point of view and then look at the world through a biblical worldview?
- Or do we place ourselves in the position of authority and decide to use the pagan worldview to interpret the meaning of the Bible?



1. "Surrender" and 2. "Accommodate and Reinterpret" Responses



3. "Counterattack the Falsehoods" Response

