

ATHEIST ENGINEER DISCOVERS EVIDENCE GOD'S REAL!

Nosediving towards suicide because of a pointless life, what evidence guided this former 11-year atheist to find life's ultimate purpose?

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Only about 25% of this book is about my search for truth as a former 11-year atheist. Most of the rest is answers I found to questions about God. Most citations are backed by science or math. More importantly, Appendix E shows how you can know where you will spend eternity. Surprise! It's not by being as good as most people, church attendance, or even trying your best!

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In a Hurry? ~[Two-Minute Overview of This Book! What's New and Some Highlights](#).

NOTE: Some last minute material un-proofed. Feedback welcomed: EvidenceGodsReal@gmail.com



The author at a summer airshow with a later version of the same types of intercept and missile guidance radars which he helped engineer 52 years ago in the F3D, F3H, and F4H Navy jet fighters. He's holding the antenna controller used in target interception in an F4. The radar display unit with the orange screen is between his knees.

Below: the USS Ranger, steaming under the Golden Gate Bridge, was the home of the author's squadron, VF-92, back in the '60s when this picture was made.



Note: I don't expect everyone to fully understand every detail of scientific evidence supporting God's existence. I do expect readers to understand that nature's astronomically complex designs are so far beyond the capability of man or accidental evolution, that they demand a divine Creator.

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WHAT'S NEW and SOME HIGHLIGHTS

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"Why should anyone care about believing in an unseen God? Aren't scientists too intelligent to believe in God and a hereafter? Doesn't the existence of evil disprove a loving God?"

This 'fast track' is for those who wish to get the bare facts up front. Three diagnostic questions will help discover the root of your skepticism and discern if you're an honest or dishonest skeptic.

→If you like online videos, you'll enjoy **The Atheist Delusion** ⁹⁶ (15 million viewers) which was created to rebut probably the most widely read atheist 'manifesto' in the world: **The God Delusion** by Richard Dawkins!

- [Five Steps to Finding God's Real, Based on His Promise of Jeremiah 29:13](#)

- [More Skeptic's Questions Answered \(33\)](#)

- [Author's Fast Track Testimony:](#)

Six questions light my way from atheism to Christ!

- [Who is God that I should obey Him?](#) Five reasons, followed by,

'If there's a Heaven, then [how good must I be?](#)'

- [More evidence validating the Bible as God's Word](#)
- [Evolution: Dates](#), why 'scientific' dates of millions of years cannot be trusted. The '[evolution preventer](#)' in our cells.
- [Intelligent design of our universe is both observable and testable. Evolution is not.](#)
- [UMPIRE \(Mr. Science\): 1, 2, 3 STRIKES! Evolution, 'Yer Out'!](#) (Click: [more](#))
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- Improvements were made in [Appendix B](#) (suffering) and [Appendix E](#) (Christian soldier's '[Steps to Holy Courage Born of Faith](#)', [Vets: Share Christ the 'Fun Way'](#) and [Help those with Combat Veteran's PTSD](#).) Also see the improved [Christ's Bell](#).
- [Share Jesus Without Fear](#): a witnessing New Testament with answers to 36 objections. ⁹⁷
- New brief humorous illustrations: [Sherlock Holmes](#) and [red-neck Romans 8:28!](#)
- Author's leaflet, [ATHEIST ENGINEER'S FLIGHT TOWARD SUICIDE](#), and free book.

[How to plant your delightful spiritual garden!](#)

('Jump' links are provided to bypass technical details if desired.)

An Atheist's View of Life: 'Reverse Thinking'

When read top to bottom, this narrative is an excellent description of my previous 11 years as a lost, indifferent, 'free', but miserable atheist.

I will live my life according to these beliefs
God does not exist
 It is just foolish to think
 That there is a God with a cosmic plan
 That an all-powerful God brings purpose to pain and suffering in the world
 It's a comforting thought, however
 but it's only wishful thinking
 People can do as they please without eternal consequences
 The idea that
 I am deserving of Hell
 Because of sin
 Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power
 "The more you have, the happier you will be";
 Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose
 In a world with no God
 There is freedom to be who I want to be
 But with God
 Everything is fine
 It is ridiculous to think
 I am lost and in need of saving

Now read this backwards, bottom to top, left to right.

This chronicles my new wonderful, meaningful life in Christ for 56 years!

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(Now, watch the wilted flower recover as this is read backwards online!

<http://www.dvmfilm.com/shop/4idr89zssacems981dy4xrct45iwue>)

DEDICATIONS

To Irene, my wonderful wife whose support and love have encouraged me for 56 years. Fifty one of those years have been enjoyed together in missionary service in three countries.

To the memory of my patient, praying mother, who lived an exemplary Christian life despite much heartache, physical suffering, and privation. She lived to see Proverbs 22:6 fulfilled in the life of her atheist son who was later blessed to serve as a missionary. Mom was always my number one encourager. She also encouraged many others like this stressed mother of a brain-damaged child. ^A

To Marine Corporal Stevens, with whom I served in 1955. He lived such a courageous Christian life in a hostile environment that he became a 'living letter from Christ' to me that I didn't really 'read' until eight years later! (2 Corinthians 3:2 LB) After over 61 years, Stevens still has no idea of the great effect his zeal and faithfulness had upon me. My utmost gratitude and blessings to you, Corporal Stevens, wherever you are. I look forward to meeting you in Heaven one day.

To the memory of Rev. Ben Munroe, former pastor of a great Oxnard (CA) church. His patience answering a jillion questions about God and the loan of helpful books in 1962 were instrumental in helping me to find Christ. We're so thankful that he had also baptized and nurtured my wife Irene for around two years before I arrived. We're also very grateful for the spiritual help, encouragement, and nurturing by so many of the members of this church to whom we are deeply indebted, especially to the Azbells, counsellors for the College-Career class of 1962, and Lamar Houser, leader of our class, who 34 years later encouraged me to enter Bible translation technology!

To Joy Rosenfeld, a fellow missionary, whose encouragement and persistence encouraged the writing of this book in 2013. (My serious auto accident was the final 'nudge'.)

Objectives

First, I wish to help skeptics to know Christ's forgiveness and salvation by recounting my own personal search for truth as a former atheist. I unfold this search as a flight to penetrate thick overcast of the unknown, of doubt, and of fear. Every one of us is 'appointed' to die one day. Then comes God's judgment by His standards, not ours. (Hebrews 9:27) None of us can measure up to His standard without Christ.

Surprisingly, my search for God began after major commendations for my work as an airborne radar field engineer for the Navy. Even these failed to satisfy an inner longing for real meaning to life. **Appendix E** is about how to resist temptation and grow in Christ.

The vitally important question, 'What gives God the right to tell us how to live?' is addressed in **Chapter 4. Appendices B** and **C** address hard questions which include 'Why suffering and evil?' plus 'Where was God when ...', and more. **Appendix B guarantees eventual answers** to every one of your questions. **Numerous Internet links and 20 pages of color-coded citations, with reviews, validate statements in this book.** Contributors include many Ph.D. scientists, professors, and professionals, many of them formerly atheists, some for as long as 15 years. *They just followed the evidence.* Check them out at this citation. ⁸ Also you'll find one of America's top trial lawyers, Mark Lanier, who *literally puts Christianity on trial* as a defendant then examines evidence as he would do in a court room. ^Z

Second, we feel this book will not only strengthen the faith of our fellow Christians but will also help equip you to answer really hard questions from 'show me' type



skeptics as I once was. (1 Peter 3:15) 'Ring' **Christ's bell** to be reminded of our position and possessions in Christ by clicking [here](#). Grow a 'Spiritual Garden [here](#).

Third, we pray that any Christian readers contemplating missionary service may be encouraged by what the Lord did for us by strengthening us to 'follow our dream'. (**Chapter 6**) I know that among our readers are some who will be surprised to learn that their technical or business skills are also urgently, even desperately needed to help support Bible translation.

Some amazing scientific discoveries, though made after my personal search for God, are included in this book. However, I have taken the liberty of including them because most of our young people today are bombarded with godless evolution, taught as a fact, from grade school through college and beyond. These later discoveries may be identified by citation publication dates after 1962.

Since not all readers will search every appendix, some very important points are repeated in different appendices.

'Tekkie Candy' sections contain brief technical information that not everyone would fully appreciate. *Evidence Resources*, and *Additional Resources* include mini book reviews as well as many free downloads and online articles.

NOTE. I do not apologize for using numerous Bible references because many of you, like myself, don't just take a stranger's word for 'The Bible says ... '. *Check it out! Whether you believe it now or not, the Bible's words are living and powerful! (Hebrews 4:12) They often have a delayed-action effect, something like Jerry, the cartoon cat. He was shot with a cartoon shotgun and then bragged, "HA! Missed me!" Then he walks away, drinks from a fountain, and water gushes out from a dozen holes! I was just like that cat when Scripture and a spiritually courageous fellow Marine began to have its powerful effect on me — eight years later!*

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The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins!

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→ ~TWO-MINUTE* OVERVIEW: *Evidence God exists, Jesus Powerfully Validated, and How I Discovered all this to be true!*

- 1. INTELLIGENT DESIGN**, evident in our whole universe, mightily proclaims a Creator-God. *Super-colossal complexity* disproves accidental evolution. Evolution has never been proven but became 'fact' in schools by replacing the Bible during the sexual revolution of the '60s. Evolution brazenly defies the proven mathematics of probability, as microbiologist Dr. Frank Coppedge demonstrates. ([More](#)) Explaining ⁵⁰ or creating life has also failed. ([More](#))

Mathematical design of enormous complexity is seen everywhere, especially in the DNA of all life. ([More](#)) Add the fantastic predictability of astronomy. ([More](#))

Umpire, Periodic Table, and $E=mc^2$: "Three strikes, 'yer out!" ([More](#) and [More](#))

2. **OUR CONSCIENCE** to know right from wrong and a 'receiver' to hear God's voice. ¹
 3. **JESUS' MIRACLES, PLUS RESURRECTION, PROVE HE WAS UNIQUELY SENT BY GOD.** After crucifixion, He was speared, buried, and rose the third day, prophesied by Scripture over 700 years before, which was verified by the Dead Sea Scrolls. ([More](#) and [More](#))
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→**SKEPTICS, LET'S EXPLORE!** (Click [here](#): Jump to APPENDIX A for preview below, then jump down to the 'EXPLORE' track.)

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 - Is there evidence for a younger earth only thousands of years old?
 - **Two noted atheistic scientists, Crick and Sagan, proved evolution impossible!**
 - HOW and WHY?** Click [here](#).
 - **927 prominent scientists, religious and non-religious, who reject evolution** for purely scientific reasons at this citation! ⁸²
 - **Ralph Muncaster, a 15-year atheist, 'dismantles' evolution.** ^u
 - **Self-creation of our universe (without a God) can never be proven** because

data before 'Planck time' is meaningless. Why? More [here](#) and in [Appendix F-1](#).

- **And where did that come from? Who made God? Evolutionary trickery ...**
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● To 50% - **Scientific Evidence**:

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- Leading scientists who documented evidence for a real God.
- **UMPIRE (Mr. Science): 1, 2, 3 STRIKES! Evolution, 'Yer Out!' Click [here](#).**
- Einstein's $E = mc^2$ is simple but powerful evidence for intelligent creation!
'Light-speed ruler' that reveals an incredibly vast universe, atoms are miniature solar systems, nature's cycles, and spectacular bird migrations.
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● To 55% - **Justice**: The lack of real justice in this world helped point me to an afterlife.

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- 'Words and Music': you can't live perfectly every day but Jesus doesn't give up on us.

Christian Soldiers Help Bring the Spiritually Dead Back to Life!

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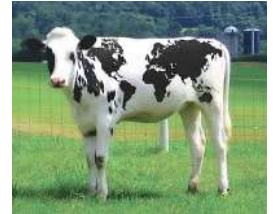
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1. PRE-FLIGHT

*God specially created only one just like you.
He loves you and wants to be part of your life:
"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)*



IMPOSSIBLE PIE. Before finding God, my life was just like some of yours: somewhat like that whipped-up goo in the first part of the recipe for 'impossible pie'. One mixes up all ingredients for the filling and the crust in the same bowl. It's a disordered, confused, useless, mess. But when it's baked, all falls into place. The crust sinks to the bottom and the filling rises to the top! In the same way, I personally found that life only makes real sense in the long run, as part of God's 'recipe' for our future with Him.

For the hard-headed and stubborn like me, God had to allow me to 'nosedive' from the heights of success in engineering into suicidal depression, an empty life that alcohol, philosophy, and even 'religion' couldn't fill. He loved me too much to just ignore me as I had ignored Him for so many years. However, through God's abundant mercy I was literally '[reborn to a living hope](#)' by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3) My life's transformation is very well summed up in the words of this great song. '[When life was shattered and all hope was gone, He gave me something more than wealth and fame \(which I had\). He gave me something worth living for!](#)' <http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/christian-worship-songs/something-worth-living-for.htm>
(If this URL (or any other) fails, paste it into your Internet browser.)

As I ignored God, I noticed that my sin was relentlessly dragging me down. Down into deeper levels of sin and its inevitable consequences, both here on earth and ultimately in a place that Jesus called, 'the furnace of fire' of eternal suffering. I had to learn the hard way that *sin will take you farther than you intended to go, keep you for longer than you wished to stay, and make you pay more than you intended to pay. Worse, you may become involved in some sin making you vulnerable to blackmail. Not only being forced to pay your blackmailer(s) the rest of your life, but being forced to commit serious crimes for him/her. Then comes the inevitable temptation to kill your blackmailer(s) to stop it. I praise the Lord that never happened to me but it has happened to others.*

A monkey trap used by jungle dwellers is a good illustration of the consequences of '*sin too good to give up*'. The trap consists of a large heavy clay jar with an enticing banana inside, but the jar has a very narrow mouth. The monkey will grab the banana but cannot withdraw his hand unless he lets go of the banana. That's usually too late so he is trapped by his own intense desire for that banana and he is easily captured for some jungle tribe's cooking pot.

In a similar way, Satan entices us with sin which after a while often seems just 'too good' to let go. We are then his 'prisoner-puppets' because we have literally '[sold our souls](#)' to him as Jesus points out in Matthew 16:26. Satan then delights in tormenting us by letting us reap the bitter fruit of our sin, both in this life and in eternity.

Many call a life of sin '[freedom](#)'. In reality, it's being enslaved by Satan who, while giving you temporary pleasure, delights in the fact that though you can 'fly now', you'll 'pay later' — big time! Only Christ can set us free from Satan's strangle hold. I learned that to ignore God has dire consequences, both in this life and in the eternal life to come. Every one of us already has eternal life, either in Heaven or the other place that needs 'air conditioning!' I had no idea how

much God loved me nor the depths of happiness that could be mine if I gave my life to God who I would learn later promised 'fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore'. (Psalm 16:11)

If there did happen to be a real Heaven, then this epitaph would be my 'Plan B'.

A zealous locksmith died of late and did arrive at Heaven's gate.

He stood without and did not knock, because he meant to pick the lock. 😊

(W.C. Fields was an actor from the '30s and '40s, who usually played a cynical, drunken, child-hating character. Fields, caught reading the Bible one day said, "I'm looking for a loophole!" In my opinion, I believe his epitaph gives us the results of his unsuccessful search:

"I'd rather be in Philadelphia.") 😞

Come with me on my search for the answers I found to these and other questions. But first, let's take a humorous look at mankind from God's perspective.

God's Recall: Re-Engineering Required

a light-hearted look at God's overall view of mankind

GOD is recalling all human units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code-named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed –

'Sequential Internal Non-Morality': S.I.N.

Some of the symptoms include: loss of direction, 'foul vocal emissions', lust, amnesia of origin, lack of peace and joy, selfish or violent behavior, depression or confusion in the mental component, fearfulness, idolatry, and rebellion. (Gal 5:19-21) The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

JESUS, the Divine Engineer, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**. Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through the **REPENTANCE** procedure. (Acts 26:20) Next, download **ATONEMENT**. (1 Peter 3:18)

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:19-25) Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E. (Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth)** for further details on the use of these fixes. 😊

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The **S.I.N.** defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent the contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention! 😊

PS. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice. You may contact the Divine Engineer any time by 'knee-mail'.

2. THE FLIGHT



I was a happy, 'care-free' atheist for years after I left home to join the Marines — in spite of a Christian up-bringing. My utopia didn't last. I eventually found out the hard way that to ignore God is like ignoring gravity while sky-diving with no parachute.

You may soar freely for quite a while but it always ends 'badly'. Read on to learn how I found a God that is real, a life that is meaningful, and a glorious future in heaven one day!

"LOOK OUT!" I silently screamed to myself. I was about to be run over by a beautiful lady in what should've been the safest place in town: the parking lot of the First Baptist Church of Oxnard, California! (Currently Grace Bible Church.) At that time I was an atheistic 26-year-old award-winning radar field engineer helping support the Navy F3H aircraft (above) and later on, an experimental squadron flying the record-breaking F4 Phantom II.

An atheist for 11 years, I had no use for churches before that day in 1962 when I came 'armed' just to ask a host of questions about God I'd accumulated in a sizeable notebook. My attitude was, "I'm an engineer. You've got to show me something more than just platitudes and 'touchy-feely' opinions you call religion."

I'd completed a fruitless year-long study of philosophy and dozens of religions in my quest for the mysterious but elusive '*secret of the ages*', the true and ultimate purpose of life. I even had many dreams about my search but they were all disappointing. My life was just as pointless and empty as an actual cowboy's life described by his humorous epitaph:

"First I wuzn't. Then I wuz. Now I ain't again."

Booze had helped for a while but after a time that didn't work any more. Life had become so empty and pointless, suicide would be my next step unless I found real answers to the mystery of our ultimate purpose and a meaningful, satisfying life.

Flashback One Year: Commendations! Flying High – For a While

A year before visiting the Oxnard church, the F3H 'Demon' fighter squadron I'd been supporting had broken the Navy Pacific Missile Range record for accuracy firing the Sparrow III air-to-air missile. Our squadron was awarded a commendation by the Naval Bureau of Weapons. I was awarded a letter of commendation for my electronic expertise on the two F3H intercept and missile guidance radars and for coaching the pilots with my 'rule of thumb' pocket cards they carried in their flight suits. *(The F3H intercept radar at right shows the aircraft is in a 45-degree left bank, locked on a target at the center of the maximum missile guidance circle. The gap in the outer circle indicates a closing rate of around 300 knots. The other radar guided the missile.)*



At that time, I was very proud of my achievements with squadron VF-92, including creating the troubleshooting and electronic maintenance manual for the Sidewinder missile computer. I took great pride in the fact that in my years of Navy service I'd never met another engineer like myself who had no college degree. Growing up, I had always wanted to 'be somebody'. Since I was too smart for college (tongue in cheek), I quit and took a shortcut by joining the Marines in 1954. I was now 'somebody', but only for a while. While in the Marines, I had learned electronics at night school, then completed a score of airborne radar and electronic navigation courses by correspondence from the Air Force University at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama.

While at Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, I had also taken around a half dozen 'hands-on' Navy radar courses during furloughs at the Fleet Training Center. Finally, I earned my First Class FCC License with radar endorsement, and on the side, a Second Class FCC Radiotelegraph license. After the Marines, I was later accepted into NAESU (Naval Aviation Engineering Service Unit) after a four hour exam and four hours of questioning by a board of three Navy commanders. After specialized training at the Anacostia Naval Air Station in Washington, DC.

I was assigned to Fighter Squadron VF-92, which would later deploy on the USS Ranger for the Far East. Before the squadron deployed aboard the USS Ranger, our readiness test was to find a tow-target plane about 100 miles at sea (no GPS back then) and fire Sparrow III missiles at the tow target. *Our squadron fired the highest score ever fired with the Sparrow III on the Pacific Missile Test Range!* The squadron was awarded a commendation from the U.S. Naval Bureau of Weapons. I got commendations from Commander O'Neil, the squadron commander, and from Raytheon, my employer.

I delighted in saying, "I'm now somebody and I didn't need God to be a success. I did this all myself!" However, during the months that followed, pride in my success slowly dimmed as I realized that my fellow engineers with degrees were so very much smarter than I. Case in point would be Carl Reiner, a colleague at the USS Ranger's home port, NAS Alameda. He'd spent years developing new stabilizing circuits for klystrons. My previous technician experience on the B-58 supersonic bomber and even my recent commendation paled by comparison. My question, "Why do I exist?" triggered a year-long study of scores of all the philosophies and religions I could find. All I found were opinions, no real evidence. My life had lost real purpose. I felt empty.

Except for a few short months after receiving my commendation, success just did not satisfy my search for a truly meaningful and purposeful life. The 'booze crutch' I'd used so many times before I became a field engineer had not helped either. I promised a good friend I would not drink any more after my friend said passionately, "Tom, please don't drink. I've seen what it can do!" That brought back the memory of the shameful behavior of two alcoholic uncles I'd observed while growing up. I kept my promise from then on. I had hoped I could find meaning in the satisfaction and prestige of field engineering. Nope, nothing could dull the gnawing emptiness.

Life seemed pointless. My year-long 'journey' seeking purpose and fulfillment through the studies of philosophies and religions was just going nowhere — except towards suicide which I seriously considered many, times. (*Suicide is the third leading cause of death in youth ages 15-26.*)

These major questions remained unanswered:

- Is there more to life than just the usual 'EAM': Enjoyment, Achievement, and Money?
- If Heaven and hell are real, as Jesus said, then how good must I be to barely squeeze through Heaven's gates? (Or put another way, how bad can I be and still make Heaven?)
- More importantly, → what if the 'bad' is just too 'good' to give up?

In retrospect, I can now see how 'freedom from God' was the major root cause of my path towards suicide. I could have painfully described my life back then in this thought from J'aime, a long-time friend:

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil – no point!"



Unknown to me at the time, Blaise Pascal, the famed 17th-century French scientist, inventor, mathematician, philosopher, and creator of the first mechanical digital calculator, had the solution to my despair centuries ago. He said, "There's a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus." Centuries before that, Solomon, a rich, wise, and world-renowned king of Israel, bragged about his life-long parade of accomplishments in Ecclesiastes, a book in the

Bible. Like me, he also found that they did not satisfy him either for very long. His final conclusions? "Fear God and keep His commandments because every secret work will be brought into judgment." Scary!

How Can We Know God? Ant Talk?

How could you clearly explain God's love to an ant? The only possible way would be if a human were to become an ant and then to clearly *show God's love in a way which ants understand*. Later I learned that was exactly what God did when He sent Jesus down from a previous eternity in Heaven to become the 'Babe of Bethlehem' and show God's love to all mankind in a way we understand. (The ant figure represents me when I rejected God, beginning with my years as a 'searg-ANT' in the Marines.)



Jesus' birth was a miracle! He previously existed in Heaven and was incarnated into the virgin Mary, as prophesied 700+ years before. (Isaiah 7:14) Dr. Hilt's Christmas card describes His



OUT OF THE SILENCE...
MUSIC
OUT OF THE DARKNESS...
LIGHT
OUT OF UNCERTAINTY...
PROMISE
HOPE...
WAS BORN THAT NIGHT!

coming so well. Let's continue with the last item, hope: **Hope was born with Jesus Christ out of darkness and uncertainty!** He showed us God's love by a gruesome death on the cross to pay the terrible penalty of sin for us. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8)

Hope was born when He returned from the dead to prove all He taught was from God! (Luke 24)

Hope was born backed by a multitude of eyewitnesses and abundant evidence I will present in this book.

Hope was born as the solid foundation of the only faith

in the world with a founder still alive after ~2000 years.

Hope was born and continues to save multitudes from the horrible penalty of sin to eternal joy in Heaven, and in my case, also suicide! (Luke 19:10: 'to seek and to save', John 14:6) (Interesting: [Click here](#) for how God's love reached down to a lost Pacific island tribe without even a word for hope.)

I'd been taught all the above by a godly mother but as a teen it became just empty boring religion for old people and children. I wanted to be somebody really important. Beginning with four years in the Marines, this goal led me to ignore God and down the path of atheism and sin.

Was God Real? I Asked Him! But There was One Catch!

I finally realized that for the past 11 years, I'd been 'flying high' but was also *flying blind* in the thick fog of sin and pride in my technical achievements. I'd ignored the altitude and 'off-course' warnings. I had actually been lost and in a shallow dive all that time. Now the ground was rushing up at me. Time to pull out or die!

I prayed, "God, I don't even know if You exist. But if You do, You should be able to show this engineer. Is there a real Heaven and a real hell? If you show me You're real, I'll follow You, cost what it may cost, but right now I DON'T WANT TO! I know my only pleasures in life are displeasing to You. So if You're real, Please help me to become willing to follow You. Amen."

Though I didn't know it at the time, *I had just met God's main requirement to eventually find out if He was real*. Jesus said we must be willing to do His will before He reveals Himself. (John 7:17) Otherwise, why would He waste time on you, knowing you've already rejected Him even before He shows you the evidence? Though at this time I did not really want to do His will, yet I was 'willing to be helped to become willing'. Over time it worked, according to God's promise in Jeremiah 29:13: "*... if we seek Him with our WHOLE HEART, we will find Him!*"

Return to Naval Air Station, Point Mugu

After my squadron (VF-92) deployed to the Far East aboard the USS Ranger, I completed training on the targeting and missile radars aboard the F4H Phantom II in Virginia. At that time,

the F4 was the hottest fighter in the world. My next duty station was Point Mugu Naval Air Station near Oxnard, California. My assignment was to gain F4 experience with squadron VX-4, experimental squadron, before transfer to my permanent duty station with VF-121 at Miramar. VF-121 would later become the *Top Gun Squadron*.

Over many months I had compiled a notebook of questions about God. *I took my questions to visit a church in Oxnard and nearly got run over right in the parking lot!* I followed the beautiful lady into church. She had 'gotten my full attention' with her car! She'd just ended a relationship and was not anxious for another. She tried to get rid of me by introducing me personally to all the pretty girls in the Sunday School class. I really enjoyed that but it didn't work. She was very special and I stuck with her. More about her later in Chapter 6.

I bombarded the pastor, Rev. Ben Munroe, after every service with questions from my notebook. He encouraged me not to give up and he frequently quoted from Isaiah: *'precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little'*. (Today we'd say, "Yard by yard is hard but inch by inch is a cinch.") Finally, seeing God was at work, he handed me a big Thompson reference Bible, a huge commentary, and other books saying, "Sorry Tom, but I have 400 other people in this church. **Here, find the answers for yourself!**"

Flashback Eight Years to My Marine Corps Days – Enter Corporal Stevens!

Amazingly, my first evidence there may be a real God was back when I had been in the Marines. (My picture is at right.) The Lord vividly brought back to mind the transformed life of a fellow Marine, Corporal Stevens, with whom I'd served at Camp Pendleton, **eight years before!** Stevens had been a profane, womanizing drunk, earning the title of the **'T-town commando'** (T = Tijuana where he would carouse on the weekends). The power of Christ had marvelously transformed him into **'a living letter from Christ'**. (2 Corinthians 3:2 Living Bible) His transformation to a sober, moral, God-loving, and courageous Christian was truly miraculous. Even more impressive was the fact that a mean-spirited Marine atheist persecuted him every morning during barracks cleanup. He would rip up pages from the Bible and throw them into Stevens' face to provoke him into a fight and thus discredit his testimony.



Stevens' surprising reaction was always one of patience, love, and forgiveness. For eight years, Steven's amazing transformation had been filed away in the hidden recesses of my mind. Now God brought it back as my very first valid evidence there may be a real God after all! Stevens may have asked God why He permitted this abuse. However, I'm sure Stevens would've claimed God's promise in Romans 8:28 that **'all things work together for good to those who love God'**. Years later I see at least two reasons for God allowing this persecution. Stevens' faithfulness would become my first major evidence that God was real, and Stevens' persecutor got a clear demonstration of Jesus' grace and compassion. He saw that God can still love us and offer forgiveness in spite of our evil behavior. In Philippians 1:12, Paul, the great missionary, said his imprisonment would eventually be for the 'furtherance of the gospel' and indeed it was!

I've not seen Corporal Stevens for 61 years. *He has no idea how powerfully his conversion and faithfulness eventually bore fruit in my life eight years later that eventually led to 50 years of missionary service, so far.* I'm sure his life also touched many others in our unit who were watching Steven's persecution every morning. *(If you are a Christian reader, live for Christ the very best you can. Someday you may find your life was also a 'living letter from Christ' like Corporal Stevens' and made the difference whether someone spends an eternity in Heaven or not! (2 Corinthians 3:2 LB)*

After being transferred to Pearl Harbor, I met two more real Christian Marines during my three

years there. Along with Corporal Stevens, these Marines impressed me more than all the sermons of all the preachers I'd heard during my life up to that time. Why? Because these Marines were NOT paid clergy or even deacons. **They were just plain ordinary Christians with nothing to gain and much to lose by attracting persecution.**

My 'atheist's flight' had taken off but I still had to break through a heavy and turbulent overcast of doubts and many questions before God would come into focus.

3. PENETRATING HEAVY OVERCAST of DOUBT but ONLY to 99%

Since I had been an aircraft radar field engineer, I thought it appropriate that the stages of my search for God be represented by percentages of climb-out through overcast representing my doubts, questions, and much misinformation. (If Rick Warren's book, **The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?** had been written around 50 years ago, it would've helped me enormously! I highly recommend it. ^E) **Don't Waste your Life** is also very good. ^P

My philosophy up to now had been to just ignore God, hoping He would let me alone as well. Even if there did turn out to be a God, I'd planned to say, "Sorry God, I couldn't believe in You, so I guess you'll just have to let me into Heaven since I'm really a good guy at heart. Certainly my good deeds outweigh the bad and I'm so VERY much better than most of my friends." Wrong! (Romans 1:20: no excuse, Romans 3:23: not good enough, Revelation 21:8: **Uh-Oh!**)

'Earning your way to Heaven', fully or partially, seemed quite reasonable to me. Most religions in the world are more or less based on this incorrect assumption. 'If you become good enough' you might, repeat might, become worthy to reach Heaven, some higher reincarnation, ultimate Nirvana, or various 'spirit worlds.' I later learned Christianity was different, very different. 1 John 5:13 promises we can know if we're going to Heaven so it's obviously not based upon trying our best to be good enough. How good is that? Being better than some ugly people we know?

I also had ignored the fact that I could die unexpectedly with no chance to come to God even if I wanted to. Some personal examples include two of my seventh grade school mates who were shot and killed accidentally, the unexpected murder of a friend, and several relatives killed by drunk drivers through no fault of their own. Even more scary is when dementia silently but subtly gradually renders some incapable of any rational decisions. The latter would include my own father who was near 80. "Yeah, but he was old," you say. Just a few years ago my award-winning cardiologist developed severe dementia while only in his fifties. SCARY!

I was also VERY troubled to learn that **Jesus could return without warning at any time** to take His followers to Heaven. Those left behind would suffer terribly under the wrath of God and the unspeakable cruelty of the Anti-Christ for the ensuing seven years during the Tribulation. I just didn't want to think about that. (Kirk Cameron filmed an interesting, even terrifying, Christian trilogy called **Left Behind, The DVD Collection**, dramatizing these events. Very interesting, and **also very scary!** www.cloudtenpictures.com)

I had a multitude of questions some of you may also wonder about. For instance, "What gives God the right to tell us how to live our lives?" and "If a 'good' God exists, then why suffering and evil?" You'll find some answers I found as my story unfolds as percentages of an aircraft's climb through ominous, thick, dark overcast. Was there any scientific evidence of a real God? Which holy book was His word: the Koran? The Hindu Vedas and the Bhagavad Gita? The Eightfold Path of Buddhism? So many others. Here we go.

To 30% - by Rejecting Evolution: Where's the Evidence?

Evolution, which attempts to explain everything through science, was to me the only reasonable alternative to the existence of an intelligent Creator. Evolutionists are very strong on 'science' which they claim can explain everything. **Why then is around 96% of our whole universe still unseen and un-measurable except by secondary effects?** (See [Appendix F-1](#)) This unseen part of our universe is called 'dark': dark energy and dark matter. It was mapped over a nine-year period by the WMAP Anisotropy probe and is still a mystery. (**Note:** *Scientists have also never found any boundaries to our universe which so far appears to be infinite. More later.*)

Obviously evolutionary science does not explain everything and especially not the origin of the very first life. Neither has any sort of life ever been created 'from nothing' in labs. Theistic evolution is quite popular because there's no eventual accountability since there is no afterlife in evolution. [Could God have created our universe using evolution?](#) Do the Bible and evolution tell basically the same story? Compare the sequence of creation for each at this site.

<http://www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/could-creation-and-evolution-be-telling-same-story-0>

I have updated my own previous study of evolution in the '60s with a lot of more recent scientific evidence. [Appendices F-1](#) and [F-2](#) will give you much more information than I had to work with back when I was seeking truth. I feel a relatively extensive look at evolution is necessary for seekers today. Why? Our society has declared evolution to be a fact after removing the Bible and prayer from our schools and colleges over 50 years ago. And this in spite of the fact that our nation was founded upon God, the Bible, and prayer. Almost all of our very first universities were founded as seminaries to train preachers. This includes most of all the 'ivy league' colleges: Harvard, Princeton, and Yale among others. Currently the ACLU is suing a city council nearby for opening meetings in prayer, in spite of the fact that Congress has always had a chaplain who opens each session of our Congress with prayer. The Ten Commandments appear on the wall behind the Supreme Court justices as well. I love the council's reply to the ACLU threats: "[Our constitution guarantees us freedom OF religion, not freedom FROM religion.](#)"

Ignoring the Starting Point of Evolution is Like 'Touch-Typing' in the Dark but Beginning on the Wrong Keys

If you position your index fingers correctly in the beginning (on the F and the J) your work will be fine because touch typing in the dark is done relative to your starting position so you needn't look at the keyboard. If instead, you start out with your fingers on G and K, all the relative movements of your fingers may even be perfect but you will be typing gibberish! (I've done that on my computer in dim light more than once.)



Darwin did something like that when he started evolution AFTER the first life developed. [Was that a 'cheat'?](#) Yes, in one sense, no in another. Click [here](#). Most people accept evolution because they've never even read Darwin's book for themselves! Modern Darwinists also have no explanation how this could've been possible yet they proclaim as fact that life did somehow crawl out a slime pool or ocean. Rejecting God's intelligent design, they substituted 'un-intelligent' random events though the sciences of statistics and bioinformatics prove that utterly impossible. ³³ *Would they bet their life savings on horse races with the same astronomical odds against their winning? 'Yes! Anything's possible over millions of years', they say!* What if Einstein had presented his famous $E=mc^2$ to the world but decided he'd just skip over the 'm' or perhaps the 'c'? Gibberish, not science! They would've discredited his work in a heartbeat.

Proof the Evolutionist's Origin of Our Universe Cannot be a Proven Fact!

There are many evolutionary ideas (speculations) about how our universe evolved without the

need for intelligent creation. The most widely accepted is **QF**, quantum fluctuation. This asserts, as fact, because of a series of unguided accidents, our universe suddenly exploded into existence (the Big Bang) from a disorganized super-hot fog that created itself, by accident of course, from the nothingness of space. As it cooled, stars formed and cooling further, planets came into existence. (Quite to the contrary, 150 years ago mathematician James Clerk Maxwell proved that stars cannot 'cool to become planets'. They 'evolve' into an exploding super nova then to a cold, un-inhabitable tiny dwarf star where a teaspoon of it weighs over a ton.)

More importantly, evolutionists hope we won't notice that no useable experimental data is possible before 'Planck time' (10^{-43} seconds) AFTER the 'Big Bang, rendering all their mathematical 'evidence' invalid. Why? *Because none of the four fundamental forces that direct everything had yet to emerge.* Mathematical speculations any sooner than that would distort Einsteinian 'space-time' and thereby become meaningless. ^R (Even time did not begin until the Big Bang, according to Einstein, and world renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking. ⁸⁴) **Therefore, evolutionists have no way to scientifically prove any of their ideas that our universe evolved into existence without a God-Creator.** As the TV detective Matlock would say, **GOTCHA!** (Click [here](#) for more.)

When I was in college, godless evolution and self-creation of our universe were 'could-have-beens'. When prayer and the Bible were removed from our schools, evolution and 'creation without a Creator' were suddenly promoted to facts. No real evidence has been found for either, which makes them scientific deceptions or perhaps just wishful thinking to hide from our accountability to a living God. It's accepted because most people never look at the evidence.

Here's another GOTCHA! Evolutionists claim that the laws of all nature have always existed, even before science came into existence. This contradicts the fundamental cause/effect foundation of every branch of science: *for every effect, there has to be a cause. However, affirming the laws of nature are eternal affirms its supernatural origin! God created science! You can't convert the violation of the basic law of every branch of science into a fact by just calling it a 'singularity'.* I love the quote of mathematics professor John Lennox in the very good movie, **God is Not Dead: "Nonsense spoken by famous people is still nonsense!"**

More on 'singularity', a single exception to the laws of science. Most scientists, including Einstein, believe there was nothing, not even time, before our universe suddenly exploded into existence at the Big Bang. Yes we do agree the Big Bang did occur and that it was a 'singularity', but *not the accidental Big Bang of unproven evolution.* Intelligent design of our universe and all its fantastic design are evidence that God spoke our universe into existence. God said, "Let there be" and **BANG**, there was our universe, **God's Big Bang!** At that time He also created all the laws of every field of science, including mathematics, astronomy, physics, biology, etc. Man didn't create science. Man merely discovered and formulated occurrences in nature that turned out to be predictable.

The idea that our highly complex universe exploded from 'nothing that created everything', is riddled with flaws. *When has science ever seen an explosion without an explosive? When have scientists ever produced any explosion from nothing that created something highly complex that exhibited incredibly intelligent design like atomic structure and the mysterious periodic table?* Debris yes, complexity? **Never!** And when did ANY explosive 'bang' go on and on and on then stopped, then continued to go faster and faster? **None!**

Mathematical probability and evolution. If you believe that accidental evolution was the cause of the Big Bang that brought our universe and all life into existence, then you'd also believe an explosion in a junk yard could definitely create a fully flyable 747 jet and some of you would even believe it would include a crew and 300 passengers. Click [here](#) for more of

what the esteemed Sir Fred Hoyle had to say, including the mathematical odds for this happening by accident. Here's a similar, but much easier scenario. You would also have to proclaim as fact that a coin flipped 10,000 times over a sloping sidewalk would land 10,000 times, not heads or tails, but on one edge, then roll down the sidewalk at least 50 feet. Not impossible, but the computed probability would be so tiny would that be reasonable? Think about it. [Dr. Henry Morris wrote a whole book on the mathematical impossibility of evolution.](#) ³¹

Ralph Muncaster, an engineer and former atheist of 15 years, reported Sir Fred Hoyle, a famous astronomer, computed the probability against life arising by accident as magnitudes greater than the number of atoms in our whole universe!. His book ^u 'dismantles' evolution. Click the citation to 'take a very brief walk' through powerful evidence.

The God Delusion was written by Richard Dawkins, probably the world's most widely published atheist. This book has probably led more uninformed people into atheism in our generation than any other book. Ray Comfort's film, **The Atheist Delusion** ⁹⁶, exposes its weaknesses in brief five-minute interviews with a dozen or more atheists. Interviewees also include movie/TV comedian Tim Allen, a bombastic theoretical physicist, and Professor Richard Dawkins himself. Skeptics and evolutionists really need to hear Professor Dawkins agreeing that our universe did come from nothing, then explaining how 'nothing created everything' at elapsed time 10:26. ["Very simple"!](#) Click this citation to view the one-hour film on the Internet. ⁹⁶ (Watch the audience's reaction to Professor Dawkins' explanation of how 'nothing created everything'.)

[And Where Did That Come From? Who Made God? Evolutionary Trickery](#)

Godless evolutionists and skeptics quickly run out of answers when I just keep asking, ["And where did that come from?"](#) Their answers are only a series of 'could have' speculations based on unprovable scientific assumptions. ["Who made God?"](#) you ask. ["Irrelevant,"](#) I would reply, ["because we're only accountable to the God who made us.](#) I would add, ["No, you are not excused from accountability to God because you didn't get an answer to your question!"](#)

Evolutionary trick words divert the uninformed over to the evolutionary trail. ['Theory'](#) is ambiguous and can mean just an 'idea' or a proven fact, so don't be deceived. ['Evolution'](#) is called a 'theory' but should instead be called a hypothesis. It's never been demonstrated in nature or the lab, is still unproven, and therefore cannot be a fact as is proclaimed. [Even Darwin's own standard](#) of proof has never been found. ^{36B, 54} ['Evolution' is often erroneously, or deceitfully, used instead of 'variation'.](#) [Variation within a species](#), like Darwin's different kinds of finch beaks and the English peppered moths. Both are touted as examples of evolution but by definition are not. Variation within the same species is short-term and observable in breeding various types of dogs, horses, etc. Darwin failed to demonstrate a single example of evolution. I repeat, evolution has never been observed in nature or in the lab. It is therefore unproven. Don't be misled.

[Finding a Missing Link or Two Does Not Authenticate Evolution](#)

Evolution is based upon a host of unproven assumptions, many related to unverifiable dating methods. ^{27A} (Also, click [here](#).) [Way too flaky to base our whole eternal future upon!](#) Also, Darwin did not specify ['a missing link](#) between man and his ancestors as proof of his evolution. In [Appendix F-1](#) you'll see that he specified **'innumerable intermediate transitional (evolutionary) life forms (missing links)'** for **EACH** of the [approximate 8.7 million species.](#) ⁵⁴ That means a SERIES of life forms showing very, very, very gradual evolution for each one of all of these multitudes of life forms, billions and billions of them. That's why Darwin expected they should be found in abundance everywhere. [Around 100 MILLION fossils have been catalogued in museums around the world for about 250,000 species during approximately ~160 years of worldwide search, as you will see in](#) [Appendix F-1.](#) [No series of transitional fossils](#)

showing very gradual evolution required by Darwin himself has ever been found for even one life form. ^{36B}

The clincher against evolution for me was when a contemporary of Darwin, Louis Pasteur, proved that life can never come from non-life. Before that, it was thought that rats and vermin 'evolved' from dirty rags since they were always found together. Pasteur, a devout Christian, also went on to develop vaccines to prevent rabies, anthrax, smallpox, and diphtheria, all killers for centuries. Pasteur once commented, "The more I learned of science, the more simple my faith became based on the truth of the Bible." I would eventually feel the same. On the one hand Darwin believed in myriads of tiny accidental changes over millions of years. But examining the complexity of only the eye, he was convinced that was impossible. So he invented a strange 'power' that 'oversees' every single tiny evolutionary change in every one of the 8.7 million species ⁵⁴ –simultaneously– over millions and millions of years. ^{36C} This 'power' Darwin supposed into existence could only have been a mythical 'god'. In [Appendix F-1](#), you'll find Darwin's own admissions of several major flaws in his theory he is unable to explain or even to speculate on.

Summarizing, I Did Not Find Evolution Supported by Reliable Science

In fact, I just came upon a great little 40-page booklet whose sub-title was "**More than 75 Ways Science Supports Creation and Disproves Evolution.**" ⁴ I found that believing in evolution requires a LOT more blind faith than I could muster. (*I love Geisler and Turek's book, **I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist!*** ⁹ After studying the evidence, ditto!) Cross-species evolution has never been observed in nature, and never reproduced in labs. A 71-year fruit fly experiment simulating millions of years of evolution, was begun at Colombia University in the early 1900s. It failed to show any progressive evolution. (There were 50 years of actual experiments but the final analysis and report required many more years. ^{27K, 39C, 41})

Eliminating evolution would leave me with the only reasonable explanation for our universe: intelligent, deliberate, supernatural creation. You'll also find many reputable and well-educated scientists in the [Evidence Resources](#) who show that evolution is not science at all but a philosophy based on atheism. Jeffrey Dahmer, the cannibal-serial-killer, made this comment about evolution, which in his mind, justified the heinous crimes that shocked our nation:

"They taught me I'm only an evolved animal; so what's wrong with what I did?"

For more evidence refuting evolution go to [Appendices F-1](#) and [F-2](#). Topics include Darwin's admitted major weaknesses of his ideas and the 'knockout blow' to mutations theory.

To 50%-Through Overwhelming Scientific Evidence

Let's begin with a joke my wife just found from Mikey's Funnies but which has some valid theological truth and bearing on my testimony. **Sherlock Holmes** and Dr. Watson were camping out in a tent. During the night, Holmes awakened Watson with, "Look up and tell me what you see." Watson, "Astronomically I see millions of stars. Chronologically, it's around 3:00 a.m. Meteorologically, tomorrow will be fair. Holmes: "What else?" Watson: "?????????????????" Holmes: "Look up Watson, our tent has been stolen!" 😊

I was like Watson before my search for God began in earnest with a three-month study of scientific evidence. Surprisingly, **the best evidence of God was just common sense! Just as Watson overlooked the obvious in the funny above, I had also overlooked the obvious.** *The mere existence of my home proves there had to have been 'intelligent design' by an architect and intelligent construction by skilled builders. Likewise, the very existence of our much more complex universe would attest to the fantastic intelligence of a 'universe designer and builder' whom we call God.* (Later I would find this is affirmed strongly in Psalm 19:1 and Romans 1:20 declares that no one in the world can claim ignorance.) However, at that time I was so far from

God, I didn't even think about this simple proof but plunged into my search for hard scientific evidence. I would find plenty!

Our Entire Universe was Created Upon the 'Invisible Fabric of Mathematics' ⁴⁴
from stars and planets to the DNA blueprints of life.

And where did this mathematical order come from? I hadn't wanted to think much about creation and a Creator up to now. But the amazing mathematics underlying almost everything I examined showed me eventually that there had to be great intelligence behind the structure of our whole universe. All planetary orbital periods, including two dwarf planets, obey the math of the Divine Ratio and also conform to a Fibonacci Series. An evolutionary scientist authored an article on <http://sitshow.blogspot.com> but then stated that '*no explanation for these mathematical relationships has ever been found*'. (*How about an intelligent Creator?*) More startling math evidence in nature here! ⁹²

The more evidence I examined, the less credible evolution became. The *law of entropy* states that that nothing can 'self-organize' into ever increasing complexity over time without outside intervention, and this especially applies to mathematical laws and evolution.

Nowhere have I found more convincing evidence than in Dr. Rana's DVD. It details God's incredible design in the fascinating *mega-complexity* of the cells in our own body. ¹⁰³ Here's a 'simple' chart of how 'simple' bacteria get their energy. No, I don't expect most of you to understand every detailed step but I do expect you to see enormous complexity beyond the alleged accidents of evolution.



I marveled at the immensely intricate design of our universe, Especially the mathematically predictable positions of planets, their moons, occurrences of eclipses, and comets, even prediction of the exact time of sunrises and sunsets — to the exact minute — centuries into the future or into the past! (*In fact, I'm still so amazed that I just spent a delightful week following Isaac Newton's calculus proof of Kepler's laws of planetary orbits.*)

Isaac Newton, probably the greatest scientist of all time, mightily showed mathematically that our solar system is not the product of random chance but of divine mathematical **intelligent creation** which has guided our planets since the beginning. In fact God was so real to him, he later gave up science to devote the rest of his life to studying theology! Blaise Pascal, another great scientist, did the very same thing! *It is said that Newton's proof of Kepler's ideas was his very first application of his newly discovered calculus. His equations described mathematically the patterns behind Kepler's 40 years of meticulous observations perfectly! Newton's equations and calculus are still used today in space exploration, in some cases modified by relativity.*

Both Newton and Kepler were strong, outspoken Christians with unshakeable faith in God. *This should put to rest accusations that only the stupid and uneducated believe in God. See **Men of Science, Men of God: Great Scientists who Believed the Bible.** ⁵³ As of 2012, this little paper back is in its 21st printing since 1982! It includes Newton (discoverer of calculus), Kepler (astronomy), Maxwell ⁴⁷ (math), Pasteur (medicine/germ discovery), Fleming (penicillin), and many more. Currently, a Kindle download is also available for only \$2.99.*

UMPIRE (Mr. Science): 1, 2, 3 STRIKES! Accidental, Random Evolution 'Yer Out!' Intelligent Creator Wins.

This powerful 3-point overview of our universe demonstrates our Creator's incredible intelligent design, woven into the very mathematical fabric of our whole universe! Albert Einstein, a believer in God, said, "**God does not throw dice.**" Mathematics is not a 'dice throw' like evolution.

It demonstrates deliberate intelligent design that separates reality from mythical speculation.

- 1. STRIKE 1: EVERYTHING in the UNIVERSE is either mass or energy.** Neither can be created from nothing nor completely destroyed (proven law of conservation of matter and energy). Either may be converted into the other, precisely, using Einstein's $E = mc^2$! This conservation law proves the 'accidental' evolutionary Big Bang could never have 'created something out of nothing', including the laws of science of mathematics that would guide every step. Just as the existence of your car proves there had to have been a designer and manufacturer, the existence of our universe proves a divine creator, God. ([More](#): 22 reasons why evolution is unscientific.)
- 2. STRIKE 2: EVERY CHEMICAL ELEMENT making up our universe** (118 so far) **fits in orderly** sequence into the Periodic Table by atomic number, grouped in columns with others of similar chemical properties and new rows repeating every 8th element! **WOW!**
- 3. STRIKE 3: EVERY ATOM of every chemical element is a miniature solar system** with a central nucleus and orbiting electrons; strong evidence of beautiful design!

No scientist ever invented a scientific law or mathematical axiom. They were only discovered or built upon previously existing laws. Did gravity come into existence in the 1600s when Newton formulated it? No! God created scientific laws with the universe to direct nature down to the smallest detail! The Bible is proven right by scientific laws. Do some fear and ignore the 'light' of God's word because we know our conduct and future judgment will be by God's standards instead of ours? (John 3:19-20) *Science IS the evidence of God in nature. We are therefore inexcusable to ignore Him.* (Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20)

The proven **Law of Entropy** (Second Law of Thermodynamics) states that it's impossible for disorder (random evolution) to evolve into order on its own without a directing outside force. (*Prove this by putting your dirty clothes into a hamper and wait another 13+ billion years. Do you really believe that you'd expect to find all the clothes washed and that the bacteria had evolved into super-humans?*) Also be aware that evolution skips where the chemicals of life came from, laws of science, and of genetics. Darwin begins with a fully functional, reproductive-capable life form. (A cheat?) No scientist has ever created life from chemicals and certainly not from nothing as our Creator did.) Click [here](#) for only four scientific laws that govern almost all of our whole universe.

As a skeptic, $E=mc^2$ (**STRIKE 1** above) impressed me the very most. $E=mc^2$ also impressed Dr. Amir Aczel enough to put his amazement into a great book, ***GOD'S EQUATION!*** ⁶

Einstein did not invent this equation just as Newton did not invent gravity. *Both these laws and the equations that describe them had existed since our universe began.* They were only discovered. (*The 'c' in the Einstein's equation above is the ubiquitous speed of light found in a multitude of scientific equations that help describe our universe. It's only one of around 150 constants which prove the mathematical organization our universe shows design, not randomness. Asking evolutionists from what did constants evolve, most say they just 'always were'. EXACTLY! 'This implies the supernatural because naturally speaking, it's a violation of the very foundation of all mankind's science: the law of cause and effect. It asserts 'no human beginning', proving only God could've done it. More on $E=mc^2$ below in "Our Amazing Sun ...".*

Does How We Measure Time Point to Intelligent Design or Random Evolution?

The Naval observatory sets our national time standard from the stars. However, during the day, one can get the approximate time from a sundial. At night, the time is available from a planisphere. Here, we read 8:00 pm for July 15 when the Big Dipper pointer stars point to the

North Star from an approximate 10:00 o'clock relative position. FASCINATING!
(Yes, the planisphere is upside down because it must be held upside down facing north.)

Tekkie Candy: The inner dial markings indicate that the stars appear to rotate at 15 degrees per hour around the North Star. An *Equation of Time* graph converts sundial and 'dipper' time from star time to clock time, to within 15 minutes. Correction is needed because the earth rotates once in 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4 seconds. However, our clocks are based on a solar average day of 24 hours. This is because our earth orbit is elliptical so it orbits more slowly at apogee and faster at perigee. Time is much more complex than you thought?



What does this precision and predictability of time from the sun and stars tell us? It told me there's a huge amount of intelligence and design in the heavens, not accidents of evolution.

The 'Light Speed Ruler' Reveals an Incredibly Vast Universe!

I was truly astounded to learn that the speed of light (around 186,000 miles per SECOND) is a mathematical constant used in hundreds of physics equations that describe all kinds of phenomena in nature. Using light speed as a 'ruler', I began to understand just how enormous our universe is. At light speed, *one could travel to the moon in only 1.3 seconds, to the sun in just over 8 minutes, but to Andromeda, the nearest spiral galaxy like ours, one would need over TWO MILLION YEARS!* There are also billions of other galaxies even further away! During the past four centuries, new telescopes continue to probe further and further into space but none has ever found any boundaries of our universe!

Earth Hurtles Through Space at Incredible Speeds in Nine Directions!

The earth we stand on is hurtling through space at incredible speeds in at least NINE different directions at once — so smoothly we don't even notice! Six of them are illustrated in this 2008 magazine which you may find in online archives or at your city library. ⁵ *Even an eighth grader could do the arithmetic to show that our earth rotates at around 1,000 mph. at its equator every 24 hours and orbits the sun at around 67,000 mph once each year. Add to that, we're spinning around our galaxy at a half million mph. We and all our companion galaxies are hurtling towards the constellation Sagittarius at 1,300,000 mph! Plus, there are FIVE other known directions of earth motion, all so smooth we don't even feel them! All accidents? How could anyone not see a God-Creator at work here? We're without excuse! (Romans 1:20)*

Our Amazing Sun, Spinning at 630,000 MPH, Verifies Einstein's $E = mc^2$!

Almost all life on earth is ultimately totally dependent upon our sun. Here are a just a few **incredible facts about the sun that sustains almost all life on earth.** It rotates once every 27 days at around 630,000 mph. The heat and light, from 93 million miles away, comes from continuous thermonuclear reactions. Every second those reactions convert 700 million tons of hydrogen into 695 million tons of helium. Where did all that hydrogen come from? What happened to the missing five million tons of hydrogen? It was converted into the light, heat, ultra-violet, and other radiation we feel from 93 million miles away — and amazingly in the exact amounts predicted by an equation from Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity, $E=mc^2$! ⁶

Where did this and all the other laws of nature come from? Why do all the multitude of chemical elements that make up our universe show related properties in the Periodic Table? And why do their individual atoms also closely resemble miniatures of our solar system? "Just another evolutionary 'coincidence'," you say? Yes 'coincidences' happen, but not the billions upon billions of 'accidental coincidences' showing extreme complexity and deliberate design observed in nature which science cannot explain. They literally scream: 'Intelligent design'!

I just didn't have enough 'blind faith' to accept so many of the evolutionist's unproven 'facts'. Evolution rejects the supernatural, considering it the same as superstition, ghosts, haunted houses, Santa Claus, and the Tooth Fairy. But their explanation of our universe resulting from a totally random series of accidents, each building upon its predecessor over millions of years, defies mathematical probability and the law of biogenesis. Evolution therefore would require innumerable coordinated miracles, all in proper sequence. Sounds like the supernatural to me!

More Intelligent Design: Nature's Cycles and Spectacular Bird Migrations

I found many other evidences for intelligent design pointing to God's handiwork: photosynthesis, osmosis, the water cycle, the nitrogen cycle, and many other earthly cycles showing intelligent design and maintenance. Perhaps the most amazing evidence of intelligent design by a Creator is the fascinating and the mysterious animal/bird migrations. The spectacular 20,000-mile migration (round trip) of the arctic tern from pole to pole is only one.

But an even more amazing migration is that of the bronze cuckoo. What is so amazing is that it migrates from New Zealand to the Solomon Islands, over 2,500 miles of trackless ocean. Not only that, but cuckoos never know their parents! Cuckoos lay their eggs in other birds' nests, then abandon them for the other birds to raise! So who teaches them how to navigate thousands of miles over a trackless ocean and then back again? ²



Darwin wrote several chapters on the weaknesses of evolution. ^{36A} Chief among them was long-range bird migration and how that knowledge was passed on to offspring who'd never made the journey like the cuckoo just mentioned. Cuckoos not only have to navigate precisely, but how do they compensate for crosswinds and furious Pacific storms blowing them off course over 2,500 miles of trackless ocean?

A navigation error of only one degree, would cause the cuckoo to miss his destination by about 43 MILES! Also if, upon arrival, the islands were fogged in or being pounded by a heavy rainstorm, at some point, just like an aircraft, he's going to have to dive through the 'soup' until he can see if he's on target. If he can't see, most likely he's going to crash. If he missed the island on his first try, it is unlikely he would have enough energy for much searching after his 2,500-mile non-stop flight.

I might also add that Darwin was at a loss to explain the amazing instincts of creatures who are abandoned at birth, like turtles, most fish, and insects. With no instruction, how did they know what was food, how to hunt, how to reproduce, migrate, etc. He also admitted evolution had no explanation for the amazing group behavior of ants and bees. You'll find more migrations of birds, fish, whales, eels, etc., at this citation. ⁷

Even more amazing is the fantastic 2,400-mile, four-day non-stop flight of the blackpoll warblers. First they fly from Alaska to New England. Then they make an abrupt turn south climbing to 20,000 feet where oxygen drops to only 9.5%! They then ride the high-speed, sub-zero, freezing southerly winds all the way to South America!

Does anyone think that animals can inherit knowledge of their parents but not us humans who are the most highly 'evolved' of all species? If knowledge were inheritable, then it would mean that if great grandpa went to college then all his descendants would be spouting Shakespeare and doing calculus as soon as they learned to talk! To me it's much more logical and reasonable that an intelligent Creator put the proper navigation instructions and biological navigation skills into the multitude of migratory birds, butterflies, and other insects, animals, fish, etc.

Leading Scientists Who Documented Evidence for a Real God

I've been told many times that no intelligent person could ever believe in an unseen Creator.

My answer is a short list of modern well-educated scientists who not only believe in God but wrote books with evidence for His existence and power. They just followed the evidence as I was doing. Here are just a few whom I've cited in the **Evidence Resources**. Many have doctorate degrees and are university professors. In 2004, Dr. Antony Flew, a notorious British atheist, eventually saw God's hand in the complexity of DNA after 50 years of research revealed the super complexity of DNA. He wrote [THERE IS NO A GOD: How the world's most notorious atheist changed his mind.](#) ⁴² Dr. Hugh Ross, an astrophysicist who saw God's hand in the wonders of astrophysics, wrote [THE FINGERPRINT of GOD as well as COSMIC EVIDENCES for CHRIST.](#) ⁶⁸ Dr. Francis Collins, former agnostic and leader of the historic Human Genome Project, saw God's hand in the marvels of the DNA directing all life. He wrote [THE LANGUAGE of GOD.](#) ⁶⁹ Grant Jeffrey, noted apologist, saw God's hand in all of nature. After a decade of research, he wrote [THE SIGNATURE of GOD](#) and [THE HANDWRITING of GOD](#) as his 'conclusive proof' the Bible is utterly trustworthy. ⁷⁰

Dr. Amir Aczel, saw God's hand in the mathematics of $E=mc^2$ and wrote [GOD'S EQUATION](#) as well as [WHY SCIENCE DOES NOT DISPROVE GOD.](#) ⁶ Lanny Johnson wrote the fascinating booklet, [THE HAND of GOD](#), showing amazing mathematical relationships in DNA and other miracles in nature that demand an intelligent Creator. ^{26, 92} You'll also find one of America's top trial lawyers, Mark Lanier, who literally puts Christianity on trial! ² This citation also contains publications of some former atheistic scientists, professors, or professionals who just followed the evidence to discover that God was real after all! ^{8, 53}

Conclusions from Scientific Studies

As an engineer, I had really hoped to have found absolute proof of God's existence through scientific evidence. I was disappointed. While it was compelling, it was far from absolute. Science alone can never prove God absolutely. On the other hand, science cannot disprove God either!

That is 'outside the domain of science', a phrase used often as an excuse by atheistic scientists but it is true. Science cannot write the formula describing a human soul. It cannot write an equation describing the essence of life itself. It cannot create either one. Science only has endless speculations about how our universe came into existence and how life began, but no real proof for either. It has no real answers about whether there's an afterlife and what it's like. Their standard answer over and over is, "We don't know but we're working on it."

However, from examining the scientific evidence found in nature, it became clear to me that science overwhelmingly supports the existence of a master intelligent designer and sustainer of our universe ⁶⁸ as opposed to the endless speculations of accidental evolution. I didn't know at that time if the intelligent designer was just a 'force', or a 'god' some religion made up.

However, I'd made major progress since my college days when we 18-year-olds would gather, smoke pipes and cigars to appear older, and discuss the godless philosophies of Hume, Paine, and others. We especially loved Nietzsche's 'God is dead' and his elegant sounding 'existential nihilism' (life has no ultimate purpose). In contrast, campus Christians would sometimes wear a T-shirt with "God is Dead," Nietzsche. But the second line said, "Nietzsche is Dead, God!"

'There's no absolute truth' was our college 'theme song' because it meant 'no absolute morality'! So we're all free to do as we please, we thought. The professor in a philosophy course I'm taking states there are two types of truth. Subjective truth is what one believes is true based on your experiences but highly colored by your own personal bias and judgment (or lack of it). You may add 'old wives tales', myths, and superstition, as well as many religions, and other sources unsupported by solid evidence.

Objective truth is based upon tangible scientific facts and other evidence. After personal investigation for over a year, I found the truth of Jesus to be objective truth, not a 'blind leap

into the dark' as some would say. Click [here](#) for why absolute morality is absolute!

When Dr. Norman Geisler was in college, he totally demolished the entire logical foundation of a godless 14-week philosophy course in only two sentences! Read Geisler's solid refutations of Hume and Kant using the law of non-contradiction. [9A](#)

Tekkie Candy: Einstein: "Greatest blunder of my life!" It's ironic that Einstein's $E=mc^2$ was major evidence to me that there may be a God because of Einstein's incorrect use of a 'cosmological fudge factor'. Einstein's first publication in 1915 of his next theory, the General Theory of Relativity asserted for 14 years that there was no need for creation or for a Creator (God). This was because for over 300 years scientists had asserted that our universe was static, that is, it had always eternally existed, neither expanding nor contracting. However, Einstein's equation of gravitation for a static universe didn't quite match actual astronomical observations. He therefore had to insert a 'cosmological fudge factor' to balance his equation so he could continue to proclaim a static universe [74](#)

However, in 1929, Sir Edwin Hubble's discovery of the Doppler 'red-shift' of starlight proved our universe was not static but expanding. Expansion proved our universe had to have had a sudden beginning, known later as the 'Big Bang' of creation. Einstein was amazed to discover that his 'cosmological fudge factor' exactly accounted for the difference between his previous incorrect static model and the monumental discovery that our universe is indeed expanding!

Einstein then grudgingly had to accept the evidence of the God of creation. He declared his continued assertion of a static universe, was "The greatest mistake of my life." After accepting a God-Creator, a thought he expressed many times, even appears on bookmarks: "I want to know God's thoughts. All the rest are merely details." Also he said, "God does not play dice," his opinion of the new quantum theory but also an equally obvious reference to evolution. Einstein saw an ordered, designed universe, not an accidental one. Are skeptics and evolutionists smarter than Einstein when they assert everything in our universe came about through totally random unguided accidents? Einstein believed strongly in a God-Creator, but not in a God to whom we're accountable.)

To 55% - Realizing There's Very Little True Justice in This Life

That God has given all men a conscience is evidenced by the fact that we all have some sense of the difference between right and wrong. (Romans 2:15) Almost all religions of the world have codified this in their doctrines. God has also given us a sense of justice to reward good and punish evil. We all know about bullies, wife beaters, murderers, and even genocidists who were never brought to justice and properly punished. Millions were tortured and murdered under Hitler, Tojo, Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, and many others. The last three would account for over 175 million victims alone. In recent times we've seen the slaughter of the Tutsis in Rwanda, the Bosnian slaughter of the Serbs, and the atrocities of Liberia in Sierra Leone (cutting off legs and forcing children to kill) plus many others. America, you're guilty too. Since the Supreme Court ruling in 1973, over 57 million innocents have been murdered in their own mother's womb by legalized abortion in the U.S.A. Dr. Richard Land, of the Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, NC, stated in his message at our church that around 41% of abortions are single women (from fornication). Only 1% are for rape. Also see <http://www.numberofabortions.com>.

What punishment in this life would be truly adequate justice? The lack of meaningful justice here on earth drew me closer to believing in God who would not only punish evil-doers but would also reward the righteous one day.

To 75% - by Discovering Evidence that the Bible IS God's Word

Most of my ungodly friends trashed the Bible as 'only a book written by men'. Only partially true. Most of the Bible records eyewitness accounts of what men had actually seen and heard. The rest might be compared to an executive who never writes letters. He dictates them, a secretary writes them down. God dictates, man wrote. (2 Timothy 3:16)

John 20:31 is called the 'key to the Bible' because it outlines the ultimate purpose of the Bible: to help us to experience Christ's love as He forgives our sins against God, encourages us to show our gratitude by reflecting His life in ours to attract others, and so that one day we may spend an eternity of joy in Heaven with Him instead of, what Jesus called, 'the lake of fire' (hell) which is, in God's sight, what we really deserve for our disobedience.

The Bible shows man's utter failure to live to please God long term. Before the Bible when men lived only by their conscience, mankind became so vile that God destroyed them all except Noah and started all over with his family. Noah and his descendants also ultimately failed. Then God gave the Old Testament laws of commandments and animal sacrifices. God chose only Israel for the 'flagship' of this new covenant. In spite of demonstrating His love and power through miracle after miracle, Israel repeatedly turned to idol worship instead. Seeing human failure again, God replaced Old Testament animal sacrifices by sending Jesus to die as His only acceptable sacrifice opening the wonderful doors of the new covenant of grace, detailed in the New Testament. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9) Jesus' resurrection from the dead validated His mission directly from God and continues to inspire us to follow Him motivated by gratitude.

"SHOW ME EVIDENCE GOD DIRECTED THE WRITING OF THE BIBLE!"

The Bible has proven itself the true Word of God over the last several thousand years in at least four ways: **transformed lives, fulfilled prophecies, archeological discoveries, and the martyrdom** of thousands who chose death rather than to renounce Bible truth. Who would die for a lie? I would add that the Bible also detailed the correct sequence of creation thousands of years before the science of geology later 'discovered' it!

We'll look at the ultimate evidence of transformed lives from evil to God-fearing a bit later but first, is there any scientific evidence proving the Bible is God's word? YES! **Surprisingly, the laws of mathematical probability!** These refute the odds of accidental fulfillment of biblical prophecies and are, in my opinion, the best scientific evidence God must have originated them.

Over half of the Bible is prophecy, much of it already fulfilled in the secular history of Israel. There are also *over 300 fulfilled detailed prophecies about Jesus' first coming* and many, many other amazing prophecies. We shall first look into mathematical probability, then two of the most amazing prophecies I know: Daniel's prophecy of four world kingdoms to come over several future centuries, then the amazing 70-Weeks prophecy which predicted the exact coming of Jesus to an accuracy within two days!

Math Professor Computes Odds Against Accidental Fulfillment of Prophecies

What would be the odds against your exactly predicting 324 things about the next person to walk around the corner in New York City? Beyond astronomical and utterly impossible, right?

Professor Peter Stoner explains in his book how he and 600 of his students at Pasadena City College computed the odds of exactly predicting only 48 of the 324 biblical prophecies of Jesus' first coming. [10](#), [11](#)

The odds against this being coincidental or just guessing was around 10^{157} against! (1 followed by 157 zeroes.) **This is the same as multiplying by 10 times itself a hundred and fifty seven times! This number is greater than the number of all the atoms in our whole universe! How much greater?**

Scientists estimate there are about 1×10^{80} atoms in the universe. Therefore, the odds against just guessing the 324 prophecies are 1 followed by 77 zeros times greater! The odds of winning the multi-million-dollar North Carolina Power Ball Lottery were announced on TV as around

175 million against, or 1.75 followed by only eight zeroes!



Our first amazing prophecy fulfilled in secular history is found in Daniel chapter 2. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a very troubling dream. His court magicians could not interpret it because this time the king required that they first tell him what the dream was! They failed. He cut them in pieces and made their homes dung hills.

But God gave Daniel, a Jewish prisoner, the interpretation to show this pagan King there was a real God after all because only the true God could have shown Daniel the exact interpretation of the King's dream.

Incredibly, Daniel told the king he'd dreamed of a huge colossus with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, with belly and thighs of brass. The legs were of iron, the feet mixed with iron and clay. Daniel interpreted this as a prophecy of world kingdoms ruling the Middle East until Christ returned to rule. He prophesied the first three — by name — and in proper sequence — to reign during the next few thousand years: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, and Greek.

By its description, the fourth could only be the Roman Empire which conquered the whole Middle East and far beyond in all directions. A rock, 'not cut out with hands' (symbolizing Jesus' virgin birth) is to smash the statue on the feet, when Jesus' takes the rule of all earthly kingdoms one day. It is common belief that the legs of iron represent the Roman Empire. The feet of iron mixed with clay represent it's latter years, not as strong, but mixed with the clay of other nations which is today's EU, the European Union, formerly the Common Market. When will this happen? Any time! (More: See [The Statue in the Book of Daniel](#) leaflet. ⁸⁹)

445-Year-Old Prophecy: Within Two Days When Messiah Would Come!

Our second most amazing, and verifiable, prophecy is the 70-week prophecy of Daniel 9 made over FOUR CENTURIES in advance. Daniel accurately prophesied (*within two days!*) when Jesus Christ would present Himself to Israel as their Messiah-king. *The prophecy was fulfilled 445 years later on Palm Sunday! (Luke 4:18-21) Jesus would be rejected as Messiah and king, which was also prophesied in Isaiah 53. Zechariah prophesied He would later be accepted as both.*

Israel had been in captivity in Babylon for 70 years as God's punishment for idolatry (Also prophesied in Jeremiah 25:11-12!) Jesus, the Messiah-king was to come after the first 69 weeks of ancient Jewish lunar years (445 years) when their captor-king would release them to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. (Even the name of that king, Cyrus, and the fact that he was Persian, were also prophesied 150 years before he was born! *(Isaiah 44:28) Fantastic!*)

This prophecy of the exact day Jesus was to come was confirmed to an accuracy of plus or minus two days (0.001%) over a period of nearly half a millennium! The beginning and end dates of this prophecy were originally set according to some phase of the lunar (moon) cycle. NASA confirmed those dates by verifying those lunar cycles against the historical dates! WOW!

This prophecy is explained in a great slide show on the Internet. ¹² *Only God could've made all these prophecies through Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others including Micah who prophesied that Jesus would even be born in Bethlehem!*

You may add a total of over 300 other prophecies of more details of Jesus' first coming, **Even More awesome proof** that the Bible is God's word.

Question: What does Daniel's 70-week prophecy have to do with our celebration of Christmas?

Gary Scoggins, a pastor-friend, recently *connected this prophecy to the 500-mile, two-year journey of the Magi to Bethlehem to honor Jesus*. It is believed that the Babylonian astronomers had archived Daniel's 70-week prophecy for centuries. So when a new and very unusual star appeared, the Magi saw this as an indication it was time to bring their prophetic gifts which would dramatically fit Jesus' three offices: gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, and myrrh for His death when He paid for our sins.

This miraculous star appears to have only been seen by the Magi. My opinion is that, unlike every other star in the sky which moves very, very slowly 15 degrees per hour east to west, the Star of Bethlehem was stationery, hovering in the west right over the very place where Jesus was. Scripture indicates He would've been somewhere around two years old by the time the Magi arrived. *This star is the subject of several Christmas hymns and is also why a bright star often crowns our Christmas trees.*

NOTE: I believe that when the Magi said 'they had seen His star in the east', it meant they had seen the star while they were in the east in Babylon. Question: how could the star just stop and hover over the exact place in Bethlehem where Jesus was? If you look directly overhead, the stars are so far away, there is no way to say if a star above is exactly over your house, your neighbor's, or even houses miles away.

(Precision instruments math to observe that wouldn't be invented until around 1500 years later.)

More amazing prophecies.

Also verifiable in world history are many other prophecies of God's punishments of Israel and several major cities for idolatry. Only one prophecy was the 'scraping flat' of the ancient city of Tyre (by Alexander the Great) to build a causeway out to conquer the new city offshore. (Ezekiel 26:4)

Reasons We Know Biblical Prophecies Were Written Before and Not After Events!

1. **Logic:** It's reasonable to expect that the almighty God would ensure that His word be preserved along with techniques to distinguish between the true Scriptures and those falsified by evil men.
2. **Restricted Access:** It was very 'hazardous to your health' to proclaim yourself a prophet in Old Testament days! Prophets had to first make an 'out-of-the-ordinary' type prophecy which was fulfilled in his lifetime or to perform a well-verified miracle proving God had spoken. If either failed, the 'prophet', who claimed God had spoken to him, would be stoned to death!

Further, the Scriptures were zealously protected from error. No one was allowed to copy the Tanakh (Old Testament) except scribes, a professional group who fanatically preserved them. Every character copied was carefully checked and counted by the head scribe. If any errors were found, that portion of the scroll was burned and recopied. No erasures, no strikeouts, no errors.

3. **Scientifically Dated Manuscripts!** The most important of these are the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Click [here](#) to jump to *How do We Know Ancient Old Testament Copies ...* for details.
4. **Jesus Christ Himself Quoted Many Old Testament Prophecies as fact** in the New Testament. That establishes their truth because the evidence of Jesus' resurrection, we will share in the next section, proved He was indeed sent from God with God's truth.
5. **Jesus also validated the New Testament** because He chose and commissioned disciples to take God's message to the world, making other disciples who would do the same. (Matthew 28:18-20) The book of Acts records that beginning which continues right

to this present day through missionary work all over the world. This book, and multitudes of others, are also part of that mission.

6. **The Harmony of a Multitude of Copies of Scriptures in Different Languages:** Click [here](#) to jump to *Thousands of Ancient Copies Help Sort out the Phonies*. (Josh MacDowell's 24,970 copies in 15 languages from different countries.)
7. **Are there Other Ancient Books that Validate the Bible?** Click [here](#) to jump to *Do Other Ancient Books Validate ...* Flavius Josephus and his landmark history of the Jews answers a resounding 'yes' as well as Eusebius and others, including 'living Bibles' of transformed lives like my inspiration, Marine Corporal Stevens you read about in my testimony at the beginning of this book.
8. **How About the Time Gap** between historical dates of the New Testament and the finding of written copies? **No problem!** Click [here](#) to go to *How About ...*
9. **The Bible Correctly Proclaimed Scientific Truths Confirmed Centuries Later:** Genesis detailed the correct sequence of creation, centuries before geology. Job 26:7 asserts that '[He hangs the earth upon nothing](#)'; nothing visible of course: gravity! The ancient Greeks believed the earth rested upon the shoulders of Atlas. Hindus believe the earth rests on the back of a giant elephant standing upon a giant turtle floating in the sea. (*A Hindu college student, to whom I witnessed in Europe, was speechless when I compared her 'holy' books to the Bible.*)

The Greatest Evidence of All: Click [here](#) for living evidence of the power of God through His Bible to transform lives. I've already documented my own transformation earlier in this book. Below you'll read of a Philippine cannibal boy who later became a Christian missionary pilot and the ending of centuries of war between Pacific cannibal tribes when 5,000 received Christ. Multitudes more lives are transformed through churches, evangelistic meetings, and prison chaplains. The [Pacific Garden Mission](#), a 75-year-old rescue mission in Chicago, posts personal testimony videos at www.pgm.org. The mission also broadcasts true dramatized stories of lives miraculously transformed from evil to Christ. Here's the worldwide schedule <https://bbn1.bbntadio.org/>.

(Here's a link to more evidence for the reliability of the Bible. Seventeen 'life-changing questions are answered here. Many are the very same ones I myself had asked years ago about the Bible, life, and the future: www.truth-that-matters.com/bible.htm. You'll also find personal testimonies about the transforming power of the Bible and about several primitive tribes on this fantastic site.)

(Click [here](#) if you wish to skip the following details of evidence for the Bible.)

How do We Know Ancient Old Testament Copies of Scriptures are Authentic?

Very strong evidence of biblical Old Testament validity was provided by the discovery of the [Dead Sea Scrolls](#) in 1947. ^{9B} Among these ancient documents were 915 scrolls of Scripture with multiple copies from every book except Esther. (Esther does not mention God.) All the multiple copies of the scrolls agree well with each other and with our modern Bibles! No cheating here. Copies were originally made only under the supervision of professionals called Scribes who checked every single character multiple times and burned erroneous copies. Twenty two copies of Isaiah and nine copies of Daniel are among the most important prophetic books.

The Isaiah scroll contains the ~700-year-old prophecies that Jesus would be incarnated from Heaven into a human baby by a virgin birth, that He would be pierced (crucified) for our sins, then rise from the dead. (Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 53) Isaiah 53 alone has around 15 details of the first coming of Jesus. How do we know these were not written after these events as a

'cheat'? Because they were dated using the reliable radioactive carbon 14 technique to have been copied at least **one to two centuries before** Christ. *Only God could've known such amazing details with 100% accuracy!*

Not only did the 'scrolls' greatly strengthen my faith, they were responsible for turning Jim M., my missionary colleague, from life-long atheism to God. Jim M., a former McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft engineer, had been taught about God when he was six but when he found out that Santa Claus was a lie, he quickly classified God as the same. However, the verification of Jesus' prophecies by the Dead Sea Scrolls was his 'tipping point' that indeed there was a God and the Bible was His word. His many questions were resolved with time. He later became a missionary and served many decades with his wife in South America, helping found over 40 churches.

We were ecstatic to be able to actually see these scrolls when they were displayed at the Discovery Center in Charlotte, NC, while on tour from Israel!

(NOTE: Dating of objects only a few hundred years B.C. are usually reliable because the instruments can be calibrated against objects of known age like ancient wood samples. Not so for the millions and billions of years claimed by evolutionists using other methods. Click [here](#).)

Thousands of Ancient New Testament Copies Help Sort out the Phonies

Josh McDowell, a former atheist, left law school to find evidence to debunk Christianity. Just following the evidence, he instead found a mountain of evidence to support it! Among that evidence: there are **over 24,970 ancient manuscripts of the New Testament in 15 languages from several countries, still in existence today! Add over 5,100 ancient Greek New Testament copies!** This makes the New Testament the most widely copied and circulated document of antiquity. (*Homer's Iliad is second with only 643 copies.*) There are no known surviving original New Testaments, as is the case with most ancient documents. However, quoting from McDowell's book, page 35, "[Fortunately the abundance of manuscript copies makes it possible to reconstruct the original with virtually complete accuracy.](#)" [9C 13A](#) One textual criticism test of validity is to compare, say, 50 copies of the same thing. If 48 agreed with each other but the others did not, then the remaining two are most likely corrupted. These ancient documents agree pretty well with the most widely accepted modern translations. **Even more important are Dr. Geisler's techniques of restoration.** More here. [9C](#)

[Perhaps the most powerful validation of both Old and New Testaments](#) is the fact that Jesus Himself validated both by the authority of His resurrection which proved He was indeed sent from God! He validated the Old Testament by quoting it as fact, especially prophecies of His coming, His future crucifixion, and His resurrection. (Isaiah 53) Their exact fulfillment was recorded by many eye-witnesses in the New Testament. (More: click here: [Dead Sea Scrolls](#).)

History records Jesus also prophesied the destruction of their magnificent temple 40 years later in 70 A.D. because Israel had rejected Him as their Messiah despite hundreds of prophecies describing His ministry and message. (Ironically it had taken 40 years to build the temple.) History records the fulfillment of another of Jesus' prophecies: after the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D., disobedient Israel would be scattered throughout the world but eventually become a nation again. That was fulfilled in 1948 when the nation of Israel was reborn. Jesus said that would be a warning to us: He would return unexpectedly to take His followers from the world. Then God will unleash His wrath upon the rest of the world for seven years. (See the last book in the Bible, Revelation, for what happens next. It's pretty horrible so it would seem wise to get right with God now by inviting Jesus to be Lord of your life.)

Do Other Ancient Books Validate Events in the Bible?

Here are two histories by some early historians who give testimony that the Bible accounts are indeed true. ***Antiquities of the Jews*** [17](#), by Flavius Josephus (37 – 100 A.D.), is the first

account of Jesus outside the New Testament. Except for the Bible, his history was the most widely read book in Europe for centuries. Eusebius, a widely recognized historian of the fourth century, compiled an authoritative ten-volume history of the church up to around 324 A.D. *He confirmed the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' resurrection!* You'll find additional evidence of the trustworthiness of the Bible at these citations. [H. I](#) *This citation presents 13 evidences of the resurrection, the very foundation of Christianity.* [18](#) However, the best testimony to the truth of the Bible is a very long list of godly men whose lives reflected the power of the resurrection which we've presented earlier as the **'living evidence of transformed lives'**. You may add business man J.C. Penny and presidents Washington and Lincoln. All were not only Bible believers but they were not ashamed to publicly proclaim it. Also add Marine Corporal Stevens in whom I saw a 'living Christ' eight years before I was ready to surrender my life to Him.

◆ **'Living Evidence' the Bible is the Word of God: Lives Transformed!**

God's desire is that all men may be saved from the penalty of sin to enjoy eternity with Him in Heaven one day. (John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:4) I believe the evidence shows that God's love is clearly shown in that He created everyone with a 'spiritual radio receiver' to hear His voice if they wish. The Word of God is indeed **'living and powerful'** to transform lives. (Hebrews 4:12) We're all free to either obey or to reject God's message. *(Yes, there are some hypocrites but God knows who they are and they will be severely punished. Jesus is the gold standard of Christianity, not disobedient hypocrites, so we cannot use them as an excuse to 'hide' from God as we point the finger at others. Four fingers are then pointing back to you! (Romans 14:12) Here are a few more transformations as the result of 'Bible power'.*



"White Men Taste Like Chicken!"

For those who are open to knowing God, amazing life transformations can result. I also know personally a host of others whose lives have been truly, miraculously transformed by God's word. One of them is my friend of many years, Nard Puyao. Nard was born into a remote Filipino head-hunting tribe. When missionary Dick Roe first came Nard was eight. The tribe couldn't understand why he'd come. Nard was told, **"White men taste like chicken!"** Years later, after Roe had translated the Isnag Scriptures, Nard came to Christ and was eventually trained as a missionary pilot. Years later he had the wonderful privilege of flying the very first Isnag New Testaments back into his village! [66](#) Jokingly looking back, he said of an over-plump colleague, **"Before I found Christ, he could've fed our village for a week!"** That man was VERY happy Nard found Christ!

Fantastic History Behind the Hymn, Jesus Shall Reign

This is perhaps the most spectacular mass spiritual transformation I know. The Pacific island tribes of Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga had been cannibals for generations and were bitter enemies. However, the Tongans heard about a 'magic' book (the Bible) which had brought peace to the Fijians and the Samoans. The Tongans bravely embarked upon a dangerous 250-mile storm-tossed voyage by canoe to get one. It was not 'magic' but the Christ of the Bible who had transformed the Fijians as well as the Samoans! A missionary returned with the Tongans.

After years learning their language, the missionary began Bible translation. Typical of the pre-computer era, he used a typewriter and several thousand file cards, one for each new word, along with all information learned about that word. Around 20 to 25 years later he finished the New Testament. As a result, God's power eventually transformed the whole tribe including the Chief! Cannibalism and centuries of warfare and atrocities ceased. The Tongans made the perilous 250-mile journey to Fiji again to attend a joyous combined worship service. Around 5,000 former cannibals attended from all three tribes! These former enemies were now one in Christ! They even set up a Christian-based government. [67](#)

The hymn written because of that miraculous service in 1862 was '*Jesus Shall Reign*'! This hymn, written so long ago, was the [final link in God's chain to call me into missions back in 1962, a century later!](#) I'm sure it has also called many others. This hymn is so meaningful to me that I'm often moved to tears when I hear it.

Many other primitive peoples have amazingly responded to God's call who had previously worshipped evil spirits and idols. Well known missionary Don Richardson shares many fantastic accounts of miracle conversions in his book, ***Eternity in Their Hearts***,² showing that God has indeed placed a basic 'empty place' in the hearts of men that is unsatisfied until it is filled by Jesus Christ.

This Atheist Sought Evidence to Debunk the Bible

Josh McDowell, the former hardened, zealous, atheist mentioned earlier, called Christianity 'garbage'. To prove it, he left his university law studies to go abroad and get evidence to write a book which would both debunk and ridicule the Christian faith. The evidence he found proved just the opposite, so Josh gave his life to Christ and wrote ***Evidence Demands a Verdict***¹³.

You'll find Josh's tragic childhood, his life story, and his amazing conversion in the book/DVD ***Undaunted***^{13b}, probably the most compelling testimony my wife and I have ever read. Josh's life-long plans to kill his drunken, abusive father melted in the love that God showed Josh, when He forgave his sins. That love moved Josh to forgive and love his drunken father who responded with, "[How could you possibly love me?](#)" This was the tiny crack through which the light of Christ's love began to pour into this cruel man's evil life.

Josh's love and the difference Christ had made in his life led his abusive father to finally give his life to Christ as he said, "[Son, if God can do in my life what I've seen Him do in yours, then I want to give Him the opportunity.](#)" **Forty years of drinking ceased. He didn't need it any more.** The biggest change Christ made in his life was the change from cruelty to kindness. He was truly a new creature in Christ. Though he died only 14 months later, over a hundred people in that area committed their lives to Jesus Christ because of the change they saw in Josh's dad, formerly the town drunk.^{13B}

I grew up around an uncle who was an abusive alcoholic like Josh's dad. Like Josh McDowell's dad, Elmer found Christ and became a new man. When I visited him shortly before his death, he kept me up until 3:00 AM talking about the Lord and asking questions.

Many of you will remember '**First Mate Bob**', host of the great *Haven of Rest* gospel radio program. He was formerly a long time godless alcoholic who found Christ when he was at the point of suicide on a California beach one night. Eventually transformed into a minister of God, he blessed and encouraged people all over the world by radio with his preaching and his gospel quartet. He was a great daily encouragement to me when I had just begun to walk with Christ. Such is the power of Christ's love and power to change lives, then use them to reach others. Having seen overwhelming evidence of the veracity and power of the Bible, I was encouraged to continue my search for God and you have already read the end result in my testimony at the beginning of this book which resulted in our current 51-year missionary service.

How About the Time Gap Between Gospel Events and Written Copies? No Problem!

The earliest copies of the New Testament gospels are dated quite a while after Jesus' death and resurrection. Are they trustworthy?

1. Oldest copies found may not be the earliest written copies!

Here are some good reasons why. Until the Edict of Constantine in 325 A.D., the Roman Empire hunted and killed Christians for rejecting the Roman gods. All Scriptures found

would've been burned. Others hid their copies for fear of being incriminated. Many were never recovered, obviously. Early Christians would have memorized originals and then destroyed the copies as incriminating evidence like many in the persecuted church do today. I've already shared above that the agreement between most of the 24,970 surviving portions in several languages plus over 5,000+ Greek New Testaments allow us to construct the originals with confidence according to linguists' textual criticism. [13A](#)

2. Jesus' disciples who lived with Him for three years passed on Jesus' teaching.

Jesus was preparing these men to carry His gospel to the world. I'm sure Jesus repeated His teachings over and over in the context of doing many miracles. This was so life-changing it would have greatly reinforced long-term memory recall. Here are only two.

Luke, the doctor, highly educated, meticulous by nature, who wrote the Gospel of Luke and Acts, surely would've taken copious notes and memorized most.

John, the only disciple not martyred early on, penned the vision of Revelation while in exile after the Roman emperor failed to kill him by boiling him in oil. He was a three-year companion of Jesus and wrote the Gospel of John and three epistles. He was still alive 57 years later in 90 A.D. Ephesus when the Lord called him home. ⁸⁸

3. God Himself made sure the teaching of Jesus would not be lost.

When I shared above that these disciples 'wrote' Scripture, they only put down what God had ordained. 2 Timothy 3:16, '*All Scripture is God-breathed*'. Yes, we can all recall verbatim what our moms told us when we were children, but maybe not all. Yes, I wrote my testimony in this book by memory with details going back over 56 years but I did forget a few things I'm sure. Jesus, His divine credentials validated by His resurrection, promised the Holy Spirit would preserve ALL His important teaching as Scripture:

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:26 (Also: Luke 24:49; John 2:22; 12:16; 14:16; 15:26; 16:7,13; 1 John 2:20,27)

Even without written earlier copies of the Scripture, the disciples proclaimed Jesus' teaching orally to others as Jesus had trained them to do. They, in turn, did the same by the power of the Holy Spirit. (2 Timothy 2:2)

(End bypass of Bible Evidence.)

Why so many translations? Which is the right one?

Good question! You could read the Bible without a translation if you spoke ancient Hebrew and first century Greek; hence the need for a translation for most of us.

Let's begin with translations we know are false. In the late 1800s, the *Jehovah's Witnesses* (JWs) proclaimed their doctrine, then declared all previous Bible translations corrupt. They wrote their own 'Bible', the *New World* version. Their Bible translation committee of only five included but one translator and one knowledgeable of Greek. Biblical authorities soundly reject the translation because it contradicts proper translation and God's basic message in so many ways.

These include salvation by good works instead of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9) and Jesus was not divine, being merely a 'son' of God (human) instead of the divine 'Son' of God. (John 1:1-14) JWs also forbid saluting the flag, military service, blood transfusions, and birthday celebrations. They say all Christians will be killed and only (JWs) will be in Heaven, all but 144,000 of them in the 'on probation' section. Only 144,000 will be truly with God. Hell is for all non-JWs but it's instant destruction, not eternal suffering as Jesus described in the real Bible. (Luke 16) They do not call their meeting places 'churches' but 'Kingdom Halls' because they believe God will destroy all Christianity along with all non-JWs. Over time, they revise their Bible to fit new doctrines like their 144,000 and multiple prophecies 'from God' of the exact year the world would end which

never happened, three times. (The last was in 1975, after which they would've had to revise their false Bible again. These failed prophecies proved they were not God's prophets at all but false prophets Jesus warned us about.)

The *Book of Mormon* is a wildly imaginative tale of three Semitic tribes who came to America, one of which was the alleged ancestor of American Indian tribes. This was debunked by DNA testing. I was surprised to find a lot of plagiarized King James Scripture in 17th century English because the migration took place, allegedly, between 2000 B.C. and 400 A.D. Other assertions also lack 'fact checks'.

Mormon founder Joseph Smith, declared God was once Adam who became God by being so righteous. Question: Who had created Adam and Adam's universe before God existed? *Oh, did I mention a Mormon can become a 'god' ruling over a world populated by his millions of descendants in the afterlife? Hence the polygamy of their founding fathers practiced today, as evidenced by some sensational public trials. They're obsessed with genealogy so they can be baptized on behalf of dead ancestors, no matter how evil, without their repentance, cooperation, or God's approval. Read the truth about these two religions and their false Scriptures here.* ⁸⁹

17th century Shakespearean English needed updating. The most popular translation until the 1900s, was the *King James Version* of 1611. King James didn't translate. He oversaw a committee of 54 translators. It was an excellent translation for its day. The meanings of 'thee' and 'thou' are obvious but some words don't mean the same in modern English. For instance, 'conversation' in 1611 meant your overall behavior. Today it means just your speech. So in 1901, 30 scholars updated the obsolete English to become the *American Standard Version*. (The *New King James Version*, my second favorite, was done by 119 translators. The very popular *New International Version* was produced by 115 translators.) Common sense, and the Bible, say there is wisdom in a multitude of counselors.

English has tens of thousands of synonyms. Therefore the same idea can be translated in multiple ways. For instance, saying, "I want a pizza", means the same as the British "I wouldn't say no to a pizza." (My Collegiate Thesaurus has over 274,000 synonyms and antonyms. The Internet version at www.Thesaurus.com would have many more times that. I found 84 synonyms for 'replace' while revising this book today!) Human nature enters the picture when a group feels they can make a clearer, more interesting translation. Two versions use a limited vocabulary at the second grade reading level for use by non-native English speakers.

The *Amplified Bible*, my favorite, specifies exactly the shade of meaning of the original Hebrew and Greek words, often using a phrase, making this translation more accurate than a 'word-for-word' translation into English. Thirteen translators crafted this version going back to very ancient manuscripts.

Trustworthy! My computerized *Power Bible* provides 13 translations of each verse to compare. I've never seen any significant differences of the meaning. You can trust the 20 translations clearly documented in this citation which includes dates, how many translators, which ancient manuscripts were used, and clarity for average reading level by school grade. ⁸⁸

Let's keep in mind that the trustworthiness of the Bible is not based upon the accuracy of purely human memory passed down through the centuries. It is established by eyewitnesses, prophecy, a multitude of early copies which agree with each other, archeology, and the power to transform even the lives of even serial killers and cannibals, as I have reported.

No one disciple remembered everything but among the eyewitness accounts of four of them, we have a pretty good record of Jesus' ministry. Yes, you will find slight differences among the

four Gospel writers but no major contradictions. In fact, police detectives interview separately multiple witnesses to a crime. They often discover collusion if all four stories match in every detail. Here's more on how we got the Bible, why it's trustworthy, and *Grant Jeffrey's 'conclusive proof'*. [11](#), [70](#), [88](#) Dr. Geisler's forensic parallel has been shown to be Biblical truth: an 'unbroken chain of evidence' overseen by the mighty God of our universe. [9c](#)

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Let's pause here and be reminded that *the Bible was NOT replaced with evolution in our schools and universities in 1963 because evolution was proven true and the Bible false!*

The Scopes 'monkey trial' of 1925 both upheld our American tradition of Bible teaching in schools since 1776 and affirmed the fact that teaching evolution in schools was still illegal. SADLY, ONE ATHEISTIC MOTHER, Madeline Murray O'Hair, fought all the way to the Supreme court (Murray v. Carlett) to prevent her children from being taught about God. America has been reaping the consequences ever since, beginning with the '60s sexual revolution and degenerating into the ever-increasing lawlessness and mass shootings we see today. Click [here](#) for the ugly 'fallout' during the following 29 years.

Ironically, O'Hair was a victim of her own atheism when she, a son, and grand-daughter were kidnapped, mutilated (legs sawn off), and murdered by her *American Atheists* office manager, David Waters, an unrepentant career criminal whom she admired. Her other son, William Murray, found Christ and established the *Religious Freedom Coalition*. Unfortunately, the *American Civil Liberties Union* continues to successfully fight for atheism they call 'freedom' (FROM religion), systematically destroying the very foundation upon which our country was built. PRAY!

The Bible is Both the Most Loved and the Most Hated Book in History

It's judged to be the most hated because of the massive attempts to destroy it. Today **the Bible is illegal in at least 52 countries**. On the other hand, it's the most loved book because of so many who've been willing to suffer for believing it, from the seven million early church martyrs buried in the catacombs under the streets of Rome to those suffering death or persecution in at least 52 countries today. In North Korea they kill anyone for just possessing a Bible. Christians who were willing to suffer and die for their faith throughout the centuries helped to convince me that Jesus' message was true. In fact, some time ago, a minister said that a Christian is tortured, imprisoned, or martyred somewhere in the world today every 18 minutes. We hear on the TV news that ISIS is exterminating Christians by the tens of thousands.

I received an email just this morning about a missionary colleague in Northern India who reported that a mob of 100 religious fanatics broke into a home church meeting to beat up all the men, some of whom had to be hospitalized. As usual, it's not expected that the police will do anything because the fanatics are 'enforcing' the local Hindu religion. *Someone recently said that religious fanatics love their religion so much they will kill you. But Jesus loved us enough to die for us and commands us to love each other as He loved us. Then He returned from the dead, something no other religious founder has done, to soundly validate His message to the world.*

Sherry, an SIM missionary friend, had been evacuated from Liberia because of the turmoil of a civil war years ago. Recently she narrowly escaped the dangers of a coup in Mali. Why doesn't she quit? Sherry closed a recent prayer letter with her reason, *Because of Calvary!*

♦ To 99% - Finding Powerful Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection

Why does God require that we believe in Jesus' physical resurrection in order to make it to Heaven? Because it validates Jesus is the only one God sent to be His **only acceptable sin sacrifice** and to bring God's message of the only way to Heaven. (Romans 10:9-10, John 14:6)

*This proves all other religions to be only opinions or philosophies, not facts! There are not many ways to Heaven as so many assert. **Narrow minded or the truth?** The truth, reality, is always 'narrow minded' because it's backed by evidence. Anything else is speculation. Many have founded religions but not one of them ever returned from the dead with Jesus' victorious proclamation, "**Because I live, you too shall live (eternally)!**" (John 14:19)*

Also, which founder of any religion proclaimed He was actually God, as Jesus did? (John 1:1-14) Jesus came down from Heaven to be incarnated into a human body, showed God's love by paying for our sins, then powerfully confirmed His origin and message by his resurrection from the dead.

Amazingly, before his death Jesus also prophesied He would be raised from the dead by His Heavenly Father (God) on the third day after his burial! (Matthew 12:40)

Where's the evidence for multiple reincarnations asserted by Hinduism, Buddhism, New Age, the Dalai Lama, etc.? You cannot see spirits of souls being transferred into a new body! And many of us recall the elaborate Bridey Murphy hoax that fooled people for decades.



In contrast, Jesus came in a visible, physical, touchable body, performed miracle after miracle, was witnessed being killed and then resurrected in a physical body. Josh McDowell rightly said, '**Jesus was Lord, liar, or lunatic but never only a good man, a prophet, or teacher**', as asserted by most all non-Christian religions. 9D, 13B He was God wrapped in human flesh!



Surprisingly, for three days after Jesus' crucifixion, not even His own disciples believed His prophecy, nor that of Scripture, that He would return from the dead on the third day. They went back to their fishing, believing it was all over. We'll return to this at the end of this section.

Let's set the scene. After Jesus' crucifixion, His tomb had been sealed with the Imperial Seal of Pilate, the Roman governor. A huge stone weighing several tons blocked the entrance. It was guarded around the clock by Roman soldiers. The death penalty was waiting for anyone who broke the governor's seal or for any soldier who fell asleep on guard duty. We read in John 19:38-40 that Jesus had been 'mummy-wrapped' in linen strips similar to how His friend Lazarus had been prepared for His burial.

In that culture, about 100 pounds of sticky spices were typically applied to the 'mummy wrappings' during the embalming process. (John 11:44) It appears that the women who embalmed Jesus did not quite finish embalming His head, since after His resurrection the napkin was found separate from the rest of His 'mummy wrappings'.

So they returned to Jesus' tomb to finish the embalming on the third day after His burial. The huge stone sealing His tomb had been rolled away! An Angel sat upon the stone and said, "**He is not here but is risen as he said!**"

Jesus' 100-pound mummy burial wrappings were still inside and were left behind. I believe they were **still intact but empty!** The almighty God who created our universe from nothing wouldn't have needed to unwrap Jesus to release Him. If true, the still intact, but empty, mummy wrappings spectacularly demonstrated God's power. (Matthew 27 & 28)

Because of the great number of eyewitnesses, there are only two reasonable alternatives to God raising Jesus from the dead: they crucified the wrong man or His disciples stole the body.

- 1. They crucified the wrong man.** Several major religions today, including Islam, hold this position but here's why that cannot be true. The religious leaders had known and hated Jesus for three years. When Jesus was arrested, Judas, one of his own disciples identified him to the authorities. They personally confronted Him at His trial. The religious leaders were really anxious to watch Him suffer and die so you'd certainly find most of them at the foot of the cross hurling curses and spitting on Him. No mistaken identity!
- 2. The disciples stole the body, then lied about the resurrection.**
 - a. You'd have to believe** that all 16 Roman guards (four quaternions) fell asleep at the same time, knowing they would face a certain horrible death for dereliction of duty if caught. You'd have to also believe that breaking of the Roman governor's seal followed by the grunts and groans of eleven disciples trying to move the huge stone of several tons that sealed the tomb, plus the grinding sound it made when it was moved, was not enough to awaken all of the 16 allegedly sleeping soldiers.
 - b. You'd have to believe** that had the Roman soldiers been awakened by attempts to steal Jesus, a handful of non-military, untrained fisherman could have overpowered a quaternion of professional Roman soldiers (16) to steal the body.
 - c. You'd have to believe** that the disciples took time to unwrap Jesus' heavy 100-pound mummy wrappings, then stick them all back together in an exact Jesus shape but empty! Then they would've needed even more time to neatly fold the cloth covering His face and carefully move it to another location in the tomb, all the while 'sweating bullets' for fear of being caught. (John 20) His feet had been pierced by half-inch spikes during His crucifixion, so they would've had to carry Him. Not something you want to have to do while running from the scene of a 'crime'!
 - d. You'd have to believe** that lying about Jesus' resurrection would've been easy for the disciples who allegedly stole the body. Jesus' disciples had left their homes, their livelihoods, and put their lives on the line for three years. All this with no certain income. They had also sat under Jesus' teaching for three years and saw God's power in miracle after miracle. Then all became liars knowing that was a great sin? They were severely persecuted and all were eventually martyred except John. Many religious fanatics today are willing to die for what they believe but who would be willing to die for what they knew was a bald faced lie? ^{14, 15}

Police detective J. Warner Wallace and the disciples alleged resurrection lie conspiracy. Conspiracies almost always involve only a few people and only for a short time before raising serious suspicion. Questioning suspects separately usually gets the truth when one 'spills the beans' to save his own skin. Jesus' disciples never did that but all were willing to suffer persecution and martyrdom for proclaiming Jesus returned from the dead, the absolute proof He came from God. (Romans 1:4) (Wallace spoke at a 2015 national conference I attended. He was a 'hard nosed' atheist for 15 years but eventually just followed the evidence to a living Christ!)

- e. You'd have to believe Jesus wasn't really dead when His body was stolen.** He was beaten all night, hung on the cross for six hours in the hot sun (minus the three hours of darkness reported), then speared upwards through His heart by experts. You'd have to also believe that after 'reviving', He unwrapped his mummy

wrappings, glued together with 100 pounds of embalming spices (!!), neatly folded the napkin from over his face, and moved a huge stone weighing several tons — from the inside of the tomb (no handles) — with hands pierced by huge nails. Then He walked about 161 miles to Galilee where He was seen by over 500 eyewitnesses at one time. (Acts 1:3) All this on feet with half-inch holes from the spikes that nailed Him to the cross. This absurd scenario is called '*the Strauss Swoon theory*'. (If you know of any medical doctors who believe this is medically plausible, change doctors!) We may add Jesus was then seen by over 500 witnesses during the next 40 days.

Police detective J. Warner Wallace presents this 'cold-case' analysis of Jesus' death. In Jesus' day there was no coroner to establish if someone was really dead. They would've used what we call today, The Morris Triad: Rigor mortis, cold skin, and purplish lividity where blood had settled to the lowest parts of the body. Only after that would they begin embalming by removing blood and wrapping the body, mummy-style, with up to 100 pounds of spices as they did with Jesus. More at the website: www.pleaseconvinceme.com.

- f. **You'd have to believe mass hallucinations** explained Jesus' many post-resurrection appearances, including to 500 at once. (Acts 1) Psychologist Gary Collins states that the same hallucination is never seen by more than one person at a time. A 1975 study suggests hallucinations reflect various wishes and needs. ⁸⁸ The disciples didn't expect Jesus to return from the dead after His crucifixion so they returned to their fishing. Even when the resurrected Jesus suddenly appeared to His disciples in a closed room, Thomas, who wasn't there, didn't believe them. Jesus later appeared to Thomas personally. No more 'doubting Thomas'. (John 20)

Having demonstrated that the only reasonable explanations disproving Jesus' resurrection are invalid, (by reductio ad absurdum for you Tekkies) then we must conclude that the eye-witness testimony and simple reason show that God did indeed raise Jesus from the dead on the third day! This validates His credentials as having come direct from God with His true message of His love for us, of eternal life, and that *because He lives, we too shall live!* (John 14:19) Here's comprehensive documentation of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances: <https://answersingenesis.org/jesus-christ/resurrection/>. Here's another terrific, four-point presentation of the main evidence that Jesus' resurrection really happened: <http://www.equip.org/article/the-f-e-a-t-that-demonstrates-the-fact-of-resurrection/>.

Don't be deceived by cults which say Jesus' resurrected body just evaporated into gas or by non-Christian religions which claim validation because someone's spirit or ghost appeared after their death. There are hosts of demon impersonators eager to deceive. Jesus' 40 days of post-resurrection appearances were in **a physical body**, evidenced by the fact that He invited His disciples to touch Him and He even ate fish with Him. He was not a spirit. (John 24:36-43)

His body was not like our bodies but it was physical none-the-less and His disciples watched Him physically return to Heaven with the clouds, just as He has promised to return. (Acts 1) *Jesus' resurrection powerfully declared Jesus to be the Son of God with power and that it is the cornerstone not only of Christianity but the foundation bedrock of all God's promises in Scripture!* (Romans 1:4)

Darkness, Earthquake, Walking Dead! More Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection

Several supernatural occurrences which occurred at Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection give eye witness testimony that this was not just the crucifixion of an ordinary man but the fulfillment of God's divine plan for our redemption.

Extraordinary events began with thick darkness for three hours. (Was God blotting out the sight of the terrible suffering of His son who at that time was loaded with all the sin of the world, both present and future?) In many Christian movies, the cause of this darkness is shown as an eclipse. POSSIBLE? IMPOSSIBLE! Jesus' crucifixion occurred during the Jewish Passover which was at the time of a full moon! No way could the moon obscure the sun while it was on the opposite side of the earth! *We may also add that no total eclipse can cause total darkness for more than EIGHT MINUTES! Eyewitness accounts report thick darkness lasting three hours, from noon until 3 pm when Jesus gave up His life with, "It is finished!" The hour of His death, 3:00 pm, was very meaningful because that was the time of the daily Jewish evening sacrifice! **Awesome!** (Matthew 27:45) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar_eclipse*

The massive 'veil' in the Jewish temple was split! The 'veil' separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. (Matthew 27:50-51) It was 60 feet high, a hand width in thickness, and it took five men to close it when originally installed. At Jesus' crucifixion, it suddenly split from top to bottom, symbolizing God had reached down to man with forgiveness and that Jesus was now our High Priest forever. God's First Covenant with Israel through Moses and yearly animal sacrifices were over, as prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31. The whole book of Hebrews in the New Testament is about this new covenant where all earthly priesthoods were replaced with Christ, our High Priest. He mediated the New Covenant when He offered Himself as God's perfect sacrifice for our sins and now intercedes for us at God's throne. (Hebrews 9:24)

An earthquake strong enough to literally 'wake the dead' was another extraordinary event. This one cracked open tombs in the cemetery and formerly dead people walked into the city and were seen by many. Not ghosts, not zombies, people — also resurrected from the dead by the overflow of God's 'resurrection power' for Jesus! (Matthew 27:50-54)

All Hope Shattered on the Stone that Sealed Jesus' Tomb?

After the crucifixion, the disciples' hopes were shattered. Had Jesus been deluded when He had prophesied His return from the dead on the third day? Had the last three years with Jesus been just a waste of time? Yes, it certainly looked that way. Luke returned to his medical practice and most of the rest returned to their fishing. They kept a very low profile, fearing the religious authorities who'd crucified Jesus. (John 21:3). Peter, previously the boldest of the disciples, had even denied knowing Jesus three times, once with cursing, to save his own skin the very night before the crucifixion. It was over. Jesus did not prove Himself the Messiah of Israel as they had hoped but was stone-cold dead. **Dead, dead, dead!** All their hopes were dashed upon the large stone that sealed Jesus' tomb.

What changed these frightened 'rabbits' into brave, courageous 'lions'? Jesus' numerous appearances to them over a 40-day period AFTER He had been crucified and resurrected from the dead on the third day! (Acts 1:3) *Peter, previously the biggest coward of them all, was transformed into the boldest apostle! Defying the religious authorities, and at the risk of his life, he bravely preached Jesus to crowds right in the streets of Jerusalem! On the first occasion, 3,000 Jews accepted Christ as Savior and the Church of Jerusalem was born. (Acts 2:41) The apostles were arrested, beaten, and ordered never to speak of Jesus again. Continuing to defy the authorities, they were re-arrested, beaten, and threatened again. They replied that they could only speak of what they had seen and heard. They would obey God rather than men. Eventually all of Jesus' apostles except John were re-arrested, beaten, persecuted, and eventually martyred. (According to tradition, John was thrown into a pot of boiling oil by a Roman emperor but survived. He was then banished to the Island of Patmos. ¹⁴ There, God gave him the vision we know today as the book of Revelation in the Bible.)*

NOTE:

The Jewish authorities persecuted Jewish Christians because they felt these Messianic Jews had lost their Jewishness. In Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum's leaflet, ***Jesus was a Jew*** ^{8Z}, he asserts nothing could be further from the truth. He exposes the great differences between today's Jewish religion and that in their ancient Tanakh. He answers many Jewish questions and includes several testimonies of Messianic Jews. Most importantly, he details prophecies of Jesus' first and second coming from the Tanakh! Jewish friend, wouldn't you look into this? Where you spend eternity is at stake because Jesus affirmed He's the only way to Heaven and proved it by His resurrection from the dead. Eyewitness and scientific evidence is in the next section.

In contrast to Peter's transformation from 'scared rabbit' to a 'brave lion' after Jesus rose from the dead, we also have a 'Jesus-hating lion' transformed into a 'Jesus-loving lion'! I'm speaking about the conversion of a fiery, religious fanatic named Saul. He hated Christians so much that he got warrants to seek out and arrest any Christian he could find, even in neighboring nations. They would then be eventually murdered in the name of religion. Acts 9:1 begins, "**Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, ...**" His whole life's direction was changed when the risen Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus and totally transformed him.

Under his new name, Paul, he became the greatest Christian missionary of the New Testament. His new life's purpose changed from murdering Christians to making Christians: "**... to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me (Jesus)**". (Acts 26:18)

Among many modern day Jews who have accepted Christ (Messianic Jews) and who have remained faithful under severe persecution are Richard Wurmbbrand, tortured for 14 years, about whom you will read about shortly, and **Corrie Ten Boom**, who survived a Nazi death camp to become an outstanding international speaker. Her book, ***The Hiding Place*** ⁷³ is a classic.

How do persecuted Christians endure? '*As seeing Him who is invisible, Jesus, Messiah!*' (Hebrews 11:27)

Prophecy evidence! We have eyewitness reports of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection in the latter chapters of all four Gospels of the New Testament. It is said that around 50 Jewish prophecies from the Old Testament (Jewish Tanakh) were fulfilled during that time. Some of the most specific prophecies include Jesus' piercing, sacrifice for our sins, and His resurrection. Many of these are found in the writings of the prophet Isaiah made around seven centuries in advance. (Isaiah 7 and 53) Only God could have revealed these details so far in advance. (Just try to 'guess' 324 things about the next person coming around a corner on a busy sidewalk in a large city! That's how many details were prophesied about Jesus first coming!)

As mentioned above, the dating of the copies of the Isaiah scroll and others with these prophecies found among the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, proved they were made at least a century or two before these historic events took place! ^{9B} (Click **here** if you wish to go back and review the *fantastic prophecy evidence that proves Scriptures are from God, not just made up.*)

Seven million Christian martyrs, silently attesting to the truth of Jesus' resurrection, are buried in the nearly 900 miles of catacombs under the streets of Rome. This was the result of 280 years of violent persecution under ten Roman emperors. Roman soldiers wouldn't enter the catacombs because, like many people today, they feared the spirits of the dead, but had no fear of the living God. Many of these martyrs had an opportunity to save their lives by worshipping the Roman gods. They refused and chose to die instead. Many Christians were killed just for sport or ravaged by wild beasts in public arenas. Nero nearly exterminated them after blaming them for the city-wide fire in Rome. He also covered them with pitch and burned them alive on crosses to light his garden parties. However, he could not extinguish the light of their testimony that still shines brilliantly down through the centuries. ¹⁸

The Roman emperor Diocletian killed so many Christians that he erected a monument to himself that bragged he had ['erased the name of Christ from the world'](#)! Yes, it is true that many would gladly give their lives for causes they BELIEVE to be true. But how many would give their lives for what they KNEW WAS A LIE? Until Constantine conquered Rome nearly 300 years after Jesus' time, Christians continued to suffer as traitors in public arenas or slow horrific deaths by crucifixion, often lingering on a cross in the hot blazing sun for days.

The willingness of those early Christians to die, rather than renounce Christ, has not only continued to testify to the truth of their beliefs, but was an enormous factor which helped me to eventually come to faith in Christ. You may add multitudes more who were tortured under the false church's inquisition which lasted around 600 years. [14](#) The media reported today that ISIS has nearly succeeded in erasing Christian testimony in Iraq and Syria after executing around 124,000 Christians. Most could've been spared had they denied Christ and joined this evil religion. Yet they gave their lives as a powerful witness to us and to future generations. They remained faithful because ['they looked forward to their heavenly city'](#). (Hebrews 11:6)

Today, more than one major religion even kills their own children who depart from their beliefs. As I mentioned, the early Christian martyrs had nothing to gain and everything to lose by proclaiming the resurrection of Christ. They didn't proclaim it because they just 'believed' something they'd heard about. They believed it because they had actually seen the resurrected Jesus! Christian martyrs down through the centuries form a large part of the *'great cloud of witnesses'* of Hebrews 11 and 12 who continue to cheer us onward.

[Rabbi Jonathan Cahn reports some very strange happenings in the Jewish temple during the 40 years following the crucifixion/resurrection of Jesus.](#) Quoting from the ancient (Jewish) Talmud, Rabbi Cahn reports that Jesus' persecutors were frequently reminded they had rejected their Messiah which God had sent by these unusual events in the temple at Jerusalem.

For centuries before Jesus' crucifixion, on the day of the yearly sacrifices, the [scarlet cord](#) would turn white on its own, as God Himself confirmed He had accepted their animal sacrifices for the sins of Israel under His first covenant. However, for 40 years after Jesus' crucifixion it never turned white again. The [western-most lampstand](#), symbolizing the presence of God in the Holy Place, kept going out. [The massive gold doors](#) of the temple, which normally took 20 men to move, kept opening and closing by themselves! Messianic Rabbi Cahn leads a group of several hundred Jews in New Jersey who have recognized Jesus as their Messiah and the only way God provides to forgive sins. (John 14:6) Jesus' resurrection from the dead is our biggest evidence this is true, with a lot more evidence to be presented later. This citation will take you to Rabbi Cahn's documentation, some of which is also online. [62](#)

[The 'Unbroken Chain of Evidence' Back to Jesus' Resurrection](#)

Several major world religions are based solely upon an unwitnessed vision of one man. In contrast, the resurrection of Christ, the foundation of the Christian faith, was witnessed by scores who saw Him after His resurrection. Jesus appeared over a period of 40 days as well as to over 500 at once in Galilee. (1 Corinthians 15:3-6, and Acts 1:3)

I love to study forensic science. To prove a case, forensic scientists must demonstrate an **un-interrupted chain of custody** of the evidence. I was just thinking the other day that the lives and the **willing martyrdom, imprisonment, and torture** of millions of Christians through the ages did not break this **'chain of evidence'** going right back to Jesus' resurrection. This chain validates Jesus' ministry and His 'resurrection power' over sin, hate, and the grave. You've already read about thousands more human links in this chain of evidence earlier in the section.

**w ♦ MORE 'Living Evidence' the Bible is God's Word!
Tortured for His Faith**

Meet Richard Wurmbbrand, left in the picture. He is one of my spiritual heroes. He was just one of many whose lives demonstrated the power of the 'chain of evidence' back to Jesus' resurrection. Wurmbbrand, a Romanian Messianic Jew, was unjustly imprisoned by the communists for 14 years because of his faith. He endured torture and three consecutive years of solitary confinement which drove many prisoners literally insane. During that time Wurmbbrand's faith in Christ, his Messiah, never wavered. Instead, he courageously thought up sermons and material to refute the Soviet **Atheist Handbook!** Though near death himself in a prison hospital, he demonstrated God's love to a dying Communist persecutor in the next bed by leading him to Christ.



We met Rev. Wurmbbrand while serving in Italy around 1970. Sergio, a convert and former drug addicted-hooligan nicknamed 'Nero', is in the back of the photo on the extreme left. His convert Quirino is in the center. Richard, one of our Messianic missionary colleagues, is in the foreground, right. All of us were much encouraged. Wurmbbrand later founded **The Voice of the Martyrs** to expose persecution of Christians around the world and has, in some cases, even effected their release from prison by stirring world opinion. Names of persecuted brethren who need prayer, as well as Wurmbbrand's experiences are detailed in his book, **Tortured for Christ**, and is a free download at this citation. ¹⁵ This 'unbroken chain of evidence' back to Christ's resurrection continues in the lives of heroic persecuted Christians around the world right up to the present.

We are still rejoicing over the recent announcement that U.S. Pastor Saeed Abedini was released from three and a half years of imprisonment in Iran. Totally alone except for two months, he remained faithful as he endured regular beatings, and torture, as well as threats of death for his faith. Even witnessing the hanging of groups of ten fellow prisoners every Wednesday did not shake his faith. He heroically lived out Revelation 2:10: "Do not fear. Be faithful until death ..." ⁸¹ You'll also find inspiring reports of Christians suffering extreme Islamic persecution in several countries in **i am n**. This 2016 book is available at www.i-am-n.com or www.lifeway.com.

Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship reports a host of miraculous changes Christ made in the lives of former thieves, drug addicts, even murderers. Colson, a lawyer, had been in prison himself, convicted during the Nixon Watergate scandal. Even his time in prison was part of the Lord's plan because it resulted in Colson's call to help prisoners find Christ. (Romans: 8:28) Those who followed his program had the lowest repeat offenses rate of any rehab program. ²

Remember Jeffrey Dahmer, the cannibalistic serial killer who asked, "What's wrong with what I did. Evolution teaches we're only evolved animals." You may add him to those in the 'unbroken chain of evidence' of transformed lives that validate the Bible and Jesus' resurrection. A friend told me that he lived near Dahmer's prison and that the local news reported that Dahmer had come to Christ just before he was killed by an inmate.

Our friend, Bible translator Aretta Loving, has written two books documenting lives transformed today by the reality of Christ's resurrection. Outstanding in these collections are the conversions of Sam Berkowitz from **Son of Sam, serial killer**, to **Son of Hope**. ^E Another conversion was that of Naphthali Mattah, a Kenyan in Chapter 16: *From Serving the Devil to Serving God in Bible Translation*. Mattah turned to Christ from his former drunken and immoral life style. ^G After his conversion, he labored for around 20 years to translate the Bible and bring Christ to his people, the Suba. They live on remote Mfango Island in Africa's Lake Victoria. He and his wife also

founded a large orphanage ministering to around 500 children, most of whom are AIDS orphans. Let's look at what the Suba were like before Napthaly brought Christ to them.

Human Sacrifice by Tree

The Suba of Kenya are mostly fishermen. At right is a buffet table made to look like a Suba boat at a recent retirement party for Wycliffe missionary La Donna Mann. She has ministered to the Suba on mission trips over many years. When felling a tree to make a boat, a man was chosen to be sacrificed by making sure that when cut down, the tree fell on the man and killed him. They believed that man's spirit would become part of the boat to protect the fisherman, to bring rain, and generally to bless them all. It is very significant that after the Scriptures were translated into Suba, the Scripture dedication ceremony began with the arrival of God's word in a boat like the one above. This spoke of the sacrifice that God had made for them, Jesus Christ. Human sacrifice ceased. God's spirit would now be with them.



Left, we're at the end of the Suba boat buffet table above with La Donna Mann at her retirement celebration. Her late husband Bill had been a co-developer of the *CADA* dialect-adaptation software that got me interested in Bible translation technology. The Manns pioneered the use of *CADA* in Bible translation throughout Africa and in parts of Asia. It was through learning of *CADA* at a church missions conference that I first became aware of the software ministry for Wycliffe Bible Translators at JAARS in North Carolina where I later devoted over ten years assisting Bible translation technology. (*More in Chapter 6.*)

This is only one of thousands of instances where Bible translators have brought God's word to primitive tribes and seen miraculous conversions and marvelous changes in dark, primitive, evil cultures. These links will take you to some miraculous transformation of other evil tribes who were transformed by Christ: [Aucas](#) of Ecuador, [Candoshi-Shapra headhunters](#) in Peru, [5,000 cannibals in Fiji and Samoa](#), and [Nard](#), a personal friend and former Filipino Isnag headhunter, now a missionary pilot, who eventually flew the very first translated Isnag Scriptures back to his own tribe!

Five More Links in the 'Chain of Evidence':

Five Former Atheists Who Tried to Debunk the Resurrection

1. **Frank Morrison**, an English journalist, set out to disprove the resurrection. The evidence proved the opposite and produced the book, *Who Moved the Stone?* ¹⁹ Read it online: www.gospeltruth.net/whomovedthestone.htm.
2. **Lee Strobel**, a Yale law graduate and legal editor for the Chicago Tribune, was a staunch atheist for 15 years. After seeing a wonderful change in his wife after she received Christ, he spent 21 months, as a professional investigative journalist, examining scientific evidence which would either debunk or prove Christ was real. He published his findings in *The Case for Easter* ²⁰ and many other books. In his recent book, *The Case for Grace*, he cites nine sources that verify Jesus' resurrection was real, some from the Bible, others from outside the Bible. I continue to use one of his powerful leaflets, *The Evidence of God*. ^{1B} Strobel has been a leading speaker at apologetics conferences for quite a few years.

3. **Josh McDowell** was mentioned previously, but here's more information. As you may recall, he quit college to spend a year abroad attempting to assemble evidence to ridicule and debunk Christianity. Instead, the evidence led him to the truth of all that the Bible proclaims. His many books include the classic, ***Evidence Demands a Verdict***.¹³ McDowell spent years with Campus Crusade sharing the gospel he once sought to debunk and stressing purity before marriage. He's also an international apologetics speaker.
4. **Ravi Zacharias**, a world-class apologist from India, bravely debates Christ's resurrection on many college campuses.²¹ His ***Jesus Among Other Gods*** is a classic.²² Ravi was an atheist until the age of 17, when he unsuccessfully tried to commit suicide by swallowing poison. John 14:19 brought him to Christ: 'Because I live you shall live also'.
5. **Sir William Ramsay**, the famous archeologist, spent 30 years in the Middle East trying to prove that the book of Luke, perhaps the most credible of the four Gospels, and therefore Christianity, were fakes. The evidence he found proved exactly the opposite.²³

(You'll find more former atheists who just followed the evidence at this citation:⁸ and more evidence of the trustworthiness of the Bible here. [1D](#), [C8](#), [H](#)

Short interviews of around a dozen atheistic college students, TV comedian Tim Allen, and Professor Richard Dawkins, our generation's leading atheist, are available online here. [96](#))

Yes the testimonies of former skeptics did impress me but I still lacked about 1% reaching the real God for myself. What was I missing and how could I find it?

In addition to these men, I would add the testimony books of eight scientists, all of Ph.D. caliber, many of them university professors and former atheists, who followed convincing evidence of Jesus' resurrection, the very foundation and cornerstone of Christianity. Click [here](#).

4. SURPRISING FINAL 1% to BREAK-THROUGH INTO SUNNY SKIES!

The overwhelming evidence for Jesus' resurrection convinced me only intellectually that there might be a God, maybe. But I asked, "What right does God have to tell ME how to live?" I had chosen to remain neutral, a 'fence sitter'. (Only later would I learn there is no fence! You're in or you're out. Bound for Heaven or hell, no in-between.) Why was God not yet real to me? Because my heart was still untouched. Why? Because of the barrier between all of us and God: sin, disobeying Him.



Apart from the Bible, our own God-given conscience tells us when we've done wrong, be it lies, thefts, lust, coveting, blasphemy, etc. God has written His Ten Commandments in our hearts. (Romans 2:15) Who of us can say we've never disobeyed our conscience? True, we can ignore or silence our consciences but not the fact that we've also disobeyed God! *Police lie detectors are a major evidence that we have a God-given conscience.* Though criminals often lie, their bodies automatically react to the stress of lying since their conscience knows it's wrong. Though still not 100% accurate, the newer lie detectors are much better. Few criminals can fool the new machines by putting a thumbtack in their sock as they did with the old machines. The lesson here? We may fool ourselves but we can never deny God gave us a conscience!

I didn't want God's way so I looked elsewhere, and especially for an easy 'do-over' after death so I could continue doing whatever I wanted until then. Let's look at a few.

'Do-Over' #1: Reincarnation?

The great majority of the people in this world, Buddhists, Hindus, etc., believe in some form of reincarnation. They recognize man's failure to be 'good enough' for future happiness in some afterlife. Their way to eternal happiness is that each time we die we're reincarnated into another body giving us repeated opportunities to just keep trying to improve. If we improve enough during each successive lifetime, the goal is to disappear into Nirvana to become part of what many call the 'cosmic consciousness'.

Hindu 'karma' states that if you're very bad you'll be reincarnated as a rat or a bug with a miserable life. This is why devout Hindus don't kill the rats that eat tons of stored grain while millions of people starve. (That rat may literally be someone's deceased evil cousin or your mean ex-boss.) Many of you will remember the supposed proof of the reincarnation of the Irish girl, Bridey Murphy, some years ago. That was sensational for a while but was later proven to be a downright hoax. The Bible totally rules out the possibility of reincarnation. Hebrews 9:27-28 declares that we die only once and after that comes the judgment. The names of all those who've truly received Christ and are following Him will be found in the Book of Life and will be joyfully ushered into Heaven. The others? Well, not so good. (Revelation 20:11-14)

'Do Over' #2: Fly Now, Pay Later?

Knowing that no one of us is perfect, many people I know follow a religion that teaches we must get purified after death. This is done by excruciating suffering in fire for many years. An Italian in Rome told me that seven years in the fire is needed to purge even one 'buggia', a white lie. She got it right that God doesn't excuse even 'little white lies'. Taking the extreme opposite position, just because you no longer commit certain sins, it doesn't mean God's forgotten about them so you are now good enough for Heaven.

This 'fly now, pay later' dogma was debated for around 10 centuries before being finally accepted as dogma in 1439 at the Council of Florence. Neither Jesus nor Peter nor any of the apostles wrote of any such place in Scripture. In fact such a place as this directly contradicts 1 John 1:7, 'the blood of Jesus Christ purifies us from all sin'. Jesus paid the full price of our admission to Heaven for all who receive His gift and have started down the path of repentance. We do, however, find that the saved will stand at the judgement seat of Christ where our works while on earth will be judged for heavenly reward or loss of reward, not whether we make it into Heaven which was already settled when we received Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 3:15)

'Do Over' #3: Yank 'Mobster Mugsie' Out of Hades?

The Mormon religion encourages you to look up your dead ancestor genealogies so you can be baptized on their behalf, snatching them from the flames of Hades straight into Heaven, bypassing both repentance and the clear teachings of Jesus Christ. (Imagine the look on the face of your grandfather, 'Mobster Mugsie', when suddenly, ZOOM, up he goes! 😊) Also, if you've always dreamed of being 'god' over some world in the hereafter, this religion will show you how, provided you work hard enough and undergo certain temple rites.

I've known quite a few other people in several Christian religions who think they have the 'best of both worlds'. They literally live for the devil all week with no remorse because they think that on Sunday their sins can all be absolved. Then after church they fully intend to serve the devil until next Sunday. God never gave us a free license for sins just because they can be forgiven. In spite of their pious rituals, here's what these hypocrites will hear Jesus say one day, "depart from Me, I never knew you ..." (Matthew 7:23) More in [Appendix A](#) including: be cautious before you judge someone a hypocrite! They may just be at the beginning of their walk with Jesus. Also

remember that we all struggle against temptations every day. [Summarizing, no 'do-overs' after death. There are only 'aints and saints' headed for 'smoking or non-smoking'!](#) (Dr. J. V. McGee) [For a bit more on the religions of the world, click here.](#)

“Who is God That I Should Obey Him?”

In the Bible, we read that was mighty Pharaoh's reply when Moses confronted him with God's command to release several million Jewish slaves. That was my position for years as a former atheist. I, like most people who chose to ignore God, just lived up to my own standard of 'good'. I considered myself better than most others, and worlds better than a fellow engineer who bragged repeatedly about raping a woman on a dark bridge. *If there was a heaven and a God, I would've been offended by being told I still wasn't good enough for Heaven.* Hell? IF that was real, I figured I'd just go 'poof' in the flames and know no more. Eternal suffering? Ridiculous. I was doing my best, well, most of the time, uhhhh, make that a lot of the time, uhhhh, I have to be honest, well, some of the time.

I wanted to be free to decide what was right or wrong for me. A look at Isaiah 14:12-15) will show that's the very reason why Lucifer, God's number one shining angel, became Satan who tempts us to do the same! God's mercy allows us some unknown time frame in which to repent but those who don't will eventually share their eternal future with Satan and the most despicable, evil, and cruel people ever, as well as with 'little sinners' like yourself and all others who just ignore or strenuously reject Christ. Let's look at a few reasons I found for obeying God.

First and foremost, God loves us and wants us to love Him. He could have created us as mindless robots but robots could not love Him in return. Therefore He created us with a free will to obey or to disobey, even to become unspeakably evil. Disobedience of God's laws is called sin and will be severely punished, but He provides loving forgiveness to all who repent in the same way a doctor would offer medication, 100% guaranteed, to cure your fatal illness.

What, "No God," you say? Not even a Ph.D. 'rocket scientist' would say his home appeared out of nothing, evolved trees into lumber, and rocks in the ground into insulated copper wiring and plumbing, then a whirlwind came along and accidentally did some precise assembly. It required a lot of intelligent design and construction. Yet, our universe, so vast we don't really know what 96% of it is, plus the mystery of exactly what is life, are all near-infinite series of fantastically lucky accidents? Not according to a number of Ph.D. rocket scientists I quote in this book. We're without excuse. God's construction proves His existence just as the existence of your house proves designers and builders. (Romans 1:20)

Second, God speaks through His missionary, Paul, in Acts 17:31. Paraphrased, it says, *'God commands all men everywhere to repent because He has appointed a day of judgment in which He will compare us to Jesus Christ (not to other people or to our standards). God has given assurance all this is true by raising Christ from the dead'*. Who of us would then be good enough to deserve Heaven? Not me. Not anyone. All of us will die one day. Some will have advance warning, others none at all who were unexpectedly killed by a drunk driver. Scott Pelley, a well-known CBS news anchor, reported 40,000 deaths, nearly 110 per day, from drunk drivers. How many expected to suddenly stand before God that day? Is it not wise to prepare to meet God now and stop putting it off, thinking you have plenty of time?

Third, God has ownership rights to His creation. He has a plan for our lives and directs events, both good and not so good (from our perspective) to work that plan. (Romans 8:28) There are many individual plans but everyone is being prepared to become more Christ-like to minister to others and draw them to Christ. Our body is not our own to do with as we wish like many think. It belongs to Him and we must give account to Him for our stewardship.

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Fourth, because God loves us, His commands show us how to together in harmony and to avoid the pitfalls and suffering of sin that can result in life-long consequences here on earth, then for an in eternity, if not repented of and forgiven.

Fifth, God decides your eternal destiny, even though you may ignore Him. We're all appointed to die one day (Hebrews 9:27-28). Your response to God's call determines whether you spend an eternity of happiness in Heaven with Him or sadly in the 'other place that needs air-conditioning' screaming for water like the evil rich man in Luke 16. No, you won't be instantly and painlessly cremated in hell. You'll be in an eternal supernatural body and the fire will also be supernatural. Most probably, the flames will be black instead of orange because Jesus said hell was a place of lonely utter total darkness with weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Read what happened after Pharaoh refused to obey God ten times. (Exodus 5:2 and 12-15)

HOW Good Must I Be to be Good Enough for Heaven?

I always felt that I was much better than most of my friends. Isn't that good enough? Almost all religions in the world, except Christianity, teach that if you sincerely try hard enough to be good, then you deserve to go to Heaven, Nirvana, or some other 'happy place'. Whoops, a problem here! Religions and also philosophies all have different standards of what's 'good' and what's not good. Even I, as a skeptic, had my own personal standards of what 'good' was.

Immediately that raises several questions.

1. What's God's definition of a 'good' or 'bad' deed?
2. How do you quantify just how good or how bad a deed is?
3. What percentage of good deeds do you need to get to Heaven?
51%? 60%? 75%? 99%? (Not a fact, only opinion.)
4. Aren't there many different paths to God or Heaven or Nirvana or wherever, with just as many different definitions of 'good'?
5. Now, upon what authority or evidence, do you declare your 'good' standard is correct?



Almost all of the world's religions, except Christianity, teach that a happy, eternal future can be yours if your good deeds outweigh the bad on some kind of divine balance scale. Nope! Acts 17:31 asserts that's not true. Our righteousness will be judged against the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ after we die. SCARY! Who could survive that judgement? Not me, not you, no one. But God's loving provision will soon become clear.

All our good deeds cannot cancel even one sin. *If someone has put poison in your coffee, adding more coffee to your cup does not cancel out the poison!* Scripture teaches that no amount of good deeds can make us worthy. Only 100% of Christ's righteousness and His grace can make us worthy. We can never earn it on the installment plan, which is called 'self-righteousness'. We can only be acceptable to God by receiving Jesus' righteousness to cover our sin. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Gratitude for His grace is what motivates us to keep living for Him to the best of our abilities. If we feel we deserve Heaven because of our own good deeds, then we deserve the epithet 'self-righteous'. Revelation 20:12-15 teaches that everyone judged by his own self-righteousness will be cast into hell because it only takes one unforgiven disobedience of God's laws to condemn us. That is called 'sin'. **Surprise! The first four commandments are offenses against God Himself! Just ignoring God, as I did, breaks the first and greatest of all the**

commandments! Creating a 'god' in your own mind to your own liking that is not the God of the Bible is an 'idol' and breaks the second commandment! Still don't think you're a sinner? How about the ubiquitous and flippant **OMG** that's flooded our society? Doesn't anyone care that they are breaking God's commandment to not use His name in vain? (*Every time I hear it, I visualize that person as a law-breaker in court who delights in giving the judge a two-fingered 'Three-Stooges-eye-poke' as often as possible before the verdict! Duuhh!*)

Also, who of us has not dishonored our parents while in our teen years? Who hasn't 'stretched the truth' or told a 'little white lie'? Here's a real 'downer'. In God's sight there are no little white lies that hurt no one. It hurts us because lying is a sin for which we will give account before God and that will hurt. God's word in Revelation 21:8 is His short list for who will spend eternity in the lake of fire. Included are the 'unbelieving and all liars' as well as the more serious sinners. God does not exclude little 'harmless white lies' as many believe.

Lies can also masquerade as half-truths, exaggerations, embellishments, and any sneaky attempt to deceive, like, "Well, it wasn't ACTUALLY a lie because I didn't exactly say that in so many words." God knows your heart. He knows your intent was to mislead or deceive or perhaps just exaggerate the importance of what you're saying. Though you may have deceived your listener, God will tell you, as well as your own conscience, "IT'S A LIE!"

I hadn't murdered any one or robbed any banks. I was OK, or so I thought. Much to my surprise (and despair) I learned that Jesus expanded the definition of sin to include our thoughts since sinful thoughts are the very roots of sinful deeds! I was **very distressed to learn that we can also sin in our thoughts by lust, hatred, and coveting things that belong to others**. That means that all of us have broken every one of God's 10 Commandments, either in thought or in deed, so not one of us can ever become good enough to meet His absolute standard of holiness. (Matthew 5, 6, 7) Every one of our deeds and thoughts are written in God's books. (Revelation 20:12-15, 21:8) There's neither expiration date nor 'statute of limitations' on sin simply because it was a long time ago or perhaps we don't think we commit that sin very often any more.

Sorry, no excuses.

Generally speaking, even if one does not believe in God or in the Bible, instinctively we, as well as most primitive people, know that certain things are wrong such as murder, theft, lies, illicit lust, etc. How? God's law has been written into our conscience! (Romans 2:15) Pastor Charles Stanley said recently, "A lifestyle of disobedience to God is like a ship in heavy fog heading into a harbor with hidden reefs, the radar off, and no one at the wheel." We have the free will to suppress our conscience, but in the end we are without excuse for disobeying God. This is called sin. **Sorry, no excuses — again!**

If you're not yet convinced you're a sinner, Romans 13 says that God established government and that obeying the civil law is also obeying God. (Of course as we read in the book of Acts this is true only insofar as government laws do not conflict with God's laws.) So, have you 'fudged' on your income tax? Exceeded the speed limit? Violated right of way? 'Coasted' through stop signs? If so, you've also broken God's civil law, which is sin. No, they're not heinous sins like murder but they're sins nevertheless. STILL not convinced you're a sinner? James 4:17 shows a whole new category of sinning by **omission** as opposed to sinning by **commission**: knowing to do good but failing to do so. Certainly God doesn't expect us to wear ourselves out 24/7 going around doing good. However, He will sometimes strongly impress us to give a kind word, perhaps some encouragement, or help. It's a sin when we are able to respond but we refuse. Are you convinced now we're all sinners to some degree?

During my previous rebellious years, when I had ignored God, it was as if I had not believed in radio or TV waves though they were all around me. That was because I'd allowed my sin to

switch off my inner 'spiritual radio receiver'. *Having my eyes opened to Jesus' resurrection turned my 'radio' on.* Finally grasping the fact that I was a sinner, I turned the 'volume' up high enough to begin hearing God's voice.

I had been just like the emperor in the fable, *The Emperor's New Clothes*. He'd been deceived by his tailor into believing his new clothes were elegant beyond words. They were. They were invisible! He paraded through the streets not realizing he was stark naked. You cannot hide from God, except in your fantasy world, and not there for very long either. (Hebrews 4:13)

I, like many others, was taught John 3:16 as a small child. I had no idea of its full meaning until I was seeking God sincerely.

♥ For God So Loved ... Me!

For God so loved the 'world' (replace 'world' with your name): *God loves us so much that I understood that if I had been the only person on earth, Jesus would've come to save me alone. God loves us with His 'everlasting love' described in Jeremiah 31:3.*

- **that He gave His only begotten Son:** Ephesians 2 says clearly that not a single person can ever become perfect enough to deserve Heaven. ALL of us are under God's wrath. But because God loves us, He provided grace (unmerited favor) to open Heaven's gates by sending Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins, *'the just for the unjust'.* (1 Peter 3:18.) *God then raised Him from the dead on the third day to validate all His claims, including the claim that He's the only way to Heaven.* (John 14:6)
- **that 'whosoever'** (replace 'whoever' with your name') **believes in Him, (he/she) should not perish but have everlasting life. 'Belief'** has two components: *repentance, turning from sin, and personally receiving Christ into your life as Lord as detailed in the next two pages culminating in a prayer of invitation.* (John 1:12)
If we truly believe Jesus saved us from the lake of fire and offers Heaven instead, our 'attitude of gratitude' should produce a change of life to begin obeying Him. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21) *This change of direction is the result of 'repentance', also known as being 'born again'.* (John 3:3)
- **Those who've received Christ** enjoy life forever in a new eternal body in Heaven to enjoy **fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore'** in heaven. (Psalm 16:11)
- **Those who've rejected Christ** spend an eternity suffering agony in hell forever. Jesus actually talked with a rich man in the fiery furnace of hell who said: **"I'm tormented in this flame!"** and **"Please, just one drop of water to quench my thirst."** (Luke 16)

The man in hell even begged Jesus to send a 'ghost' to scare his brothers into repentance. Jesus refused, saying they already had God's Scriptures. (A scare would only be temporary.) This was not a 'parable' because he also spoke of the beggar who had begged crumbs from the rich man's table. Jesus never used names in His parables so these are actual people. Surprisingly, Jesus spoke more about hell than about Heaven.

GUILTY, CONVICTED, but SET FREE!

The Holy Spirit convinced me of my sin and guilt. I finally BEE-lieved Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice sent from God to pay for my sins. I had finally penetrated the final 1% of the overcast of doubt separating me from God. That 1% does not mean the final breakthrough was easy. It was the hardest because it meant surrendering my will to Jesus. That was nearly instantaneous once my hardened heart was cracked open to let the Savior come in.



Jesus was not crucified because He was weak. Scripture records that He could've called 10,000 legions of angels but He chose to die for you and me as the only sacrifice God said He would accept. This was prophesied in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New. Unlike any other religious leader in history, Jesus then returned from the dead on the third day which was the ultimate proof that all Jesus taught and claimed to be were all mightily validated: 'He was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead!' (Romans 1:4) Jesus' resurrection empowered Him to say, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father except by me." (John 14:6) "Narrow minded?" Yup! Jesus Himself said the way to Heaven is indeed 'straight and narrow,' He's the only one God sent to pay for our sins.

Narrow minded? Some accuse Christians of being so narrow minded they could look through a keyhole with both eyes! ALL truth is narrow minded. Truth is backed up by evidence or a standard. What YOU and others only THINK is true is speculation, not truth. Hey, wouldn't you want the pilot of an airplane you were flying in to be 'narrow minded' about your flight safety? Wouldn't you want your banker to be 'narrow minded' about handling your money? And how about a contractor you hired to build your house? What if some of his workers believed one inch plus one inch equaled two inches but others believed it equaled three or six? Wouldn't you want them to be 'narrow minded' about that? Though Jesus is 'exclusive', Anne Graham Lotz told a TV interviewer not long ago, "Jesus is also inclusive enough to receive all who come to Him. All the 'whosoever wills' may freely come and will be welcomed!" (John 6:37)

Jesus redeemed all the 'whosoever wills' by suffering and dying as the only sinless sacrifice God said He would accept. Jesus' blood literally bought us out of Satan's slave market of sin to give us a heavenly inheritance instead. We also may look at God as a judge in criminal court where we are found guilty and facing severe and long-lasting punishment. However, Jesus' intercession secured our release. We are now free but our loving gratitude compels us to voluntarily share His love with others when we remember that He saved us from the fiery furnace.

God's personal invitation to us is 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." No, I hadn't gotten answers to all of my questions but I would, so to speak, 'just eat the chicken and spit out the bones'. Many of my questions began with, "Why does God ..." but I finally realized HE was God, I wasn't. In Heaven one day, I'd ask God Himself! The final step of this last 1% of my search for God ended as I turned my life over to Him by receiving Jesus in a prayer something like this.

Dear God,

I've disobeyed You and am a sinner headed for the lake of fire (hell). You loved us so much that You sent Jesus to be our sin-sacrifice. He proved it by His resurrection from the dead on the third day. Jesus, come into my heart and life. Forgive my sins, and give me the gift of eternal life so I may be with You one day. Help me to begin following and obeying You so that I may bring honor to Your name and draw others to You. I ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

When I finished I realized that there were some sins in my life that were just 'too good to give up' which really meant they were my 'Lord and master' in some areas of my life instead of Jesus. What was I to do? I prayed again:

Dear God, these sins: ... (I spelled them out) I know are wrong but I confess I just don't seem to want to let go of them. **HELP ME to BECOME WILLING to obey You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Remember when we were children how we were good (most of the time) because we loved our parents and wanted to please them so they'd be proud of us? That's how it became to me. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments!" (John 14:15) My 'attitude of gratitude' to Jesus for saving me began to steer me towards beginning to obey Him.

I hadn't needed much 'faith' to believe mountains of scientific evidence that God existed or for Christ's resurrection which validated all His claims. However, after receiving Christ, I now needed 'faith' (trust) to gratefully surrender all of my will and my future to our Creator based upon His promises in Scripture.

'Saving-faith' is **not a 'blind leap off a cliff in the dark'**. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. How do we get this faith? It is based on evidence, yes, but ultimately it's created by God's Holy Spirit through reading, and memorizing, God's word, the Bible. (Hebrews 10:17, 11:1) I began to memorize a little at a time. Over time it really paid off.

In her book **Faith is Not a Feeling**, ⁵⁶ Ney Bailey compares our spiritual journey to our ride on a train. We must not let our feelings of the moment derail our walk with Christ. Here's a good cartoon illustration by CRU (Campus Crusade). The train must be powered by the engine of the **FACT** of our commitment to Christ and His to us. **FAITH** in His promises fuels the engine. Our changeable **FEELINGS** tag along behind and mustn't determine where the train goes! Internationally known pastor and author Rick Warren says that God wants us to sense His presence but it's faith (trust and obedience) that pleases Him, not feelings. Scripture demands that we **walk by faith based on evidence, not upon feelings**. (2 Corinthians 5:7)



"I don't believe in faith", you say? You exercise 'faith' every day! You don't KNOW your sandwich or that apple is poisoned but you eat it anyway. You don't KNOW you won't be shot by a crazed gunman or killed by a drunk driver when you go out shopping but you go anyway based on the evidence of your recent history. So faith in God is based on the evidence of Jesus' recorded history and is therefore reliable. You may reply, "But I don't believe in recorded history. Who knows if any of it really happened?" My answer, "Since you were too young to read when you were born, you never actually saw them put your 'original' birth certificate into the county files so how can you be sure you were ever born?" Answer: **you exist!** Our universe's *existence* is the proof of God's existence, His creation, His power, and His plan for mankind. ⁷⁷ (Romans 1:20).

How I Learned to Resist Sinful Temptations

Romans 13:11-14 is a great 'pocket-sized' guide. Now let's go deeper with 'SSR'.

1. SEE IT:

- a. **See Satan** as the ultimate source. He's trying to lead you into deeper sin. *Being tempted is like you've just stepped into quicksand. The longer you linger, the deeper you will be pulled under.*

2. SMASH & DISCONNECT IT

- a. **Rebuke** and overpower Satan in Jesus' name:
'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.' (Luke 10:19)
- b. **Disconnect** your thoughts from the source of temptation.
Turn your thoughts and eyes elsewhere, or leave the place of temptation, or convert rising anger to prayer for that person you had hated. Do whatever it takes to disconnect from the 'quicksand' (source) of temptation!

3. RE-SEIZE CONTROL

- a. **'Bring captive every thought to the obedience of Christ.'**
(2 Corinthians 10:5)

How? Replacement therapy! When Satan knocks at your door with another temptation, send Jesus to the door by reciting Scripture! Defeat sinful thoughts by using your spiritual 'Sword of the Spirit', the Word of God. Psalm 19:111 exhorts us to 'hide God's word in our heart (memorize) that we may not sin against Him.' In Matthew 4, we read that Jesus resisted 40 days of continuous temptation by counter-attacking Satan with Scripture. After having memorized the Scriptures in this section, replace your sinful thoughts by reciting them, followed by any other favorites you have memorized. It goes without saying, you should always carry your spiritual sword, a pocket New Testament.

- b. Prepare for the next battle.** *1 Corinthians 10:13 states: "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."*

"Flee also youthful lusts;" (2 Timothy 2:22) is more good instruction. In the same book, we're also exhorted not to lust after uncertain riches. The principle here is to avoid places, literature, and acquaintances who will entice you back into sin. Duuuuh!

Humanly speaking, we're not going to win every battle but with time, victories should become more and more frequent as we glorify Christ by defeating Satan's attacks. God sometimes helps us by sending chastisement lest we get careless and think that forgiveness is a license to sin with impunity. Don't try to outsmart God. You'll regret it. (Hebrews 12:8) If you've sincerely received Christ as your Lord and Savior, He won't give up on you. (Philippians 1:6)

Be Encouraged: Memorize this great little chorus, "**He's Still Workin' on me!**" [II](#) (More in [How to Grow](#).)

Over time, fellowship with other Christians, more time in the Bible, and controlling my bad thoughts by replacing them with memorized Scripture gave me more and more victories. Especially important was my attending not only church worship services but small groups like Adult Life Groups (Sunday School). There my new Christian friends provided a great supportive network as an alternative to my godless friends meeting in bars where liquor and dirty jokes were the common denominator instead of Christ.

A New Day Had Dawned in My Life with a Great Future Ahead!

Now that I had received God's gift of eternal life, did that mean I could just keep leading the same old immoral and disobedient life and still go to Heaven? My life changed. The difference between just 'believing about' Jesus (admitting it may be true but not trying to obey Him) and true 'saving faith' is that the latter results in a life-style change.

Repentance is similar to the difference between just believing airplanes exist and getting INTO one — then trusting Jesus as your pilot! Jesus modified my sinful 'flight plan' by helping me to reverse course to follow Him.



After reading about 'the fruits of the flesh' as opposed to the 'fruits of the Spirit' in Galatians 5:19-25, I began devouring Colossians 3, '**seeking those things that are above**'. I began taking my first few baby steps of obedience that same night. I no longer needed the booze crutch to 'unwind' or to cope with the emptiness of life. The liberal profanity in my speech was replaced with kindness, encouragement, and consideration for others.

My whole 'life-style' changed. I wanted to live my life in such a way as to express my gratitude for what Jesus had done for me, the '2 Corinthians 5:14-15' way: "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." This helped me to more fully understand that our good deeds should be the result of our faith, not arrogantly trying to gain Heaven or even part of it based upon our own merits. (James 2:17-18) Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead after four days, a witness said, "By now he stinketh." When Jesus raises us to new spiritual life we must immediately begin to cast off the old sinful life, like Lazarus' decaying smelly grave clothes. Jesus will help us to do just that. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I struggled with temptations. I wondered if I could hold out. Then I read Philippians 1:6: "... being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ". Surprise! I didn't have to 'hold out'. I only had to 'hold on' to Christ and not let go. ¹¹ When I fell, He seemed to pick me up and say, "Get up, try again. You'll eventually get the victory if you don't give up." I realized I had to stay continually 'connected' to Jesus every day. Without the electrical power from the potatoes, this complex digital clock is unable to fulfill its intended purpose. It's just a useless piece of junk. That's what I had been without Christ, just a useless piece of junk.



Jesus said in John 15, "Without Me you can do nothing." Captured by the portrayal of the Christian life as a soldier for Christ in Ephesians 6, I memorized it and let its precepts guide my daily life. I'm not yet perfect. From time to time, I still have to ask God, with embarrassed down-cast eyes, to 'help me become willing' to do His will.

Receiving Christ is like marriage as God intended: commitment for a lifetime. As in earthly marriages, there are a lot of unknowns in the future. I don't fear the future or even death.

God holds my future. This message on a church bulletin board says it all.

What a caterpillar calls the 'end of the world' is to God a future butterfly!

5. THE MYSTERY of the AGES – DISCOVERED!

I had found the MYSTERY of the AGES, the SECRET of LIFE I had sought for so long in Colossians 1:26-27! Here is revealed the mystery hidden from ages and from generations which is: ***'Christ in you, the hope of glory!'*** This is triply illuminated in Ephesians 1:18 as the hope of our calling, the riches of our inheritance in Christ, and the mighty power God demonstrated in Christ when He raised Him from the dead. Let's elaborate on these.

- 1. The 'hope of our calling'** is further illuminated by Ephesians 2:1-10 which says to me that God created us to be loved by Him for all eternity. (Note: elsewhere we're also exhorted to show our love to Him by obeying Him, "If you love me, keep my commandments!")
- 2. The 'riches of our inheritance'** is a joyous look forward to an eternity with God in Heaven. (Psalm 16:11: fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore.) To me it also means the riches of His guidance in this life helping to steer us around pitfalls of sin which, though attractive, eventually brings suffering. (I'm sure that most of the two million men in prison could attest to this and wish they could go back into their past and obey God.)
- 3. The 'mighty power demonstrated in Christ by His resurrection'** was the powerful affirmation not only of His claims and teachings as I've shared above, but also of the many

prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament which were fulfilled in the New Testament.

Years after my conversion, the Rev. Lee Shelley, our mission founder, would preach a very powerful sermon in my dreams a number of times on the very same three points above! They still remain vivid in my mind to this day. After receiving Christ everything went through my 'Jesus filter'. I went to work overcoming my sins. *The most difficult part of following Christ is keeping a watch over our thought life* but it can be done as I've shared in the previous chapter by reciting memorized Scripture when tempted at this link: [How to Grow in Christ](#).

Like a newborn babe, I had a voracious appetite for God's word. (1 Peter 2:2) I did not become perfect overnight nor have I become even close to perfection after many years. God has forgiven me many times for my failures. When your own two-year old child is rebellious and disobedient, you do not give up on him and toss him out. You love and understand him, you forgive him, but you also help him to mature. In the same way, God has promised to continue His work in us to remold us into 'new creatures in Christ' for His glory and to draw others to Him through our new lives. (Philippians 1:6, 1 Corinthians 5:17) If you fail, ask God's forgiveness. God will tell you, "OK, get up, son/daughter, and try again. You've been disobedient but you still belong to me."

I Found Real Fulfillment in God's Love

The **Guinness Book of Records** continues to expand with more of the most ridiculous feats. Some people will do anything to gain a sense of fulfillment and recognition demonstrating that they have value and that they are worthy to be admired and remembered as someone special. Currently, a billionaire is even subsidizing the creation of a 10,000-year clock but he won't be around to see if it even works. (*I was much amused when someone asked the engineer how it works. His reply? "It ticks very slowly!"*) Others, like myself, spend years of preparation and hard work to accomplish something significant, thinking it will give their life meaning. But also, like me, they learn it was all in vain in spite of major achievements. Why? God was ignored.



Before receiving Christ, I searched for true meaning in life and the feeling I was truly valued by others through my technical achievements. This eventually left me unfulfilled and empty. Then I recalled that the raggedy teddy bear from my early childhood had very little monetary value.



Its great value was that I loved that little bear. I finally grasped the idea that our only true and lasting value is conferred upon us by the enormous love God has for us! He demonstrated that love by sending Jesus Christ to sacrifice Himself for us! (John 3:16) Here's a great book on our true self worth which is not based upon accomplishments or the opinions of others. [57](#) (*Tom still loves teddy bears, as you can see.*)

There was more. I was so happy that I could be a part of helping build God's kingdom by sharing with others His love and how Jesus could save them from a lost eternity. The same night I received Christ I felt compelled to share the gospel in a long letter to my atheist dad. Though a brilliant award-winning surgeon, he'd rejected Christ at age 10 when a deacon ran away with the church's money. Dad's eye was on a hypocrite, not Jesus. As a result, he not only made shipwreck of our family, beginning when I was three, but wrecked four more families after ours. I offered him Christ's forgiveness. He refused. On a visit, perhaps 30 years later, I tried again but his dementia had progressed to the point where my efforts appeared to be useless. It's not wise to keep putting off preparing for your eternal future. Yes, God gives us some time to repent and even multiple opportunities, but we never know which one will be our

last.

Not long after I gave my life to Christ, I got an opportunity to witness at the Point Mugu Naval Air Station where I was assigned to VX-4, an F4 experimental squadron. I challenged two fellow engineers to a daily lunchtime debate on the existence of God. One was a hardened atheist, the other skeptical but he said, "It's safer to 'believe' just in case it's true," which is absolutely not true life-changing belief. As I recall, one of them began the usual 'no God' debate with, "I don't believe in anything I can't see, touch, hear, taste, or smell."

My reply went something like this: "Did you ever see your pancreas? Feel it? Touch it? Hear it? Taste it? Smell it?" Naturally he said no. "Then by your own confession you have no pancreas. Therefore you are a zombie, the walking dead, because no one can live without a pancreas!" He then came back with, "Well I did see it on an X-ray once." My response was, "That was only an IMAGE of your pancreas but it is solid evidence your pancreas exists. In the same way, the universe around us is God's handiwork demonstrating He created everything. Also, the Bible's eyewitness accounts are its 'image' of Jesus' resurrection which validates all He taught about our future eternity either in Heaven or in hell." Presenting tangible evidence of God, plus having demonstrated how my life and language had changed, they gave up after only three sessions.

Why couldn't they 'see' God in the face of overwhelming evidence? For the same reason most skeptics cannot: it's very similar to why a burglar would 'want to find' a policeman! Jesus asserted the most basic requirement in John 7:17: how to know if Jesus' teaching about Heaven, hell, and God was really true. You must be willing to begin obeying God, or in my case, asking for help to become willing to do so.

The Touch of the Master's Hand is Life-Transforming

I recently came upon a leaflet called, *The Touch of the Master's Hand*. It carries a wonderful story by Myra Brooks about the auction of an old, scarred, battered violin which no one wanted. A master violinist came forward to play such beautiful music on it that the auction price suddenly jumped to a thousand dollars. What changed its worth? The touch of the master's hand! My life before Christ was like that old sin-battered violin, not worth living in spite of material success. The 'touch of the Master' gave me value and purpose. This story has been set to music and is one of my favorites, one I heard just last evening: *He Gave Me Something Worth Living For!*

When skeptics refuse to look at the evidence for God when it is shown to them, it's obvious they are attempting to hide from Him. Their God-given conscience tells them they are living in disobedience to God, with lust and lies probably being the most common sins in our immoral society. However, because God loves us, He has a unique way of trying to bring even the most hardened unbelievers to know Him. Even then, He gives them a free choice to respond or not.

Don't Have All the Answers? Just Pull your Ripcord!

Even though I still have some unanswered questions, I've found peace and life's true purpose in Christ at last: to serve God and be loved by Him for all of eternity. (Ephesians 2:5-7) Jesus was crucified between two thieves. One just complained and berated Jesus for not saving them. The other was repentant and was willing to trust Jesus just a bit longer. That very day he got all his questions answered at God's throne.



When a parachutist jumps from a plane, wouldn't it be foolish of him to refuse to pull his ripcord because he must first compute wind direction, how fast he's falling, how long he's going to fall, how his hair looks, etc.? No, first he pulls the ripcord, then literally trusts his life to his parachute. We're all in 'free fall' towards death. **So, in spite of still having some unanswered questions about God, I**

pulled my ripcord by trusting Him 'just a little bit longer' until I finally meet Him face-to-face. Then HE will answer every one of my questions. *(I kind of don't think that my former questions I had on earth will be important then. I will be overpowered by His majesty.)* Until then, my prayer at the beginning of each day is an adaptation of this recent prayer thought shared by Dr. Evelyn Davis.

Lord, may I, and the work that I will do for You today,
be shimmering reflections of Your handiwork, and praise You like the songbirds do! ^W

6. CALLED to MISSIONS! WHO, US?

Are you wondering who that lovely mystery lady was you previously read about in Chapter 2, the one who nearly ran over me in that Oxnard church parking lot 56+ years ago? God knew my deepest need at that time so He sent me Irene, right, who would become my future wife, my delight, and my missionary companion! Two years before that, Irene had met Christ in a meaningful way at a *Youth For Christ* meeting and had been baptized at the Oxnard church. God loves us so much that He sometimes shows us that love in most spectacular ways. I feel God giving me Irene was one way God showed that to me — personally. Meeting my future wife and finding Christ at that Oxnard church were not the only 'coincidences'. The previous year, I had been sent to the Point Mugu Naval Air Station near Oxnard to test our missile firing proficiency. Afterwards, the squadron was deployed to the Far East aboard the USS Ranger.



Then I was transferred back to the East coast to retrain on the F4 Phantom II, the fastest fighter in the world at that time. Then I was sent back to Point Mugu. By then I had finished my year-long search for the meaning of life in philosophy and religion. I'd found only opinions and by then life was just not worth living so I was on the verge of suicide to just end it all. That's when God led me to visit the church where I met my wife and later found Christ.

SURPRISE! At that same church I met Ben Bachman, a Lieutenant Commander, who had been up in the control tower during our squadron's missile shoot the previous year! *(Ben had also been a pioneer in early Navy airborne radar at the Radiation Lab at MIT, the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology.)* Not only that, but Ben was also a deacon in that church and some months later his wife Marjorie would play the organ for our wedding! After our missionary appointment four or so years later, they were among our faithful prayer partners for many years until the Lord called them home. Ben passed away recently at age 96.

Crisis Decision

Flashback! After finding Christ I faced a major life-changing decision. I was the only engineer available to support the 24/7 flying schedule of our squadron. I worked a rotating shift to cover parts of all three shifts 24/7. I literally had no life whatever outside Navy duty. I could not attend church with any regularity to grow in the Lord. I never knew when a radar problem would yank me out of bed into the lab or onto a dark, cold, noisy flight line. Crisis! I finally had to decide whether to stay with the prestige and big bucks of field engineering or return to being a technician. God led me to Matthew 6:33: **"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."** I left my great job and was then out of work for four months. Our bank account dwindled to around \$25 and the rent was due.

No one wanted an engineer without a degree, much less one who stepped back to being a technician. During that time my wife and I spent a lot of time helping prepare our church for

revival meetings. Later we were trained as counselors for the huge 1963 Billy Graham Crusade in Los Angeles. I did get a job at Westinghouse, near Oxnard, helping pioneer computer chips but because of the distance, we could never have actually counseled at the Graham crusade. **The Lord fixed that by getting me laid off, after only a few months. Years later we would learn this had been another amazing example of how God makes things work together to help fulfill His plans. (Romans 8:28)**

Unable to find work near Oxnard, I found a job on my second trip to Los Angeles at Heathkit. As a result both Irene and I were able to get our start actually sharing about Christ personally at that Billy Graham Crusade. That crusade in the Los Angeles Coliseum drew over 102,000 people, one of the largest crowds up to that time. Hundreds of overflow attendees had to be seated on the field and hundreds more stood outside listening over loudspeakers.

Irene was pregnant with our son Tom, Jr. at that time. He first showed life by kicking when Billy Graham began to preach! It was also in Los Angeles that we first learned of our future interdenominational faith mission organization, *Christians in Action Missions, International*, (<https://www.cinami.org>) over radio KGER. We responded to their invitation to come down and learn to share about Christ door-to-door on Tuesday nights by going out with missionary students.

In the LA area we now had access to great Christian radio. Over lunch I got great Bible teaching from Dr. J. Vernon McGee's *Through the Bible* (www.ttb.org). On my long commute home, I got more good solid teaching on *Back to the Bible*. I highly recommend both of these broadcasts which are still on the air after more than 56 years!. You can also hear these programs in many languages worldwide! www.backtothebible.org.

The Call

There is no 'standard' call to missionary service. A fellow missionary, still on the field after 50 years, simply obeyed Christ's command to 'go into all the world' unless God stopped him. My call was different. During a church service, I was 'underwhelmed' by the missionary speaker whose message was close to boring but God's Spirit was at work. God's definite call to missions came while singing *Jesus Shall Reign* during the altar call. Choked up by the overwhelming power of God's Spirit and with tears streaming, I was unable to sing at all. (You will recall that was the hymn written almost exactly 100 years prior to my call to celebrate the unity of around 5,000 former cannibals who had come to Christ from Samoa, Fiji, and Tonga. ⁶⁷)

My call took place at Dr. J. Vernon McGee's historic Church of the Open Door where at that time, Biola University was having its humble beginnings upstairs! Little did we know that our, as yet unborn, daughter would graduate from Biola many years later after their move to a large campus at La Mirada (California). Dr. McGee's noon broadcasts and G. Christian Wise's mission broadcasts on *Back to the Bible* continued to strengthen my mission call for several years during my long evening commutes. Both Irene and I had much to learn before entering missionary training a few years later so the Lord delayed us until we had learned some important lessons.

My technician job at Heathkit was going well, or so I thought. I serviced a wide variety of electronic equipment, everything from transmitters and stereos to electronic marine gas fume detectors, sonars (fish finders), and a host of other types of equipment. I had told the Lord, "I'm just not a 'people person' so if you want me, I'll be a missionary aircraft radio technician and that's all!" **The Lord responded with another 'Romans 8:28': He let me lose my job! Again!** I had done my job well and without a single rework (unlike my colleague who cheated) but I was unable to service such a huge variety of different types of equipment fast enough to make a profit for the company, so they let me go, which was only fair. I got another technician job in UHF and microwave testing for electronic airborne recon, more in line with my previous radar experience. While there, John, a fellow technician, would stand out in my memories.

John took every opportunity to ridicule Christians, even to blaspheme God, until one day he suddenly stopped. Shortly before he left the company, he said to me, "Tom, you're the very first real Christian I've ever met. Christians, to me, were all hypocrites because IF they REALLY believed Heaven and hell were real, why didn't any of them tell me?" Just as Corporal Stevens had been a genuine Christian example to me while in the Marines, my repeated attempts to share Christ's salvation with John had been his example. Like Stevens, the Lord had also used me to be a personal 'living letter' from Jesus to John! (1 Corinthians 3:2) I became more bold to share Christ, even sometimes going out to witness in the evenings after work. I could see that God was answering my prayer that if He truly wanted me as a missionary, He would have to remake me to become a 'people person' as I had asked.

Our main obstacle to entering missionary training was a long-standing mountain of debt that would take us at least two years to pay off. Miracle! Electronic Specialty Company, where I worked, got a hot government contract that gave me enough overtime in one summer to pay off all debts and cover our first semester of missionary training!

Whoops! Another Major Problem

When I 'announced' (bad move!) we were going to be missionaries, Irene balked. In fact her words were, "I don't want my child growing up ignorant under a tree in New Guinea so we're going to go live with your mother back in Oklahoma. You can go be a missionary all by yourself!"

After she left, I immediately applied for missionary training without her. I was wisely refused. Two weeks later the Lord turned Irene around. She and our son came back home. We both learned a lot through this trial. She began to go out witnessing with me and the tide began to turn. Before long we were on the same page heading for missionary service. That was undoubtedly the hardest trial of my entire life, but the Lord taught both of us some new things which helped prepare us for missionary service.

So at the age of 30 with a toddler son and a baby girl due in five months we courageously left all behind, except for two suitcases each, to enter missionary training. We had funds for only one semester, but we trusted that the God who had called us would also sustain us.

Indeed He did, which encouraged us and confirmed our call!

Who'd Want to Support Us?

Since our mission is a faith mission like Wycliffe, New Tribes, etc. (no salary), we now had to arrange our own itinerary and raise support. We asked, "Who'd want to support us?" In retrospect, we feel the Lord must've silently replied, "I'm not sending you out with a beggar's bowl! I already have plans for your future ministry that must be fulfilled in at least 11 countries through you or the missionaries you will help train. Therefore, I have already called your ministry support partners, though they won't know it until they hear your mission presentation. Go! Have faith that I will lead you to them, perhaps in ways you never even dreamed of!"

Years later, we would learn that God had plans for more than just us helping reach the lost in Italy, Yugoslavia, Britain, and the USA. God's future plans would also include helping train other missionaries and laymen who would then reach more of the lost in the U.K., Ukraine, India, Nagaland (bordering Myanmar), China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Guatemala, and Mexico. Read on and you'll see how, despite a rocky start, our support did come in and truly in ways we'd never have dreamed, which strengthened our faith. This strongly confirmed our call, and would literally prevent us from quitting soon after arriving on our mission field.

Failure: God's Opportunity

For several months there was no shortage of speaking opportunities and offerings were great. However, we only had \$10/month pledged, from former fellow students Jack and Mary

Ketcham, who had believed in us from the beginning. (Though Mary is now enjoying her new life with Jesus, Jack is still our ministry partner after 50+ years.) Our mission only allowed us six months to find our supporting partners. After doing all we thought humanly possible, our family ended up nearly broke and living off my mom in Oklahoma, 1,500 miles away from headquarters. The deadline was only a few months away. If we didn't raise the rest of our support quickly, our family would be pulled back to headquarters for a whole year of retraining.

I was desperate. I sought the Lord fervently for direction during two days of prayer and fasting. He gave me no specific plans but neither did He say to quit at the end of the first day. I was forced to recognize I hadn't really been totally dependent upon the Lord until all our efforts had failed. On the second day of prayer and fasting, a phone call came from headquarters. I was asked to drive Roger Smalling, a newly commissioned missionary, to New York to board the Queen Mary. ^s En-route, we would teach churches to share Christ one-on-one. Then I would try for speaking engagements along the way back. Roger boarded ship but no one wanted me to return and speak about our mission plans for Italy. I was alone in New York City, very low on funds, and our mission was virtually unknown on the East Coast. Another failure? What to do? I slept in my car in a hotel parking lot wondering what to do next.

God's Miracle

We had only one contact on the whole East Coast. It was a Christian pen pal Irene had picked from a secular magazine THREE YEARS before entering training and whom we'd never met, in the tiny town of Shillington, PA. She introduced me to her pastor. The result? [A chain of 47 services in 21 churches and all the rest of our required support came in during only three months! This was something only the Lord could've done, which confirmed our mission call!](#)

I had left my family at our mission's California headquarters and had been on the road nearly four months. The Lord graciously arranged that I would return from the East Coast and be reunited with my family during the mission staff Christmas party! My children, toddlers, hadn't seen me for four months and were distant and hesitant. Debbie even cried when I came near. However, the kids warmed up over time and we had a great family time that January on our cross-country trip to board the Cristoforo Colombo for Italy. Well, one exception. Our car was knocked down into a steep ditch on an icy Arizona highway while Irene was changing Debbie's diaper. The car was a write-off but no one was hurt. We took a bus the rest of the way.

We spent most of New Year's Eve in a Pennsylvania bus station fending off drunks while waiting for a pastor to pick us up at 2 am after their New Years service. Our luggage had been lost so I preached the next morning in my grubby sweater with a missing front tooth I'd lost to a grapefruit the night before. With thanks in our heart we were soon on our way to board ship for our mission field.

Overseas but Discouraged, Ready to Quit



Here we are in January, 1966, arriving on our first mission field in Italy on the Cristoforo Colombo. After only a few months in Italy, and still struggling with the language, I became discouraged and seriously considered giving up. I really wondered if God had indeed sent us or not. Maybe we'd jumped the gun?

But then I began remembering amazing things the Lord had done for us when we were raising our support. Here's only one. I'd arranged for a full Sunday of services by telephone, including taking people out witnessing. However, when I arrived in the, then tiny, village of Downingtown, PA, I couldn't find the church. The only person in sight was dressed in black in front of the pool hall. I asked him where the church was. His answer was, ["Over the pool hall on the corner."](#) It was the pastor!

Only four people showed up for the Sunday morning service and six at the evening service. However, they made the largest monthly pledge of our whole support raising period! Not only that, but they were faithful each month for over 20 years!

When we returned on our first furlough, they'd built a large church on several acres of donated land! Pastor Elliot said, "Seven years ago, when our church was only six people meeting over the pool hall, the Lord had promised that if we made missions a priority, God would really bless us! As you see, He's done just that and abundantly!" He invited me to teach a 16-hour witnessing seminar. They started weekly outreach and before long they had led two to Christ on their own. I'm demonstrating door-to-door witnessing to Pastor Elliott in this 1973 photo.



The growth of this church and their faithful financial support over the next two decades was only one of a series of miracles which God used to get us to our mission field. During the next 14 years overseas, we were often encouraged by recalling the great things God had done for us. We did personal evangelism in Italy on the street and door-to-door for the first seven years. We shared around 432,000 gospel leaflets and personally followed up on those writing in for the 12-lesson course on how to know Christ. From these a number of home Bible studies materialized.

Preaching the Gospel in a Libyan Synagogue!

During our time in Italy during the '70s, we experienced our third major 'Romans 8:28', Irene's excruciating ear ache! For several years we had been going door-to-door every Monday with two Jewish Christian missionaries from Britain. However, Irene's ear ache caused me to postpone our Jewish outreach and visit the Libyan synagogue instead the next night. (They spoke Italian, courtesy of Mussolini, from World War II.) So Richard, a Hebrew Christian missionary, and I headed for the synagogue with a little 'fear and trembling'. Imagine my surprise, when the Rabbi entered the synagogue, grabbed my arm, and pulled me to my feet! **Surprise #1!** He knew we were Christian missionaries because we'd previously visited him while witnessing door-to-door, when Abe Schneider, Jewish evangelist and my teacher in Jewish evangelism, visited Rome only a few weeks before. **Surprise #2!** He recognized Richard as a Messianic Christian and me as a gentile. **Surprise #3!** He pulled me to my feet but instead of dragging me out to be stoned, beaten, or expelled, the Rabbi said, "**Che vuole parlarci questa sera?**" (What do you wish to speak to us about this evening?)

Unlike the typical Italian Jews, the Libyan refugees, who'd suffered terribly under Ghadaffi, were very, very knowledgeable of their Scripture and a few even said some Jewish 'Amens' as I shared the glorious future of Israel. However, when I got to Isaiah 53, and who it referred to, one angry man jumped up and said, "**We don't mention that name here!**" Suddenly the Rabbi and four elders began moving towards the front, obviously to 'get me'. However they moved so slowly, they gave me enough time to fully finish a clear gospel message and invitation to receive Christ! Richard and I were 'escorted rapidly' outside but we were full of joy for this opportunity, the result of Irene's 'Romans 8:28' ear ache! (*Richard Morally, my partner in this adventure, is now with the Lord but he's in the picture with Richard Wurmbrand in Chapter 3. Albert and Ruth Nessim, our other partners in Jewish ministry, later immigrated to Israel. Ruth has written several delightful books and booklets. 58*)

After seven years in Italy, we devoted seven more years helping train missionaries at our European HQ in Britain. After over 40 years, one missionary continues to help build a large church in Macau, China. The son of another of our students is carrying on the work founded by

his parents in India. Another outstanding Indian student recently retired after 30 years of very fruitful service in another part of India. He not only did street preaching and witnessed everywhere but also founded an orphanage and a home for the elderly. Opportunities to teach summer witnessing seminars helped train students from England, Scotland, Spain, and the West Indies. One outstanding student was Tsciuba Ao, the principal of a boys' school in Nagaland, northeast of Burma, or Myanmar, as it is known today. This is the Lord's fruit so thank you so much our faithful prayer partners who helped make all this possible!

Surprisingly, I've talked to a number of people who over the years continued to reject Christ because they thought God might eventually drag them, kicking and screaming, off to some far-off jungle mission field. They needn't have worried. A call from God to missions is so exciting that one could not be happy doing anything else. You'd pay any price or face any danger to take Christ to the lost full time. Actually, if you truly know Christ, you're already a home missionary because we're all supposed to shine for Jesus wherever we are. Only a few are called to serve full time or in far-off lands. Otherwise there would be insufficient witness for Him in our own country. To quote my missionary colleague Roger Smalling, ^s who said about Europe, "No place is so dark as where the light has been and then gone out." Pray for America.

More from our Overseas Ministry: Mussolini's Prisoner, 'Nero', and others.

In 1967, we began the first seven of our 51 years of missionary service in Italy. Domenico, 65, had spent 25 years in Mussolini's prison. After helping him to know Christ, Domenico led his dying sister Giuseppina, 88, to Christ in an ambulance while careening down a steep mountain road.



Domenico was a major help in bringing a shaggy-haired, 18-year-old delinquent called 'Nero' to Christ. (Nero means black and described both Sergio's mood and his dress.) Later, he led his friend Quirino to the Lord quite on his own. (Picture: Quirino's baptism. Clockwise Pastor Tramentozzi,

Domenico, Sarterelli, Sergio, Quirino. Foreground: Tom, Jr.)

Personal evangelism was our primary ministry with small-group Bible studies but we also endeavored to get our converts integrated into Rev. Tramentozzi's *Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica*. We started conversations on the street and at the doors using around 432,000 **World Literature Crusade** leaflets (*La Crociata del' Evangelo*). Our most effective leaflet was *Sei Pronto: Are you ready?* Noah's ark in a rainstorm is on the cover. We received the names and addresses of those interested enough to write to the WLC office; then we worked with them personally. That's how we met Domenico, Sergio, and many others, some of whom opened their homes to Bible study.



Domenico's first words were, "They tell me I'm going to burn for years in purgatory, even though I go to Mass and try to be good. But, what does the Bible say?" Sergio's first words were, "I've made a mess of my life and I want to find God!" Quirino had won awards presented at St. Peter's Basilica for his devotion to the virgin Mary but was far, far from God when Sergio introduced him to the Savior.

Domenico was baptized in a local church, Sergio in Rome's Tiber river, and Quirino in the Mediterranean Sea. All three appeared in a coast-to-coast WLC 'Evangelism Special'. Domenico was filmed at the WLC office. Sergio and Quirino were filmed giving WLC leaflets on Rome's Spanish Steps, where Sergio used to hang out and do drugs. One other outstanding convert, a barber, came to Christ at his kitchen table while recovering from the flu. In spite of his wife making continual snide remarks and ridiculing him, He received Christ right there. We could

never find him at home after that but a year later learned he'd joined a local evangelical church and had led his assistant to Christ! Oh, the name of my very first convert in Italy was quite meaningful: Enrico Calvario: Henry Calvary!

During our seven years in England, a student from a sensitive Asian country was outstanding among the missionaries I was delighted to help train. She returned home where she married a fellow missionary and has helped build a growing church over the last 40+ years!



Other students include Danny and Babs who founded a school in difficult Northern India, a zealous Hindu stronghold. After Danny's passing, his son is still bravely carrying on the work.



Paul, center, came for training from India. He returned to southern India, is a first class street preacher, and with his wife also founded a boys' school and a retirement home. Here he leads a Sikh, Agit Singh, to Christ when I took him out for field evangelism during his missionary training.

Among other converts met door-to-door while taking out my students, was Tony, who after baptism, served as a deacon in our church. My wife Irene, served in the mission office, took students witnessing, and did major follow-up for years with Josie.

Josie had come to Christ during an annual missions conference when a storm blew down our conference banner into her yard. She kindly stitched it back up and returned it to us. Later, when Dale, one of our missionaries, was witnessing to her husband at the door, Josie, unseen, prayed the sinner's prayer silently. Irene then disciplined Josie for years, who later became our church youth leader and church secretary. She graduated from our REACHOUT evangelism seminar, moved to Spain and continues to witness there, including to Muslims. She and Irene are still in frequent contact after over 40 years.

Another outstanding REACHOUT evangelism seminar grad was Tschuba Ao, principal of a boys' school who took his evangelism training and the light of the gospel back to the spiritually dark area of Nagaland in northeast Myanmar, formerly Burma!

Returning Stateside to our Mission Headquarters, ...

I was blessed to continue to help train missionaries full-time the first year back, both in the classroom and in field witnessing. From this class in the '80s, graduate missionaries were commissioned to serve in Ukraine, the Philippines, Guatemala, and at our International HQ.



Marrying classmates Bill and Barbara was an unexpected pleasure. (*Bill: extreme left, front row. Barbara: extreme left, second row.*)

They went on to found a church in Ukraine, then pastored a California church. A few others in the photo returned to



their home church to use their witnessing skills there.

For two years, just for fun after hours, I taught myself how to program our room-sized IBM System 34 mid-range computer. It used the RPG-II programming language and was before PCs became widely used. An emergency staffing problem suddenly arose and I was asked to step in as the sole programmer for nearly 18 years. During that time, I was delighted to

continue helping train missionaries by taking them out witnessing everywhere on 'Action Night'.

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New Exciting Call to Bible Translation Technology!

Then God had something new and really exciting in store for us! Bible translator Bob Weber, serving in the Pacific on remote Easter Island, visited our church in the late '80s, I was absolutely fascinated to learn of the CADA software being developed that helped cut Bible translation time enormously for related dialects. In fact, I was so fascinated that it was the Lord's way of calling us to a new exciting ministry using my computer skills and Irene's typing skills to help speed Bible translation at the JAARS Center in North Carolina <https://www.jaars.org>.

*JAARS, originally stood for **Jungle Aviation And Radio Service**, and was founded in 1948 by Wycliffe Bible Translators' founder Cam Townsend. It's primary objective was to provide aircraft services for Bible translators in remote jungles. JAARS has expanded during the ensuing years to develop specialized computer software tools that have enormously sped up Bible translation and also increased accuracy. JAARS also provides communications to help coordinate translation, online software help for translators anywhere in the world, media specialists, safe maritime services for island ministries, satellite phones, solar power sources, and a host of other services to support and speed Bible translation worldwide.*

Alas, I could not be spared from our mission staff for a ministry at JAARS. Our mission was unable to find another RPG-II computer programmer to replace me. I dreamed of doing Bible translation technology but it looked out of the question. However I found linguistics so interesting I was content just to study it on my own. Also I attended night school to learn about personal computers and taught myself 'C', the computer language JAARS was using to develop Bible translation software at that time.

That is, until suddenly, who dropped in with only 20 minutes notice, while vacationing from the opposite coast, Lamar, leader of our College-Career class **from the same Oxnard church where I nearly got run over 30 years before!** Seeing my enthusiasm, he said, "[You really like this don't you? Why don't you go for it?](#)" From that moment my call became clear. At age 51. I took courage, and began to actively pray that the Lord would open the way to JAARS which at the moment seemed impossible.

Four years later with no replacement in sight, I gave up — until I was encouraged at a Wycliffe Associates Bible translation banquet. I gave up again after another four years. Once more I was encouraged at a Wycliffe Bible translation banquet. Unfortunately, our support had dwindled to around 25%. (*We're unsalaried faith missionaries like Wycliffe, New Tribes, and some other missions.*) Irene had to go out to work for several years. The Lord was even in this, our third 'Romans 8:28'! Something seemingly bad turned out to be for our long-term good. She got good training and experience typing school yearbooks that required the skillful use of over 50 different codes. Years later she would use this coding skill to assign phonetic and linguistic codes while inputting Bible manuscripts, some even handwritten, into the computer.

After four more years I again gave up going to JAARS, making a total of 12 years waiting. Then God encouraged me through a KGER radio broadcast, the same station where we first learned of our mission's work so many years before. Norman Nelson's message on the **Morning Chapel Hour** was: "[If you have a dream to serve God full-time and if it's God's dream, He wants to dream His dream through you. It WILL be fulfilled no matter how long it may take.](#)" After 12 years we took heart in a new fresh way, though the door to this new ministry was still closed!

Finally our mission transitioned from the big IBM computer to PCs. I was no longer irreplaceable at our mission HQ. In only a year and a half we were able to raise our support back up from 25% and at age 63 head for JAARS in North Carolina!

The Three-Fingered Cloud Beckons Us Towards JAARS

At sunset the evening before we left California, we saw a cloud formation like three very long fingers beginning at the eastern horizon (from over JAARS) and stretching clear across the sky to just above our heads! Psalm 132:6 was the amazing highlight of Irene's devotion in her NIV Bible that day. It was about joyfully finding the lost Ark of the Covenant in the **'fields of JAAR'!** Another translation renders this as the 'fields of the wood' which is even more meaningful since the JAARS Center is located in the woods of North Carolina! The Lord seemed to be saying, "Rejoice! It's time to go to JAARS where I will begin dreaming My dream through you." [E. 6](#)

At Last! Living my Dream to Help Speed Bible Translation at JAARS!

Today, Bible translations for unwritten languages begin with a tonal and phonetic analysis using Speech Analyzer (SA) and Phonology Assistant (PA). I had the joy of helping develop SA as a research assistant for my first five years at JAARS and writing its first task-oriented 'how-to' manual. After tonal analysis, the translator copies SA recordings to Phonology Assistant to analyze the phonology. I also had the joy of serving as the sole programmer for PA fixing bugs for overseas translators for two more years. I fondly remember my very first fix for a translator in Malaysia. After that I got to help test Translation Editor, making a total of over ten years as a happy **'techno-missionary'** for Jesus. Was that a 'fun job' or what!

The Inspiring 'Gift of Gratitude' for Bible Translation Technology

BibleTranslator Chuck Grimes had been told by the Dhao, "[No one has yet been able to translate our language and you won't either!](#)" However, only two weeks later Chuck had broken through the extremely complex tonal structure using Speech Analyzer!

This hand-woven scarf is a **'gift of gratitude'** from the Dhao people on the Pacific island of Ndao. It was sent to JAARS with a note of their appreciation for the software developed at JAARS that helped make their Scripture translation possible: Speech Analyzer and Shoebox. Speech Analyzer, which I was blessed to help develop, is displayed on the computer. My wife Irene is helping hold the scarf.



Chuck Grimes and his team began the Dhao New Testament translation in 1999. It was dedicated in October, 2012. Dr. Joe Grimes, Chuck's dad, had developed the first portable computer for field Bible translators in 1977. This 'early laptop' was contained in a suitcase-sized metal briefcase. It was powered by a car battery during the years that a typical computer filled a whole room. JAARS has continued to develop even more powerful Bible translation software over many years.

JAARS software has helped cut the average translation time for a New Testament roughly in half, from around 30 years to about 15 years and sometimes even a lot less, as with the Dhao! The Dhao scarf, above, is on display in the lobby of the Language Services Center at JAARS and is a great encouragement, not only to me, but to all the other computer programmers entering the building each morning. This link takes you to this author's article in the JAARS magazine. [K](#)

About half the world's untranslated languages are 'tonal', so results in the field were spectacular when Speech Analyzer and Phonology Assistant became available. SA development was begun by Geoffrey Hunt, a translator in Ghana, a former electrical engineer. Ex-physicist Terry Gibbs finished the project at JAARS with another ex-physicist, two master digital signal engineers and two computer programmers.

In Chapter Two, I shared how [Hope was born with Christ](#). Before missionaries came, the Kuni-

Boazi of Papua New Guinea had no hope because they were without Christ. *They didn't even have a word for 'hope'!* They have an astoundingly complex language with five tone levels plus inflections which indicate if the action is past, present, future, a statement or a question. *Additional linguistic codes bring a speaker's choice to over 100 tone patterns!* I'd be speechless! This sample of Kuni-Boazi is from 1 Zion (1 John).

Yesu Keliso, ndego Khandi Manqát

1 Ni zo manqat nqezizo-peaomit, ndego oskia ndegoám, ibugu-khokhof, atema ndakin. Ni moyogém, neka nikeza boí qati-kewagám. Ni mò-

Bible translator Roland Fumey wrote recently, "[Speech Analyzer \(SA\) has been a huge help in analyzing Kuni-Boazi and developing a spelling system that is clear and easy to read, as it is now used in the New Testament.](#)" After 26 years the Kuni-Boazi New Testament translation was finished with a joyous celebration in 2016! The Fumey's continue to bring hope, thanks in part to this computer software, as they have now begun translation of the Old Testament. Pray!



It was exciting to be allowed to help develop Speech Analyzer for five years as a research assistant and troubleshooter! At left, Roland is speaking Kuni-Boazi which is displayed on my Speech Analyzer just before I was asked to serve as a computer programmer and troubleshooter for Phonology Assistant.

Duane Clouse, a Bible translator in a nearby country, told me, "[Years ago, before translation got under way, three consultants failed, one after the other, to unravel the KiriKiri tonal code. I can VERY confidently say that without CECIL and all the versions of Speech Analyzer, we'd still be at square one!](#) Computer professionals: might the Lord be calling you to help speed Bible translation? Contact [JAARS.org](#) for a *Check IT Out*.

A year after my three heart attacks and troublesome heart arrhythmia, it became clear that I needed to slow down a bit. I'm not retired but continue to work from home at my own pace. I worked for several years on a research project to help improve Speech Analyzer and still do remote testing of new prototypes for both Speech Analyzer and Phonology Assistant for overseas translators and developers.

At right, I continue to serve at JAARS as an on-call Italian speaker helping train media missionaries, another delightful ministry. Media missionaries learn to record Scripture and dub any language onto the *Jesus* film.



The desperate cry for getting videos into formerly unwritten languages was doubly underscored by one elderly lady overseas who said, "[I can't become a Christian. I'm too old to learn to read our new Scriptures.](#)" However, a DVD with Jesus speaking her heart language brought a living Christ into her life and continues to make Jesus real to millions who may never learn to read around the world!



Irene served in JAARS Admin her first year but has been keyboarding bible manuscripts from home for the past 20 years. This includes inserting complex linguistic and phonetic codes, headers, footers, and notes. She's done a couple of manuscripts which were hand-written right from the field!

So far, she's keyboarded over 80 Bibles, or portions, as part of a joint team in the U.K. and here in the US. Recently, she's been keyboarding the Nengone Bible for 8,000 Pacific Islanders in the Loyalty Islands of New Caledonia.

We share Christ almost everywhere. I particularly enjoy personal witnessing to vets, 'captive audiences' while waiting for medical appointments, even during medical tests, while shopping, and even in ambulances on the way to the ER on seven occasions. I wear my USS Ranger hat or my Marine hat which attract veterans and those thanking me for my military service. Each encounter rapidly morphs into a personal witnessing opportunity.

One soldier I met in a store had been suffering from combat-related PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) with few results after 14 years of treatment. After sharing how Christ could handle his PTSD, he said, "Thank you for your therapy!" This was the only time he ever smiled during the 15 to 20-minute encounter.



On Veteran's Day, 2016, I wore my Marine hat and noticed this 85 year-old ex-Marine eating all alone in this restaurant. I joined him for a great time reminiscing about our service. After sharing my testimony and leaflet, I learned he had no assurance of Heaven and I was overjoyed to point him to Christ which he accepted! Pray for him and other special contacts. (*Could the camera have captured more than just the glare from the window?*)

This leaflet contains my testimony of how I found Christ after 11 years as an atheist. 'Wow!' or 'Cool!' is often the response from young people because of the picture of me in the back seat of a Navy F4 fighter with the radars I used to help engineer. ⁹³ It's in the ninth printing and has been distributed by our partners coast-to-coast, in Canada, and a few in Guatemala. Superscripts link it to relevant chapters in this *free online book* you are reading. Around 75% of the book contains answers I found to questions about God, with a lot of scientific evidence supporting both creation and the reliability of Scripture. How to receive and follow Christ is also included. www.cinami.org/hodges.html



I suppose the ultimate highlight of our 50-year missionary service would certainly be helping to field-train missionary students in personal evangelism in England and at the US Headquarters. I had many adventures for the Lord house-to-house, on the street, and in parks. Two-day 'faith treks' on 'sealed orders' include sending students to local government officials. They carry only a Bible, leaflets, and no money or credit cards. Several of our former students continue to serve on mission fields, some for 30 years or more. We're still in contact with some of them and we continue to pray for them. Helping develop Bible translation software at the JAARS Center in North Carolina would definitely be a very close second highlight of our missionary service.

People often ask us the secret of our 56-year marriage. I recently saw a good illustration of our 'secret' at our church's men's breakfast. During Paul H's devotional talk, he made a triangle with his fingers. God was represented by the apex and the two lower corners represented the husband and wife. Paul said, "In an equilateral triangle (like the one on the left) the closer each of the two lower corners of a triangle are to the apex, then the closer they are to each other!" Always trying to stay close to the Lord is our continuous objective. But if we had to pick a single verse most responsible for our marriage longevity, we would pick Ephesians 4:32: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."



There have been trials. Irene had kidney cancer, I had three heart attacks, a mini-stroke, emergency gall bladder surgery, and heart arrhythmia bad enough that only the good Lord and my pacemaker have been keeping me alive since 2006. 😊 Not to mention a bad side-collision car crash last year that took ten months for recovery. Many of our previous monthly prayer letters have reported the 'Romans 8:28' good things that came from the accident and numerous

doctor visits. I've had lengthy opportunities to share Christ with the ambulance paramedics, a trauma surgeon, and several nurses. We expect to learn a lot more that God did, unknown to us, when we get to Heaven one day. There we'll also meet Marine Corporal Stevens who still has no clue what his life did to get me onto God's path eight years after serving together at Pearl Harbor. What a reunion that will be!

Have we failed at times? Yes. Has Christ forgiven us? Yes. Today, our lives continue to be meaningful and very purposeful as we continue our active missionary service. Does God promise everyone the same happy life we've had so far? No, but all true Christians can confidently look forward to a future with Him one day knowing that any trials He permits are part of His grand overall plan for them. The apostle Peter compared our sufferings to the purification of gold. This process requires 'fiery trials' to totally melt it down so the impurities may be skimmed off.

This purification renders it more beautiful, more valuable, and more useable. One day we will know all the 'whys' of our spiritual 'fiery trials'. Then things of earth will fade away, all tears and sorrows will vanish, and we will finally discover what true everlasting happiness really is!

God has a blueprint, a long-range plan, for every life. At our age, we can look back and see how our lives have unfolded so wonderfully over the years. Here's my paraphrase of the charge King David gave his son Solomon who was to begin building the magnificent temple in Jerusalem. "Every part of this blueprint was given to me in writing by the hand of the Lord. Be strong and courageous and get to work, for the Lord my God is with you. He will see to it that everything is finished correctly." (1 Chronicles 28:19-20)

Don and Pat Wahl were also a part of this blueprint because they looked after my elderly mom in Oklahoma for many years. Without the Wahls, we probably would've had to leave our ministry at JAARS to care for her in spite of her strong desire that we remain in ministry. Thanks to the Wahls, we were notified of her final decline in time to visit, then return the next year when she went into nursing care and passed on. She was so, so proud of her son (me) who was still serving as a missionary after having been delivered from atheism.

After 52 years as 'faith missionaries' (no salary), we are still encouraged by how God continues to supply our needs. Though the Lord has taken 67 of our prayer partners home to be with Him during the past 20 years, yet He continues to supply others to keep our work going for Him.

Like this turtle on a fence post, *we know we didn't get here by ourselves!* We trust our experiences will encourage some of you who may dream of missionary service but who are still held back because you're wondering, "Who would want to support me/us?" If God has indeed given you this dream, then 'follow your dream'! We did and God has faithfully provided guidance and His provision these past 51+ years!



So moving forward, strengthened by His promises, and willing to endure whatever trials may be ahead, *we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:14). Whatever it takes, it will be worth it all when we meet Jesus one day and hear Him say, "*Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord!*" (Matthew 25:21)

This Easter card from the SIM mission wonderfully portrays our glorious life in Christ.



Until that day, the Gaithers' beautiful song, *Because He Lives*, continues to encourage us by expressing the hope Jesus gives us: *We can face tomorrow, all fear is gone, and life is worth the living just because He lives!* (John 14:19 paraphrase)

May we make missionary Amy Carmichael's prayer our own:

**Give me the Love that leads the way,
The Faith nothing can dismay,
The Hope no disappointment can tire,
The Passion that will burn like fire,
Make me Thy fuel, O Flame of God!**

*May the peace of our Lord be with you, His love surround you,
and His presence encourage and strengthen you in all circumstances.*

GLOSSARY of BASIC CHRISTIAN TERMS

NOTE: References to Scriptures (verses) from the Bible will be of the form: Romans 1:4 which means the book of Romans, Chapter 1 and verse 4. The New King James Version is used in this book. Most other versions will say basically the same thing but in different words. The NIV is a very popular version also.

Atheist/Agnostic

or Skeptic: An atheist says there is no God; an agnostic is not sure; skeptic is often used to mean either one.

Apostate: A person who has renounced his faith or his religion or both.

Apostles: Strict definition: 'sent ones'. Scripture seems to define 'apostle' for only those who actually saw Jesus after His resurrection. (See 'Disciples'.)

Born Again: See 'Salvation'. (John 3)

Christ: Jesus' title meaning Messiah, the long-awaited and much prophesied Savior.

Cult: A religious denomination professing to be Christian but which incorrectly interprets Scripture, ignoring practices and general beliefs of the early church, or which adds doctrines not found in Scripture. They often create incorrect Scripture translations upon which their false doctrines are based. Jesus warned there would always be false prophets and false teachers.

- Deist:** A *deist* is one who believes in a god-creator but denies revealed religion. That is, a creator but who has nothing further to do with us afterwards
- Disciples:** Followers of Jesus before His crucifixion and resurrection. Today it could also mean any follower of Jesus. (See 'Apostles'.)
- Grace:** Divine undeserved favor, like our salvation being the 'gift of God' in Romans 6:23; **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. We can't earn even part of it. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Hades:** Waiting place for the dead before Christ's resurrection. Under the first covenant of the Old Testament, sins were not forgiven but only covered for a year at a time following Yom Kippur sacrifices. They were not forgiven until Christ ushered in the new covenant of Grace. Those in the 'Paradise' section of Hades, like Abraham, Moses, etc. were taken to Heaven. Those in the 'fire' section, like the rich man of Luke 16, remain until the final judgement when it will become permanent: hell, the lake of fire Jesus spoke of so often.
- Hell:** The place where unrepentant sinners are punished for eternity. Jesus called it the 'furnace of fire' where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:50) In Luke 16, He described a rich man tormented in flame. This was not a parable since He contrasts that man with Lazarus. Jesus never used names in His parables. In Revelation, hell is also known as the 'lake of fire'. (Revelation 21:8)
- Holy Spirit:** Third person of the Holy Trinity. God is three persons in one (the Holy trinity) just as one man may be a father, a husband, and an engineer. God is essentially the same entity as Jesus and the Holy Spirit. All three have co-existed eternally. All were present at the same time at the baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3:16-17. Only God the Father knows when Jesus will return for His own. Jesus is before God's throne interceding for His followers, and the Holy Spirit is at work in the hearts of men on earth.
- KJV, NKJV, NIV:** **King James Version** of the Bible, **New modernized KJV** (No 'thee/thou'), **New International Version**, very popular easy-to-read version. (No 'thee/thou')
- LB, NLB:** **Living Bible** and **New Living Bible**, easy to understand paraphrased Bibles.
- Lost:** Those who have not yet received God's salvation. See 'Salvation'.
- New Testament:** Second major division of the Bible which is the fulfillment of the new covenant of grace prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31. The New Testament documents the life and teachings of Jesus who is the mediator of this new covenant. It contains many Old Testament prophecies of His coming and of our future. It also contains the history of the early church and the teachings of the apostles. (See 'Old Testament'.)
- Old Testament:** First major section of the Bible which covers creation, the early history of God's chosen nation Israel, the first covenant of the Law mediated by Moses, prophecies of cities, of nations, and the promised Messiah Jesus, and some poetic books. Many of the prophecies were not fulfilled until New Testament times. (See 'New Testament'.)
- Repentance:** A change in attitude and behavior resulting in following and obeying Christ.
- Salvation:** Obtained by receiving God's forgiveness of sin and the 'gift of eternal life' by asking Christ into our lives following repentance. (Romans 6:23, John 1:12, and Colossians 3:1) Thereafter we are promised an eternity of happiness with God in Heaven instead of in the 'furnace of fire' of which Jesus warned us many times. When one sincerely follows the steps above, he may then be called 'saved' as opposed to 'lost'. 'Born again' is another term meaning the same. (John 3)
- Satan:** God's archenemy, also known as the devil. He was originally the angel Lucifer, who with about a third of the other angels, rebelled against God. God cast them out of

Heaven. These spirit-beings continually try to sabotage God's plans by tempting mankind to disobey Him. They manipulate events, thoughts, and desires for sinful things. Satan doesn't wear red underwear, sport horns, throw a grand party in hell for sinners, or torment others with his pitchfork in hell. God is in charge of hell, not Satan.

Satan and his demons' true forms are those of angels but they can assume any form. Surprisingly, they were all originally angels who rebelled. Activities include hindering the preaching of the gospel on earth, tempting Christians to sin, performing miracle healings, and encouraging Satanic worshippers to call upon the spirits of darkness. On rare occasions they can impersonate dead loved ones at séances or reincarnations. Satan and his demons will eventually suffer the wrath of God even more than the most wicked human in the eternal 'lake of fire' (Genesis 3, Isaiah 14, Revelation 20, 21)

Saved: See 'Salvation'.

Scriptures: Refers to the Bible which is organized into books, chapters, and verses.
Example: John 3:16 means book of John, Chapter 3, verse 16.

Theist: Belief in one God as the transcendent Creator and ruler of the universe. It does not necessarily entail further belief in divine revelation to man.

Unsaved: Those who have not yet received God's salvation. See 'Salvation'.

APPENDIX A SKEPTIC/ATHEIST 'EXPLORER' TRACK: Christian 'De-Facto' Type Atheists, Hypocrites

Perhaps you'd like to read a short poem about my former atheist philosophy? Click [here](#).

To bypass the following and go to **MORE SKEPTIC'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED**, Click [here](#).
(Reminder: Left-click on [bold blue underlined text](#) to 'jump'. Return: hold ALT, then press ←)

SKEPTIC/ATHEIST 'EXPLORER' TRACK

Welcome! This section is not an opinion or a philosophical debate but a presentation of overwhelming evidence gathered over a period of over 56 years that not only does God exist, evidenced by His creation of our universe, but that we are all accountable to Him. This image of the Pleiades: "[God has written His message of the cross in our sky.](#)"



Overview: First I will briefly share how I, an 11-year former atheist, explored this mystery and found amazing evidence. Then I'll ask you a few diagnostic questions to help you on your exploration.

Right now, you're probably saying, "BALONEY!", as I would've said during my 11 years of atheism. "Why should I waste time thinking about some imaginary God? I don't need Him. Everything's been great for years. I like being free." Yeah right, that's like a cancer patient wanting to be 'free' of life-saving treatment!

Hey, my 'freedom' was based upon 'no absolute moral law for everyone.' That was my 'theme song' during my atheist years. However, I later found that although things may be going great at the moment, like cancer, you can be assured there will be life-long consequences in this life for ignoring or disobeying God, including suicide, divorce (if you're at fault — like adultery, cruelty, etc.), or even unexpected prison time, plus everlasting consequences in the next life. Click [here](#) for an ex-atheistic Oxford professor's views and link to philosopher Dr. Norman Geisler's book with eight reasons why we know there is absolute divine moral law for everyone.

On the other hand, I will present evidence that if you repent of your sins, come to God through

Christ, then begin to obey Him, *nothing can happen to you in this life that is not God's plan for your long-term good or for the good of others.* This is part of God's promise of His long-term love and original plan for your life based on His amazing biblical promise of Romans 8:28. Some suffering, you may realize, was chastisement for your disobedience. God's spirit will clearly point this out if you're listening because there are many other reasons for suffering.

Happiness comes and goes depending upon the circumstances of the moment. *Christ's joy* brings peace and contentment no matter what happens because, unlike happiness, it is based on Christ's love for us, knowing that whatever happens, even chastisement, is eventually for our good or for the good of others according to His Romans 8:28 promise above. Click [here](#) for some real-life examples of things people thought were evil disasters but which, instead, turned out to be for good according to God's eternally long-term plan.

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Come with me now back to my skeptic days when I said, as you are probably saying, "Why do I need God? I'm already 'good', well most of the time. I've never murdered, been violently evil, or robbed a bank. If there's a God and a Heaven, surely I deserve to get in. No one's perfect."

True, no one's perfect, but surprise! *God's standard of 'good' is perfection because He will judge us according to the perfectly righteous Jesus Christ. (Acts 17:31)* Therefore, none of us can be good enough on our own. Neither can anyone escape God's wrath for even 'small' sins like lust or lies — which includes 'white lies' and exaggerations. (Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, Revelation 20 and 21) How then, can one demonstrate God exists and how could anyone get into His Heaven? Come with me, I'll share what I found.

I Was Once a Carefree, but Naive 'Bumble Bee'

Bees are amazing! I have always been fascinated by how bees know how to construct wax cells to hold their honey with the precise angles to contain maximum honey with minimum wax, without ever having studied calculus. Groups of honey bees also stand and flap their wings at the entrance and exit of their hives in hot weather to keep the hive cool. Darwin was so perplexed with such a huge amount of super intelligent design apparent in the 'instinct' of so many creatures like bees, ants, and migrating birds, *not explainable by evolution*, that he wrote, "I'm not going there!" He wrote three whole chapters of things evolution failed to explain. Why? Because supernatural intelligent design was so evident as the only possible explanation! ^{36a}



Darwin seriously doubted his own evolution theory. That's why he delayed publication for many years until atheistic Thomas Huxley, 'Darwin's bulldog', started touting it as a fact. James Clerk Maxwell, the outstanding scientist of that time, soundly rejected evolution, as 'unscientific': speculation without empirical evidence plus many unexplainable areas.

Bumble bees go about their daily business, yet are totally unaware of a potential fatal vulnerability. Lorraine Shelley, wife of our missions director, told me that if you toss a bumble bee into a tall glass, it will frantically search every square inch of the sides and even the bottom of the glass over and over, looking for a way out, but *will not look upwards where safety beckons*. The bee just frantically searches until it dies from exhaustion. For years I was like the bumble bee, focused totally upon success as a Navy field engineer and searching for fun and fulfillment in all the wrong places.



My philosophy was, "I don't need God, everything's great!" But what that really meant was "I don't want God to spoil my (sinful) fun." I want to be free!" Yes, it was great for years but the end result? Read on.

Surprisingly, life eventually became hollow and devoid of real meaning. At a certain point, even alcohol failed to deaden the pain and futility of an empty life. I was headed for self-destruction, just like the bee I've described. Over the years I've met a number of similar potential suicides just like myself because they also left God out of their lives with the same consequences. Renowned scientist Blaise Pascal, wrote, "There is an empty place in the heart of every man which can only be filled (satisfied) by Jesus Christ."

I finally 'looked up', unlike the captive bee above, and discovered:

- **God Word says He loves us very much** and has a life-plan for everyone to give us a 'future and a hope.' (Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV), Jeremiah 31:3, John 3:16)
- **How do we prove the Bible is the God's word?** Here's some mathematical evidence. Click [here](#).

- **Did our universe just evolve accidentally or did God create it?**

Darwin's original theory was only about how life evolved. He never explained where the mysterious slime pool originated from which life evolved. Darwin had been a 'Christian' until his young daughter died of a fever. Then he turned his back upon God and replaced Him with evolution which needs no God.

Modern Neo-Darwinists proclaim (without proof) our universe evolved from QF, Quantum Fluctuation mathematics. From nothing to stars, then planets, then a primordial slime pool where life evolved. Let's take a look at evolution from a scientific viewpoint. Click [here](#) for lots more. (Note particularly **The God Delusion** paragraph about famous atheist Richard Dawkins' ideas on how our universe came to be and the audience reaction.)

- **More scientists than you may think, past and present, have rejected evolution.** This includes some of the greatest scientists in history like Louis Pasteur, and James Clerk Maxwell. Einstein esteemed Maxwell, a devout Christian, as the greatest scientist in history after Isaac Newton. See **Men of Science, Men of God** ⁵³ and many other citations in [Evidence Resources](#).

Ralph Muncaster is an engineer and former atheist of 15 years. His book 'dismantles' evolution. Click this citation ^u to 'take a brief walk' through powerful evidence.

[This citation](#) ⁸² will take you to a [23-page list of 927 modern scientists from 38 countries, including the Middle East, who don't accept evolution. Most hold a Ph.D. and/or a university professorship. Religious or non-religious, they reject Darwinism based solely upon purely scientific evidence.](#)

- **Hasn't evolution been proven in nature and in the lab?**

Never. The biggest flaw is there's no way to calibrate the radioactive decay rate used to assign dates of 'millions of years' to fossils. (Click [here](#).) Also most every 'missing link' discovered so far has been eventually recanted, except, of course, always the most recently discovered one! Piltdown, Ardi, Lucy, the list goes on and on. Darwin's own proof of evolution was not 'missing links' but massive chains of millions and billions of generations he thought would be discovered in the fossil record, each showing very gradual evolution. Not one chain has ever been found. In the lab, millions of generations of evolution were simulated by fruit flies, reproducing every 12 days over a period of 71 years. Results? Not one useful evolutionary mutation to another species. Click [here](#).

- **When was evolution 'promoted' from 'could have been' to so-called 'fact'?**

In 1925, teacher John Scopes was prosecuted in court for teaching evolution as a fact.

(the famous 'monkey trial' featuring William Jennings Bryan) When I was in school in the '50s, evolution was still taught as 'could have been' along with the Bible and school prayer. **When did evolution become a 'fact'?** With the coming of the sexual revolution and subsequent removal of the Bible and prayer from our educational system through the efforts of atheist Madeline Murray O'Hair. Horrors! They couldn't have the Bible contradicting the sexual revolution, now could they?

However, something good did come from removing the Bible and prayer from our educational system. Before that, the majority of Christians were believers only because they'd been taught that by their parents and schools just like so many other religions do. A recent statistic revealed that today, while there are perhaps fewer Christians in America, *over half are Christians because they accepted Christ as adults with their faith rooted in fact rather than only what their parent and schools taught them.*

- **Evolution cannot be scientifically valid because** it defies the *mighty Law of Entropy*. Entropy says that without the action of some outside force, everything in the universe is running down, decaying, rusting, corroding, or dying, not evolving into more complex entities. Even the earth's rotation is slowing and our sun is slowly cooling.
- **Evolution cannot be scientifically valid because** it 'cheats' by starting evolution with *organisms already alive* in the primordial slime pool with reproductive systems already fully developed! There's no solid evidence on how the slime pool, our planet, and whole universe suddenly appeared out of nothing.

Starting point is all important! Evolution sounds very logical but fails to present scientific evidence for the starting point. *It's like typing on your computer keyboard in the dark. If you've started with your fingers incorrectly positioned, all the relative keystrokes may be perfect but the end result is meaningless gibberish.*

- **Evolution cannot be scientifically valid because** it repeatedly violates the laws of mathematical probability beginning with how life arose from chemicals in the first place. Click [here](#) for how microbiologist Dr. Frank Coppedge showed that the *time needed for accidental evolution of only 1 DNA gene would need billions of times the age of our earth!*

Want more evidence evolution is unproven and scientifically unsound?

I've devoted three appendices to showing how evolution is constructed on the proverbial 'house of cards', repeatedly violating the laws of mathematical probability. Go there if you dare by clicking the following: [Appendix F-1](#), [Appendix F-2](#), and [Appendix G](#).

A 'no-brainer': How do you know that stop sign or even your house didn't evolve?

They show clear evidence of prior intelligent design, the same reason our universe proclaims God by His handiwork in evident intelligent design of our universe.

Two major reasons that proved to me that God created our universe, not evolution.

ONE: FANTASTIC INTELLIGENT DESIGN *evident in nature, astronomy, and the human body. None of the myriad laws of physics or physiology were created by man. They pre-existed and were only discovered, then quantified into laws, equations, and recorded as knowledge. The mathematical laws of astronomy enable us to compute positions of planets, moons, and other bodies millennia into the past or future. Why? Accurate predictability, which springs from prior deliberate intelligent design encoded in mathematics, called by some scientists: 'the fabric upon which our universe is built'.*

Our universe is incredibly vast, earth hurtles through space in nine directions, the sun spins at 650,000 mph, and its energy loss obeys Einstein's $E=mc^2$ equation! [Wow!](#) (Click [here](#).)

Recently, renowned astrophysicist Michio Kaku revealed on QUEST TV there are about 100 million stars and around 100 million galaxies (clusters of millions of stars rotating around a center) which we can see. There are untold millions more which we cannot see!

What does our super-complex universe tell you? Just as the existence and complexity of your house proves it had to have had an intelligent architect, so God's existence is proven by both the existence and super complexity of His creation, our universe. We are therefore without excuse to not believe in God. (Romans 1:20) Yes, you may have a 'reason', like being free to sin or, knowing little about God, feel He failed you or an acquaintance. But your 'reason' is not excusable before God!

Tchaikovsky, a great 19th century classical composer, didn't believe in germs. To prove it, he drank a vial of cholera culture. *"I was right! See, nothing happened," he must have said. But later he died in agony from his unbelief. And so it is with unbelief in God. Things may go well for quite a while but the consequences are inevitable. Whether you believe in gravity or not, if you jump up, you're coming down. Revelation 21:8 is the consequence of spiritual unbelief whether you believe it or not: 'But the fearful and unbelieving ...!' (Revelation 21:8)*

The human body is another example. Every few years, astounding discoveries are made revealing more and more mysteries. The 1.3 million genes of the DNA in each of our trillions of nucleated cells are invisible, yet *contain a complete blueprint of 'you'!*

Did life evolve accidentally? Dr. Dean Kenyon's **Biological Predestination** [50](#) , showing how it happened contained so much speculation, rejected by his peers, that he repudiated the book. Click [here](#) for the amazing discovery of the mathematical 'divine ratio' present in our DNA, astounding evidence of supernatural intelligent design. For more fascinating facts about the enormous complexity of DNA, click [here](#).

God has provided enormous physical evidence of His intelligent design everywhere. *How do we know creation wasn't accidental?* In this book, I will cite professional mathematicians who computed the probability, or odds, of that. Those odds are super-astronomical against evolution. I'll take science over opinions or unproven theories every time.

TWO: OUR CONSCIENCE is God speaking to us individually. (Romans 2:15) That's why the new lie detectors work so well! Though you may lie, tiny changes in your autonomic functions, not under your direct control, scream LIAR! (Why aren't lie detector results admissible in court? Because psychopathic suspects can sometimes 'beat' the machine because they've disobeyed their conscience so often. Scary? Squelch your conscience often enough and you too could eventually become a psychopath, ending up in prison or worse.

NOTE: You'll find more jumps and information in the new '[Two-Minute Overview](#)' if you have not already read it.

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NOW, LET'S FOCUS ON YOU

Have you ever 'looked up' at the beauty of a sunset or a sunrise? Wondered at the changing of the seasons? The continual apparent movement of the sun and stars fifteen degrees eastward? That our national time standard is measured from the stars by the U.S. Naval Observatory? How about the incredible distances of those stars from our earth? The amazing miracle of new life? Something to think about? OK, let's run a few 'diagnostics' on your skepticism.

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I've noticed that numerous skeptics I've spoken with seem to fall into these major groups:

Group One: "I don't need God, I'm doing OK" or "I never really thought much about it." Spiritually, this is the equivalent of a sky diver in free-fall, without a parachute, saying, "This is really wonderful! Blue sky! Feels great! Terrific scenery! Who are you to tell me I need a parachute?" (Surprisingly, some years ago, I even heard a former North Dakota governor say on radio, "Christianity is only for the weak-minded!" **Really?** Click [here](#).)

Oops, SPLAT! Fantasy over. No do-overs! This group sees 'needing God' only as taking away their enjoyment of sin. Leaving God out of your life guarantees 'SPLATS' ahead as He lets you suffer the consequences of your rebellion against Him as wake-up calls. He loves you and wants you with Him in Heaven one day instead of in a painful 'Luke 16:22-31' future.

Group Two: "I don't like God, He let me down" or even "I hate God! He allows bad things to happen." This group, ignoring God's 'Romans 8:28' purposes in their lives, views God as their personal magic 'genie'. We're to be His servants, not vice versa. Click [here](#) for some examples of why God doesn't always give us what we expect. [Here](#) is a 'seven reason' summary.

THREE SURPRISES SKEPTICS NEED TO KNOW

Surprise #1: *Just admitting a God may exist is not the end result of what this is all about.*

Even Satan believes God exists. We already have eternal life either in Heaven, or in what Jesus called hell and the 'furnace of fire'. Unspeakable thirst and heat will be eternal.

It's a place of utter darkness, so obviously eternal flames will be black, not orange. Worse, you'll be totally alone but will have memories of your earthly life including all the times you rejected Christ or just kept putting it off until it was suddenly too late. (Luke 16)

Surprise #2: Revelation 21:8 declares *unbelievers* (atheists) go to a Christ-less eternity forever, along with all liars, murderers, thieves, whoremongers, etc. Why?

Two reasons:

One, because in the light of the proof of His existence by His creation (our universe), they're without excuse to deny God's existence. (Romans 1:18-21!)

Two: Because not only have atheists sinned against God, like the rest of us, but because they've rejected the only forgiveness offered by Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross.

→No absolute truth or morality? That's the main reason why God sent Jesus:

'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all'. (Isaiah 53:6)

Surprise #3: God won't judge us according to our standards or by the norms of our corrupt society like you probably think. "I'm just as good as everyone else, maybe better!" won't fly! Instead we'll be judged against the *perfect righteousness* of Jesus Christ. (Acts 17:31) So now do you still think you don't need God as I used to believe? If you're not hiding from the truth, I dare you to click [here](#) for the 'fast track' of what I discovered by finding answers to six simple questions.

DIAGNOSTIC QUESTION #1: If you used to believe in God why did you stop?

Click [here](#) to jump to the questions below and I'm guessing you'll find your reason. You will be directed to some of the answers I found.

DIAGNOSTIC QUESTION #2: Are you an honest or dishonest doubter?

Honest doubters are men and women of integrity who love truth and follow evidence wherever it leads and whatever it may cost. Whether God exists is much, much, more than just another imponderable philosophical debate. *Your answer to this question determines the quality of the rest of your earthly life and where you will spend eternity, in either 'smoking' or 'non-smoking'.*

'Doubting Thomas' was the most skeptical of all Jesus' disciples, yet when shown the evidence, his life was wonderfully transformed and he was even willing to suffer martyrdom for his faith. (John 14) Belief in God is **not a 'blind leap off a cliff in the dark'** but '*evidence of things not seen*'. (Hebrews 11:1) The purpose of this book is to show you the evidence I found.

Curious? If you have not already done so, click on: [Author's Fast Track Testimony: Six Questions Light My Way from Atheism to Christ](#). You'll find additional links there to take you to the evidence I personally found as a former atheist. Afterwards, return here. (Reminder: hold ALT and press left arrow to return.)



Dishonest doubters are fearful that truth may direct them to change their lifestyle so they avoid examining evidence at any cost. "[Eyes shut, full speed ahead!](#)" As J. Vernon McGee put it, "[When the lights come on in a farmer's barn at 4 AM, the birds begin to sing, but the rats run for their holes. They hate the light.](#)" [If God's message is true](#), as I found, your future will be disastrous, so isn't it worth honestly looking at the evidence?

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This book presents evidence and answered questions about how God reveals Himself on three levels: (Clicking on underlined blue links gives more information. ALT+< is the return.)

1. God's existence is powerfully evidenced by the universe He's made, as I've shared above, comparing it to the existence of your house. *God's super intellect is brightly illuminated by the fantastic scientific laws and wonderful mathematical equations that describe them.* These were not invented by men! They were ultimately *discovered only through careful observation.*

Only one example is Kepler's laws of planetary motion which resulted from analyzing 40 years of painstaking astronomical observations. Chemistry's amazing Periodic Table demonstrates the discovery of fascinating relationships between every element in the universe, not the haphazard chaos of evolution. No excuse to ignore God's intelligent hand! (Romans 1:19-20). Is evolution really a scientific fact? Click [here](#).

2. God's written word reveals His plan for mankind in the Bible, which is verified through amazing prophecies and its power to transform lives for over two millennia. Click [here](#) to learn how I, as a former atheist, honestly examined the claim that the Bible was the Word of God and found scientifically credible evidence to support that claim.

3. God's living word is revealed in Jesus Christ, who existed in Heaven before His virgin birth (incarnation), prophesied over 700 years before. (Isaiah 7:14) He brought God's love to us by giving His life to make us acceptable to God, then returned from the dead on the third day after burial, powerfully validating both His divine credentials and that His message was indeed from God Himself! No other religious founder's ministry in world history has ever been validated like this, making Jesus absolutely unique! (Romans 1:4, John 14:6) His resurrection and subsequent appearances for 40 days afterwards is powerful evidence and forms the bedrock foundation of His message. Eyewitnesses in the New Testament were willing to suffer persecution, beatings, and even death rather than deny Jesus' miracles and His resurrection which they'd seen with their own eyes. *Jesus' resurrection is the bedrock of the Christian faith that excludes all others.* Without it, our faith is vain according to 1 Corinthians 15:12-15. Click [here](#) to see the evidence which convinced me.

If you're an honest skeptic (one of integrity), or have never thought much about God before, you may have already begun checking out the evidence by clicking on the blue links above. If you have not, then very likely you fall into one of these categories:

1. You believe in evolution so no God is necessary, click [here](#).
2. You hate God, yet you may proclaim He doesn't exist. You may think He let you or a loved one down. Or perhaps because He doesn't or can't remove all suffering and evil from the world. Click [here](#) for answers to the "Why would God..." questions below.

Back when I was an atheist, [I hid from God by just ignoring Him!](#) If He turned out to be real, I mistakenly believed nothing bad could happen. I'd just claim ignorance. But, I WAS ignorant of God's wrath upon unbelievers in Revelation 21:8 which proclaims we are without excuse: His existence is proclaimed like a trumpet by His divine intelligence in the complexities of all of His universe. (Romans 1:20)

In the fable, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, the emperor's tailor deceived him into believing that his new clothes were elegant beyond words. They were. They were invisible! So he paraded through the town not realizing he was stark naked. Satan is the 'tailor' who deceives all unbelievers. (Hebrews 4:13: 'all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account'. That includes your 'secret sins'.)

Honest doubters: Here are a few former atheists you will want to meet who strenuously tried to disprove God and the Bible. Among them are Lee Strobel, a former 15-year atheist, who documents nine sources proving Jesus resurrection, some from the Bible, others from outside. Click here → [Five atheists](#). This [Eight scientists jump has testimony books of eight other scientists, most former atheists](#). All have Ph.D.s, and are of university professor caliber, who also tried but failed to disprove Jesus' resurrection and other important facts.

DIAGNOSTIC QUESTION #3: Are you truly a person of integrity?

That means you first evaluate the evidence fairly and honestly. Then, if it convinced you that God and His truth revealed in the Bible were true, you would follow the truth, cost what it may. *How about asking God Himself to show you the truth (Jeremiah 29:13) and be willing to confess that right now you're not willing to obey Him but ask Him to help you to become willing as I did?*

YES:

If you have examined the evidence at the links above but still have questions, click on this jump to: [More Skeptic's Questions Answered](#). The ALT+< key will return you here.

THE NEXT STEP: If you're convinced the evidence is showing you that it's at least probable there might be a God after all, then click [here](#) for five simple steps to respond to God's promise of Jeremiah 29:13 and to know Jesus Christ personally: *"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."*

NO:

This probably means you either fear that evidence for the truth may spoil your enjoyment of some sin, or else you reject God, or even hate Him, because you have a mistaken idea of what He's supposed to do or not do. Perhaps you feel that He failed you or someone else. Either way, you are unaware that the eternal God has long-range purposes in all that happens. (Romans 8:28)

We're not His robots. God gives everyone a free choice to be as good or as evil as they wish. However, God is like a two-sided coin. He's not only the God of love, but also the God of justice who severely punishes disobedient sinners. (Click [here](#).)

Maybe you think you're free to live any way you wish with no consequences. You're not. You're a **sin-slave** caught in Satan's clever spiritual [monkey trap](#). (Click the link.) Don't be Satan's '**monkey slave**!' He delights in trapping you with some sin, then slowly

destroying your life and often that of your loved ones also. We read in 2 Corinthians 4:3 that even in the face of overwhelming evidence for God's existence and His claim on our lives, Satan can blind us to God with lust and other sins.

IMAGINE you're enjoying a very pleasant flight when suddenly ...

a flash of white whizzes by. Your pilot, *Captain Satan*, who had promised you a wonderful flight, has set the autopilot and bailed out, laughing at your stupidity for trusting him and ignoring God to enjoy what you know is sin!



You're terrified! What to do? Continue to enjoy your wonderful flight for the next few hours, like the passengers aboard the Malaysian airliner on autopilot that eventually crashed several years ago? Without a pilot, now you will not have the years you had hoped for before meeting God face-to-face! *Trust the 'Jesus parachute' under your seat, NOW!*



Here are three spiritual components of that parachute. **1.** God gives us power over Satan if we want it. (Luke 10:19). **2.** He promises we will never be tempted beyond what we can resist. (1 Corinthians 10:13) **3.** Powerful spiritual weapons are available: '*mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.*' (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5) Click [here](#). Let God set you free from Satan's bondage!

Notes: Though Satan and his demons can morph into any form, their true form is that of angels because that's what they were before they rebelled and were cast out of Heaven! How did the angel Lucifer become Satan? For the same reason as atheists: they decide what's right or wrong instead of God. (Isaiah 14:12-15) Also, beware of a major religion, as well as some others, which assert a false gospel proclaimed by angel impersonators. Don't be deceived! (Galatians 1:8)

Plenty of time to think about God? So did 40,000 motorists, suddenly killed without warning by drunk drivers in a recent single year! Even more scary, how about dying in your sleep or in surgery with no warning whatsoever like some of your friends or relatives? Statistically, the way our society has degenerated morally, most of them would've been terrified to unexpectedly meet God face-to-face unprepared. The tragedy would've been that God had given them chance after chance, yet their answer was always, 'later' until it was too late. Or else they continued to defy God, insisting they were good enough for Heaven when God says just the opposite. He will judge us, not according to how good we think we are, but against the perfect standard of Jesus Christ Himself. (Romans 3:23, Acts 17:31)

It's certain we will all die and not at a time of our own choosing, unless you choose 'self-murder'! (Not cool!) Therefore, is it not wise to honestly consider the evidence for God and a hereafter, as I did, before your time runs out? Jeremiah 29:13 promises that '*if you seek Him with your whole heart, you will find Him*' and Jeremiah 29:11 promises '*hope and a future*'. I recall Pastor Monroe saying to me many times '*... here a little, there a little...*' as he helped me over a period of several months to find the real God.

FIVE STEPS to FINDING GOD'S REAL, Based on His Promise of Jeremiah 29:13

It is said that those who love their sin more than the truth are like a burglar who cannot find a policeman. On the other hand, God promises that '*if you seek Me with your whole heart, you will find Me*'. These steps are also how to receive God's gift of eternal life assuring us a place in Heaven instead of suffering an eternity in hell which is what all of us, who are less than perfect, deserve. (Revelation 21:8)

1. Pray: Ask God with your 'whole heart' to reveal Himself to you, then:

a. Listen to God as He speaks to you through your conscience and through His written word, the Bible, beginning with the ones cited in this book. Click [here](#) for evidence the Bible is God's written word if you have not already done so.

b. Examine the obvious physical, scientific, and mathematical evidence.

c. Follow courageously *without reservation, wherever the evidence leads.*

If you have not already clicked the link above for some former atheists who did just that, click here: [Five atheists](#). Included is Josh MacDowell, who left law school for a year to disprove God, Jesus, and the very foundations of Christianity. Also, I would invite you to read the testimony of zealot medical Doctor Nabeel Quareshi [EE](#) with 23 years of non-Christian religious indoctrination.

You may also add the testimony books of eight scientists, all of Ph.D. caliber, many of them university professors and former atheists, who followed convincing evidence of Jesus' resurrection, the very foundation and cornerstone of the Christian faith. Click [here](#).

2. Believe: God sent Jesus from Heaven with His message. His resurrection from the dead on the third day '*declared Him to the Son of God with power*' (Romans 1:4) thereby invalidating all other religious systems' alternate ways to Heaven (John 14:6)

Be aware there are two kinds of spiritual belief.

a. Satan's type belief: agreeing spiritual facts are true but behavior is unaffected. He and his demons believe in God and in Christ but they fight any attempt by God to clean up their life. (James 2:19)

b. True belief: results in saving your soul and is marked by a long-term transformation of your life as you gradually become more Christ-like from making Jesus truly Lord of your life. This type belief is given you by God only when you truly surrender your life to Him. This is called sanctification which we'll cover later.

3. Be Convicted: Realize that we've all disobeyed God (sinned) with both current and eternal consequences. (The Ten Commandments show us what sins can be physically committed, like stealing, killing, adultery, etc. But Jesus said *we can sin even in our thoughts!* (Matthew) Even one lie or one 'OMG' is enough to miss Heaven, if unforgiven. There is no 'balance' in the sky to weigh good and bad deeds.) (Romans 3:23, Revelation 21:8) True conviction is demonstrated in the following components of commitment.

4. Be Committed: Repent and be baptized. (Acts 2:38) Receive Christ's sacrifice for our sins and make Him Lord of your life as we're exhorted to do in John 1:12: "*But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God.*" Here's how, click [here](#). *Afraid or unwilling? Ask God to help you become willing as I did. Here are the basic steps of full commitment.*

a. Repentance: True repentance is godly sorrow for disobeying God that results in a change in your life direction to begin following and obeying Him. His loving forgiveness through Christ who saved you from the furnace of fire produces the gratitude that constrains you to begin following (obeying) Him. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

b. Baptism: One result of true repentance is to be endued with '*holy boldness*' to take the next step, baptism. Baptism as an infant doesn't count. An infant cannot take

the previous step of repentance required for baptism to be meaningful. (Acts 2:38) Baptism is a public proclamation you have begun to follow Christ. *It does not mean that you have suddenly become perfect. It means you've changed your life's direction and loyalties.* It's like the oath of allegiance immigrants take to become citizens of our country, forsaking their former loyalty to their old country.

Jesus said that if you are too ashamed to confess Him in this life, He will be ashamed of you in the next. If you don't have the courage to stand for Christ after all He's done for you, then it's likely you have not really repented or really believed the gospel. The change in your life seen by the sinful people you used to hang out with will be noticed. It may well be the first step for them to come to Christ like you. That was the case for me when I saw Christ in fellow Marine Corporal Stevens. *(It wasn't until eight years later that I was in a condition to remember him and begin seeking Christ but he made the difference. Click [here](#) to go to that part of my testimony.)* In Acts 2:38, the apostle Peter preached, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ!"

- c. **Witnessing:** With Christ now living in you, you now know the future joy that will be yours in Heaven and the terrors of the lake of fire you have been saved from. The love of Christ in you will therefore plant the desire to share Christ with others, especially loved ones. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21) Click [here](#) for more.
- d. **Restitution:** is 'making right the wrongs you committed before receiving Christ.' This would include apologizing to those you hurt with cruel words or worse and restoring that which you stole, possibly anonymously or on the installment plan. Your explanation of why you are doing this can be a powerful force for drawing others towards Christ. More [here](#).

5. Be Sanctified: This is a life-long process of spiritual growth, during which the love of Christ motivates you to let God gain more and more victories over your sinful behavior. You then become more and more Christ-like to the glory of God. In other words, becoming a 'new creature in Christ' which Jesus called being 'born again'. (2 Corinthians 5:14-17, John 3:1-5)

God supplies both the power to overcome sin and the certainty you're never tempted above that which you cannot resist. "I couldn't help it", doesn't fly. Though we may sometimes fall, He provides forgiveness and would say "Get up and try again." He has faithfully promised to be with us to the end. I love the chorus, "He's still working on me, to make me what I ought to be ... " (Luke 10:19, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 1:9)

No, you cannot live the Christian life on your own. You must ask Christ to begin living His life through you! No, you will also never become perfect but walking with Christ is a daily journey of small steps. God promises in Philippians 1:6 to never give up on you. If you fall, he would say, "Get up and try again. I'm still with you. Together, we'll eventually gain a final victory!"

When you find yourself unwilling to obey God, ask Him, as I did (and even continue to do on occasion today), "Lord, please help me to be willing to obey you." 'Lone Rangers' don't last very long in our sin-soaked society. You will need to begin attending a Bible-believing church immediately. We would recommend an evangelical church which, in our experience, is more grounded in Scripture along the lines of the early church in the New Testament and less in rituals and traditions.

These citations of some *Rose Publishing* foldout brochures documented in the *Evidence Resources* should be very helpful in choosing a church. [88](#), [89](#) Your local Bible store may even

have them in stock. Click [here](#) for guidelines to begin living for Christ daily.

Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

As a former atheist, I actually experienced the fulfillment of God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11-13. I hope I've encouraged you to do the same. During my 11 years as an atheist, I didn't have enough 'faith' to believe in God. Now, after 56 years continuing to honestly evaluate more and more evidence, like Dr. Norman Geisler ⁹,

"I still don't have enough 'faith' to go back to being an atheist!"

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MORE SKEPTIC'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED

IMPORTANT: Several other vital skeptic's questions were answered previously.

That includes, 'Why do I need God, I want to be free', and the "Five Steps to finding God's real."

If you skipped that, we'd invite you to left-click [here](#) to jump back.

1. Who made God?

Many try to squirm out of their accountability to God by asking this question. They feel that if no one can give them an answer, they 'win', and think they're excused from accountability.

My answer, "Why stop there? Show me the god who made Him and so on, until we get back to the very first god. Who made him?" I continue. "Your question is irrelevant because we're accountable only to the God who has revealed Himself to us. *You are not excused from God's judgment because I cannot answer your question!*

2. The mathematics of formal logic clearly disproves the existence of God, right?

Click [here](#).

3. Am I not scientific to believe in only what I can see, touch, and feel? Click [here](#).

4. I'm busy. Don't you have a 'two-minute' version of proofs God exists? Click [here](#).

5. Who is God that I should obey Him? (Left-mouse click this line to jump.) Also you may click [here](#) for a later version in Appendix E.

6. What's wrong with 'Eat, Drink, and Be Merry'?

This saying may have originated with skeptics or libertines centuries ago, but it is quoted by Jesus Christ. Read why Jesus' answered, "**Fool!**" to a very rich man in Luke 12:16-21.

7. Why did God create hell?

God never created hell for people. It was created for Satan and the disobedient angels.

Sadly, we who follow their evil ways and reject Jesus will also suffer their same fate.

Jesus also said there will be 'weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth' for an eternity.

Scary? You bet! Time to do something about your eternal future? Then DO it!

8. Why does God allow evil to exist?

Because God created us to love and to be loved. Robots cannot love. Love requires free will to choose to love and to obey or to disobey. Therefore God created man with a free will.

Therefore, man has the freedom to be as good or as evil as he desires. God sometimes allows evil individuals to continue for quite a while for them to see just how evil they are to better determine their punishment later on. He has promised to put an end to all evil and evil-doers one day, which you may count on 100%! (Psalm 9:27, Revelation 19 through 21)

9. Why would a 'loving' God throw people into hell? Not destroy evil? Allow Suffering? Allow people to die in natural disasters?

Answers are in [APPENDIX B](#).

[Appendix C](#) goes further: **Hate God? How does atheism prove God?**

Many examples showing God is not frustrated by the deeds of evil men!

10. Don't all intelligent people believe there is no absolute truth or morality?

'No absolute truth' or 'no absolute morality', which I think you really mean, are both statements of what you just said did not exist, absolutes! *This a logical contradiction and therefore false. You have your own opinion about gravity? That will not change the law's calculation of exactly how fast you fall and the force with which you strike the ground. The law of gravity does not apply to you? Jump. You'll always come down at the computed speed and momentum whether you choose to believe in gravity or not.*

If 'no absolute morality' were true, then there's no difference between murdering a baby and giving bread to a homeless man. How about if the murdered baby was yours?

God established the Moral Law for everyone. So you're not free to decide what's good or evil for you. That's exactly how God's number one angel, Lucifer, became Satan. (Isaiah 14:12-15) That means your 'freedom to decide' makes you Satan's puppet, therefore you will share his horrible fate one day. Click [here](#) for evidence that changed the life-long atheism of C. S. Lewis, an Oxford University professor, into a world-class Christian author.

11. How does the existence of God prove God and reject atheism?

(Click [here](#) for an answer from a National Apologetics Conference.)

12. [What's the evidence the Bible is the Word of God?](#) (This whole line is a jump.)

13. Isn't faith just a blind leap into the dark'?

The Bible itself defines faith in Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the [substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.](#)" The faith spoken of here is not a 'blind leap-off-a-cliff-in-the-dark-hope-so' type faith! **The great exploits of the 'heroes of the faith' mentioned in Hebrews 11 were motivated by real evidence. Jesus was 'declared to be the Son of God with power' by His resurrection from the dead! (Romans 1:4)** After His resurrection, He was seen over the next 40 days by many others. (Acts 1) That evidence was the very foundation of their true belief that constrained the early church to fully trust in and rely upon God's word, even to the point of death. The result was then to seek holiness and to stand strong without wavering in spite of losing all their worldly possessions and even their very lives.

Though faith is based on solid evidence, that's not all there is to faith. Jesus Himself must be the one to strengthen our trust in Him, especially when God seems distant or we are suffering trials. That's when we must choose to either follow Jesus or let our feelings drag us the other way. Remember, that we're not to follow Christ depending on our feelings. Satan can manipulate feelings. Remember the little '[Facts-Faith-Feelings](#)' train in Chapter 4? *Facts power our spiritual train, not feelings.* Click [here](#).

[How do we strengthen our weak faith?](#) Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing and reading Scripture, the Word of God. Jesus' Spirit will then strengthen our faith so that we may persevere until we meet Him in person one day.

I repeat, faith is based on solid evidence, in stark contrast to the 'faith' of evolution, much of which I will show, is based upon unproven assumptions and even speculations stated as facts. Hence the title of Geisler and Turek's ***I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist***. See *Evidence Resources*. ⁹ Sharing evidence is one of the main purposes of this book.

Before the 'Flying Walendas' there was Blondin. He first pushed a loaded wheelbarrow across Niagara Falls on a tight rope, then asked, "Now, who's willing to climb into my wheelbarrow?" That was a great illustration of real faith: trusting one who had just demonstrated his power. Jesus demonstrated He had power over life through His many miracles. He demonstrated His power over Satan by the liberation of the demoniac. He demonstrated His power over death by raising several from the dead including Lazarus who'd been buried for four days. Yes! We can fully and safely commit our lives and future to Him who has all power!

14. "Religion is just a 'crutch for the weak-minded?'"

This was a direct and forceful quote broadcast on TV from a former state governor of North Dakota a while back. *Not true!* I'd invite him to consider the millions of courageous Christian martyrs who chose death rather than deny their faith over the last 2,000 years. Not long ago, ISIS murdered 124,000 Iraqi Christians who refused conversion to Islam.

And how about the *14 years torture* endured by Richard Wurmbrand? (Click [here](#).) Here's two scriptural rebuttals to this 'misinformation.' **First**, Christianity teaches we're all 'cripples' because we can never earn our way to Heaven. (Romans 3:23) The only way to Heaven is by receiving Jesus' unique sacrifice for our sins. (John 1:12) **Second**, Jesus' return from the dead and His appearances for 40 days afterwards 'declared with power' He was sent by God which makes Christianity unique! (Romans 1:4)

The real 'crutches' today are alcohol, drugs, and illicit sex. They're all portrayed every day on TV, in the movies, and in other media as easy ways of coping with stress. However, rarely do they show the devastating long-term results. A recent TV broadcast stated that, on average, 66% of all crimes and a similar percentage of suicides were committed under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

15. Too many hypocrites in the church?

Agreed! Even one is too many. However, Jesus dealt with many hypocrites in His time and said there would always be a few because deceit is part of the evil nature core of man. *Hypocritical Christians do not disprove Christianity; they prove disobedient, or unconverted Christians!* (Intellectuals: condemning all of a certain class based on only a few examples is called 'extrapolation' and is one of the 56 fallacies of formal logic: the genetic fallacy, which incorrectly casts doubt on the source of belief based on behavior rather than evidence for or against the source.)

Be careful how you judge hypocrites. Some may still be early 'works in progress'. They may be at the beginning of their walk with Christ. How about you, are you perfect? God knows who the true hypocrites are and Scripture says they will be punished much more severely than even unrepentant sinners.

In my experience, some skeptics call all Christians hypocrites because they 'know' there's no God, therefore no one else truly believes in Him either. However, I feel most who reject Christ using the excuse of 'hypocrites' are only throwing up a smoke screen to hide their slavery to some sin. Why do crooks counterfeit money instead of paper bags? Because the money has real value. By the same token, hypocrites show that real, true, and faithful Christians must exist and have something of value worth counterfeiting! When you stand before God for final judgement, yelling about hypocrites won't help because you'll be judged by your deeds and only your deeds, not theirs! (Hebrews 14:12)

During my four years in the Marines, most of the professing 'Christian' fellow Marines seemed to be hypocrites. However, Corporal Stevens stood out among the phonies as a real Christian by returning love for persecution. As a result, eight years later he became my

first tangible evidence that there may be a real God after all, as I began my search.

I've found that those who hurl accusations of 'hypocrite' often do so for three reasons.

First, some accusations of 'hypocrite' may be correct if they have actually seen bad behavior of a professing Christian over a long period of time. Just remember that after inviting Christ into their lives not everyone gets off the ground really fast like the old biplanes did. Some are like big jets that need a mile of runway to get airborne.

Second, some non-Christians, seeing imperfections in the lives of some Christians, believe *ALL Christians think they are good enough for Heaven* and are therefore self-righteous hypocrites. *(There are two types of Christians who actually do deserve the epithet 'self-righteous'. Some are still leading the same sinful lives as before but go to church. Others think they can 'earn their way to Heaven on the installment plan'.)*

Most of the people who've accused me of being self-righteous believe they're already good enough for Heaven just as they are. This is the very definition of 'self-righteous'! So which of us is really self-righteous? The only people in Heaven will be those who know they're not good enough but trust in Jesus' sacrifice and God's grace. (Romans 3:23 Ephesians 2:8-9)

Third, some may be trying to hide from God by accusing others of being more sinful than they are. Ask yourself just how perfect you are. When you point the finger at others, remember you're pointing three back at yourself. Those who point fingers are kind of like a murderer saying, "I'm a whole lot better than he is. I only murdered one person but he murdered five." The bad behavior of others does not make you innocent. 'Finger-pointers' will get a BIG surprise when one day they stand before God who has said that they will give account only for their own sins. (Romans 14:12)

16. Evolutionists may not have all the answers but 'they'll figure it out eventually'?

This was the reply I got from a skeptic who could not answer a series of intelligent creation questions: "And where did that come from?" Looks to me like he was just waiting for more unproven speculation to justify his life without accountability to God.

Darwin himself, in one sense, is also still waiting over ~160 years for evolutionists to 'figure out' why his proof of evolution has never been found. Not missing links, but massive chains of millions and billions of fossils have never been found showing his assertion that evolution happened very gradually over millions of years. 'Figure it out?' I'll take concrete evidence anytime that shows evolution never happened. Click [here](#) for 21 scientific reasons.

During the past ~160 years, more valid discoveries have been made disproving evolution than those asserting it. Among them are debunking a long string of 'missing links', from the 40-year deceit of the Piltdown Man, to the fake, fairly recent 'feathered dinosaur' from China. We may add key historical missing links, later repudiated, of Ardi, Lucy, and many others over decades. Having a few 'missing links' wouldn't prove evolution according to Darwin. He required enormous chains of fossil links showing gradual evolution over millions of years. He said he couldn't understand why they hadn't been found *in abundance*.

This skeptic has enormous 'faith' in his nebulous 'they'll figure it out'. Further, he has foolishly entrusted his entire life and eternal future to *whether or not unknown scientists will finally prove what has already been disproven*. He will tremble before God one day when his life comes to an end, possibly suddenly, like the 40,000 who were killed by drunk drivers in 2016 or die during sleep; scary! *I have infinitely less faith than you, skeptic friend. My faith, in a real God-creator, is based upon tangible scientific evidence, not 'hope so' feelings.* Your 'faith' is a good example of the type many accuse Christians of,

'a blind-leap-off-a-cliff-in-the-dark' type faith.

17. What is 'sin' and why does it separate us from God?

Sin is simply disobeying God. Though His laws are written in our conscience (Romans 2:15), we eventually learn to either ignore them or justify our actions. Therefore God put them in writing in the Bible: *The Ten Commandments* found in Exodus 20 which were delivered personally to Moses and the nation of Israel on fiery Mount Sinai amidst lightning and thundering. Most of us know, 'You shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not lie, etc.'

However, when God sent Jesus, He extended those commandments to sinning in our thoughts plus sinning by what we should have done but didn't! In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 - 7, all of us who think we're just as good as everyone else get a big surprise.

Just living our lives without a thought to God's laws breaks the very first commandment: 'to have no other gods before Him.' Hatred and lust violate His commands against murder and adultery. Several commandments have to do with sins against God Himself like the 'OMG' which breaks the second Commandment. Sadly, it now permeates our whole society. And who has never lied or exaggerated (yes, that's a lie also!) in their whole lives? *All of us have broken every single commandment repeatedly in thought or deed and we need the forgiveness which God provided in Jesus' sacrifice.* (Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, Revelation 21:8)

As if that were not enough, who of us has always kept the **11th Commandment** given by Jesus in John 13:34: 'to love others (all the time) as Jesus has loved us.' He was willing to suffer agony on the cross to pay for our sins even for those who hated Him. Would you be willing to suffer agony for the rude angry driver who cut you off in traffic, then swore at you?

18. Is atheism a sin?

It disobeys the first of God's 10 commandments to have no other God than He who created our universe. *Atheists are literally their own God* because they alone decide what is good or evil for themselves. This was exactly why the angel Lucifer became Satan. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

19. How can we be reconciled to God?

Bible translators to the Aucas in Ecuador could find no Auca word for 'reconciliation.' The Aucas only knew revenge, like most everyone without Christ. However, on a trek through the jungle, they encountered a deep ravine they could not cross. The Aucas bridged the gap by felling a tree, then walked right over to the other side. **Surprise! The Auca word for 'tree across ravine' was the word the translators used to describe Jesus' sacrifice to bridge the unfathomable gap across the ravine of sin to reconciliation with God!**

(After most of the Aucas came to Christ, they changed their name from Auca (savage) to Waorani (people)!



As God sent the Aucas a way to convey His love through Christ to them, he's continually sending missionaries, or 'paper missionaries' through literature to all countries of the world to give opportunity to be saved. He also uses Christians everywhere to share this message personally with the lost at some point in their lives, including this book right now. Those who eventually go to hell are those who choose hell, of their own free will, by repeatedly

rejecting the only way God has provided to stay out of hell: the suffering and love-sacrifice of Jesus Christ. (John 3:16)

When a doctor says you would die unless you took a well-tested drug, if you refused and then died, whose fault would that be? Yours! You don't need to understand how the medicine works or why or how someone created it. You only need to just take it or die.

20. How about a sin I committed only once long ago? Sins I don't commit anymore?

All sins are immediately recorded in God's book. Unless repented of and forgiven through Christ, they're still there and will be evidence at your judgement. That judgement is not to determine if you're guilty or not but to execute God's judgement in the furnace of fire depending on its severity. Unfair? If a cancer patient refuses a guaranteed cure, then dies, whose fault is that? (Revelation 20:11-14)

21. Aren't all religions the same and eventually take us to the same place?

Untrue and untrue! 'Don't steal, don't lie, etc. ' are innate in the conscience we are born with. Though most religions also teach this, you don't need a religion to tell you what your own conscience has already told you. It's 'written in our hearts' by our creator. (Romans 2:12-16) We would invite you to continue to the next question for a full answer.

22. Which is the right religion?

Jesus excluded all other religions and ways to Heaven. He proved that only He was sent from God with God's message when he returned from the dead on the third day after burial. (Romans 1:4) No other religious leader returned from the dead. (Click [here](#) for evidence.) He said clearly there is no other way to Heaven: John 14:6 leaving Christianity as the only way to Heaven and the Bible as the only true Word of God. [Hinduism, Buddhism, New Age, and all other religions claiming reincarnation](#) are excluded by Hebrews 9:27: '*appointed ONCE to die*'. (The 'Bridey Murphy' story was the best 'evidence' for years but was proven to have been a hoax). All religions and churches claiming you can get to Heaven by doing good, therefore earning God's favor, are also excluded. That's a different gospel and is therefore false. (Galatians 1:8, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:8-9)

[After much study and research](#), it is my opinion that evangelical churches are the ones most like the first church in the Bible as described in Acts and the epistles of the New Testament. They have preachers, teachers, and deacons but no priests. 1 Timothy 2:5 declares: '*one mediator between man and God, our High Priest Jesus Christ*' who gives us direct access to God. (Hebrews 10 declare that all earthly priesthoods were abolished.)

Yes, there are many evangelical denominations but many are 'interdenominational' in nature and cooperate because they have the same basic core of doctrine on important issues, like what is sin and how to get to Heaven. They are much like a tree: united into one trunk but have freedom to branch out on less important issues. To document them all is beyond the scope of this book but you'll find great condensed information in the *Rose Publishing* foldout brochures in these *Evidence Resources* citations. [88](#), [89](#)

[However, beware of cults](#), some of which have thousands of beautiful churches but teach false doctrine. One cult, originating from a so-called 'angel', has members looking up dead ancestors, then being baptized on their behalf. Acts 2:38 says repentance is also required, so this will NOT get your dead 'mobster Mugsie' into Heaven. Galatians 1:8 says, '*though an angel from Heaven preach a different gospel, let him be accursed.*' (Angels that preach a different gospel are not real angels at all but Satan's demon impersonators in their true original form as angels. (Isaiah 14) Their ultimate goal, to sabotage God's work, is most often achieved with deceit, using some substitute.

[Another major cult](#) denies punishment in hell and denies the deity of Christ. They teach that Jesus was really the archangel Michael. The first chapter of John emphatically denies this. Oh, while we're on the subject, a major non-Christian religion claims their 'holy book' was also dictated by an angel to one man in a dark cave. Yes, some things in their book are like the Bible but their 'gospel' is doing good works which is a different gospel from Scripture. (Galatians 1:8 again)

[Catholicism](#) holds many of the same solid Biblical beliefs as we evangelicals. However, their 'tradition' has added a score or more of false doctrines through the centuries. They hold their 'tradition' is of equal weight as Scripture. Not true, based on our seven years in Italy, speaking with many Catholics and some priests and nuns. If there are conflicting interpretations of a Scripture, Catholic 'tradition' always wins. Jesus had a similar problem with the Jews of His day when He told them "[And why do you transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?](#)" (Matthew 15:3) Yes, it is true Jesus gave power to Peter, allegedly the first pope, to 'bind and loose' but whatever that meant, it did not give Peter carte blanche to contradict whatever God had already established in Scripture. That would make Peter and his successors more powerful than God and then we should be worshiping the popes instead. Pope Francis' recent apology for past gross sins of the Catholic church make clear to me that Peter's power to bind and loose was not to be passed on to His successors who, for centuries bound and loosed in contradiction to whatever God had already established in the New Testament.

[I really do admire Pope Francis](#) for courageously apologizing for some glaring injustices and sins committed by previous popes. That included the 600-year Inquisition ¹⁴ and selling of purgatory indulgences by Pope Leo X. The latter sparked Martin Luther, a monk at the time, to post his 95 Theses, which were in reality 95 false doctrines being propagated as 'traditions.' Evading their attempts to capture him and burn him at the stake for heresy, like so many others, Luther sparked the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century. This gave birth to the evangelical church thriving today. (*And where did I get this information, from some religious pamphlet? NOPE! From my World History class when I was in college.*)

[While the major sins of Catholicism of past centuries are not practiced today](#), does it not cast grave doubt upon the infallibility of the papacy held for the past 17 centuries? *Does it not make us wonder if and why the recent popes may claim infallibility when so many of their predecessors obviously were not infallible?* And why was the declaration of the infallibility of the popes not officially declared as dogma until the Pope's army was defeated by Garibaldi's Red Shirts in 1870? (Google 'Pope Francis apologies'. You'll get hundreds of links and videos. Also google 'Pope Paul II apologies' for over 100 of the same apologies made by that pope in 1992.)

23. Which is the right Bible translation?

Good question. There are many that are good because there is more than one way to convey the same basic thought using different words when translating from any language. There are also some that are bad and full of false doctrine. Click [here](#) for details. This *Rose Publishing* pamphlet citation will give condensed general information for 20 of the most common ones, including how many translators for each, etc.. ⁸⁸

24. Who'd die for a lie?

Many believers in many religions are willing to die for their beliefs. However, [who would be willing to be tortured and to die for what they knew was just a lie?](#) Hebrews 11:6 says that without faith it's impossible to please God and that true faith is based on facts, not on 'blind leaps'. *The central fact and foundation of the truth of Christianity is the bodily resurrection of Christ and His many appearances during 40 days afterwards.* This mightily

sustained millions of martyrs worldwide during their suffering right up through this present hour.

25. Just choosing to ignore God, I believe, is the same as being a de-facto atheist.

Just ignoring someone, according to radio's *Take a Minute's* Harold Sala, is the highest form of insult. ^{c8} You may think that just ignoring God is not nearly as bad as being an out-and-out atheist. The end results are the same: an eternity in the furnace of fire that Jesus warned us about.

By your example you are negatively influencing others to follow your godless lifestyle. [There is no neutral ground](#). Though ostriches don't really stick their heads in the sand to ignore an attacking lion, as some people believe, yet those who ignore God are doing that very same thing. God will allow us to ignore Him for a time, but because He loves us, He will give some time to repent. He will not continue to ignore us indefinitely. God sometimes allows bad things to happen to get our attention. Sometimes this is necessary to remind us that we're not in control of our own lives as so many people think they are. Sometimes it takes a fire, hurricane, or other natural disaster to wake us up. Losing everything forces us to re-examine what's really important.

26. You may also really be a 'de-facto' atheist though you 'believe' in a 'god-creator'!

Following are a few types of people who create a false 'god' in their own imagination. Rejection of God's standards and the false hope of no future accountability is what they all have in common. Though believing in a 'god-creator' is a step in the right direction yet unless they eventually find Christ and have their sins forgiven, they will not see Heaven.

First, there are those who do believe God created our universe and He only lets good things happen. He 'winks' at sin because His standards of right and wrong are the same as theirs, so no big deal. They think Heaven is waiting because they're so much better than some of their friends. **Second**, are those who also believe God created but after that has nothing to do with them now, or in the future. Einstein, Spinoza, and the former notorious British atheist Dr. Antony Flew ⁴² are in this category. **Third** are 'theistic evolutionists' who believe their 'god' created our universe by evolution, then has nothing more to do with us.

Darwin invented this type of mythical 'god' by saying, '[let us suppose there was a power ...](#)' to explain the unimaginable complexity of the human eye. A description of this 'power' could only be of a mythical god who 'oversaw' (directed) every step of evolution for every creature in around 8.7 million species over millions of years simultaneously. ^{36C} Dr. Francis Collins, who led the world-renowned team that sequenced the human genome, would be one high-profile exponent of theistic evolution today. He is widely accepted because he appears to 'straddle the fence', of evolution and biblical creation. Let's compare the two.

27. Couldn't God have used evolution to create our universe?

[Theistic evolution directly contradicts the Bible in many ways.](#)

A. BIBLE: Man was created instantly from the dust of the earth.

EVOLUTION: Man accidentally evolved from lower life-forms.

(And where did they come from? No scientifically proven answer.)

B. BIBLE: There was *no death* until after Adam and Eve sinned.

EVOLUTION: Countless life-death-life cycles right from the accidental beginning of life.

C. BIBLE: The first life was created by God.

EVOLUTION: The first life evolved accidentally in primordial slime or hot vents in the ocean floor. (And who made those chemicals?)

D. BIBLE: The proven [law of biogenesis](#) that life can only come from life and that all life

reproduces only after its own kind.

EVOLUTION: All life evolved randomly from chemicals (and where did they come from?) to one-celled bacteria to a multi-celled creature. That evolved into the 8.7 million different life-forms we have today, each type evolving from a predecessor. but miraculously continuing to reproduce itself but evolving into new type life forms.

E. BIBLE: God created every person with a purpose in life to help fulfill His eternal plans. EVOLUTION: We have no ultimate purpose beyond our own appetites since we are only accidentally evolved animals. We're 'free' to do as we please, limited only by the likelihood of getting caught and punished by law enforcement.

F. BIBLE: Future eternal life of happiness in Heaven or eternal suffering in 'the non-air-conditioned place'.

EVOLUTION: No ultimate accountability for secret sins. *Results: Two million men in prison, venereal diseases, AIDS, broken homes and lives from an ever-growing flood of divorces, etc. (British atheist, Richard Dawkins, put this 'recipe for disaster' on London busses: "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life." 77)*

More on the Bible. It's proven itself the true Word of God over the last several thousand years in at least four ways: **prophecies fulfilled, archeological discoveries, lives transformed,** and the **martyrdom** of those who chose death rather than renouncing the truth written in Scripture. *Through the centuries, this willingness to die rather than deny God's truth continues to lengthen the long chain of spiritual 'forensic evidence' right back to Jesus' day.* Recently, a newscast reported 124,000 Christians were martyred in Iraq. ISIS went door-to door slaughtering any children who confessed Christ or refused to become Muslims – right in front of their parents. All these children are now in the arms of Jesus while their murderers, though evil, are given perhaps another chance to repent before they're finally held accountable. Such is God's love and grace. Pray these murderers will come to Christ for forgiveness.

Now, lets take a closer look at evolution. Not one example has ever been found of a single series of uninterrupted fossil evidence which Darwin said would absolutely prove evolution. Neither has evolution ever been demonstrated in the lab as illustrated by the 71-year evolutionary experiments on fruit flies. **Yet after all this, theistic evolutionists say God used evolution. Their 'God' is really Darwin's mythical god, the mysterious 'power' that guided all evolution simultaneously for millions of different species for millions of years** which does not exist in the real world. ^{36C} Does God's commandment, **'You shall have no other gods before Me' ring a bell?** Do evolution and the Bible really tell the same story? Find more answers at this link:

<http://www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/could-creation-and-evolution-be-telling-same-story-0>.

28. Isn't just believing in God enough to get to Heaven?

Even Satan believes in God but he's going the other direction. Only those who realize they're sinners, who have repented, and received Jesus as their savior will be in Heaven. Jesus himself excluded every other way to heaven by rising from the dead on the third day (John 1:12, John 14:6) Click [here](#) for more.

29. Isn't 'religion' the cause of most wars?

a. NO! Of the 1,000+ wars recorded in all of world history, only 8% were truly about religion. The rest were political wars that often used religion to justify their aggression. You'll find the documentation going back to 1618 in Peter Hitchens' book. ⁸³ Dr. Frank Turek found only seven percent in the Encyclopedia of War. Islam was responsible for four percent of all wars, over half of the wars genuinely about religion.

b. Don't include true New Testament Christianity in your list of 'religions!'

Religions are man's ideas to reach God, or some 'happy hereafter' through ethics, rituals, or philosophies. Instead, Christianity is God Himself reaching down to man through His Son Jesus Christ, who was incarnated as a man, to teach us about God His father. Because He loves us, God then offered His Son as the only acceptable sacrifice for our sins, thus making the only way to Heaven for us. (John 14:6)

(Seen on church message board: *Famous last words: "I did it MY way!"* Sad.)

The proof was Jesus' resurrection from the dead which was witnessed by a multitude of people besides His disciples. (Acts 1) Click [here](#) for evidence of the resurrection. Multitudes of transformed lives through the centuries testify that Christianity is unique and should not be included in a list of mere religions.

New Testament Christianity teaches love and peace, not the 'convert or die' of some radical religions I could name. Christians who start wars in the name of Christ are hypocrites and will incur God's extreme wrath in the life to come, also often in this life.

c. Hiding behind 'religion' won't 'fly'. God sees through your flimsy excuse. Come to Jesus! He's 'the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to God except through Him' because Jesus' sacrifice for our sins is the only one God has said He will accept. (John 14:6)

30. Are you holding a grudge? I have 'good news and bad news' in this 'joke with a lesson'. "Doctor, I'm dying. Everything I touch hurts: head, chest, arms, legs, etc." After exam: "I have good news and bad news. **Good news:** you're not dying." **Bad news:** you have a broken finger. Naturally everything you touch hurts!"

1001 Illustrations that Connect, —C. Larson

The lesson: An unforgiven hurt can make every aspect of your life miserable. Nelson Mandela, the South African freedom crusader, was asked if he still harbored anger against his mistreatment during his many years of unjust imprisonment. "No," he replied, "Otherwise I'd just be in another kind of prison." The 'bars' of this prison are bitterness, self-pity, anger, plotting revenge, but NO PEACE.

To have peace, we must first yield our life to Jesus and let Him forgive our sins. Then He asks us to forgive others as He has forgiven us. (Ephesians 4:32) Naturally if a crime had been committed, the police should be called and justice administered. However, God still asks you to forgive him on a person-to-person level which I have also seen Christian victims do from time to time on TV newscasts. Often prison is where many criminals find Christ as we've seen in Chuck Colson's ministry. ²

31. How can there be one God but in three persons simultaneously?

The Holy trinity is one God: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit, all at the same time. No, I don't understand it either. He's God, I'm not. *But I don't have to understand that to get to Heaven.* For now, the way I partially understand it is that the same man can be an engineer, a father, and a golfer all at the same time. For now I'll trust Him a bit longer until I finally get my answer from Him one day.

32. God didn't answer my prayers so He doesn't love me or doesn't even exist?

No! If you are truly 'delighting in the Lord' He promises to give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4-7) However, they must not contradict His long-range plans for you or for others, which you cannot know. The answers may also depend upon other conditions or events, also unknown to you, and He has a perfect time which could be years from now. 'Delighting in the Lord' also means trusting that He knows best, even in trials and suffering.

(Romans 8:28) Click [here](#) for more, including God's three types of answers to all prayers.

33. Why should we pray? God already knows our needs.

In that case, do you see God, majestic Creator of our universe who one day will be our judge, as primarily your personal servant instead of vice versa? Is this perhaps just a smokescreen to hide from or just ignore God to live your life your way? How could we sing the old hymn, *What a Friend we have in Jesus*, when we never talk to Him?

Psalm 145:15 says, 'the Lord will be near to all who call upon Him'. The converse is also true: If you don't talk to God He will always be distant, even enough to be, practically speaking, out of your life! In adversity, prayer shifts the focus from your hurts to the One who can help, in His way and in His time of course; it's one of the purposes of adversity.

Don't be like the cold, unfeeling husband who broke his wife's heart by saying to her: "I told you 25 years ago I loved you. If that changes, I'll let you know."

Click [here](#) for an outline at *How to Pray and also How NOT to Pray*.

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Author's Fast Track Testimony: Six Questions Light my Way from Atheism to Christ!

Perhaps you'd like to read a short poem about my former atheist philosophy? Click [here](#).

1. Isn't God only for kids and deluded old people?

That was my 'step into atheism' at age 15 in spite of being raised by a godly mother. I wanted to be somebody important. Four years in the Marines worked for a while.

2. Success as a radar field engineer for the Navy! I was really somebody, or was I?

After an air-to-air missile shoot, our squadron, including myself, got a Letter of Commendation from the U.S. Naval Bureau of Weapons. I then received more commendations from the squadron skipper and the manager of Raytheon, my parent company. ([More](#))

3. An empty, pointless life ahead, booze didn't help, suicide ahead, what to do?

After nearly a year searching for life's meaning in philosophy and intensive study of non-Christian religions, I found only opinions. Booze helped deaden the pain of a pointless existence but only for a time. Suicide was my next step and I fantasized a lot of scenarios.

Then I remembered Marine Corporal Stevens from eight years before while I was in the Marines. He was persecuted but showed a Jesus-like spirit in return. So I decided to see if science could support the idea of a God. After three months, the incredible intelligence in our universe evident in astronomy, mathematics, physics, etc. demolished evolution! ([More](#)) It also strongly demonstrated it was 'probable' God existed. *Just as the existence of your house proves there had to have been intelligent designers and builders. The fantastic intelligent design evident in the existence of our universe is powerful evidence of an intelligent designer and builder.* However, I couldn't get any further than 'probable.' How could I be sure? I took my notebook of questions and seeming contradictions to church, my first visit in 11 years. After getting nearly run over the parking lot (by my future wife) I cornered the pastor after every service. He did answer some questions but not all of them.

4. What evidence did I find proving the Bible is God's word?

For me, fulfilled biblical prophecy was a major evidence, especially of the 300 details of Jesus' coming. The exact time He would present Himself as the promised Messiah was

predicted to an accuracy of within two days, 445 years in advance! NASA confirmed this time interval which was measured between recorded historical events. Could you, with 100% accuracy, guess 300 things about the next person coming around a corner on a busy street hundreds of years later? How about 50? Fifty details were prophesied and fulfilled curing Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Only God could've done that. ([More](#))

Many prophecies of Jesus' coming were found in the ancient *Dead Sea Scrolls* ([More](#)) which match Scriptures in our modern Bible! Phonies? No, those scrolls were scientifically confirmed by radiocarbon 14 dating to have been written *at least one or two centuries BEFORE the events occurred*. Only God can predict future non-scientific events with that much certainty. And why did millions of early Christians choose death, torture, and even a gruesome death devoured by wild beasts in public arenas over nearly three centuries at the hands of 10 Roman emperors? They could've saved themselves by simply denying Jesus' resurrection and offering a pinch of incense to the pagan Roman gods? Who would die for a lie? Millions of other Christian martyrs worldwide continue through the centuries to affirm the truth of the Bible that God's Holy Spirit has revealed to them!

(Click: [Evidence Bible is God's Word](#))

5. Who is Jesus to say He's the only one sent from Heaven with God's message?

I spent more time researching this than any other question. Many religions assert a prophet or some set of rituals or some supernatural revelation which is the doorway to eternal happiness. Is Jesus unique as the only religious leader to have returned from the dead?

Eye-witnesses reported that He raised the dead (Lazarus), healed the sick, and make the blind to see. However, since Satan can also counterfeit these, Jesus' was *powerfully declared to have brought God's message by His resurrection from the dead on the third day*. This was followed by 40 days showing Himself alive afterwards, on one occasion to 500 in Galilee before returning to Heaven. (Romans 1:4 and Acts 1:3) ([Resurrection Evidence](#)) *What was Jesus' message to us from God? That He loved us to much, He sent His only Son to pay for our sins to open the way to Heaven for us. (John 3:16 and 14:6)*

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6, and 7 He made clear we can disobey God (sin) in thought as well as deed: hatred=murder, lust=adultery, and just leaving God out of your life violates one of God's most important commandments: to have no other god before Him. (Leaving God out means you are your own god.)

6. How did I go from '99% probable there may be a God' to 'God is real?'

Blaise Pascal was right so many centuries ago when he said, "There is an empty place in the heart of every man which can only be filled by Jesus Christ." I prayed directly to God Himself! "God if you're real, I want to know. If You show me, I'm a man of integrity and will follow the truth, no matter where it leads. ([Jeremiah 29:13](#)) But right now, I'm honestly not willing to do that so I'm going to have to ask you to help me become willing!"

I'd always thought that **if** it turned out there was a real God, Heaven, and hell, that I'd wait until I was on my deathbed and after enjoying a lifetime of sin, to gasp out my last prayer for mercy and slip into Heaven. After all, I was just as good as most everyone else and a lot better than some others, including a fellow engineer who bragged about raping a girl on a dark bridge while drunk. I'd never done that nor murdered anyone. Why, I was not evil enough for Hell. How dare anyone tell me I was not good enough for Heaven (if it existed)! Certainly my good deeds outnumbered the bad ones! Whoops! Two problems here.

FIRST: Surprise! God says He will not judge us by how good we think we are, compared to others, our church attendance, or how hard we try to be good. I felt I was a really good guy, better than most. However, God will judge us according to the *perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ*. (Acts 17:31) Was I OK? No. Think you're OK? Who among us has never profaned God's name by using it to make what we say more powerful, like OMG for instance? **Who has never ever lied, lusted, cheated or stolen?** In addition to those deeds, I was terrified to read in Matthew 5, 6, and 7 that we can break all of God's Ten Commandments in thought alone, *without actually committing the act!*

WHOOPS! Also, was I surprised to learn there are really 11 Commandments! In John 13:34, Jesus Himself handed down this 11th commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Wow, who has ever measured up to that standard their whole life? We're all sinners by both nature and behavior. Therefore we all fall short of God's standard and cannot hope for Heaven based on our efforts. Do you think because God is love, He will just overlook our human weaknesses? Romans 3:23, 6:23, Luke 16:19-31, and Revelation 21:8-9 are all His emphatic Nos! However, God loved us enough to send Jesus as the only sin sacrifice for us to make the way to Heaven possible. (Romans 5:8 and John 3:16)

SECOND: Thousands die every year with no warning or time to repent and turn to God. **40,000 people were killed by drunk drivers, suddenly and unexpectedly, in only one year, many through no fault of their own.** (Scott Pelley, CBS News) Scripture teaches that everyone already has eternal life, either in Heaven or what Jesus called the 'furnace of fire' of everlasting torment, hell. There is no other alternative in spite of some religions' soothing but false teachings which contradict Scripture. Time for me to wake up! (Matthew 13:50)

God became absolutely real when God's Holy Spirit convinced me I'd disobeyed Him (sinned) and needed forgiveness. I then invited Jesus into my heart and life, then did an 'about face' to begin following (obeying) Him. **First step:** I no longer needed my 'booze crutch' to cope with life. **Second step:** My bad language now seemed wrong, offensive to God and therefore ungrateful after what He saved me from. I didn't need to swear, profane God's name, or lie to make my conversation more important. **Motivated by gratitude, my life did an about-face to begin following (obeying) Him.**

I realized I'd been *Satan's puppet*, controlled by my ungodly desires for prestige, money, pleasure, etc. But Jesus cut those strings and I was now free! No, I didn't become perfect. After over 56 years, I'm still not perfect. But the direction of my life is now guided by God's teaching in Scripture. When we fall, He has provided forgiveness. (1 John 1:9) He encourages us to get back up so He may continue the work He has begun in us. (Philippians 1:6) **(More)**



My mom was ecstatic that God had kept after me for the 11 years it took for Him to draw me to Himself — surprisingly by granting me success as an engineer. If you're a parent, we want you to know that if your children have strayed from the Lord, He will lovingly pursue them as He did me. Proverbs 22:6 promises that if you train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it. In between those two points God will continually pursue your child to draw him to Himself. Because of this, God's love is sometimes called: **'The Hound of Heaven'**



The parents of wayward John Paul Guenther didn't find out the Lord had loved and

pursued their son until just after he had died of AIDS-related cancer. A free copy is available. See 'Man in the Mirror'. [FF](#)

What next?

My 'day job' in field engineering was no longer the center of my life's purpose. Knowing that God, Heaven, and the eternal lake of fire (Jesus called hell) were all real, I was constrained to share Christ with my relatives, friends, neighbors, or even strangers using only leaflets at first. (II Corinthians 5:14-21)

My life took on new and satisfying meaning as I delighted in pointing others to Heaven by sharing Christ's message. As a child of God I could now have unshakeable joy in any situation, even bad ones, based on His promise in Romans 8:28: whatever happened, that was not of my own doing, was part of God's long-range eternal plan for my life. After 56 years, I'm not yet perfect but I'm still striving to be all that Christ wants me to be, guided mainly by the books of Ephesians, Colossians, and 1 and 2 Timothy.

(Growing in Christ)

(For the full testimony, click [here](#).)

The power of God's promises enable a committed Christian to rest confidently in adversity and to proclaim boldly Christ's message of eternal love. (Isaiah 26:3-4, 2 Timothy 1:7-9)



Life is just a stepping-stone.

**A pause before we
make it home.**

Our final destination is a place

**Filled with God's love, His majesty,
and His grace!**



Butterfly stepping stones so wonderfully portray the Christian's liberation from life's dark, restrictive, and temporary cocoon to free flight towards a bright eternal future with God!

APPENDIX B: Answers to Hard Questions

Why Would a 'Good' God Throw Good People into Hell?

Not Destroy Evil? Not Stop Suffering? Allow Natural Disasters?

Where Was God? Forgiveness! Claiming God's Promises

Guaranteed answers to all your 'Why God? questions'.

(Reminder: Left-mouse click on [bold blue underlined text](#) to 'jump'. Return: hold ALT, press ←)

NOTE: You'll find more questions in the 'Why God ...' category in Appendix A.

If you have not already examined them, click [MORE SKEPTIC'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED](#).

How Could a 'Good' God Throw Anyone Into Hell?

For the same basic reasons a 'good' judge would throw offenders into prison:

- 1. Justice demands retribution** for breaking the law which was established for the good of society. For instance, 'you shall not steal, you shall not kill. (Where did I hear that before? Oh, God's Ten Commandments!
- 2. Justice is a deterrent** that discourages others from breaking the law. But not, of course, the 2+ million 'geniuses' currently in prison who thought they were too smart to get caught.

- 3. Because earthly justice is imperfect**, only God makes the 'punishment truly fit the crime.' A few years in prison with free room and board, TV, even college courses, is no consolation to the mother of a raped and murdered child. Our earthly justice is too often imperfect! Too often, the 'punishment doesn't fit the crime'.

Some prime examples are serial killers, especially those who delight in torture and rape, like Richard Ramirez, the Night Stalker, and the BTK killer (Bind Torture Kill). And how about Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot who had millions murdered? As a former atheist, the lack of true justice on earth was one of the things that demanded a just God who could make 'the punishment fit the crime.' He will do this at the last judgement.

Why Doesn't God Destroy All Evil Now?

God's love and mercy constrain him to grant more time for even the most evil people and nations to repent. 1 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." God's promise to end all evil is assured one day in Psalm 9:17 and Revelation, chapters 19-21.

- 2. God allows evil to test Christians** to determine if their faith is real. (1 Peter 1:7: 'faith tried with fire') When everything goes 'well for Christians, not even they now for sure if their faith is real until it is tested. *If they pass the test, they are strengthened, Satan is defeated, God is glorified, and the unsaved sit up and take notice.* The latter would show that God is real in the life of the persecuted Christian. Though it took eight years to 'sink in', my first step out of atheism into a wonderful life in Christ, was when a persecuted fellow Marine, Corporal Stevens, returned God's love for vicious persecution at Camp Pendleton! (*To know more, you may click on [Author's Fast Track Testimony](#) or [2. The Flight.](#)*)
- 3. God has the right to establish His Moral Law** for mankind for two reasons. Because He is the Creator of our universe and knows what behavior will make us happy in the long run. Drunkenness, lust, fornication, adultery, lying, stealing, and even murder are real fun for some people but it eventually causes horrible suffering later on, both for the sinner and always for many others. Our divorce courts and prisons are full of examples of those who thought they were too smart to get caught.

God is like a two-sided coin: a God of love on one side and a God of justice on the other. He could not be a loving God if he did not punish evil. Otherwise that would make Him evil.

How about those who've never heard of God and Jesus?

God is continuously commanding and sending missionaries every day all over the world to take the gospel to them. (Matthew 28:19-20) He made everyone with a conscience to hear His voice if they wish. To refuse God's invitation to come to Jesus is the equivalent of a cancer patient refusing the only cure that can save him. However, this question will not give you an excuse to hide from God. *You will only have to give account for yourself to God, not for them.* (Romans 14:12).

Why destruction or even death from natural disasters?

- 1. For those who know and love Christ**, it may be a *trial to strengthen their faith*, being reminded that this life and its possessions here on earth are only temporary, and to help equip them to better minister to those who don't know Him. If they die, it's God's time to call them 'home'. Backslidden Christians would get a 'wake-up' call, "Time to get right with God!" However bad, from a Heavenly point of view, disasters are also part of God's long range eternal plan based on His promise of Romans 8:28 that 'all things work together for good to them that love God'.

2. For those who do not know Christ, disaster can also be a 'Romans 8:28' for their good. God shows His love to them by sending a *wake-up call* they need to prepare to face death without warning, followed by God's judgement. Loss of everything they own would also help some to realize earthly possessions and importance are never permanent and that they should 'lay up for themselves treasures in Heaven instead' as Jesus exhorts us. Many will meet disaster recovery workers who will come because they want to show God's love God and some may even delight in sharing Christ.

John Newton was a former drunken, brawling atheistic 18th century slave trader. He realized there was a God after all when he saw God's power and majesty while being tossed about at sea by the most violent storm he'd ever seen. He repented, became a pastor, evangelist, and hymn writer, writing the most widely known hymn ever written, *Amazing Grace!* Later, with Wilberforce, his witness was a major factor in helping persuade England to stop their evil slave trade.

It's OK to hate the 'god' you think let you down!

The mere mention of 'God' throws some people into a frenzy of anger. If you meet one, tell them, "Good news! It's OK to hate that 'god'; I would too! But that god does not exist!" The real God's long-range loving care for us behind the scenes was illustrated by this great story I heard on Harold Sala's BBN radio program, *Guidelines*. (<https://bbn1.bbnradio.org/>)

A man had compassion on an ant so dropped him a bread crumb. The ant ran, terrified. The man got down and repeatedly blocked the ant's path until the ant finally realized this giant terrifying man had been directing him to something good: nourishing food! Sometimes, God uses unpleasant 'road blocks' to direct us down His path to something good for us or for others.

In [Chapter 6](#), you'll read of several of these unpleasant 'road blocks' (including losing two jobs) which God put before us. But they eventually directed us into our wonderfully satisfying mission career of 52 years! You'll find in this appendix of those who were 'directed' by God through suffering. In [Appendix C](#), you'll read how unpleasant 'road blocks', even by evil people, directed a number of others into the wonderful life-path God had prepared for them.

God did not let them down during these trials. He was redirecting them according to His loving promise of Romans 8:28!

He knows the future, we don't. He's God. We're not. Heaven one day! What could possibly be better than that? So thank You Lord for this trial! "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Bullying and Bargaining with God

Some try to 'bully God' into doing something for them with, "If You loved me, you'd ..." How selfish! Their love for God is directly proportional to what God can do for them, not vice versa. When God doesn't respond, they angrily turn against Him convinced He doesn't care and may have angry outbursts at even the mere mention of His name. Others, not caring that God may have His own plans, are '**one way bargainers**': "If You do this for me, then I'll do that for You!" The height of arrogance! I've met many ex-Christians of both these types.

It's not uncommon for even true Christians to waver for a short time after a great loss but they eventually bounce back. Those who never recover did not know the real God who is absolutely sovereign and has a long-range plan for our suffering as I've just shared.

"Why did God let me make that bad choice?"

Pastor Lehman Stauss had counselled a young woman to not marry an unbeliever. When it soon ended in divorce, the woman shifted the blame to God with this question. God would've

probably answered her question something like this, "You are not my robot. I gave you a free choice. Blame only yourself."

Why Would a 'Good' God Allow Suffering?

A young boy, passing by a church, asked a stone mason why a loving God would permit suffering. The stone mason replied, "See that hole up there near the steeple? I'm fitting this stone down here so that one day it will fit in up there."



Suffering makes most of us ask, "Why God?" I shall endeavor to show that for those who love God, every suffering helps shape us to fit into God's overall plan for us or for others. *Our guarantee? God's promise of Romans 8:28!* Because God loves even those who ignore, defy, or even hate Him, sometimes suffering to bring them to the end of themselves is the only way He can get them to look heavenward That was true in my case, as you may have read earlier in this book.

Clay or wax? People react to suffering or adversity in different ways like clay or wax. Placed in the sun, **clay** becomes rock-hard but brittle. These represent people who are driven to blame and even hate God during adversity. (Click [here](#) for the testimony of a former Bible-burning God-hater and how he found the truth.) Others, like **wax**, become softer and more pliable when warmed by the sun. They are drawn closer to Him as they are reminded they are not in control of their destiny but are dependent upon God's help and comfort in adversity. They trust He has a long-term purpose for their trials. Whether one is clay or wax depends upon which god/God they were following: a 'god' of their own creation or the true living God.

'Wax' types found that God really did care, feels their pain, and even has a long-range plan for their eventual good and that of others in spite of suffering according to His wonderful promise in Romans 8:28. Any guarantee for that promise? YES! GUARANTEED in this life by the fulfilment of the 700+ year-old prophecy in Isaiah 53 of Jesus' resurrection from the dead which powerfully declared Him to have come directly from God! (Romans 1:4) Guaranteed in the next life because God Himself will show you precisely how He worked out His plan for your good and or for the good of others.

Overwhelming additional evidence include his many miracles, his post-resurrection appearances over a period of 40 days and to over 500 eyewitnesses! Fulfillment of Jesus' prophecies of the utter destruction of the magnificent temple in Jerusalem and scattering Israel to the four winds add more credibility. What other religious leader returned from the dead and which of them prophesied He would return from the dead after three days in the grave? NONE! ([More](#))

Jesus reminds us that He does love us and He does care: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Also, 1 Peter 5:7 encourages us with: "... casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you!" I love the old gospel song, *Farther Along: 'Farther along we'll understand why, cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine, we'll understand it, all bye and bye!'* – when we see Jesus! **How can we know that?** God promises it in Romans 8:28. I like the Gaither version with Russ Taff. You'll see some tears of gratitude in close-ups of some of these folks who've truly experienced Jesus' comfort. Just let it run and you'll experience more fantastic, encouraging numbers by the Gaithers, including *The Unclouded Day, I'll meet you in the Morning*, and *O The Glory did Roll*.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=further+along%2c+gaithers&view=detail&mid=A01DE8787885C4952348A01DE8787885C4952348&FORM=VIRE>



God's main task is not to keep everyone perpetually happy as many people believe! He is not our 'bluebird of perpetual happiness'. His ultimate objective is to continually perfect our character so we become more like Christ, thereby drawing others to Himself. (2 Corinthians 1:4) Comforted by the 'God of all comfort' we are then better equipped to minister more effectively to others.

By personal experience I have also found that when all goes well for too long, I, like perhaps most people, tend to drift away from God. I've learned that any adversity that drives us to our knees pulls us back towards God and helps our faith grow so we're more prepared to help others.

Pastor Scott Vail expressed this so well when he said, "[The view from the mountain peak may be exhilarating but nothing grows up there.](#)" Spiritual growth occurs only when our faith is stretched beyond what seems comfortable and sometimes it reveals we do not have real faith in the real God at all but in a 'god' of our own fantasy. Suffering can redirect us to the true God where we find help and comfort. I'll now share some examples, and then summarize.

Our trials are not just haphazard events like the 'red-neck philosopher's' pickup truck: "[Sometimes you're the windshield, sometimes you're the bug.](#)" God has a 'blueprint' for every life, and He has planned how each life relates to so many others, no matter how short or how long, from babies to oldsters. (Psalm 139)

Before we get too deeply into suffering in general, the burden of seeing our own child suffer is often greater than our own. These books by Lynda T. Young, nationally known author and speaker, can be of considerable help: ***Hope for Families of Children with Cancer*** ^{GG} and ***Hope for Families with Children on the Autistic Spectrum***. ^{HH} Both are part of the very supportive *YOU ARE NOT ALONE* book series.

WHERE WAS GOD?

In John 11, we read that when Martha and Mary's brother Lazarus was about to die, they summoned Jesus. However, He delayed coming until Lazarus had been dead for four days. When Jesus did arrive, Martha knelt at His feet but her faith had gone cold. Like so many others, she felt that Jesus just didn't care and had let her down. She accusingly asked the "[Where was God?](#)" question in John 11:21, "[Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.](#)" Jesus felt her pain because He wept with her. His answer: "[I am the resurrection and the life!](#)" He demonstrated that when he raised Lazarus from the dead and that's why we can also trust Him with our lives and eternal future.

Here's what God might say to three broad categories of those who ask 'Where was God?'

1. [To those who have been truly following Jesus](#), He might say, "I already know where you are. You're still my child but are still in shock from that unexpected, traumatic event that seemed to bring your entire world crashing down. I did not fail you. I do care and I do love you. I'm where I've always been, working out My long-range plans for you and that that may touch a lot of other lives as well. *Trust Me just a little longer.* Stand on My promise of Romans 8:28. One day, I'll show you all the details. For now they're far beyond what you could understand."
2. [To war and crime victims who are angry and hurt](#), God might say, "Where was I? Weeping that humans I had created with a free will choose to do evil instead of good. In spite of that, they will not frustrate My long-range plans. Read the last book of the Bible!" You may be interested in reading a review at this citation for ***Rage Against God*** ⁸³ by Bible-burning, former atheist, Peter Hitchens. Billy Graham's answer to why God allows evil was recently posted on Face Book: "[Why are there so many dirty people in the world?](#)"

Christianity, like soap, must be accepted and applied!" (condensed)

3. [To those who hope to escape eternal accountability](#) based on accusing God of being weak, incompetent, or even wicked for not stopping all evil in the world, His answer might be something like this. "I gave all mankind total freedom of will to choose to do evil or good. I also provided guidance through a conscience. I love you so much, I sent my own Son to suffer for your sins. Receive Him, repent, and follow Him. You can then expect a future of eternal joy one day. (Psalm 16:11) Just as a cancer patient who refuses to follow the doctor's treatment will die, refusing Christ allows the cancer of evil to devour lives, then inevitably drags souls to a living death for an eternity in what Jesus calls the lake of fire. If you reject God for permitting evil, click [Appendix C](#) for much more.

We don't often see the reasons behind the suffering God permits. But in the case of Lazarus, it is both clear and encouraging. *Allowing Lazarus to die meant Jesus could then raise him from the dead, an enormously more amazing miracle than only healing!* As a result, so many believed in Jesus as their Messiah (*and were now Heaven bound!*) that the Jewish authorities began to plot His crucifixion Disaster? No! Jesus' death would be God's sacrifice to provide forgiveness of sin for the whole world and declaring with power, He had brought God's message that we too may live with Him in Heaven one day!

Jesus delayed coming to heal Lazarus to work out much larger plans! My plans for continuing a major revision of this book were also delayed, yet God also had a very good reason for that also.

Not long after my 80th birthday, I was taken to the hospital emergency room with acute heart failure. When told I must spend a day or two in care, at first I was frustrated and angry that my plans screeched to a halt. Recalling the '*Delays Are Not Denials*' article I had read the previous evening, reminded me that God's long-range plans transcend our immediate ones. [cc](#) As a result of this ordeal, I had wonderful opportunities to share the love of Christ personally, quite at length, with my ambulance paramedic (see picture), a nurse, a doctor, and others, *all God's 'captive audiences'*. Perhaps we'll meet some of them in Heaven one day! What could possibly be better than that? So thank you Lord for this emergency You had planned: "[In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.](#)" (1 Thessalonians 5:18)



AGAIN, WHERE WAS GOD?

The Day Every Thing Went Wrong. Rouene, one of our long-term faithful ministry partners, sent us this anonymous story of a man who overslept and his car wouldn't start, so he was late to work. At lunch, a new waitress messed up his order and after a long hard day, his new foot massager wouldn't work. He asked, "[Why God?](#)" Here's what he learned later.

Being late to work saved him from a crash with a drunk driver! His regular waitress was home sick with a disease that he didn't get. His new foot massager was defective and could have electrocuted him. This may not have been an actual case, yet *we cannot know (yet) the countless times that God orders events we think are bad but which are, in reality, examples of His protection.* He shows He loves and cares for us and is watching over our lives, though unseen, and in ways we don't even know about! (Romans 8:28) Here are a few more thoughts.

1. **God's purposes go far beyond any temporary suffering He permits here on earth.**
We've just touched upon this above with the story of Lazarus' resurrection which

illustrates that God's long-range plans reach clear into eternity. Heaven is so wonderful and hell is so horrible, He will resort to any means to bring men to Christ, and through their experiences often many others in the future as well.

C. S. Lewis, an Oxford professor, would be only one of many examples. His mother died a horribly painful death when he was only ten. He immediately became an angry skeptic because he couldn't understand why a good God would've permitted that.

However, his struggle to understand eventually led him to faith in Christ. Lewis shares in the final two chapters of his book, ***Surprised by Joy***, how he finally found Christ after many years. On a recent dramatization of his life on Moody Radio, he was honored with the title, *Apostle to the Skeptics*. His classic, ***Mere Christianity***, has pointed many skeptics to Christ including lawyer Chuck Colson. Colson was under indictment during the Nixon Watergate scandal. Colson came to Christ through Tom Phillips, former CEO of Raytheon, my former employer. Phillips first witnessed to Colson personally, then gave him a copy of C. S. Lewis' ***Mere Christianity***. After finding Christ through Lewis' book, he founded *Prison Fellowship* which has helped countless prisoners find Christ and to turn from lives of crime. ²

2. God loves us but evil exists because He also gives everyone a free will.

Without free will, we'd only be robots and robots don't have a choice to love. Sadly, some men are more evil than others. Satan exploits this to the maximum. The faith of combat veterans is often severely tested by seeing first-hand the unspeakable cruelty of war. Long-term PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is, unfortunately, often the result.

Recently I met a former church member who had served tours in Afghanistan and may also be a victim. His first words were, "I don't like what you missionaries do! Jesus and I are not on speaking terms any more." I told him that God still loved him and offered him evidence from this book to correct his misconception that God was evil. Instantly, he became so furious he stood up from his chair to strike me but pain made him fall back down. (Thank you Lord!) He really needs our prayers. Let's be of good cheer. In the final book of the Bible, we're promised that good triumphs over evil, evil-doers are punished, and the righteous in Christ enjoy an eternity with Jesus.

Forgiveness

Suffering hurt or even cruelty can be an opportunity to demonstrate God's love.

Hard? Impossible without Christ's spirit in us and working through us. In fact, Scripture tells us tribulation can prepare us to minister to others in an amazing and most effective way: 2 Corinthians 1:4 tells us, essentially, that 'God comforts us in our tribulation, so we may be able to comfort others.' Not only by sharing comfort verses like Romans 8:28 and 1 Peter 5:7, but by forgiving those who have hurt us. The latter can be one of the most powerful witnesses for Christ living in us. You may have already read my testimony of how Marine Corporal Stevens' returning good for evil when persecuted was one of my most powerful evidences there was a real God after all — eight years later!

TV reports murders every day. Often, parents or spouses of the victims are interviewed. Replies range from, "Justice was done" to "I hope he rots in prison" to "I hope he gets beat up every day," to "I pray he burns in hell!" In sharp contrast, I vividly recall the Emanuel AME Church massacre of nine by Dylann Roof in 2015. Washington Post journalist Mark Berman's post included several videos of the victim's relatives, one after the other, forgiving him on national TV. WOW! It is also our Christian duty to pray that the criminal may find forgiveness and new life in Christ instead of demanding payback.

On a recent *Guidelines* radio broadcast, Harold Sala shared how a very deeply troubled Christian mother finally found peace after the murder of her son. It went beyond just personal forgiveness. She sent a Bible and this note to the murderer, now in prison. "God's Son, Jesus, was also murdered. However, Jesus asked God to forgive His murderers, even as He was dying in agony on the cross. God can also forgive you for murdering my son if you repent and turn your life over to Him."

What is Forgiveness?

Forgiveness is 'letting go and letting God' deal with the people who hurt you as He sees fit, whether they ask for your forgiveness or not. God commands us to not avenge ourselves. (Romans 12:19) Jesus demonstrated His love for us by dying for us while we were still offensive sinners. (Romans 5:8)

Therefore, Christian forgiveness is not just pretending the hurt is not there but you are no longer seeking revenge. Legal justice maybe, but not revenge. In fact, Christ says we should pray for our enemies (tormentors)! (Matthew 5:43-48) Pray that your tormenter may repent, turn to Christ for His forgiveness, then make Jesus Lord of his life. If he does not, God will use His gentlest methods first on your tormentor to draw him to Christ. If those fail, He may have some 'other ways' to bring the rebellious to Himself. Be patient. Trust God. Keep praying. His love won't give up. Neither should yours.

Forgiveness is seeing the real enemy is Satan. Do not let him make you into his **BMP: 'Bitter Memories Puppet'** which gives Satan a 'handle' to control your life. When the 'endless playback tape' begins to replay your hurts, cast them upon the Lord and begin thanking God for your blessings, one by one, including your loving friends. Memorize and recite the Scriptures above and Satan will loosen his grip on you, for the moment. (1 Peter 5:7)

Why and how must we learn to forgive those who hurt us?

1. **Forgiveness expresses our gratitude** to Christ who has forgiven us, and continues to forgive, our sins. (Ephesians 4:32)
2. **Jesus commands us** to forgive or He will not forgive us. (Matthew 6:14-15) (This is personal forgiveness. Only a judge has power to 'forgive' crimes.)
3. **To prevent the 'root of bitterness'** from destroying our joy in Christ with 'poor me pity parties' or even completely de-railing our Christian walk. (Hebrews 12:15) Don't blame God for not preventing something. Everyone has free will to be as good or as evil as they wish. Satan is the culprit here.
4. **Hurts are opportunities** to become more Christ-like because we are called upon to actually demonstrate Jesus' love to the unsaved in a very powerful way. It's also a major step towards healing our hurt because it helps us escape the 'poor me pity party'. (Matthew 5:44-47, Matthew 6:12) If the person who deeply hurt you is a Christian, let him know you are hurt. The Holy Spirit may then speak to Him. If not and this is a major event, Matthew 18:15-18 outlines the next steps.
5. **Your forgiveness is a 'living letter' from God!** I've previously shared in Chapter 2 how Corporal Stevens' reaction to persecutors was my first real evidence there might be a real God after all. (2 Corinthians 3:2) A number of examples follow.

Meet a few Christians who learned to forgive.

Brooks and Jean Davis, our friends for many years, did not forsake God when their 39-year-old son was a crime victim, cruelly beheaded after an 18-year struggle with drug addiction. They attended every court session of their son's murderers in another state over eight long years. Many would've turned their backs on God with, "Where was God?"

Instead, Jean wrote a book to share how the Lord brought her and Brooks through many years of extreme distress and how they learned to forgive and turn their hurts over to Christ. On pages 72-74 of **Keep on Keeping On**, you'll find some of the Scriptures that helped the Davises through this major ordeal. ¹ Chief among them is Lamentations 3:21-24 which begins, "Yet there is one ray of hope ..." That hope was Jesus. The late U.S. Senator Jesse Helms commented that this book, a *Christian Choice Award* winner, " ... is an inspiring story for every person searching for help, hope, reassurance, and healing". This book can be of great help to others suffering from addiction or dealing with the criminal justice system. You may contact Jean at her website: keeponkeepingonbook.com.

Elisabeth Elliott, widow of one of the five missionaries martyred by the Aucas in 1950s Ecuador, together with Rachael Saint, sister of one of the martyrs, returned to the murderous tribe to complete Bible translation. They so powerfully demonstrated God's love through forgiveness that many came to Christ. In fact so many Aucas found Christ and gave up their evil ways, they had to change their tribal name from Auca (savage) to Waorani! You'll find details in Elisabeth Elliot's powerful book, **Through Gates of Splendor**. An International speaker, she continues to broadcast daily the Lord's love and forgiveness worldwide on *Gateway to Joy*. The Auca story is summarized in this free download. ⁹⁵

Nelson Mandela, the black South African anti-Apartheid activist, was unjustly imprisoned for decades. He was asked if he hated those who did that to him. "No", he replied. "Otherwise, I'd just be in a different kind of prison!"

Amish school shooter's mother wrote **Forgiven** in which she reports that the Amish community had forgiven, in Christ's name, her son who had murdered so many little innocent children.

Pastor Erick Plyler's Christian growth was stunted and without joy until he learned to let go of the grudge he held against those who murdered his father when he was a young boy years before. Click [here](#) to jump to *GOTTA GIVE UP GRUDGES*.

Corrie Ten Boom is undoubtedly the greatest example of forgiveness I know. In a Nazi death camp in the '40s she saw her sister and father brutally murdered along with hundreds of others. Years later, after a church service, one of her Nazi guards, who had become a Christian, extended his hand in fellowship, reconciled to God and to Corrie through Christ! Corrie became an international speaker, has written 20 books, and encouraged countless Christians to likewise forgive through her example. This was one of God's long-range purposes for her suffering and an opportunity to extend Christ's forgiveness to her abusers. A fantastic 'Romans 8:28'! Here's how Corrie describes her faith under trial: "When your train disappears into a dark tunnel, you don't throw away your ticket and just jump off. You just sit still and trust the engineer!"

I was very blessed and encouraged today by her daily devotion book, **Each New Day**, now in its 15th printing. On page 77, Corrie beautifully illustrates Jesus' admonition in Matthew 6:9-15 that if we cannot forgive our enemies He cannot forgive us: "He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass, for every man has the need to be forgiven." Her life story is detailed in the great book and movie, **The Hiding Place**. ⁷³

In stark contrast, I personally met several Jewish survivors of the Dachau Nazi death camp while serving in Italy in the '70s. They never learned to forgive so the rest of their lives was an angry, miserable repetition of 'poor me' and of hurling evil accusations against God for not saving them.

An American bombardier had his intense hatred transformed into Christ-like love which helped bring to Christ the Japanese Navy pilot who had bombed Pearl Harbor! (Click [here](#).)

I don't pretend to know all the reasons why God permits suffering in every case but it's enough that God knows. If you've read Chapter 6 of this book, you've already seen how His promise in Romans 8:28 worked out multiple times in our lives: losing two jobs plus Irene's excruciating ear ache that directly resulted in an unexpected opportunity to preach Christ to the Libyan Jewish refugees in their synagogue in Rome, Italy, back in the '70s.

Later on I'll be sharing a few more examples of how the power of God's promise of Romans 8:28 did indeed cause seemingly bad things to work out for good in the long term. Until then, here's some great advice I found on our friend Katy's Facebook site with a slight tweak: ["No matter what your problem is, don't nurse it, don't curse it, don't rehearse it. Just give it to God."](#)

How? y casting your burdens upon Him. (1 Peter 5:7) How does one do that? By allowing Him take care of it in His way and in His time. Though I've shared this elsewhere, I believe it bears repeating here. Jesus was crucified between two thieves. One was angry and accusatory. The other was repentant and because he was willing to trust Jesus just a bit longer, that very day he joined our Lord in Paradise for a joyful eternity. Trust Him just a little bit longer!

More Personal Friends Whose Trials Prepared Them to Help Others

Fantastic 'Romans 8:28' Results From Shooting: After Brooks and Jean Davis ([above](#)) had waited seven years for the trial of the murderers of their son, a few days into the trial shots rang out from another courtroom in that same building. They were on lock-down for three hours. What happened? Brian Nichols, on trial for rape, had killed a judge and several others before making his escape. He then held Ashley Smith hostage for seven hours. Ashley was the widow of a murdered husband and had turned to drugs to cope. The gunman's repeated invitations to take drugs with him were refused at the risk of her life.

She read Chapter 32 of Warren's ***Purpose Filled Life*** ^E *to the gunman, which obviously also spoke to her because she later got victory over her own drug habit. (Warren's book jumped to number two on the New York Times Best Seller list so thousands of others would've also been touched by this tragedy.)* Ashley got out of the house on the pretext of picking up her daughter but called the police, then called the gunman and convinced him to give himself up.

The gunman surrendered to police and ten years later, Ashley is still drug free. She continues to inspire other drug addicts to kick this vicious habit. She's now remarried, has three children, is working as a nurse, and is an inspirational speaker encouraging other drug addicts to get clean and stay clean. Ashley's original book acknowledges the hostage situation was an extreme act of God to bring her to repentance when all else had failed. The book is therefore named after the gunman: **Unlikely Angel!** ^{BB} It became the movie *Captive* in 2015 and is a super Christian film. **Pray** that Brian Nichols, the gunman, may find Christ's forgiveness like so many others have done who only listen when they reach the end of their road in prison.

Dr. Ted Bergman, a research physicist for the Navy, had to stop and evaluate his life when his young daughter died from disease. You'll read what happened a couple of pages later when I contrast his reaction with that of Charles Darwin who also lost a young daughter.

David Coppedge, third from right in the photo, led this team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab that helped develop the Cassini Mission space probe which went to Saturn and its moon Titan. David is still battling incurable cancer. His blog details his current courageous and inspiring struggle: <http://davidcoppedge.com>. David also documents heart-breaking injustices which he suffered for his faith during his 14 years at JPL while leading this computer team. In spite of all his trials, like Job in the Bible, David has remained



faithful to the Lord and continues to minister to others personally and on his blog site. He's a great inspiration to me and to many others. We'd also invite you to visit his amazing apologetics sites: *Creation-Evolution Headlines* at <http://crev.info> and the exciting adventure site at <http://creationsafaris.com/>.

(NOTE: David is the son of microbiologist Dr. James F. Coppedge, who earned five college degrees, and became a champion creationist. We will meet him later on when he refutes evolution by proving mathematically that the probability was nearly zero that even one gene in our DNA could've evolved accidentally. When we were invited some years ago to share Bible translation technology with the youth of a California church, we were quite surprised to learn that the pastor's wife Judy was David Coppedge's sister! In fact, it was here, by God's providence that we learned of David and his dad's great book.³³)

Jeanne Tomlinson, another of David Coppedge's sisters, wrote ***Hope For Those Who Hurt***. It relates how Christ sustained her while coping with her husband's five brain surgeries, cancer, a paralyzing stroke, and a lingering death. ^M

Gene Love was a beloved fellow church member. His memorial service at our church included this wonderful thought: *'We see the present clearly but He sees the first and the last. Like a tapestry, He's weaving you and me to become what He wants us to be.'* I would add that He sees the beautiful Heavenly side of the tapestry. We see only the rough, earthly, reverse side of the tapestry. Whatever happens, we can know that God is at work 'weaving' our future with love, based on perfect fore-knowledge and coordinating it with the lives of many others: <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/741391-life-is-but-a-weaving-the-tapestry-poem-my-life>. *Unfolding the Rosebud* is another deeply moving poem which was read at my mom's funeral: <http://www.crossroad.to/Victory/poems/rosebud.htm>.

US! On November 6, 2014, the very day after completing a very intense four-month-revision of this book, the cause of Irene's lethargy and nearly 20-pound weight loss was diagnosed as a large [seven-centimeter cancer on her left kidney](#). Irene's response echoed that of Judy Lamb, one of our fellow church members, who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. *"Whether I'm healed by the Lord or the doctors or whether I die and go to be with Jesus, this is a 'win-win' situation!"* Irene's kidney was removed successfully. Nine months later a lesion was found on her pancreas. We're in the Lord's hands no matter what happens. What could be better than that? We're trusting God for whatever lies ahead in accordance with His future plans for us and also for others. *Faith is not about everything turning out OK. It's about being OK no matter how things turn out! 'The eternal God is your refuge. And underneath are the everlasting arms.'* (Deuteronomy 33:27)

God's promise of Romans 8:28 assures us that God's long-range purpose will be to somehow use suffering as part of His long-range plans. On frequent medical visits I always get opportunities to share Christ personally or by leaflet. On several occasions there has been an opportunity to share with the medical team who was about to begin one of my surgeries. You may also add paramedics on the way to emergency. I was happy to be used to carry God's message to very busy medical personnel who may never hear the true gospel in a church but God wants them all to have a clear chance at Heaven. *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* (Philippians 1:21)

More Who Have Endured Suffering but Remained Faithful

Job, whose life is detailed in the Bible book of Job, remained faithful to God in spite of terrible suffering and thereby won a great victory over Satan who had challenged God to a test. Job was a very rich man but in a single day he lost all ten of his children, his servants, and 11,500 head of livestock. Then he was afflicted with large painful boils from head to foot. God had confidence Job would pass the 'suffering test'. Job did, saying: *"Though He slay me, yet will*

I trust Him." (Job 13:15) Job recognized that he was only a **temporary steward** of all that he had. His possessions and even his children were only being lent to him by God, owner of all things. Therefore he could say, **"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."** (Job 1:21)

Scriptures tell us that previously, in Heaven, Satan had challenged God saying that if all Job's possessions were taken away, Job would curse God to His face! However, strengthened by God and unknown to Job, he won a great victory over Satan in this heavenly confrontation. It was a powerful testimony among Job's friends. Then God gave him ten more children and doubled the riches he had before. Not only that, but God even granted him long life to see four generations of his children. Meanwhile, his original ten children were enjoying eternal happiness in Heaven. Let's move forward to some more modern heroes whose trust in God conquered their grief.

Horatio Spafford, a prominent lawyer in the late 1800s, lost his two-year-old son and then his fortune in the Great Chicago Fire. His wife and all four remaining children were then lost at sea. Yet his faith in God was unshaken and in spite of these tragedies wrote the hymn, **"It is Well With My Soul"** in 1878 which endures today, 139 years later, as one of the best-loved hymns of all time. It's been a comfort for millions undergoing suffering and trials.

Robert Rogers lost his wife and all four children in a 2004 flash flood. Did he accuse God of making a mistake? No, he continued to trust God and accepted this tragedy as part of God's long-range plans with a future reunion in Heaven one day. He even resigned his career as an electrical engineer to found the *Mighty in the Land* ministries. (From ***Into the Deep***, published by Tyndale house.)

Joni Eareckson Tada's outstanding example today echoes Job's great faith. When she was 17, a dive into unexpectedly shallow water broke her neck, paralyzing her whole body. She was helpless, trapped underwater unable to move, and could only wait for the release of death. However, God still had a plan for her life. Surprisingly, just at that time, He sent a crab to bite her sister Kathy, still on shore. Kathy yelled, **"Joni, look out for the crabs!"** But Joni was nowhere to be seen so Kathy dived in and saved her sister just in time.



Wishing only for death during months of grueling rehab, Joni must have accusingly asked many times, **"Where was God?"** On page 219, in ***A SPECTACLE of GLORY***²⁴, her wonderful devotional book, she writes that, being unable to die, she then asked God, **"Show me how to live!"** God did, drawing her from the pit of absolute hopelessness to give her unique 'spiritual wings' to rise above despair and minister to millions of others disabled like herself. Regaining only the use of her neck, she began a worldwide ministry to other disabled and even enjoys painting pictures holding the paint brush between her teeth!

We listen to her daily radio broadcast. Each time we hear her happy, cheerful voice, we are reminded of the miraculous way the Lord had literally led her through the 'valley of the shadow of death' to prepare her to minister to millions for so many years. (Psalm 23) God has even given her a loving husband. Joni's paralysis and her sister's crab bite were only two of many seemingly bad things which turned out to be fulfillments of God's long-range plans for her good. Yes, 'all things do work together for good to those who love God' because He planned our futures before we were even born! (Romans 8:28 and Psalm 139:11-18) Those who do not love God cannot expect good to come from bad things unless it drives them towards Christ.

The name of her other devotional book, ***Pearls of Great Price***, gets its name from the fact

that the irritation of a grain of sand inside an oyster is what creates valuable pearls. ²⁴ Likewise, if we love God, the adversities sent by Him, as in this case, develop priceless character that prepares us to minister to others. Another adversity she's endured is a five-year battle with cancer. Her terrific ministry site: www.joniandfriends.org.

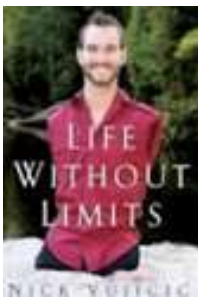
Missionary Rev. Vic Ramsay was sentenced to prison and his ministry dismantled because he was unaware he owed British income tax while ministering in England. In his prison cell he wrote a long letter to God beginning with, "Dear God, I hereby resign my Christian faith." However, God did not abandon Vic. Over time, Vic regained his faith and learned he had a particular gift of ministering to his fellow prisoners who had drug problems. After serving his sentence he founded one the most successful faith-based drug rehabilitation centers in that part of England!

Harry Emerson Fosdick was a well-known preacher of yesteryear. He was also human and suffered a breakdown so severe he felt that even God had totally abandoned him. He wrote *The Meaning of Prayer* in which he documented his sufferings and also his recovery. God had not deserted him after all but had been there all the time. (Read Romans 8:35-39 for a list of things that cannot separate us from the love of God!) During the past nearly hundred years this book has helped multitudes of others, a dramatic fulfillment of God's promise in Romans 8:28.

Donnie, a little deformed child whose suffering eventually brought an engineer to Christ, is one example of how God could even use the suffering of a child. You may read the full story in an article by Charmaine Brazda in the September 1991 issue of Billy Graham's *Decision* magazine. Mitta was a God-ignoring, night-clubbing, chemical engineer from India. A Christian friend invited her to visit a children's hospital. At the hospital Mitta began a long-term friendship with Donnie, a pitiful five-year old with hydrocephalus, who'd been hospitalized for years.

Horribly deformed, the boy's head had grown so large Mitta could not lift it from the pillow. Surprisingly, on every visit the child talked about Jesus and repeatedly told her that Jesus loved her. He also asked her to take his little drawings as love-gifts to Jesus. Donnie died only three years later but their long-term relationship had laid the foundation for her personal transformation by Christ several years later in her home through a minister on TV.

Nick Vujicic was born without arms or legs. Instead of whining, Nick is thankful to God for



what he has rather than being bitter about what he does not have. He could've easily become a 'God-hater', but instead, he's an avid evangelist and international speaker. He's authored six inspirational books, including his great devotional book *Limitless*, as well as the one shown at left. Nick's cheerfulness, his godly spirit, and indomitable faith have opened many doors for sharing Christ, a great fulfillment of God's promise of Romans 8:28! Meet Nick in his book and learn how he overcame enormous handicaps and how he met his wife four years ago. ^x



Amazingly, Nick was invited to North Vietnam where he spoke to 25,000 young people in a Hanoi stadium. This was reported by the press on May 23, 2013. A North Vietnamese soldier stood behind him and he was limited as to what he could say. But he did say he'd come 'because Heaven IS REAL!' His great deformities opened a door for witness in one of the most cruel and war-like countries in the world. *He was the first foreign Christian ever invited to speak in North Vietnam! Also, he spoke to the largest audience ever addressed by a foreigner!*

Washington Roebling designed the Brooklyn Bridge. However, he was bed-ridden and had to be carried there when it was completed 11 years later. He then exclaimed, “**Just like the plan! Just like the plan!**” That’s what I believe we’ll say in Heaven one day when we look back upon our sufferings and setbacks. We’ll see they too were “**Just like the plan!**” God has plans not only for us but plans that perhaps helped bring others we’ve never even met to Christ. I really look forward to meeting Corporal Stevens in Heaven one day when he learns that his faith under persecution, back in 1954, was also part of God’s plan to start me on the road to finding God and eventually to be called into missionary service these 50 years!

God’s overall plan for our lives is wonderfully pictured in this beautiful scarf, woven from tree bark fuzz, on a loom consisting of four sticks in the ground, by the Dhao, a Southwest Pacific tribe near Indonesia. It was presented to JAARS in appreciation for the software we developed which enabled translation of the Bible into their previously unwritten, unanalyzed language. Many previous attempts had failed. (Click [here](#) for more details.) Each string had been pre-dyed individually with a splotch of color here and there. Not pretty! But when fitted together with the rest of the strings, wow! Looking back, God had planned every ‘splotch’, including some suffering, into each day of my life, represented by each string, to prepare me for His service! In the same way, He is also preparing all His servants to carry out His unique plan for them which also may include some trials and suffering. The overall end result will be both beautiful and eternal! **“I know the plans I have for you: to give you a future and a hope!”** (Jeremiah 29:11)



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During extreme suffering, it sometimes seems as if we’re being bombarded by the heat and glare of a relentless desert sun, totally hiding God’s ‘**stars of hope**’: *His faithful promises*. However, with the coming of the darkness of despair, God’s ‘**stars of hope**’ are revealed in all their majesty. They had been there all the time! Sometimes it’s only when the dark curtain of despair descends that God’s ‘**stars of hope**’ appear to teach us lessons we never could have learned in any other way, lessons about standing strong on God’s promises that helps prepare us to minister to others. (In Scripture we read that Job cited the constellation Pleiades twice, left, to demonstrate God’s amazing power of creation. Because the Pleiades resemble a diagonal cross, Job unknowingly reached forward through the centuries to touch the cross of Christ! (Job 9:2, 9-10, 38:31)

Envious of the wicked who enjoy themselves but never seem to suffer?

So was this Psalmist. Read what he had to say in Psalm 73.

Also here’s a repeat of the link to the *Farther Along* gospel video which will be encouraging: <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=further+along%2c+gathers&view=detail&mid=A01DE8787885C4952348A01DE8787885C4952348&FORM=VIRE>.

Contrast: How Charles Darwin and My Friend Ted Handled a Daughter’s Death

Charles Darwin, founder of evolutionary theory, is said to have turned from God as a result of the death of his ten-year-old daughter Annie from scarlet fever. He refused to accept that God had a better long-range plan for her. Though Darwin may have attended church before this tragedy, it’s obvious to me that he had lost touch with God. It is true that even Christians may continue to grieve the loss of a loved-one for quite some time but eventually they pull out of it. We know that even this tragedy was part of God’s long-range plan and that our loved ones are many times happier in Heaven than when on earth. Unable to accept that, it seems that Darwin sought an alternative to God: evolution.

Ted Bergman is a long-time personal friend of mine and a genuine Christian. He also lost a daughter to disease like Charles Darwin did. However, in contrast to Darwin, Ted's real faith sustained him and therefore He did not abandon God and turn to some godless philosophy like Darwin's evolution. Instead, Ted's tragic loss caused him to re-evaluate the best use of the rest of his life knowing that he too would die one day. Later, God clearly called him to leave his well-paid job as a Ph.D. research physicist for the Navy to eventually become the leader of Bible survey operations worldwide for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Millions on distant mission fields have been blessed with God's word and one day will be in Heaven because of Ted. He knows that one day he will rejoin his daughter in Heaven, as well as a multitude of those who found Christ because Ted surrendered his life for God's service. Darwin, instead, never got over what he thought that God had done to his daughter. He then created the alternate mythical 'god' of evolution that totally denies God's existence.

Christian martyr Jim Elliot's observation seems quite appropriate for Ted who had left behind a lucrative profession to serve Christ: "[He's no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.](#)" Jim's widow Elisabeth, who also lost two more husbands, wrote a book entitled, ***On Asking God Why***, a collection of short articles questioning suffering and the good that can come from it. ⁷²

I see two spiritual lessons to be learned from the death of Bergman's and Darwin's daughters.

1. Adversity can be the 'great revealer' of our true spiritual condition.

This would be the 'wake-up call' of adversity previously shared. I've met quite a few who, like Darwin, failed the 'Psalm 9:9-10 test' during adversity or who had unrealistic expectations of God being their servant instead of vice versa. Darwin's faith was proven false. Ted's faith was tried and proven real. The end result of his grief was deeper trust as he embraced God's call to deeper loyalty resulting in a lifetime of Christian service.

2. No one dies, including children, until they've completed God's plan for their lives.

For Darwin's daughter Annie, that plan was completed at age 10 when she died. No one dies 'before their time in God's eyes. There's more in [Appendix C](#) about why evil is permitted by a loving God.

I recall ministering to a tearful mother while serving in Italy. She sobbed out how her two-month-old daughter had battled a serious bout of pneumonia. She kept praying, "[God, I don't care what you want. I just want my baby to live.](#)" The baby did live but later brought years of shame upon herself and her mother by living the life of a drug-addicted prostitute, infecting who knows how many men, thereby destroying an untold number of families, leaving children to grow up without a father, often in poverty.

God does love us and has a long-range plan for each of us based upon His knowledge of the future. Trust Him just a little bit longer and one day He'll show you the big picture.

A Few More Reasons for Suffering and 'Fiery Trials'

- 1. As a test of our faith:** Is it based on loyalty to Christ or just trying to sneak aboard Jesus' 'happiness train'? It's so easy to fall away when things go too well for too long so God allows trials to 'wake us up' to our need of Him. (Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 1 Peter 1:6-7)
- 2. As preparation for ministering to others.** In John 15, Jesus described Himself as the true vine. We are the branches which are pruned in order to bear more fruit. One result is that we are to comfort the suffering with the same comfort we received from Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:4) Other results including toughening us to be better soldiers

for Christ (2 Timothy 2:3-4) and to develop patience, hope, and courage. (Romans 5:3-4)

3. As a demonstration of real faith to the unsaved, that Christianity is not just a 'happiness crutch', but its promises are true and sustain us even in suffering. *May we endure as seeing Him who is invisible!* (Hebrews 11)

Acres of beautiful flowers in Switzerland bear a heavy burden of snow all winter. Is this hurtful? NO, it provides protection against withering winter blasts and abundant water in the Spring when it melts! (**Hope for Each Day**, Billy Graham, July 15: The Blessing of Burdens.)

Again, Jesus' invitation is, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)

The Six Stages of Grief

I would like to conclude with a recent TV interview of nationally known pastor and best-selling author, Rick Warren. ^ERick was asked on a TV show how he coped with the suicide of his 27-year-old mentally ill son. He replied with the following six stages of grief. (I went through these myself when I lost my younger sister after her long bout with cancer.)

- 1. SHOCK** for nearly a month. Rick just couldn't fully grasp that his son was gone.
- 2. SORROW** continually with occasional uncontrollable outbursts of tears.
- 3. QUESTIONING: Why? Why now?** Rick said that even if God told us all the 'Whys?', our minds could not grasp all the ways in which a loved one's death would affect both us and a multitude of other people over many years, many of whom we don't even know. Take heart! One day in Heaven, we may be surprised to meet unsaved loved ones who were 'shocked' towards Christ by your tragedy! (*This stage may also include self-accusatory 'If only ...' speculations about which nothing can be done now but which only deepens one's grief. Let go and instead, start helping bring your living loved ones to Christ so you can meet them in Heaven one day as well.*)
- 4. SURRENDERING** in trust and hope to God's promises like Romans 8:28.
- 5. TENDERIZING** of the heart occurs after surrender making us much more compassionate towards others who are grieving. Rick (and I) became much more sensitive towards those who had suffered similar loss. The 35,000 letters of condolence the Warrens received were mostly from others who had grieved like Rick. Most grieving people will respond to us because we have felt what they are feeling now. Therefore they too may be 'tenderized' towards God.
- 6. SEEKING OUT** other grieving people to help comfort them occurs as a natural result of allowing time to go through the first five stages. *Even with God as our refuge, it just takes time to work through the stages above. Time becomes God's great grief-healer. Christ-likeness is God's ultimate objective* for our brief time upon earth and suffering is part of the process to become more compassionate and loving.

Bad things sometime happen to make us appreciate the good things we had never noticed. Live in the past = depression. Live in the future = anxiety. Live in the present with Christ = PEACE!

If you are a Christian who is suffering the loss of a loved one, then know that your steadfastness in Christ can be a powerful testimony to encourage some who are far from Christ to begin trusting Him. Someone once said, "Death is only the last shadow before the brilliant, glorious 'heavenly dawn' when God will answer all your 'Why?' questions"

Loved Ones You're Not Sure Went to Heaven?

There's hope! Doctors tell us that the brain lives for up to four or five minutes after the heart stops. While we may not know whether any given person actually received Christ and His forgiveness yet we also don't know what may be going on in the dying brain during those four or five minutes before all function ceases. However, we certainly do not want to put off receiving Christ until that last moment. It may not work for us. If you're a Christian, make every effort to get the gospel to your loved ones while they are still able to decide for Christ. We all need to live in such a way that others can see Christ at work in our lives.

This resource has more about 'If God, why suffering?' ^{22A} To go deeper into the subject I would highly recommend **The Case for Christ** which includes an investigative interview by Lee Strobel (former 15-year atheist), with Charles Templeton, former co-evangelist with Billy Graham. [†] A heart-wrenching magazine picture of a starving child caused Templeton to 'lose his faith'. He then wrote a whole book about why he turned his back upon God. Billy Graham had no answer for Templeton's doubts and for a time wavered himself, but not for long. Unlike Templeton, Billy decided he did not need to have all the answers but would just continue trusting Him who will one day show us all things. Faith won the day and he went on to become a great evangelist. (Heb. 11:6) Strobel thoroughly refutes Templeton's 'illogical' logic of 'suffering = no God'. Other in-depth investigations by Strobel expose seven more of Templeton's faulty, often vicious, logic questions that unfairly condemn God and deny hell.

If you're under great stress or suffering, you are invited to do as the apostle Peter did when he felt overwhelmed: "Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Conditions for Answered Prayer or Claiming God's Promises

It is in adversity that we look to God's promises for hope. Much has been shared about His promise of Romans 8:28. There are many other promises, but we need to learn how they may apply to us, or if they don't. Some of God's promises apply to all believers all the time such as "Because I live, you too shall live." and "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (John 14:19, Hebrews 13:5) Many other of God's promises were made only to certain ones back in Bible times but some of those were also meant for us to claim today. Just as our money only has real value when it is backed by an equivalent amount of gold or silver in the Federal Reserve at Fort Knox, so all of God's promises are trustworthy because they are backed by His own validation: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Imagine a person saying, "Jesus promised, **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**" (John 14:14) "I didn't win the \$10 million lottery, therefore Jesus does not love me, God does not exist except as a fairy tale in the minds of you stupid Christian fanatics."

This is the most common way of misinterpreting Scripture: taking a verse out of context. A seminary professor once said, "Text without context is pretext!" If you read the verses before and the verses after the one above you'll see there are at least three conditions here.

First: To 'glorify God,' in the previous verse. This implies that you have previously turned your life over to Him. Not to 'feed your greed', get revenge, or gain some unfair advantage.

Second: We must be in a state of obedience to Him, required in John 14:15. Sometimes God withholds blessings until we get victory over some particular sin.

Third: **It must not contradict God's long-range plans for you or for others you may not even know about.** If you're walking with God, He blesses you and gives you good things but only if they fit into His overall plans for your life and into the lives of others. We

can't know how, so "YOUR will be done" should end every request. He's God, we're not.

God's Timing: His Three Answers to Prayer or Claiming His Promises

If we correctly claim one of God's promises in prayer, God always answers but in His time and often not exactly in the way we asked! I don't have all the answers. But in my experience, it seems God answers our prayers, or a promise we have claimed as our own, in one of these three ways, according to Romans 8:28: for our good and that of others long-term even though it may be adversity short-term.

- **Yes**, God loves us deeply and wants to bless us abundantly. But knowing the future, He will only grant requests which are in accordance with His long-term plans for us and for others as well, perhaps for those we don't even know and years into the future.
- **NO**, for the same reasons given above for 'Yes'. (How would you answer your 6-year-old child who asked you for an AK-47, ammunition, and a Ferrari to go around shooting all the kids he didn't like, or maybe a gallon of whisky for a block party?) In John 11 we read Jesus delayed until Lazarus had died and rotted in the grave for four days. *Short-term, bad. Long-term, good*, because Jesus then raised him from the dead, drawing countless others to God. Paul, the greatest New Testament missionary, was afflicted with some infirmity he called a thorn, though he implored God three times to remove it, God refused. *Short-term, bad. Long-term, good*, because God knew he needed that to keep him humble and useful. (2 Corinthians 12:7) Yes, God can do anything we ask but only if it conforms to His long-term plans for us and for others as was mentioned above. Even Jesus Christ added, "YOUR will be done" when praying the evening before His crucifixion.
- **Wait**, when your request is dependent upon something else or someone else, perhaps even upon something we know nothing about, or perhaps God's waiting for our obedience to something He has already pointed out that needs to be corrected.

We also should realize that He does not always, nor promptly, grant promises to heal when we ask because He may be perfecting our own endurance and patience. He also may be using us to demonstrate our faith to others by our steadfastness despite our suffering in order to draw others to Himself, as he used Nick Vujicic, Joni Eareckson Tada, and a host of others shared earlier. *Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!* (Psalm 27:14)

The Bridge to Fully Trusting God's Promises!

My long-time missionary colleague, Dr. Roger Smalling, shares a profound thought in his booklet, *How to Grow in Faith*. ^s 'Nebulous hope-so' faith becomes true faith only when it's built upon God's promises! I would say



'Amen' to that. I would also add that the 'bridge to God's promises' is also supported by the cables of overwhelming scientific and other tangible evidence that God is truly real, that He loves us, and that the Bible is trustworthy and wholly reliable. Further, this 'faith bridge' is supported upon the massive pillars representing our realization that we have disobeyed God (sinned), have received His forgiveness, then have begun to turn from our sins (repentance). Only then do

God's promises even apply to us. After that, the bridge of God's promises provides safe passage over the rocky canyons and pitfalls of this life, then over the deep, dark, and frightening river of death to a joyous eternity with Him. What's the bedrock upon which all is supported? God's love demonstrated to us when He sent Jesus to suffer and die for our sins, then giving us His '2 Corinthians 1:20 guarantee' by resurrecting Him on the third day.

'Jesus is the YES to all the promises of God!'

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Suffering Summary, 7 Reasons

First: *God still loves us and He still cares for us.* But suffering is part of God's long-range plan for our eventual good and the good of others. It fits into God's much larger, long-range plan which we often cannot know until we meet Him. For me, my success in engineering followed by disillusionment with life, then suicidal depression, were all part of God's 'master blueprint' for me in the same way that every part of God's blueprint for the magnificent temple was given to Solomon in 1 Chronicles 28. Those plans were 'Romans 8:28' for my life. You may ask, "What is the foundation upon which God's promise of Romans 8:28 is built?"

This illustration I discovered recently explains that so well. A farmer was asked, "Why did you put '**God is Love**' on that weather vane on your barn, because He's unpredictable like the wind?" The farmer replied, "No, it's because no matter which way the wind blows, and whether calm or storm, God always loves us." Nothing can separate us from the love of God and if we love Him, we are 'more than conquerors' of the battles against adversity because they're part of God's plans for us which then reaches others. (Romans 8:37-38)

God's long-range plans are beyond our understanding so trust Him a little longer. Details of things on earth, including our home, shrink to insignificance when viewed from a satellite. If we keep a heavenly perspective by trusting our heavenly father, our earthly problems also shrink to insignificance in the light of His eternal plan.



Second: *Suffering tests if we have real or 'fantasy' faith.* We often don't really know the status or depth of our faith until it is tested. Psalm 9:9-10 affirms that suffering is the 'great revealer' of what type of faith we have, real or just fantasy: '**Those who know the real God will cling to Him in time of adversity**'. (I've already presented several examples.) Those who don't know the true God will blame, hate, and even curse Him when severe trials come. *The same sun that can soften wax, making it more moldable and useful, can also bake clay so hard it can no longer be molded into anything useful.* (Dr. J. Vernon McGee) The clay's brittle and easily shattered as those of you know who've ever dropped a porcelain cup. *(Those who turn against God during trials are very often those who are following the wrong 'god' who think he is only supposed to make only good things happen and reject the true God's long-range purposes.)*

Third: *Suffering strengthens our faith and make us more Christ-like.* Just as gold is refined by being melted, then skimming off the impurities, so our faith can be purified and thus strengthened by repeated trials as He makes us more Christ-like. *We might look at adversity as God melting us, then 'pouring us' into His mold.* (1 Peter 1:7-8) Also, remember that even raw materials for glass cannot be shaped into anything useful until it's heated red hot and melted. Any suffering which drives us helplessly to our knees can teach us to trust God more.

Fourth: *Suffering prepares us to minister in a meaningful way to others who are suffering.* If you've lost a spouse or a child, no one can empathize **more deeply** than you. Don't believe the ubiquitous '**they were taken before their time**'. Not so! God has a long-range plan even for calling babies to Himself. If you can trust Him just a little longer, one day He will show you His whole long-range plans for you and your loved ones. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Proverbs 3:5-6)

When things go well for too long, we all tend to drift away from God because we somehow just don't really feel that we need Him. (Deuteronomy 8:11-14) Sometimes a 'suffering test' reveals our faith to be phony, built on our own desires and unrealistic, excessive expectations from a 'god' who really doesn't exist. Suffering can then direct us to seek the real God who can sustain us in times of trouble.

Fifth: *Suffering, yet remaining faithful, brings glory to God and powerfully draws unbelievers to Him.* The unbeliever expects you to whine and accusingly ask, "Where was God?" When you stand strong on God's promises, you speak to hearts in a unique way. As a former atheist, learning of Christians who endured incredible suffering, torture, and even martyrdom, yet remained steadfast in Christ, was very credible evidence that helped bring me nearer to finding that God is real.

Sixth: *Suffering teaches us to trust in God's day-by-day guidance.* Many times we've made trips to destinations where we've never been before. As soon as we enter the address into our GPS, it knows exactly how to get us there. We have 'faith' in multiple unseen satellites orbiting around 11,000 miles above the earth, each with an atomic clock. The voice from our GPS only shows us only one step at a time. Jesus also often only lets us see only one step at a time as He guides us. Some of the streets are rough and bumpy but if we continue to follow instructions, we will get to our destination. We always have the freedom to just ignore the GPS if we wish, but if we do we could end up in a bad, dangerous part of town or hopelessly lost on a dark country road. If we miss a turn and get lost, the GPS will re-compute to direct us back onto the correct route. *What a great picture of our Proverbs 3:5-6 walk with Christ!* As long as we follow Him, He will guide us in spite of 'bumpy roads'. I use my 'reverse sequence' version of the Alcoholics Anonymous prayer when trials come:



Dear Lord,

Give me the wisdom to know the difference between what can be changed and that which cannot. Give me the power to change that which can be changed and the grace to calmly accept that which cannot be changed and then move on.

Many of you know the story told of a king in ancient times whose wise men gave him this motto to engrave on his ring, which would be appropriate in good times or bad: "**This too shall pass!**" We need to be aware that both good and bad in this world are temporary. That's why I'm so glad I've put my faith in God who is working behind the scenes permitting both good and bad for our eternal good. One day even the world itself will pass away to usher in God's new kingdom.

Seventh: *Suffering may be a test to see if God can entrust us with more difficult tasks for Him.*

I believe Moses had passed all his previous tests when he was given a huge opportunity. God was going to wipe out the Israelites who had fallen into idolatry and create a new nation through Moses alone. This would've brought great glory to Moses. However, he interceded by asking God for another chance for Israel. Demonstrating God's love and grace, Moses saved a whole nation and brought great glory to God. Click [here](#) to return above for examples.

Trust God! While working on this book I see only my *Word* program running. However, if I open Task Manager, it shows me 72 other programs running in the background at the same time! I can trust Task Manager. *In the same way, God's promise of Romans 8:28 is our 'Task Manager' assuring us that He has long-range plans of exactly how our trials and suffering will affect other people and situations both now and in the future, all totally hidden from us.*



Still Don't Have All the Answers? Just Pull your Ripcord!

When a parachutist jumps from a plane, wouldn't it be foolish of him to refuse to pull his ripcord because he must first compute wind direction, how fast he's falling, how his hair looks, etc.? No, first he pulls the ripcord, then literally trusts his life to his parachute. We're all in 'free fall' towards death. **So, in spite of still having a few hard unanswered questions about God, or about our adversities, let's pull the ripcord by**

trusting Him 'just a little bit longer' until we finally meet Him face-to-face. There we'll get all the answers and learn how our adversities fit into His larger plan. then we'll certainly say, "It was worth it all!" I would like to add that looking back on my 56 years of following Christ, He has proven His promises true over and over. Not always in ways I had expected but true nevertheless.

If you are disillusioned with life after rejecting God, one day you may find yourself on the 'street of broken dreams' as in the song *People Need the Lord*. Jesus will be waiting for you there to fill that empty place in your heart with His everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3) I would invite you to continue reading into the next section to see how even evil men cannot frustrate God's ultimate long-range plans. Let's close on a humorous note that follows.

Red Neck Version of Romans 8:28 on suffering

A deacon began to pray, "Lord, I hate buttermilk. I hate lard and I ain't too crazy about white flour neither." The pastor thought the deacon had lost his mind but the deacon continued: "But after you mix 'em all up and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just LOVE those biscuits!" After we've come through the heat of trials, one day we'll LOVE what the Lord did through us as we learn it was all part of God's long range plans for our good, and also for others you may be unaware of!

APPENDIX C More Answers to Hard Questions

Hate God? Does Formal Logic Disprove God?

Oxford Professors' Evidence of God's Moral Law, Can Evil Men Frustrate God's Ultimate Plans? Did God Commit Genocide?

(Reminder: Left-click mouse on **bold blue underlined text** to 'jump'. Return: hold ALT, press ←)

Do you Hate God Because You Think He's Weak, Unfair, or Even Evil?

SUPER-ANT is a tiny ant who's the strongest ant in the world and is convinced he knows more than all other ants. He has no concept of what a train even is, except it makes annoying sounds. He therefore hates the train. One day, he hears it coming, climbs up on the track and with one tiny arm raised, says, "I, SUPER-ANT, have no idea who you really are, I don't know the future like you, or how you make things fit together according to your schedule but you're annoying so I COMMAND YOU TO DISAPPEAR FOREVER!" We know that didn't end well. But what SUPER ANT didn't know was that the noise of the train scared the anteaters away who would've devoured their whole colony in an hour. Also all the ants feasted every day on food scraps tossed out the train windows but they were totally ignorant of any connection to the train or how much the train had blessed them! Following are some answers to frequent questions of atheists.

Does Formal Logic Disprove God?

While a physics major in college, some fellow 'college geniuses' used this 'silly syllogism' of formal logic to disprove God and thus escape accountability to God at the judgment.

-God is all-powerful, loving, and good.

-God permits evil.

-Therefore, God cannot exist because premise two contradicts premise one.

Either God is not all-powerful, meaning He cannot stop evil, or He is all-powerful and refuses to stop evil, meaning He is evil, therefore He cannot also be good.

The major logic flaw here is called *the 'fallacy of the missing premise(s)'*, just selecting two attributes of God and leaving out all the others that are required to give a correct understanding of God. (*This is only one of the 56 fallacies of formal logic that prove formal logic structure might*

be absolutely perfect but not always true in the real world.)

Here's a much more elaborate 'logical' proof casting doubt upon our Creator in a book entitled, ironically, **How NOT to Be Wrong**, by math professor Jordan Ellenburg. Using a Bayesian probability grid he 'proved' we were just as likely to have been created by 'gods' as God and much more likely we are only electronic creatures simulated in an ultra-computer. This greatly enforces the atheist position of 'no God' but is it proof? No, same fallacy as the logic above but it does make a great excuse to reject God and at the same time exhibit your extraordinary logic and mathematical skills! Let's go deeper.

Evidence of God's Moral Law

C. S. Lewis, author of **Mere Christianity**, was a professor at Oxford and a life-long atheist in his 60s. Why was he an atheist? He felt evil excludes God. However, Lewis asked himself, "[How do we measure what is evil except against some standard?](#)" He realized there had to be some universal standard against which most everyone judges good and evil: the Moral Law of God. That morality, like the law of gravity, is not open to individual preference.

Otherwise, the morals of compassionate Mother Teresa, who cared for dying beggars in India, are just as 'good' as the atrocities and holocaust of Adolph Hitler. Loving care is no better than cruelty, freedom is no better than slavery, living is no better than being tortured and murdered. This totally blows away the philosophy (opinion) that morals are only relative with many different opinions of what's right or wrong is OK.

Tell me, why would most everyone agree that it's morally wrong to torture, then kill a baby just for fun? Is it OK for your wife or husband to be 'relatively' sexually faithful? Laws require law-givers. There is a Moral Law, therefore there is a Moral Law Giver. God's moral law is implanted in our consciences. (Romans 2:15) If you're still unconvinced, go to this citation for eight reasons we know an absolute moral law exists. ^{9k} *(By the way, Lewis' book was given to lawyer Chuck Colson by my former Raytheon CEO. It resulted in his transformation by Christ and later Colson's founding of **Prison Fellowship** that helps hundreds of prisoners find new lives in Christ!)*

How does the existence of evil prove God and reject atheism?

Atheists misconstrue God's gift of a free will to everyone as freedom to decide what is good and what is evil! Eminent apologist and author, Dr. Frank Turek, spoke on evil at the 23rd National Apologetics Conference in 2016. He said, "[The existence of evil does not disprove God at all. →It proves God and disproves atheism!](#)"

[How?](#) Let me ask your *opinion*, "[How long is an inch?](#)" The National Bureau of Standards keeps a platinum bar as the 'absolute standard'. (Try hiring five carpenters to build you a house who all have different opinions of the length of an inch!) Only God has the 'absolute standards' of good and evil. [Just as the existence and complexity of your house proves it had to have had an intelligent architect, so God's existence is proven by the existence and super complexity of His creation, our universe. It's God's 'Bureau of Standards' so we are without excuse to not believe in Him and He has the right to establish morality. \(Romans 1:20\)](#)

Because the skeptic's definition of evil is subjective, where everyone decides where his particular 'evil' boundary is, [God's absolute standard provides the only objective measure of what evil is, discrediting the very foundation of atheism](#): that no one needs God and all of us are free to decide how to live according to our own personal standards and life style. (Romans 14:1, Jeremiah 17:4) You might like to click [here](#) for philosopher Dr. Norman Geisler's book with eight reasons we know there is an absolute moral law for everyone! ([More](#))

Jeffrey Dahmer, the 'no-absolute-morality' cannibal serial killer of 17 put it so well, "[What's](#)

wrong with what I did, I'm only an evolved animal!" Animals have no absolute standard of morality. Is that you? If that's true, then you would have the same likelihood of becoming another Jeffrey Dahmer, or worse. There are no limits to the evil that comes from the hearts of those who reject God. *"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good."* (Psalm 14:1)

Does not the mere existence of the Mona Lisa prove it could not have painted itself but required an intelligent and skilled artist or maybe a skilled graphic designer and computer programmer? How about our infinitely more complex universe? Click [here](#) to look at the 'cow map' example'. It just created itself accidentally out of nothing? Not logical. Not true. No excuse! (Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20)

God is the creator of all things, including you and me. Only He has the right to decide what is right and what is wrong and He decides **absolute morality**. Ultimate proof? Jesus' return from the dead powerfully validated all His teaching. (Click [here](#).) God will one day destroy all evil: 'The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations who forget God.' (Psalm 9, Revelation 21)

God's ultimate purposes will not be frustrated by evil men

1. God planned for Jesus to teach us to know, love, and obey God, and to be the Savior of the world. However, Jesus was vilified, tortured, and killed by evil men. Jesus was not weak. God did not fail. Jesus came as God's sacrifice for our sins, prophesied over 700 years in advance. (Isaiah 53) Click [here](#) for how another prophecy computed His first coming to an accuracy within only two days after four and a half centuries, based on NASA astronomical data! Later, God demonstrated His mighty power to the world by raising Jesus from the dead. This proved that all Jesus claimed and taught was true for all generations to come. (Matthew 28, Romans 1:4)
2. God planned for Moses to deliver His people from years of slavery. However, Moses lost his temper and used his free will to kill a cruel Egyptian slave master. Then Moses was a fugitive in the desert for the next 40 years. God used that to humble and train him to lead over three million of his countrymen out of 430 years of slavery in Egypt.
3. God planned for America to be a separate nation with a fresh start of righteousness as a Judeo-Christian nation. He allowed British tyranny to increase to the point that it sparked our revolution in 1776.
4. God planned that Sergeant Jacob DeShazer's plane would be shot down during World War II so that his intense hatred of the Japanese could be transformed into enough love to attend Bible school after the war and to return to Japan as a missionary!

DeShazar had been a bombardier with the historic Doolittle raid of 1942. After being shot down, he spent 40 cruel months in a Japanese prison camp. Thirty four of those months were endured in even more cruel solitary confinement where he was tortured as a war criminal. This drove many POWs stark, raving mad. However it was in this POW camp that DeShazar came to the end of himself and surrendered to Christ. His bitter hatred of the Japanese was replaced by a loving desire to reconcile them to Christ.



5. God had planned to use DeShazar to transform the life of Japanese Navy pilot Captain Mitsuo Fuchida, a Buddhist leader of the planes that bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941. Fuchida would eventually preach the gospel in Asia with DeShazer and even in America with Billy Graham! [25](#)

After the war Fuchida learned from a returning Japanese prisoner that, surprisingly, the

Americans had treated him very well, just the opposite of how the Japanese had treated their prisoners. Not only that but a young girl visited the camp regularly to help care for the Japanese prisoners, especially the sick. Even more astounding to Fuchida, was the fact that her missionary parents serving in the Philippines had prayed for forgiveness for their Japanese executioners before their beheading. They had followed Jesus' example at His crucifixion demonstrating God's love, even for sinners! Fuchida could not understand such 'enemy-forgiving' love and had never heard of returning good for evil in his Japanese culture. Shocked to the core, he asked, "[Where did mankind find such love?](#)"

One day, General MacArthur, the military governor of post-war Japan, summoned ex-captain Fuchida. At a railway station on the way, Fuchida received a copy of DeShazar's testimony, *I was a Prisoner of the Japanese*. This eventually led to Fuchida's conversion as well as later reaching 30 million people in 20 countries. Later, DeShazar and Fuchida began to preach together in Japan. The churches DeShazar and Fuchida founded in Japan became 'centers of reconciliation', first with God and then with their former enemies. Fuchida even preached to the Japanese in America and toured with Billy Graham and other evangelistic organizations. Read more about Fuchida and some exciting stories about how he narrowly escaped death several times during the war. At Midway, just after an appendectomy, his ship was hit by a bomb which blew him from his hospital bed through the side of the ship into the ocean, breaking both legs! Years later, Fuchida realized that God had, by His grace, preserved him to preach the gospel to his Japanese countrymen as well as to his former American enemies after the war.

The book and movie ***Unbroken*** tells the amazing story of another who suffered terrible torture during World War II but forgave his tormentors. Captain Louis Zamperini was also shot down and spent nearly a month in a life raft before being captured by the Japanese. He was then tortured for several years. After the war, his life was a drunken mess. That is, until he found Christ at a Billy Graham Crusade. His life was wonderfully changed and he returned to Japan to forgive his cruel Japanese tormentors and present Christ! The movie leaves that out so watch the rest of the story (or order the DVD) at:

<http://billygraham.org/video/captured-by-grace/>. ^{AA}

NOTE: After World War II, General MacArthur called for thousands of missionaries to go to Japan to share the gospel. Among the many missionaries who responded was Pastor Lee Shelley, a former battleship sailor, who trained seven others as missionaries and took them with him to Japan. In 1957, Shelley founded the mission of which we have been members for 50+ years, *Christians in Action Missions, International*.

<https://www.cinami.org>

6. God planned for **Josh McDowell** to become a powerful minister to young people. Not likely. He suffered as a child at the hands of a cruel, alcoholic, abusive father and also an abusive cousin. This so totally convinced Josh there was no God that he became a very adamant and outspoken atheist by the time he entered college. He delighted in ridiculing Christians, calling their belief 'garbage'. When seriously challenged, he left college to assemble proof for his book proving Christianity was all a fake. He looked forward to showing Christians how stupid they were. However, the evidence convinced him there was indeed a God. Not only that, but God called him into a powerful ministry to young people through Campus Crusade. He went on to write many Christian leaflets and books. See [Chapter 3](#) or this citation for more of Josh and his drunken father's transformation. ^{13B}

All Evil-Doers Will Eventually be Punished.

God promises eternal justice when all un-repentant evil doers will be cast into the eternal lake of

fire. Only in hell could their punishment truly be matched to their crimes and sins. If you don't know Christ, be aware that even one unforgiven lie is a sin against God. So are many other sins, including dishonoring Him by using God's or Jesus' name in vain including the ever increasing use of OMG in order to spice up your conversation. We may also add pronouncing curses on someone or some thing using the 'D...' word. It doesn't matter if you've forgotten your old sins. They're still written in God's book if you've never come to Jesus. (Revelation 20:12-15) While you won't suffer as much as Hitler or Stalin, your punishment will still be eternal and horrible. Settle your account with God today so you do not appear at this judgment. (Revelation 21:8) **Keep in mind that God doesn't forgive sinners who do not intend to follow Christ.**
You can't fool Him!

When I was seeking truth years ago, I wrestled a lot with the question of why God allowed evil. Not understanding everything did not stop me from surrendering my life to God. Instead of putting God on trial, I realized that as a sinner I'd already been tried and convicted! So I figured it was much more important to receive His forgiveness and meet Him in Heaven one day where He will answer all questions. These resources present more about 'If God, why evil?' ^{9E, 22B}

Did God Commit Genocide?

How could I love a God who committed Genocide?

Wrong word! Genocide is committed by evil (human) nations who have no right to do so. The correct word here is God's justice! Humans have no ultimate right to exterminate other nations or races. God, on the other hand, originally created the human race, is therefore sovereign, and therefore has the ultimate right to do what He thinks best. A surgeon cuts out invasive cancer lest its 'evil' spread and eventually kill you. He has the right, and duty, to cut out the cancer before it kills you.

After many, many years of patience God was about to destroy the vile wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorra. However, Abraham interceded and asked God to spare them if he could find 50 righteous people. He was unable to find even one so God had to destroy the cities, lest their wickedness spread. By contrast, God's threat to destroy Nineveh resulted in the repentance of the whole city which was then spared because they turned from evil to God.

However, the Canaanites, even after centuries of God's patience, refused to repent, became intolerably evil, and were rapidly spreading their evil to other nations. For centuries, God tried every way to encourage them to repent but they continued to get worse and worse. One day God said, "Enough! Lest their evil continue to spread throughout the whole earth, they must be eliminated." That was not genocide. It was justice and 'repair' that God alone has the ultimate right to do. It cannot therefore (hatefully) be called genocide.



God's nature is like a coin with two sides. On the one side He has demonstrated He is a God of love, showing grace, patience, and compassion. (John 3:16) The other side is absolute, fearful, and certain justice that cannot tolerate sin. (Revelation 21:8) If you cannot believe in a God who executes justice upon evil, your 'god' is one you created to serve you instead of vice-versa.

Let's look now at the Canaanite religion to see if there were any victims who needed justice and if their worship was really all that bad. Just how evil were the Canaanites?

Only one example was their worship of Molech, also known as Moloch, shown in the picture. It included unspeakable immorality practiced as an act of 'worship'. Babies born of this immorality were



burned alive: 'passed through the fire' to Molech, in the idol's red-hot arms. Particularly devout worshipers even sacrificed their older live children in the same way.

God had appointed Israel to be His light to the heathen nations around them. He knew that if Israel became corrupted by the Canaanites, His name would be disgraced and no different from the idolatry so prevalent. He would also have had to cast Israel into hell along with the Canaanites. Just as a surgeon must cut out your cancer before it kills you, God called Israel, His chosen nation, to completely exterminate the Canaanites. Unfortunately, Israel failed. Vast regions of Canaan were untouched and sure enough, just as God had predicted, their evil practices spread to God's people in Israel. After many years waiting for Israel's repentance, God brought terrible judgment by allowing them to suffer under the cruel Assyrian and Babylonian captivities. After 70 years of cruel abuse in Babylon, Israel repented and God delivered them.

Closer to home, around [57 million American babies have been 'offered'](#) upon the 'altars of convenience' since the Roe vs Wade abortion decision — 57 million who could've become productive businessmen, taxpayers, soldiers, etc. Dr. Richard Land, of the Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, NC, stated that around 41% of abortions are single women (from fornication). Only 1% are for rape. Also see <http://www.numberofabortions.com>.

Declaring a fetus as 'just a clump of cells' is heard loud and often, but it is wrong. We are all 'just a clump of cells'! Just as I restrain myself from shooting you dead, you'll probably be alive tomorrow. If you just let that fetus alone, barring the unforeseen, in a few months it will be born as what it was all the time: a human being! (If the fetus threatens the life of the mother, sometimes hard decisions must be made.) Just as the Canaanites had done, aborted babies are also burned as medical waste or sold for body parts. Unless revival sweeps America, how can we hope to escape God's eventual judgment for this and many other acts of rebellion against Him?

Centuries before the Canaanites, the first people that God originally created became more and more evil. God could not find a single righteous person except Noah and his family. He sent a flood to destroy all except Noah and his family, in order to start all over. (Genesis 6) This is just what a sculptor would do whose creation becomes so seriously flawed that it cannot be recovered. *He must scrap it and start over.* God, who created our universe, and only God alone, has the same right to do so with His own creation.

Another example would be some rotten, stinking, meat in your fridge. It must be thrown out before the bacteria spread to your good food and make you sick, or possibly even kill you. God's rules are for our long-term good and also for the good of others. Disobedience, without repentance and forgiveness, eventually results in suffering, often in this life and certainly in the hereafter. If you hate God's rules, you're following Satan so you'll also share his eventual fate.

I can understand why you may wonder why God does some things you feel are not consistent with a loving God. That's because we can't know God's long-term plans for the future, not only for us and our acquaintances, but often in the lives of people we may not even know. One thing is clear. He demonstrated His love for us through Jesus to make the way for an eternity of happiness. (John 3:16) So just trust Him a little longer, follow Him, and one day in Heaven you can ask Him all your questions. However, if you think you can escape your accountability to God by accusing Him of being evil, it won't fly.

In comparison to God, we are only a tiny fruit fly, whose miniscule brain can only be seen through a microscope. Yet some of us are sitting in judgment on a massive super-computer representing God. The fly is not a software engineer. The fly doesn't even have a way to learn about what computers do or how. Those who think they can outsmart God and escape the

judgment are just arrogantly deceiving themselves. At the same time, they don't realize they're also only a puppet being jerked around by Satan. By the way, accusing God of being evil, or even implying it, is called blasphemy. He takes that very seriously!

America was originally founded on the basis of recognizing and obeying God. In our founding documents we read that all our rights under government are bestowed upon us by our Creator. Atheists don't believe in a creator but still claim their 'rights'. Our nation has gone off its rails upon which it was uniquely founded. The government has arrogantly usurped God's powers to legalize rights which God calls sin, like gambling, pornography, marijuana, abortion, and same-sex marriage. Pray for revival. Unless there is a major turn-around, we will be stomped under the heels of a cruel conqueror until we repent. We have centuries of examples in the Old Testament of how God used this last resort to bring nations back to Him. We already know who that 'cruel conqueror' could be. Sadly, many misguided Americans are joining them. God is warning us now with the longest war of our history which has just resumed with a vengeance by the most vicious, evil, and dedicated enemy we've ever known, ISIS.

We must all do our part to bring our nation back to 'one nation, under God'. (You who are accusing God of evil, just remember that if you've ever disobeyed God, with perhaps even a single lie, then you too are under God's wrath until you repent. (Romans 1:18)

APPENDIX D BENEFITS of ATHEISM vs CHRISTIANITY

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The 'Benefits' of Atheism

Imagine me now, before finding Christ, as an 'atheist missionary' ministering in a refugee camp to those who've lost everything, including loved ones. This would be the real message of atheism: freedom from God but also freedom from hope.

*"I've come to free **you** from God's domination and to give **you** a new life of total freedom! If **you** can get away with it, **you** can do anything **you** want.*

*No more God watching over **your** shoulder at **your** secret sins. Adopt a 'binary attitude': **you're** number one, everyone else is zero. Only what **you** want counts. If others get hurt, well that's just too, too bad. Science has 'proved' we're only evolved animals so there is no absolute right or wrong and no accountability to some 'mythical god'.*

*The upside to atheism is that after **you** die and rot, there's nothing more! So those who murdered **your** family will not suffer as **you** have. Since there's no afterlife, there is no true justice to reward the good you've done or to punish those who've hurt you and your family. Therefore, hate **your** enemies and seek **your** own ten-fold vengeance now. (Of course **your** enemies' friends will then come after **you** and **your** family, but the main thing about vengeance is that it makes **YOU** feel good.)*

*Unfortunately there is one downside of atheism. Since **you're** only a random accident of evolution, **your** miserable life has been as totally meaningless as the bug **you** just squashed.
But then, what does that matter?*

*What does anything matter except **your** pleasure of the moment?"*

Thus would end my 'missionary atheists' sermon, backed up by evolution. Does anyone believe that the world would be a happier and more peaceful one by following this 'religion'?

The Benefits of Christianity

Before I got to know Christ, I subscribed to the cliché, 'Christians are so heavenly minded they're no earthly good' and that the 'god thing', if true, was just '*pie in the sky for after you die*'. However, over the centuries, those transformed by Christ have greatly benefited mankind. These include the founders of the Red Cross and abolitionists who battled slavery in both America and in England. The latter includes John Newton, former slave-trader who became a minister, fought slavery, and later wrote the hymn *Amazing Grace*. Franklin Graham founded the mega-ministry *Samaritan's Purse* which is saving millions from starvation after wars and natural disasters all over the world in Christ's name. You may also add *World Vision*, and *Doctors without Borders* who fought Ebola in Africa.

Others include Chuck Colson, a lawyer sentenced to federal prison during the Nixon Watergate scandal. Colson came to Christ through Tom Phillips, former CEO of Raytheon, my former employer. Phillips first witnessed to Colson personally, then gave him a copy of C. S. Lewis' ***Mere Christianity***. Lewis was an esteemed professor at Oxford University who was atheistic until well into his 60s. His book, ***Surprised by Joy***, relates his encounter with Christ. Colson later founded the *Prison Fellowship* which, through the power of Christ, continues to transform many criminals into honest, God-loving, citizens. ²

Every day on radio, you may hear testimonies from former drunks, addicts, and even criminals whose lives were transformed by the power of the resurrected Christ. Tune into the dramatized *Unshackled* radio broadcast on BBN Radio. ⁴ Harry Lauder, the 19th century Scottish preacher said that **he could tell where the lamplighter had been by the trail of light he left behind**. Christ is the **heavenly lamplighter**. Everywhere He goes, He brings hope, dispels the midnight gloom of sin and despair, and lights the way to Himself for others.

The 'god-thing' brought the power of Christ far into a remote Peruvian jungle to reach Chief Tariri, at right, as well as many of his headhunting tribe. He even evangelized neighboring headhunting tribes. The gospel stopped generations of murder, replacing it with Christian love. An evil witch doctor invoked the *Spirit of the Anaconda*, their most powerful spirit, to kill Wycliffe Bible translator Lorrie Anderson. Sure enough, she was soon attacked and grabbed six times by a 16-foot anaconda who attempted to pull her out of her canoe. (Anacondas have around 100 tiny teeth.) Though covered with blood, Lorrie miraculously escaped. No one else had ever survived an anaconda attack. This showed Chief Tariri that Lorrie's God was more powerful than their most powerful evil spirit. This was his first step towards Christ. The anaconda attack: a Romans 8:28 '**Short-term-bad, Long-term-good planned by the Lord**'. Decades after coming to Christ, this smile still radiates his miraculous transformation from evil killer to a kindly Christian missionary to nearby headhunting villages! ³



In 2014, Africa is suffering the largest Ebola outbreak in history. Who were the first to give their skills, and many their very lives, to help them? Missionary doctors and nurses showing the love and compassion of Christ by risking their lives to help save others.

What Christians Are Missing by Not Being Atheists

Christians are missing these 'benefits' of a lifetime of atheism proclaimed by these dying words of a few famous atheists.

"I am abandoned by God and man ... I shall go to hell!" Voltaire, world-famous atheist.
(Some years after Voltaire's death his home was occupied by the British Bible Society.)

"I would give worlds, if I had them, that the '*Age of Reason*' had never been published.

Oh, God, save me; for I am at the edge of hell alone ..." Thomas Paine, atheist author.

I am as good as without hope, a sad old man gazing into the final chasm'.
Thomas Carlyle, Scottish philosopher.

"I know I am lost forever! Oh, that fire! Oh, the insufferable pangs of hell!"
Sir Francis Newport, British skeptic, First Earl of Bradford.

After this life, Christians are missing an eternity suffering everlasting separation in what Jesus called the furnace of fire. Read about a man who went there in Luke 16.

Blessings Atheists are Missing by Not Being Christians

Jeremiah 29:11-13 "... thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope ... "

Jeremiah 31:3 "... Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you ... "

Psalm 16:11 "... I will show you the path of life; fullness of joy; pleasures forevermore ... "

Ephesians 3:16-18 "... be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; ... "

Romans 8:28 "... all things work together for good to those who love God ... "

Philippians 4:6-7 "... the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus".

Hebrews 6:19 "... which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast ... "

John 14:2-3 "... In My Father's house are many mansions ... I (Jesus) will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also".

Deuteronomy 33:27 "... The eternal God is your refuge.
And underneath are the everlasting arms ..."

Two scientist's perspectives:

"Heaven is for people afraid of the dark." –Stephen Hawking, renowned cosmologist.

"Atheism is for people afraid of the light." –John Lennox, noteworthy math prof.

(Here's Dr. Lennox' quote from the movie, **God's Not Dead:**

"Nonsense spoken by famous people is still nonsense!")

After this life, atheists are missing an eternity of being loved by God and rejoicing with Jesus in Heaven one day. Here are 21 more things atheists and skeptics are missing:

Click [here](#) for **Christ's Bell**. Oh, one more 'downer' for being an atheist.

Is an atheist's insurance invalid for natural disasters deemed Acts of God?

APPENDIX E: *Discovering, Following, and Maturing in Christ*

Why Should We Even Care about God? Six Reasons!

KNOW You're Going to Heaven One Day, Though No One Deserves it!

How to Mature in Christ

Christian Soldiers Help Bring the Spiritually Dead Back to Life!

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Why Should We Even Care about God? Six Reasons!

1. Because you and I, and everyone else, will die and face God. (Hebrews 9:27)

Some of us will have plenty of advance warning, others none at all! Because of sin, even small ones, none of us can ever become good enough to earn Heaven. *There is no divine good-deed/bad-deed balance in Heaven!* (Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:8,9)

A CBS news program stated that around **40,000 people were killed by drunk drivers in only a single year (2016)**. Most had only a split-second warning or none at all. How many of them expected to die with no warning? How many were prepared to meet God? How about you? Perhaps you could even be murdered by a robber or an insane gunman? It seems like every week we hear of mass shootings by angry crazed gunmen, many of whom don't even know their victims, like the massacre of a whole room full of 30 or so little school children not long ago. This very morning the massacre of a whole family of five was reported in Maine.

Scripture does not affirm any 'do-overs' or purification after death as taught in some religions, including multiple reincarnations in Hinduism and Buddhism. At least two Christian groups affirm, erroneously, that we get 'do-overs' after death. One Christian cult falsely teaches that if you're baptized on behalf of long-dead sinners, they also go to Heaven. (Not true: Hebrews 9:27) Since 1439, yet another group affirms that you must be purged of your minor sins by suffering for years in the flames of a temporary hell: (Not true again: Hebrews 9:27 and 1 John 1:7) *We only have today to prepare for the inevitable, and maybe not even a full day!*

2. Because none of us is good enough for Heaven but deserve the alternative.

Sin is disobeying God. Sin is defined as disobeying the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and amplified in the New Testament by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount. (Matthew 5-7) In the latter Jesus made clear we can break ALL of the commandments in thought as well as in deed. SCARY!

Most of us would say, "I'm not evil enough to deserve hell!" In our own opinion, true. However, it's God, and Jesus, who define what's evil and therefore qualifies as sin. ONE sin, unforgiven, in deed or in your thoughts will keep you from Heaven. *God made us to know Him and speaks to us through our conscience. That's why lie detectors work, but not for everyone because the conscience can be deadened over time by repeated sin. But God has provided strong evidence of His existence so that we are without excuse if we don't believe in Him. (Romans 1:20-32) To just leave God out of your life is the greatest of all sins because it breaks the First Commandment and is the fountainhead of all other sins. In that case, your lifestyle IS the 'worship' of another 'god' you serve, an evil one, which will eventually bring God's wrath down upon you. (Revelation 21:8 'unbelievers')*

Some of the most common evil 'gods' of sin are lust for someone other than your wife or husband, excessive greed for money, and fanatic pursuit of power or prestige when it disobeys God's principle of being kind to one another. (Matthew 7:12, Ephesians 4:32) **Other sins?** How about, as a teen, did **you** ever disobey your parents? Tell one lie? Lust once after

a woman not your wife? Use OMG or God/Jesus to spice up your conversation? ALL have sinned. (Romans 3:23) Sins are not forgiven with a quick prayer if you fully intend to commit them over and over again.

Surprise! There is no divine 'balance' in Heaven weighing your good deeds against the bad as probably most people (and several religions) think. *God will judge our lives against that of Jesus Christ Himself!* (Acts 17:31) Who could measure up? No one!

Really evil, cruel sinners will suffer excruciating agony according to their deeds. 'Nice' sinners, including unrepentant church attenders, won't suffer as much as the really evil sinners, but unless they repent, they'll also suffer together in the 'furnace of fire' for an eternity along with the most evil, vile dregs of humanity. (Revelation 20:11-12)
Unpleasant permanent companions? [You bet!](#)

- 3. Because the furnace of fire (hell) is real, not just a metaphor!** *Jesus did not come to just make up another new religion.* He said, "[I've come to seek and to save that which was lost.](#)" (Luke 19:10) *Who is lost?* Everyone who has not repented of disobeying God (sin) and received the forgiveness provided by Jesus Christ through his sacrifice on the cross. (Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8)

Jesus was not 'born', strictly speaking! He was 'incarnated' into human form as the Babe of Bethlehem from a previous eternal existence in Heaven. (John 17:5, John 1) This was magnificently validated by His post-resurrection appearances to His disciples for 40 days as well as to 500 other individuals at one time. No other earthly religious founder can match that. (Romans 1:4, Acts 1:3, John 14:6)

In Luke 16:19-21 Jesus describes a rich man suffering for his sins in hell there and it's not pretty. This passage is not a metaphor or parable because here Jesus uses the name Lazarus, a beggar who went to Heaven. Jesus never used real names in His many parables. (Since hell is described elsewhere as a place of utter darkness, I believe the [flames of hell are black](#), not orange like earthly fire.) Imagine an eternity suffering excruciating heat, pain, and thirst all alone [in utter total darkness!](#)

The man in hell even asked Abraham to send the ghost of Lazarus to his five brothers to make them repent. Abraham refused, saying essentially, that if they didn't believe God's word before, it would do no good now. Therefore we must take heed to God's word! *In one sense, sinners [choose to go to hell](#) in the same sense that a terminally ill patient would refuse to take the only medicine that could cure him, preferring better tasting medicine that would only do him harm.*

Heaven is the opposite of everything bad in hell. The streets of gold and all the jewels and riches of Heaven are nice to look at but they will not be our real reward for being faithful to Christ. God has promised us ['fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore'](#). (Psalm 16:11)

- 4. Because God requires repentance to enter heaven.** That means recognizing you're a sinner, being sorry for your sins and for having offended God, then believing that He loved you enough to send Jesus to suffer in your place to provide forgiveness of sin. Next, ask Jesus to come into your life and forgive your sins, inviting Him to be Lord of your life. He will then give you the gift of eternal life. (Romans 6:23)

If you do all this sincerely, you'll begin turning from your sins to begin following Him. No, you will not become perfect on day one, but with time Jesus will help you to [resist sin](#) and to become more like Him. Jesus supplies the power to follow Him. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

If you fall on occasion, He'll say, "Get back up and try again." He won't abandon you. (Philippians 1:6) Your motivation should be love and gratitude that only He can forgive sins and save you from what He called 'the furnace of fire'.

(Matthew 13:50, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

Totaling it all up, none of us can ever become good enough for Heaven. Jesus is the only way to Heaven (John 14:6). The proof is that after paying for our sins on the cross, He returned from the dead three days later from a tomb sealed with a huge stone and was.

'Declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead!'

(Romans 1:4)

- 5. Because Jesus can return at any time!** Scripture teaches Jesus will unexpectedly return with the clouds to take His own directly to Heaven. (Matthew 24) When? Prophecy affirms that can be any time after the Jews returned to their own nation of Israel which occurred in 1948, so He could even come today! After that, God will pour out horrendous wrath upon those who have rejected Jesus as their Lord and Savior
- 6. Because delaying a decision for Christ will be hazardous to your future!** Continuing to disobey Christ means you will fall into Satan's attractive traps with ugly consequences both in this life and in your eternal life to come. Jesus said, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) Yes, Jesus is the one who first said you can actually 'sell your soul', the theme of many plays, movies, and even operas. But unlike these fantasies, in actual fact it will turn out very badly. If you don't yet know Christ, come to Him today. Don't waste your life. Here's a very good book on that very subject. ^P

You may suddenly discover it's too late even without an unexpected car crash or robbery. My dad started out in church but rejected Christ at age 10 because a disobedient deacon ran off with the offering. Dad went on to become an award-winning surgeon yet his sin made shipwreck of four more marriages besides that of my mom. I had opportunity to present the claims of Christ to him late in his life after no contact for decades. By then, dementia had gradually set in and he was unable to understand much of anything and he was soon to go into care where he passed away not long afterwards. **Don't delay!**

KNOW You're Going to Heaven One Day, Though No One Deserves it!

YES, we can know! We have God's written promise in 1 John 5:11-13: "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God." 'Believe' does not mean to just admit God and Jesus exist in the same way you believe there's a queen of England. That doesn't result in any change in your lifestyle. Believing in Jesus does!

'Believe' means to repent of your sins, receive Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord, ask Him to forgive your sins and give you the gift of eternal life. (Romans 6:23) His Lordship of your life will, over time, mold you into a new Christ-like person. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Pastor Irwin Lutzer recently asked this question: "How do you carve an elephant from a block of marble?" His reply, "You just chip away all that's not elephant!" Great example of how Christ remolds us in His image! (More details later in the section, 'What's the Evidence that Christ is Real for You?')

If you think you're getting to Heaven by trying your best to be good, the Bible says you will never be good enough no matter how hard you may try. Ephesians 2:8-9 says it is NOT by works of righteousness that we have done, otherwise we could brag about it. We're saved by His grace, God's free gift. *That's not a 'license' to keep sinning. Gratitude deeply motivates us to please Him by our obedience. However, because He loves you if you persist in disobedience*

He may send 'events' in your life to encourage you to repent, just as a loving parent chastises his children. (Proverbs 13:24, Hebrews 12:6)

All of us has our own standard of how good we must be to deserve Heaven, including my former self when I compared my life to some others who were a lot 'less good' than myself. (See Chapter 4.) Even Jeffrey Dahmer, the cannibal serial killer evolutionist, saw nothing wrong with what he did. The fact is that God won't judge us according to how good we think we are, or how good we are compared to our friends or to the norm of our society. We will be judged according to the perfect life of Jesus Christ. (Acts 17:31) Therefore you don't have to be a serial killer to miss Heaven, even a single lie is enough and who has never told a single lie?

Therefore, the Bible clearly states no one can ever become good enough: "[... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...](#)" (Romans 3:23) We can only get to Heaven by receiving His forgiveness and 'gift of eternal life'. (Romans 6:23) Then we are 'clothed' with the perfect righteousness of Christ. In gratitude, we then make Him Lord of our lives and begin to follow Him. That means beginning to let Him direct our lives into His paths. The Gospel of John is the simplest 'get acquainted with Jesus' starting point. The epistles of Colossians, Ephesians, and 2 Corinthians are my favorite 'guidebooks', in that sequence, to guide our new life in Christ.

[What's the Guarantee?](#)

The written testimony of the apostles who were eyewitnesses to Jesus' resurrection from the dead. All but one were martyred because they could not deny Jesus' resurrection. Add seven million more martyrs killed during decades of Roman imperial persecution because they too could not deny the truth. Their bones are still buried in the catacombs beneath the streets of ancient Rome. We also read that 500 saw Jesus after His resurrection in Galilee plus other eye witnesses multiple times for over a month afterwards: "[... 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](#)". (Acts 1:3) You may add to this a zealous persecutor of Christians named Saul who was converted on the road to Damascus when Jesus appeared to him and transformed him to Paul, the greatest missionary in the New Testament. Paul later suffered martyrdom for preaching the gospel he once hated.

You might also add the apostle Peter who denied Christ with cursing at Jesus' crucifixion but after the resurrection he later became the boldest of all the apostles. He even preached in the streets knowing he would be arrested, beaten, and possibly crucified like Jesus. How about the witnesses today? Read about millions of Christian martyrs around the world who stand for Jesus in spite of persecution because Jesus' return from the dead is still the truth! ¹⁴

[Receive Jesus as Your Lord and Savior Today!](#)

You've been thinking about this but keep putting it off? A brave climber rappelled down a remote, steep cliff. After many pendulum-like swings, he landed in a deeply recessed cave. *Disaster!* He was tying a rock to the end of the rope but it slipped and swung way back out beyond his reach. *He knew if he didn't grab the rope on its next swing back, he'd be trapped and eventually die a long, slow death all alone.* God has given everyone a free will to accept or reject Him. But because God loves us, He also gives us only a limited number of opportunities for salvation to those who reject Him or keep saying, 'Later.'



This book is God reaching out to you once more. You may never be as tender towards Christ as you are right now. Do you watch the TV news? Then you know that a drunk driver or a robber's bullet may end your life unexpectedly at any time. No more chances after that. '[Now is the day of salvation!](#)' (Hebrews 9:27-28, 2 Corinthians 6:2)

Yesterday, Pastor Fogarty ended his sermon with, "Come! Experience the wonder of walking hand-in-hand with Christ!" If you've never yet received our Lord into your life, you may [click here](#) to return to Chapter 4 and read the details of how I received Christ. It is intended as a guide for you. To return, hold down ALT and press ← to return.

ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE

The desire to obey Jesus and become more like Him is the main evidence He is now living in our hearts. This desire is motivated by the love Jesus has shown towards us in saving us from an eternity in the furnace of fire to an eternity of joy with Him in Heaven one day; something we could never earn ourselves. The fruit of this attitude constrains us to also want to love others and especially that our friends and relatives may also find Christ and meet us in Heaven one day. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Ephesians 2:8-9) Hebrews 12:14 says, 'Without holiness no man will see the Lord'. Holiness is becoming more Christ-like, usually in small increments. We may never become perfect like Him but this is a major change in direction from our own former selfish and sinful lifestyle.

Obedience is progressive. When I received Christ, the only thing that happened immediately was I didn't need to drink myself to sleep every night and most of my bad language disappeared. Over the years, obedience grows as we mature in Christ. After Christ becomes Lord, HE becomes 'number one'. As we mature we become more and more like Him. We turn our backs on previous sinful habits and begin to gradually grow into a gentle, forgiving, respectful, and loving servant of Christ, looking for ways to help, encourage, and bless others. As a new creature in Christ we are to toss out the bad 'fruit of disobedience' and to bear good 'fruit of the Spirit' in our lives: 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith'. (Galatians 5:19-25, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17) Do you want **joy** in your Christian life? Here's how: **J**esus first, **O**thers second, **Y**ou last.

HOW TO MATURE IN CHRIST

Since the Bible is so important to our maturing in Christ, I feel a 'bird's-eye-view' will be helpful, especially for our Jewish friends. The Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments. A 'testament' or will, is a document with instructions to be carried out after the testator's death. The Bible is God's 'will,' in a parallel sense, since the Old Testament detailed God's first covenant with man, made only with the Jews, His chosen nation. (Note: God didn't die, the first covenant eventually did.) The Jews were to be God's 'show-piece' of righteousness to the world and their Tenach (Old Testament) contains the very first Scriptures given to man. God did miracle after miracle for them, beginning with freeing them from 450 years of slavery in Egypt.

Their gratitude didn't last long. They periodically kept turning their backs on God to fall into idolatry from time to time over a period of centuries. That's why over half the Old Testament history of Israel consists of cycles of prophecies of punishment, then punishment followed by repentance and restoration. Finally it became clear that even the very best of mankind, the Jews, are unable to obey God for very long trying to follow rituals, religious laws, and animal sacrifices offered by their priests. God then disannulled the first covenant. It was to be an everlasting covenant but the Jews failed to live up to their part, so God replaced the covenant of law with the new covenant of grace, mediated by their Messiah, Jesus Christ, which in written form, became our New Testament. (Jeremiah 31:31-32)

The Jews had been given at least 324 prophecies describing every aspect of the Messiah who was to come. (Isaiah 53 is one of the best, prophesying that he was to pay for our sins.) However, instead of accepting Him, He was rejected, then crucified. The Roman guards detailed to watch over his tomb 24/7, plus numerous post-resurrection witnesses, are the best evidence He did return from the dead. This mightily validated him as the Jewish Messiah and the only sacrifice God accepts for our sins. (Romans 1:4!) This means he's the only priest which God

recognizes, who is now interceding for us in Heaven. God no longer recognizes earthly priests. (Hebrews 10). No more earthly priesthood, no more rituals or animal sacrifices. The way to God was now open to all men instead of only to Jews! (Evidence for Jesus' resurrection helped rescue me from atheism and suicide. Click [here](#) if you have not read that !)

Jesus promised to return unexpectedly with the clouds to take His own to Heaven with Him, first the dead from their graves, then those who are alive. Be ready! Read Revelation to find out what happens next when God anoints 144,000 Messianic Jews.

1. DAILY DEVOTIONS.

I Peter 2:2 exhorts us, "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby." Just as we need food to grow and stay healthy, so we need spiritual food each day to stay healthy and to mature in Christ. Someone once said, "I have two tigers in me fighting for control, the natural man who likes to sin and the spiritual man who resists. Which one wins is usually the one I feed the most!" That means starting and ending each day with Bible reading & prayer. Thank Him for your many blessings, intercede for sick friends and loved ones and ask Him for strength and wisdom to follow Him. Then listen quietly as He may to also speak to you, possibly an encouragement, possibly about something you need to correct so your friends or loved ones won't call you a hypocrite. (More details in the 'Christian Soldier' section to follow.)

I use and highly recommend the **POWER BIBLE CD** by Paul Lindner for your computer, Kindle, or iPhone. (Online Publishing, Inc.) It has multiple translations (I recommend NKJV), numerous commentaries with answers to your questions. You can even look up words or Scriptures to pursue various investigations. Other electronic Bibles with helps like this one can also be purchased at your local Christian Bookstore. (Note: I also find my pocket a great blessing to give me deeper understanding. It was translated by 111 translators and adds details, like a commentary, from the original Greek.)

Begin reading in the Gospel of John to get a good look at Jesus and continue through Acts, the history of the early church. Romans should be next and is called the *Constitution of Christianity*. Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians are probably the best and shortest books for 'cleaning up your act' so friends and loved ones won't call you a hypocrite.' I would then suggest 1 and 2 Corinthians. Then go back and read the other books. I would recommend our Jewish friends begin with Hebrews.

2. CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

Our society today is steeped in sin and temptations everywhere. Going to town is sometimes like walking through a mine field! We need the regular fellowship of our fellow Christians to stay strong. *We who follow Christ are like a lone soldier in enemy territory.* Don't be like Sergeant Bergdahl in the news not long ago, who got himself captured because he wandered off from his unit, thinking he knew more than his superiors. Not only did he suffer in prison, but we had to release several terrorists to buy his freedom. This means more will die because of his arrogance. A coal fire is another good example of why we need fellowship. When a single coal is removed from the others, what happens? It eventually cools and goes cold. You will also really need small-group Bible studies like Adult Life Groups, formerly called Sunday School. There are so many types of churches, you may wish to click [here](#) to choose one that won't lead you astray from God's truths in His Word.

3. RESIST TEMPTATION by memorizing Scriptures to help counter Satan's attacks by reciting the verses of the **SSR**. (Click [here](#) to jump in. Reminder: ALT+< to return.)

4. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL helps for zealous 'ACHIEVERS'

- a. FREE DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: *In Touch*.
For years, I've found a great deal of encouragement from a very interesting free monthly devotional booklet from Dr. Charles Stanley called *In Touch*. Free subscription at <https://www.intouch.org/read/magazine/subscribe>.
- b. RADIO:
BBN RADIO (93.5 FM in Charlotte Area) has nationally known inspirational speakers and Christian music to keep you 'in tune' with Christ 24/7. I love it while preparing for my day, preparing for bed, or when unable to sleep. World-wide schedule of broadcasts in eight languages: <https://bbn1.bbnradio.org/>
- c. 'TALKING BIBLE':
Enjoy 'Heavenly blessings' while on a walk, getting ready for work, in your car, or doing whatever. I really love mine to help 'stay in tune' with the Lord each day. I'm still enjoying mine after 20 years. It's solar powered, waterproof, and shirt-pocket sized I got from www.JAARS.org , a local Bible translation support organization Most local Christian Bookstores also carry similar models.

5. HOW CAN WE HOLD OUT against so much opposition from our own sinful nature? 'Words' and 'Music' say expecting to always be perfect all the time is unrealistic, like holding your breath. The 'Words'? Philippians 1:6: 'He will always continue HIS work in me.' The 'Music'? My favorite chorus: "He's still workin' on me." The line I like the very best:
"Don't judge me yet, there's an unfinished part!"

Note: This is not a license to sin and falsely think you can enjoy the best of two worlds. If you truly meant business with the Lord, each failure should eventually bring repentance: regret, asking forgiveness, and endeavoring to not repeat the same sin. Hang in there. Victories will be more and more frequent as you persevere.

Don't be discouraged if your progress seems slow. This toddler is on an unfamiliar and perhaps scary path and is both watching attentively and holding her daddy's hand. She's not discouraged because her dad is also holding her hand, lest she trip and fall. This is a great illustration of Bill Bailey's great song, "I Don't Know What the Future Holds, but I Know Him Who Holds the Future!"



THE LORD MAY BEGIN WORKING ON THESE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE:

- **No Longer 'Number One'**
Perhaps the biggest change after receiving Christ will be in the behavior of those with the former selfish attitude most of us have before making Jesus our Lord, "I'm number one! If it's unlikely I'll get caught, I'll do what I want no matter what God says, or who it hurts, or any future consequences." *Selfishness is the deepest root cause of all sin.*
- **Housecleaning: Junks Gotta Go!**
When Christ comes to live in your heart, He will often speak to you first about your biggest sins. Then dirty stories, filthy language, and other speech disrespectful of God or using His name in vain. They just somehow don't seem right for you any more. If your speech doesn't change, like a soldier in battle, you'll 'draw fire' as being a hypocrite because those things don't belong in a Christian's vocabulary. Jesus said, 'as a man speaks, so is he'. That means, 'what's in your heart comes out of your mouth'. So if Jesus is in your heart, bad language has to go. (Luke 6:45)

I would also include the ever-increasing use of **OMG** in recent years. Using God's name to express your excitement or surprise, instead of a sincere prayer, is gross disrespect to our Creator and future judge. It's kind of like a frivolous 911 call that can bring severe penalties down upon you. Since it violates God's commandment to not use His name in vain (frivolously), that also makes it a sin. *Therefore each time you disrespect God, it's like doing a 'Three Stooges double finger-poke' into your future judge's eyes!*



No Hypocrites is a devotion by the paraplegic hero you met in Appendix B, [Joni Eareckson Tada](#). It's a surprising personal daily checklist used by famous 18th-century preacher and church founder, John Wesley, and is still very much in use today. It will help you make sure people don't see you as a hypocrite. <http://www.joniandfriends.org/radio/5-minute/no-hypocrites/>

- **Gotta Give Up Grudges**

God will almost certainly speak to you about forgiving others as Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32) That includes asking their forgiveness whether they accept it or not. (Your parents, spouse, and possibly your children will head the list!)

This very morning, we watched the telecast from Dr. Charles Stanley's church. He'd been deeply hurt by someone and found it very hard to forgive. God seemed to say to him, "How many of your sins have I forgiven you?" After that, Dr. Stanley never had a problem forgiving those who hurt him because Jesus had said that unless we forgive those who hurt us, He will not forgive our sins against Him. (Matthew 6:14-15) Later this same morning we visited a church where Jim, a fellow Marine Corps League member, attends. The pastor, Rev. Eric Plyler, brought a message on forgiveness. Two men had murdered his father when he was 10. Naturally he hated these men and forgiveness was the last thing on his mind even after the killers were caught and imprisoned. That also put Eric in a very real type of 'prison of the mind'.

However, it became very clear that later on, after he became a Christian, his Christian growth was stunted and his relationship with Christ seemed empty. Un-forgiveness had blocked his deep fellowship with Christ and was then self-perpetuating. Plyler shared that just as the Sycamore tree flourishes in the dry desert-like conditions of the Middle East, so un-forgiveness flourishes in dry spiritual conditions reinforcing itself until it takes over your every waking hour. Finally Eric forgave these murderers. **How?** By letting go of his hatred and turning the whole situation over to God to allow Him to handle everything. Just as Christ had prayed for His tormentors on the cross, Eric then began praying for the salvation of his father's murderers. His fellowship with Christ was restored and he experienced a new closeness with our Lord. His exhortation, repeated perhaps 25 times during his sermon is one that many of us also need to hear very much:

"Let it go! Let it go! Let it go! Let it go!"

(I would refer you to [Corrie Ten Boom](#) in Appendix B. She survived unspeakable cruelties in a Nazi concentration camp, yet emerged with not only her faith intact, but her later years were devoted to encouraging others to forgive!.)

- **Restitution**

If you've genuinely repented, you will hear from the Lord about apologizing to those you have hurt, including mean, hurtful words or even worse. Spouses, parents, and employers will top the list. As you explain your reason for apologizing is your new life direction in Christ, you will have great power in influencing others to also come to Christ.

I've noted a number of spouses reconciled or even brought to Christ by radical changes in behavior of their mate after receiving Christ!

You may also hear from the Lord about making restitution for stealing. Jesus told a dishonest tax collector named Zacchaeus that his offer to restore stolen taxes was true evidence he was truly born again. (Luke 19. Note: restoring four-fold is not a command but only Zachaeus' reaction.) This can also be a powerful witness for Christ and has been done anonymously when to confess might mean jail time. An anonymous lady who made restitution for theft to a café many years ago, made the TV news last night. If it's a huge amount, regular anonymous small payments, each with some word from the Lord, is a way to handle huge thefts and cast powerful influence for the Lord.

- **Witnessing: Don't Give Up, God Needs You!**

Some people 'grow' in Christ faster than others. Some are like fast-climbing bi-planes, others like big jets that eat up a mile of runway before getting airborne. Yes, you'll probably fail a few times, as I have, but when you do, repent and ask God's forgiveness. He will say, "Yeah, you blew it again! But I'm still with you so get up and keep trying. I need you to shine My light into a dark world!" (Philippians 2:15) That means to live a life pleasing to Christ to attract others so you can more effectively carry out your new mission: to do your part in helping your loved ones, friends, and even strangers to be with Christ one day. (Matthew 28:18-20)



In fact, Christ's love, now living in you, should motivate you to begin to fulfill your role as 'His ambassador' to share God's message of reconciliation.(2 Corinthians 5:14-21). 'Hit 'N Run' is the easiest way to get started by passing gospel leaflets or by just leaving one in strategic places. Email us for our free leaflets, which we call 'Little Paper Missionaries', since they contain not only the gospel but also our email for follow-up plus this book download. They can also be quite effective when mailed to out-or town relatives.

Scripture exhorts us to 'study to show ourselves approved, a workman that needs not to be ashamed.' (1 Timothy 2:15) *(If you don't really care about reaching others, then you need to go back and have the Lord show you if you really mean business with Him or you're just along for the 'free ride'. P.S. there is no free ride!)*



Click [here](#). if you wish to be refreshed on the pocket-sized New Testament and Tactics above that give you approaches and answers to rejecter's questions. Even Timothy, a young pastor mentioned in Scripture, was a bit timid about sharing Christ so he was exhorted to 'not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord' and to 'endure as a good soldier of Jesus Christ'. (2 Timothy 1:8)

Veterans: 'Fun-witnessing' no-stress ministry to fellow veterans.

Wearing my military cap, I pray, put on a smile, and make eye contact with others when out among people. This makes it easy for anyone to come over and thank me for my service. (I have more witnessing opportunities with those than to the ones with military hats!) You can buy a military cap for your service branch from ads in most military magazines. (If Navy, you can even get a cap with the name of your ship as I did for my time on the USS Ranger. Above I'm wearing my Marine Corps League garrison cap since I also served in the Marines.)

Look for men wearing a military hat. Thank them for their service and strike up a conversation with something like, "Where did you serve? What did you do?" etc. Not only

will they feel appreciated but you'll almost always make an instant friend who will be very receptive to receiving our leaflet with the author on the cover in a Navy F4. You will arouse interest if you say, "On the cover is a friend of mine. He was a successful, but atheistic, radar field engineer for this Navy F4 fighter. It tells what happened when he left God out of his life and was heading for suicide." Even if you're not a veteran, people often enthusiastically receive our leaflet using this approach.

I would most heartily recommend Rick Warren's **50 Days of Transformation** course to those who wish to go deeper into a relationship with Jesus. It's available in print, MP3, DVD, etc. Warren is an internationally known conference speaker, pastor, and best-selling author. This course touches on each of the major facets of our Christian life in a most wonderful way. Churches all across America have been inspired by messages from this series. You may also experience Rev. Mike Lowery's contemporary free **Transformation** sermon series on video based on Rick Warren's *50 Days of Transformation* course here at the same link as Rick Warren's. ^E

**LIFE, with His love,
is God's gift to us.
How we live our life
is our gift back to
God!
Make it a FANTASTIC**

Christian Soldiers Help Bring the Spiritually Dead Back to Life!

Here are some applications I've made in my own life, both from my years in the Marines and from the Roman soldier's example in Ephesians 6. We should be very grateful for the Roman soldiers who guarded Jesus' tomb after His crucifixion. *They proved Jesus' disciples could not have stolen His body but that He did indeed validate His ministry by not only rising from the dead, as was prophesied seven centuries before, but by prophesying, before he was killed, that he would rise from the dead on the third day!*

We 'enlist' when we realize we're lost sinners, repent, then receive Christ's forgiveness. Christian soldiers do not kill but preach a risen Christ to resurrect the spiritually dead to new life in Christ: "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses (sins), made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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 2:4-9)

Christian soldiers are under orders!

God becomes our commander-in-chief, Jesus is the commanding general, and the Holy Spirit is the field commander. The Bible is our field manual. *Holy courage and strong endurance* are our badges of honor: "*Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God!*" (2 Timothy 1:8)

Christian soldiers need **Holy courage born of faith!** You will be encouraged by memorizing the ageless hymn, *Onward Christian Soldiers*. God will strengthen and prepare you for anything 'with the cross of Jesus going on before'!

Romans 12:1 presents our 'enlistment' as a '*decisive dedication*' of our bodies. Since our degree of commitment determines the degree to which the Holy Spirit can guide us, we would highly recommend you read Chapter 15 of Wesley Duewel's, **Let God Guide your Day**. ^B



'Decisive dedication' may be described by the three 'B's:
Be committed. Be obedient. Be guided! (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Christian Soldiers' Mission: rescue and resuscitation of the spiritually dead.

After 'enlistment', Commanding General Jesus assigns our 'mission imperative': *'Proclaim the gospel! Fear not, I will always be with you!'* (Matthew 28:18-20)

Next, He presents our three-stage training orientation preview in 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. First, we will gradually but steadily become like Christ, motivated by GRATITUDE for Christ's forgiveness and promise of eternal life in Heaven. "If then you were raised with Christ (from spiritual death), seek those things which are above." (Colossians 3) That means we begin to obey Him more and more closely. (*No, we don't become instantly perfect, but true repentance means reversing our life's direction to follow Jesus.*)

Second, as we grow in Christ, we feel concern, then Jesus' own REAL LOVE for the LOST who are headed for an eternity of suffering. Third, we will learn how to overcome fear and share what Christ has done for us. (1 Peter 3:15, 2 Timothy 1:7-9) Jesus then commissions us for our 'rescue ministry of reconciliation'. *Christian soldiers hurt no one but love everyone.* By sharing Jesus' love and forgiveness, we 'resuscitate' the spiritually dead from a future eternity of suffering to a glorious future in Heaven one day!

Soldiers receive no military pay but will have *unspeakable joy in Heaven* meeting those whom they have spiritually rescued by sharing Christ. Luke 15:7 says there will be joy in Heaven (inferring throughout Heaven) over even one who gets 'resuscitated'. What could possibly be more thrilling?

Christian soldiers train intensely under their mission commander.

I would recommend the inexpensive (\$6.99) pocket witnessing testament, **SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR.** ⁹⁷ It has the basic 'questions/listen' witnessing approach and includes brief answers to 36 objections. **TACTICS**, at this same citation, is highly recommended to supplement the New Testament. It expands on the same basic technique using in-depth reason and irresistible logic, without causing offense, in a multitude of actual witnessing encounters. Very thorough and very interesting! His website at <https://www.str.org> promises:



- **Confidence for every Christian**
- **Clear thinking for every challenge**
- **Courage and grace for every encounter!**

Often, your best answer for objections to the Gospel message is to share what the Lord has done for you. No one can effectively 'shoot down' what actually happened to you with mere opinions. Also you may wish to review the in-depth answers in this book I found to questions about God. This will not only help prepare you to better answer objections of the unsaved but will also strengthen your faith and 'spiritual muscles', guaranteed. (Citations [C](#) [D](#) will also be helpful.)

Are you a military veteran? Click '[fun witnessing](#)' for a 'no-stress' ministry to fellow vets. I have found that Scripture memorization is of major importance to help us carry out our mission. Memorized Scripture becomes your store of spiritual weapons to defeat Satan's temptations and arguments against God from the unsaved. That's how Jesus defeated Satan himself during 40 days of temptation. (Matthew 4) (*However, when witnessing to others, it's always better to show them the appropriate Scripture. Don't assume they will just take your word for it!*) From day one, I had an intense hunger for the Word of God. I devoured and even memorized big chunks of Scripture from Ephesians and Colossians, as well as almost all the Scriptures in this appendix. Sometime during the day I would also find time to review at least ten Scriptures I had memorized, lest they be forgotten.

'WWJD'? is a great rule to live by: **What Would Jesus Do?** If instead, your attitude is, '**Just how bad can I be but still barely squeeze into Heaven?**' then you're 'singing the theme song' of the true hypocrite. You will never enjoy the fantasy of the 'best of both worlds'. Asking that question would be the same as a soldier who asks his commanding officer, "**Sir, just how many days out of the week could I go out to fight with the enemy against us but still be a good soldier in our army as well?**" We know what would happen. That soldier would be in the guard house or before a firing squad in minutes. I recall a great hymn, called *Loyalty to Christ*, which I wish were sung more often in churches today.

The word 'hypocrite' originated with ancient Greek actors who hid behind a mask when they played multiple roles in a play. 'Hypocrite' means a mask. Don't be counted among the hypocrites, but also don't let false accusations of 'hypocrite' from your sinful friends discourage you. *Their accusation is also a 'mask'* as they attempt to hide from God's judgement by accusing Christians of being hypocrites or the only Christians they know are actually hypocrites so they believe all Christians are hypocrites. God knows your heart, and theirs! (Romans 14:12)

Christian soldiers stay together and endure hardness.

As Christian soldiers we're called to be strong to endure hardness. (2 Timothy 2:3) Soldiers try to avoid whatever would weaken their ability to best serve their commander. They do not venture into enemy territory, they may be overwhelmed, without orders or 'covering fire': prayer. After I received Christ into my life I really wanted to be with God's people at church, Bible studies, men's breakfasts, etc., because there I found the acceptance and encouragement needed to go the long haul with Christ.

"You don't have to go to church," you say? If you are grateful to Jesus for what He's done for you, then you'd want to! This excuse is often a symptom that you are not yet actually fully committed to follow Christ. You're like the Sergeant Bergdahl we saw on TV not long ago. While in Afghanistan, he felt his superiors were incompetent and didn't feel he needed his platoon any longer. He wandered away and was quickly captured. He spent years in enemy prisons before our government traded several evil terrorists for his release, who quickly got back into action killing more American soldiers.

Like a lion, Satan is continually looking for those whom he may devour and he specializes in picking off lone wolves – YOU who feel you don't need your church family any more or who, like a bee without a hive, just flit here and there, always 'taking' never giving any service to any of the churches that minister to him! (Hebrews 10:25, 1 Peter 5:8)

Neglecting church is also like a married person saying, "**Yes, I love you, I'm grateful you married me, but I don't have to live with you!**" Also, please realize that the church is Christ's body in action on earth. Our primary motivation should not be to just hear an interesting sermon but to glean what we can apply to our lives. Just as important, is to reach out and take the initiative to get to know people at church. Look for ways to encourage, help, and bless them. You will thereby help fulfill one of the purposes of the church, to encourage and build up one another so that the church can take Christ's message to the world. (Don't forget to encourage your pastor as well!)

Bored? Try another church! Also, don't be put off by a few you feel aren't real Christians because there are, and will always be, both seekers and hypocrites in church. Be careful about judging. There will be new babes in the Lord as well as fellow Christians in all different stages of growth. Double-check whatever the pastor teaches against Scripture since there are also many false teachers out there whom Jesus warns us about.

Christian soldiers always wear their armor:

The Helmet of Salvation: Maintains daily communications with HQ

I begin and end each day with a brief time reading the Bible, mainly in the New Testament, and praying. I thank God before each meal. I tune in Christian radio at odd moments, like during my morning and evening shaves and while walking. You'll find a world-wide 24/7 schedule at: <https://bbn1.bbnradio.org/>. Bible reading, prayer, and these programs continue to be my mainstay, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in my life these 56+ years.

How to Pray

This model is based upon Jesus' reply when His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray in Luke 11. You may first wish to click [here](#) to jump back to *Why should we pray?*

- 1. WORSHIP: A snappy salute** of courtesy, respect, and admiration for your spiritual Commander-in Chief. *Daily reminders of God's transcendence helps us keep proper perspective.* Begin prayer by praising Him. Praise Him for His great power and majesty so evident in our universe, for the boundless love He has showed us in Christ by His grace, His preparation of our future home in Heaven, His ongoing care for us, both seen and unseen, His detailed plans for our futures, etc. You'll find praise examples in Psalms 8, 91, 135, 145 and many others. You may wish to begin your praise time by singing a hymn or a praise chorus to honor Him. (I honor Him for not giving up on me with *He's Still Workin' on me!* ^{II}) Most often, I begin my worship time with, "God, You're just wonderful!" **He is!** "Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!" (Isaiah 9:6)
- 2. LISTEN: God also wants to speak to you!** Close your eyes, empty your mind, and ask God to speak through your thoughts. He may commend you for something you did for Him like holding back anger and unkind words or resisting some temptation to sin. He may also remind you of some kindness you failed to show. Maybe He will also zero in on some disobedience you need forgiveness for or that needs correcting. (Psalm 139:23-24: *Search my heart*) Often He will put into your mind things He wants you to do to stay close to Him, to bless others, and to share the love of Christ with a friend.
- 3. CONFESS: Spiritual cleanup.** Old Testament priests had to be cleansed by special washings and sacrifices for their sins before entering the Lord's sanctuary. Each day we need to confess any sins of either commission or omission the Lord revealed to us in the previous 'LISTEN' section, confess them, ask His forgiveness and strength to not repeat them. Unlike Old Testament times, no one needs a priest to forgive sins today. The earthly priesthood was abolished when Jesus paid for our sins on the cross. This was dramatically demonstrated when Jesus was crucified. The massive curtain in the Jewish temple sealing off the Holy of Holies was suddenly split from top to bottom, signifying we now have direct access to God through Jesus Christ, our High Priest who intercedes for us at the throne of God! (1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 9 and Hebrews 10)
- 4. EXPRESS GRATITUDE: Thank God** for all the many blessings He bestows upon us each day. Don't forget so many things we all take for granted and rarely think about. Also, how many times has He protected us from Satan's attacks of which we were totally unaware? One day He'll show us and we'll be ashamed we never thanked Him. Let us especially thank Him for His salvation and the place He's reserved for us in Heaven with the joy that will one day be ours! Also thank Him for the 'out of the ordinary' bad things that happen to you which clearly are not consequences of your own doing. They are part of His long-range plans for your good or for the good of others, or both. Your 'why?' will be answered in Heaven one day. (Romans 8:28, I Thessalonians 5:18).

5. **ASK: Take all your needs to Him** as well as the needs of friends and relatives, especially those who are sick, those who really need Jesus and His salvation, and any other needs. You may ask anything but always add, "YOUR will be done. (John 14:14)

Are you fretting and anxious about some situation? Sometimes that's the only way God can get our attention. Whatever drives you helplessly to your knees brings God into focus as your only help. Cast your burden upon the Lord and He can give you peace, even in the midst of your 'storm'! (1 Peter 5:6-7, Matthew 11:28-30, and Philippians 4:6-7)

6. **CONCLUDE: End your opening 'salute'.** We began our prayer with a 'salute' to God. The salute ends when the saluting hand is smartly brought down. We conclude our prayer by reminding ourselves that our access to God is only through the love and self-sacrifice of Jesus Christ who opened our access to God. That would be something like, "We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen." (Amen means 'so be it', or 'may it be done', in case you're wondering.)

God always hears the prayers of His people. His answer will be *yes*, *no*, or *wait* until some condition occurs, possibly involving those you don't even know, or possibly He's waiting for You correct some disobedience. Click [here](#) to review the conditions for answered prayer and God's three answers.

7. **How NOT to Pray: "Lord, it's been 16 years since I bothered you. but if You'll just get me out of this jam, I won't bother you again for another 16 years."**

Shield of Faith: Protects against Satan's 'fiery darts' of doubt.

We all have spiritual doubts from time to time. Satan sees to that by hurling 'fiery darts' of doubt. Temptations and even evil people try to discourage us. What if a soldier told his commander, "I just don't 'feel' like fighting the enemy today." Our feelings can be as changeable as the storm-tossed sea. Sometimes we may even consider just giving up. If so, do what Christ did in Matthew 4. When all alone in the desert where no one else would know if He failed, Jesus was tempted by Satan himself for 40 days, He got victory by countering each temptation with God's powerful word from Scripture. That was His robust shield to repel spiritual attacks. Though the sword is our primary offensive weapon, how many documentaries have we seen in which a warrior knocks his enemy down with a thrust of his shield? "For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Let's remember that following Christ is not just a matter of our 'holding on' but realizing that at the same time Christ is holding us. In Philippians 1:6 He promises to complete the work He has started in us. Together we can stand strong! Recall the *Fact-Faith-Feelings train* in Chapter 4? *The 'Fact' engine must pull the train, not the 'Feelings' caboose. Feelings can change like the wind. Click [here](#). I love the chorus, He's Still Workin' on Me, especially this line in the chorus, "Don't judge me yet, there's an un-finished part!" ¹¹ How do we keep our faith strong?*

Daily drills with our shield of faith: the Word of God! (Romans 10:17)

Breastplate of righteousness: Draws others to Christ, defends against accusations of 'hypocrite'

One example I've previously mentioned in Chapter 2 is Marine Corporal Stevens' life which drew me towards Christ. We too are being watched by others who do not know God. Some are just waiting to hurl accusations of 'hypocrite' at us, believing that justifies their continuing spiritual rebellion. Live so they see Christ in us! Your faithful Christian life may eventually help in a major way to draw someone else to Christ. You may not even know that until he or she greets you in Heaven one day. For me, Corporal Stevens, who pointed me to Christ over 61 years ago, is still

unaware that his Christian response to persecution was my first evidence there might be a God!

I began to avoid too close an association with ungodly friends that put pressure on me to conform to their ungodly standards. I avoided going to places where I knew I would be bombarded with temptations. I also began to avoid sinful literature and certain movies or TV programs that dishonored God or made sin and immorality into something 'everyone is doing' with no bad consequences. Even worse, immorality is twisted into 'harmless' jokes that make gross sin into just something to laugh about.

Belt of truth: God's word unmasks Satan's lies.

Scripture says Satan was a liar from the beginning. Only God's word can keep us from being deceived by so many of Satan's lies and half-truths so common in our society. (I would inject at this point that religion has not been the cause of most of this world's wars and suffering as I hear so often. (Click [here](#)) Satan's lies were the very foundations of Nazi-ism, Communism, and even of some well-meaning but misguided religions, one of which is on a worldwide rampage today to destroy all who resist their evil dogma, especially Americans. Perhaps you'll remember the lie of African Thomas Duncan some months ago, that he'd not visited any Ebola infected areas before coming to the U.S. His lie brought deadly Ebola to America resulting in a number of deaths.

One of the most widely accepted lies of Satan in America today is '[your body belongs to you so you can do whatever you want with it](#)'. Lie! Your body belongs to God. We're only temporary stewards. (1 Corinthians 6:17-20) (*Humorous note: A North Carolina pastor recently said that using God's word to detect Satan's lies is similar to a Navy minesweeper which can detect hidden underwater mines. After the service, my wife Irene used the term, "MIND-sweepers!" So VERY well said, Irene, a summary of these very important verses: 2 Corinthians 10:4-5!*) 😊

Sword of the Spirit: God's word powerfully defends us and 'raises the 'spiritually dead' from a life of sin for all who accept it.

My final transformation to a life following Christ resulted from devouring Scripture which came alive to me, and then through me to others, by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Many others I know had a similar experience. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that God's word is '[living and powerful](#)'. '[Living](#)' because, unlike a real sword, [this one can make the spiritually dead come alive!](#) '[Powerful](#)' because, it's something only God can do. How do we stay strong: daily drills with the 'sword of the Spirit', the Word of God! Read it, memorize it, Live it! (More [here](#) about how to use **SSR** to get victory over sinful temptations.)

Feet shod: with preparation to share the gospel: our primary mission

The ultimate mission of the Christian soldier is to be Christ's ambassador to reconcile the lost to God. Wherever our feet take us, others should see Christ in our lives. (2 Corinthians 5:20) Some may be called to full-time ministry, but all born-again Christians are called to shine for Christ wherever He has placed them and to be prepared to give 'the reason for our faith'. [1. 93. DD](#) (1 Peter 3:15)

This book includes answers to many questions I've found which will hopefully help you too. However, [don't feel you've failed if you can't answer all questions](#). This does not give the unsaved a valid excuse to hide from God. Bring them back to the fact they're sinners, they ARE going to die, and need to have their sins forgiven, not to put God on trial. Once they get to Heaven, God will answer all questions. (Click [here](#) to review the 'training manuals' above.)

Weaknesses a Christian Soldier Should Overcome

1. Soldiers are often sorely tempted when alone. The true degree of loyalty of a Christian soldier to His commander, Jesus Christ, is revealed when, all alone, he is attacked by the enemy (temptations). No one else is there to see if he will surrender or fight. However, God

sees all and promises to reward our spiritual victories over sin in eternity. Sometimes He might even reward us with something special although we should never expect to 'bribe' or buy God's favor by doing that which is only our spiritual duty. How to resist sin has been covered above.

2. Soldiers sometimes get bored and in a rut.

Danger! It's often caused by neglecting to read God's word each morning and/or missing church too often. **Unstuck**, by Back to the Bible Broadcast CEO, will be very helpful. [Y](#)

However, in my case years ago, after learning the basics of the Christian life, I was bored because I was ignoring the needs of my unsaved friends and Christ's command to start sharing what He had done for me. *When I began to share the gospel, timidly and only using leaflets at first, the 'lights came on' and the Christian life became a joy! (Luke 8:39)*

3. Soldiers are sometimes timid. Steps to Holy Courage, Born of Faith!

Following Christ is not a Sunday morning spectator sport! It requires courage and sacrifice you can only acquire relying upon God's Spirit that lives within you when you receive Christ. Sacrifice to choose Christ's will over your own sinful desires. Courage to follow Christ instead of giving in to ungodly peer pressure from your friends. Boldness to share the reason for your faith. (1 Peter 3:15) The apostle Paul strengthened Timothy, a young pastor of the first century with these words: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord ..." (2 Timothy 1:7-8)

How do we make the connection between Jesus' power and courage that lives in us and our timidity? *After 'having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel' ([above](#)), **Faith is that connector:** just believing God then stepping out!* Moses, one of the greatest of God's leaders, was very timid. When God called him to go to Pharaoh in Genesis 3, an 80-year-old Moses said, "Who am I? (I'm a nobody.) God's reply was essentially, '[After you've done it, then you'll know God was your strength!](#)' Wow!

How do we get that faith? Romans 10:17 says we get faith by hearing the Word of God. When God called Joshua to lead Israel into Canaan, He commanded him to be of good courage and told him where to get '[Holy courage born of faith](#)': from God's Word! (Joshua 1:6-9) We must also fortify ourselves with memorized Scripture that becomes a part of you, available anywhere, day or night, even without your Bible.

We all look at ourselves in the mirror multiple times during the day. The Bible says *if we look into Christ's mirror to see Him then little by little we are changed into His image!* (2 Corinthians 3:18) How? By beginning and each day meeting with God for prayer and fortification from His word to prepare for our spiritual battles and often, for God's strategic spiritual missions. We meet with God again before bed to review our day, to ask how we might have done better, and to receive His blessings as we drift off to sleep, and perhaps enjoying His "Well done, soldier!"

4. Soldiers may be 'wounded' but need to get up and fight on.

'Knocked down but not knocked out', paraphrases how Paul, the great missionary apostle, sometimes reacted to severe persecution from agents of Satan. It applies equally well when we have a spiritual fall. None of us will ever be perfect all the time but if we do fall, ask God's forgiveness, get back up, and get back into the battle. Christ will welcome you back, forgive you, strengthen you, and help you to do better next time. (1 John 1:9) Even a saying of Confucius applies well here: '[Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall!](#)' (*This applies equally well to dieting!*) Each victory over sin can strengthen you for the

next battle. *Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD.* (Psalm 31:24)

5. Soldiers struggling with the turbulent thoughts of combat PTSD need help.

Only Christ can help you bring your turbulent thoughts under control. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5) After leaving the military, I was told by a combat vet that those who struggle most with PTSD are those who exhibit I.A.M. symptoms: IDENTITY loss, ACCEPTANCE loss, MISSION loss. All three are to be found in Christ's **I.A.M.**: A new **IDENTITY** as His soldier, **ACCEPTANCE** as a Christian into the worldwide brotherhood of His church, and a **MISSION** to proclaim Christ. Your new mission? 'Rescuing' others for Christ, as detailed above as a Christian soldier who makes the spiritually dead alive to Christ! Marine Corporal Stevens was my 'rescuer' though it didn't 'take' until eight years later. (See Chapter 2.) Wow! We can be soldier-ambassadors for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

Some of you may be blaming God for the evils of war instead of Satan, so click here on [Appendix C'](#) for some reasons God permits evil and how God has even turned it to good. There are over 200 'Point Man' outposts of combat vets who have learned to overcome PTSD. They want to talk with you at www.point-man-ministries.org, or contact BudStrope@point-man-ministries.org. For books and other sites, contact my friend Jim, a Viet Nam vet at www.healingtrauma.us.com. Get help. There's no shame in a wounded warrior heading for the nearest aid station. They are there for you!

6. **AWOL Soldiers.** God does not let them go quietly because He loves them. His love and mercy will attempt to draw them back. Yes, His grace and mercy gives us all time to repent but we never know when He will say, "ENOUGH!" Then He will use stronger, even painful methods, like God's spiritual MPs to drag the wandering ones back. He may chastise us which we find in Hebrews 12:8, just as we parents chastise our children when they are naughty. We love our children too much to let them go astray and suffer cruel consequences later in life. As a last resort God also deals with His spiritual children in this very same way.

Christian soldiers: "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might!" (Ephesians 6:10) Be emboldened by knowing your identity and privileges in Christ by 'ringing' (clicking) **Christ's Bell!** →



Let's finish this section with the inspiring words of a rousing hymn:

**"Rise up, O men (and women) of God! Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings!"**

—Text: William Merrill, adapted; Music: Aaron Williams

PS. Why your teen needs an ***Apologetics Study Bible for Students*** ⁹⁰ before going off to college: surveys show 2/3 of our young people lose their faith in college, both by falling into sin traps they're not prepared to resist plus not having answers to pre-planned attack strategies and the ridicule of 'logical' atheistic questions.

Having been a 'serge-ant' in the Marine Corps, I strongly believe our motto is very appropriate for spiritual battles: *Semper Fidelis* which means 'always faithful'. Though I received my warrant for promotion to sergeant over 59 years ago, I still remember this part which I was inspired to memorize and carry in my heart:



"By this to all presents greetings. Be it known that reposing special trust in the fidelity and abilities of Corporal Thomas L. Hodges, we do hereby advance him to the rank of Sergeant, USMC."

We may lose a battle now and then, but Jesus assures us that He will finish that which He has begun in us and that we will eventually win the war with Satan and with evil! **Harry, the happy hang-in-there hamster**, would make a good mascot for the Christian soldier. He would say, "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord who has begun a good work in you." (Philippians 1:6)

These thoughts from some great old hymns form a strong foundation for our motivation and our courage to face any future with Christ at our side.



I Know Who Holds the Future, and I Know He Holds my Hand
Jesus Paid it All, All to Him I Owe,
Footprints of Jesus, that make the pathway glow;
we will follow the steps of Jesus, where e'er they go!

APPENDIX F-1: HAS EVOLUTION BEEN PROVEN?

Intelligent or Un-Intelligent Creation?

(Reminder: Click on **bold blue underlined text** to 'jump'. Return: hold ALT, press ←)

*DID 'Nothing' + 'Nobody' create Everything?
or did EXTRAORDINARY COMPLEXITY REQUIRE EXTRAORDINARY INTELLIGENCE?*

How Vast is Our Universe?

Unknown! Our most powerful telescopes have never found any boundaries.

However, these two amazing facts may help you get a vague idea.

1. Three thousand years would be required to count the stars in just one galaxy. There are millions, even billions of known galaxies. Many more are still undiscovered.
2. A hundred thousand years would be needed for a light beam to cross our Milky Way Galaxy. How fast is light? It can circle the earth over seven times in one second!

Let's begin by explaining why so much space is being devoted to examining evolution. When I was in school, evolution was taught as an unproven theory, a 'might-have-been'. Today, evolution, still unproven, is now proclaimed as a fact and those who don't accept it are academically punished. Evolution proclaims our fantastically complex universe created itself through a series of 'accidents' over millions of years. No God required.

This is the very doorway of 'freedom' for gratifying any lust, violence, or any other evil without fear of consequences, unless you're caught, of course. It's also the doorway to an eternity of suffering without the God who's been rejected. Racism and genocide are only two spinoffs of evolution's 'survival of the fittest'. The 'master race' was the very foundation of Naziism's plan for world conquest and was behind massive genocides not too long ago in Rwanda, Cambodia, Serbia, and Bosnia.

DID OUR UNIVERSE EVOLVE? Quick Facts

(For more information, just click your left mouse button on (**More**) below. To return, hold ALT and press ← .)

1. How can evolution be a fact when scientists only understand 4% of our universe? (More**)**

2. Did our universe 'self-create' according to the QF Cosmological Standard Model?
This model asserts that before our universe existed there was ultra-hot fog/dust, quantum bubbles, and who knows what else. These exploded into the Big Bang and Voila! The

universe created itself from space junk! ⁴⁶ Planck time, the [Eye of God \(right\)](#), and Maxwell's mathematical proof 150 years ago show it's impossible to prove that and that stars don't cool to become planets. (According to Einstein, Maxwell was the greatest scientist since Isaac Newton.) ([More](#))



3. Simplest intelligent creation proof, even for 'non-rocket scientists' How do you know your home was built? "It exists!" How do you know it wasn't built by toddlers and pre-teens who never heard of blueprints? It shows skilled construction based on intelligent design rather than the chaos we would expect from random 'play' by toddlers and pre-teens.

Just as the existence of your home proves there was 'intelligent creation' by an architect and construction by skilled builders, so the very existence of our much more complex universe demonstrates fantastic intelligence of a 'universe designer and maker' whom we call God. Just common sense. We're without excuse. (Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20)

Here's a slightly different approach. Your car is not an accident. It required intelligent designers. Obviously, our [infinitely more complex](#) universe also required a designer: God.

4. Reasons why very old evolutionary dates cannot be trusted. Among them are some unprovable assumptions used in calculations. Only one is that the speed of light has never changed. A NASA scientist friend of mine, who dated the first moon rocks, has shown that the speed of light may very well have been very much faster in times past which, if true, would make our universe much younger. ²⁸ ([More](#))

5. THE HIGGS BOSON particle discovery, mockingly called the 'GOD PARTICLE'. ⁴⁹ It holds all atoms in our universe together, but where did it come from and why? ([More](#))

6. 'Fine tuning' of the earth to support life is not an accident of evolution. From what did the approximately 150 mathematical constants evolve that describe all phenomena of nature? This, plus the question of how the first life on earth began, is unanswerable by evolutionists except by unprovable speculation, not evidence. ^{39D, 9H} ([More](#))

7. ONLY FOUR SCIENTIFIC LAWS CONTROL MOST OF OUR UNIVERSE. ([More](#))

8. EVOLUTION, Three Strikes, 'yer' OUT! ([More](#)).

(Click [here](#) with left mouse button to skip these details.)

More Details for 'Did Our Universe Evolve?'

1. How can evolution be a fact when scientists only understand 4% of our universe? Evolutionists often make factual proclamations of its origin based upon nothing more than speculation.

This NASA photo shows 'gravitational lensing', purported to give some evidence for the still unexplained 96% of dark matter and dark energy of our universe. There are myriads of ideas about how our universe came into existence. The Hindus taught that our universe came into existence with the utterance of 'OMMMMM!' (Now I understand why so many New-Agers love repeating that as part of their meditations.)



Our universe is vast. There are innumerable galaxies, many as yet undiscovered. As I've mentioned, to count all the stars in one typical galaxy, one per second, would take you around 3,000 years! I see two, only two, broad categories explaining the origin of our universe, [intelligent creation](#) and [un-intelligent creation](#) (evolution). It's obvious to me that

the astronomical complexity, structure, and the mind-boggling size of our universe indicates an OVERWHELMING [intelligent creation](#) by an amazing, intelligent Creator we call God.

2. Did our universe 'self-create' according to QF, the Cosmological Standard Model?

No! QF (quantum fluctuations) states that an ultra-hot cloud, quantum bubbles, and all the laws of nature (physics), existed before our universe erupted as the Big Bang followed by hot stars cooling to become planets. I recently read this statement by a prominent scientist who stated, "[If something is proven in the mathematical world, it has to exist in the real world!](#)" FALSE! Common sense tells us that any equation with one or more variables representing only a speculation cannot somehow magically produce reality. (Similarly, the reasoning of mathematical formal logic can easily lead you astray because it's been proven to have at least 56 fallacies.) Here's evolutionists' 'mathematical proof', (yeah, right!) that QF created our universe spontaneously without God. ⁷⁹ No real facts here, just 'could have', or 'may have'. That's hypothesis, pure speculation. Perhaps 'fantasy' would be a better word.

[Here's proof that QF can never be a proven fact.](#) Facts require valid data. Numerous sources cite the fact that [no valid data can exist before 10⁻⁴³ seconds \(Planck time\) AFTER the Big Bang](#) when our universe came into existence! ^R Why? Calculations before that interval are meaningless because they would distort Einstein's space-time. Also, physics' four fundamental forces have not yet formed, because there were no atoms or molecules yet. GOTCHA! (Not convinced? Email me for a much more detailed rebuttal.) So let's stop proclaiming the 'model' as a fact.



[The Eye of God \(also known as the Ring or Helix Nebula\)](#) ⁴⁸ proves that hot stars do NOT condense into planets. They explode and collapse into white dwarfs, neutron stars, or black holes, not planets. It's obvious that the *Cosmological Standard Model* is a model of [un-intelligent creation](#) because it rejects intelligent creation. I've not found a single scientist who has actually observed or offered any credible proof that a star cooled down to become a planet, as asserted in the model. *Stars are not like muffins warmed in the oven which after removal, cool down and eventually become rock hard and stale.* Stars are hot because they're powered by nuclear reactions of hydrogen fusion, like our sun, which is just another nearby star. When stars begin to run out of fuel they explode into a nova or supernova, then collapse to become a tiny white dwarf, a neutron star, or a black hole, but never a planet! This end result is deceptively still called a 'planetary' nebula. It's not a planet! This website contradicts the evolutionary model of how our universe was formed without God and His intelligent guidance.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stellar_evolution (Gap is an underline.)

More on the dazzling Eye of God. It's wider than 1,000 of our complete solar systems placed side by side! It appears to be ring-shaped but is, in actuality, the near end of a trillion mile long tunnel of hot glowing gas left behind when a star exploded and collapsed, resulting in a very dense, nearly invisible, white dwarf at the center. Though the dwarf isn't very bright, it's still a star, NOT a planet. Myriads of other dwarf stars also disprove the Standard Model. ⁴⁸ (Note, this star collapse resulted in matter so dense that only a matchbook-sized piece would weigh 250 tons! No known life could exist there.)

The idea that the planets of our solar system were born through condensation of a hot cloud of gas and dust was generally accepted by most scientists up until the time of Darwin about a century and a half ago. This helped support evolution because it explained our universe without a God-Creator. However, James Clerk Maxwell, a contemporary of Darwin and the greatest scientist of the 19th century, [soundly refuted the cooling of hot stars to planets mathematically](#). ⁴⁷ Maxwell also vigorously opposed evolution, calling it 'anti-scientific' rather

than 'un-scientific' since its foundations violated many basic laws of good science.

(Darwin, though a brilliant observer and documenter, had no formal scientific training. Maxwell, Darwin's contemporary (at right), was a professor at the world-renowned Oxford University. Maxwell was praised by Albert Einstein as the greatest scientist of the 19th century and 'to have made more contributions to physics than anyone since Isaac Newton'. Maxwell predicted mathematically the existence of radio, radar, X-rays, and all other electromagnetic waves by combining electric and magnetic field equations. His predictions about the rings of Saturn were verified by Voyager in 1981, nearly 100 years later. Oh, he also discovered color photography and is holding his color wheel.)



Has any evidence of pre-Big Bang speculations of any kind been found in the detectable echoes (CMB) from the Big Bang? Extensive mapping by the space probes COBE, Planck, and the nine-year WMAP mission have found nothing in the CMB (Cosmic Microwave Background) 'echo' of the Big Bang relating to pre-Big Bang or pre-Planck time data. The BICEP2 Project at the South Pole celebrated finding evidence but it was officially renounced two years later as being premature.

The very existence of science and its wonderful incredible complexity proves to me there had to be an intelligent being who created science itself! Science cannot explain everything as some claim. NINETY SIX PERCENT of our entire universe is still a mystery shrouded in dark energy and dark matter. More importantly, science has never proven where their laws of nature and science came from apart from a Creator-God.

This is powerfully affirmed by the fact that none of the laws of science were created by men. They were only discovered and quantified, like gravity which existed since the Big Bang. Isaac Newton did not discover the gravitational equation until the 1600s. **Kepler meticulously recorded astronomical observations for 40 years then discovered they all obey three laws that had controlled planetary orbits for ages. They're still used today in space exploration.** Newton found Kepler's laws so fascinating, he discovered calculus to test if these laws were valid. They were! Both Kepler and Newton were strong believers in God and only discovered a way to quantify what had been since creation. (Watch: Believe in God in Five Minutes video by an M.I.T. physicist ²⁸)

Random evolution must 'leap-frog' over mountains of evidence to the contrary: ignoring enormous mathematical probabilities (against), Darwin's fossil record (missing), origin of a first cause (Darwin wrote he wouldn't go there), and human reason. Leading evolutionist Julian Huxley championed their cause with, "No God gives us our sexual freedom." I may have already shared how leading modern British atheist Richard Dawkins also champions sexual freedom with atheism. He had huge billboards attached to the red British double-decker busses with, "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your lives!"

Dr. Hawking, the leading cosmologist mentioned above, says he is not an atheist but prefers to view God as the 'embodiment of the laws of physics'. See page 85 of his ***The Quest for a Theory of Everything***. Einstein believed the same. To them, their 'god' is really science. Neither are convinced our Creator has anything to do with us but maybe it's a start. Hawking's excuse: "Our universe is so vast, why would a creator pay attention to us?" The Bible's answer: because He created us in His image to be loved for all eternity. (Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 2:6-7)

3. No Details

4. **Reasons why very old evolutionary dates can't be trusted.**

a. How about radioactive dating?



Years ago I worked in the calibration lab at Convair on the B-58 bomber program. Our lab calibrated electrical meters, oscilloscopes, ground support equipment, etc. that would be used for precise measurements out on the flight line. Because we had very accurate standards to calibrate our equipment, we could trust the measurements of our equipment on the flight line.

Not so with evolutionary dating. Radioactive dating methods have nothing of known, proven historical age millions or billions of years old with which to calibrate their instruments. Therefore those dates using radioactive methods cannot be trusted. [v](#)

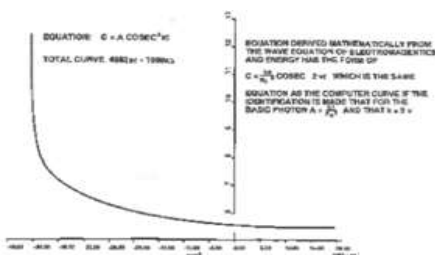
Evolutionists assume the rate of radioactive decay is assumed to have always been the same going back to the Big Bang. Unverifiable. Radioactivity wasn't even discovered until the late 1890s. More importantly, accurate measurements using radioactive decay go back only to around a few thousand years B.C. because we can calibrate the instruments against objects of historically known age. This includes wood from ancient tombs and long-lived trees like the bristlecone pine. How about assigning the age of fossils that of the strata in which they were found? This is 'circular proof' because strata is dated using radiometric methods and vice versa proving neither.

In contrast, Carbon 14 dating can often be fairly accurate back to a few thousand years B.C. because its accuracy can be calibrated against ancient objects of known ages as found in Egyptian and other tombs. One spectacular example is dating the Bible prophecies in the ancient [Dead Sea Scrolls](#) to have been written at least a hundred years before the events they prophesied, thereby validating biblical accuracy. [\(More\)](#) (Writing style for that period as well as microscopic examination of the parchment also corroborated the findings.)

b. Do the millions and billions of years it takes for starlight to reach us prove evolution's assertion that stars and our universe are really that old?

Light is one form of energy. Everything in our universe is either mass or energy. They are exactly related to each other by Einstein's famous equation, $E = mc^2$, the most powerful evidence I know for intelligent design of our universe by the 'Master Mathematician'! [6](#), [74](#) Let's take a look at the velocity of light in evolution equations.

Dr. James Dawson, a NASA scientist who headed the Physical Chemistry Lab, helped analyze the first moon rocks. Dr. Dawson has presented evidence that light and all electro-magnetic radiation travelled much, much faster in years past. [28](#) This casts grave doubt upon the validity of the estimated 13.772 billion-year age of our universe which would be much younger. This would also cast serious doubts upon the estimated distances and dates of creation of astronomical bodies based on measurements in 'light years'. (A light year is the distance light travels in a year at around 186,000 miles per second.)



His research showed that the assumed 'constant' light speed today is nearly constant only because it is measured at the tail end of the dramatic exponentially decreasing curve plotted from his data at left. The x axis represents time and the y axis, the speed of light. Mathematically regressing his data, we see a dramatic fall millions of years ago, then the

progressive flattening of the trajectory indicating a nearly constant speed of around 186,000 miles per second over the past four centuries.

Gamma rays, emitted by radioactive materials, as well as microwave radiation leftover from the Big Bang, are all forms of the same type of electromagnetic radiation as light. Therefore, it's very likely they too travelled much faster millions of years ago. *Since there are no reliable calibration sources to confirm results, this casts grave doubts upon radioactive dating. (Click [here](#).) Also, numerous space probe measurements of the microwave radiation of the 'leftover echoes' after the Big Bang have failed to produce a reliable age of our universe for the same reason.*

Tekkie Candy Dawson's light speed conclusion is based upon several different methods of measurement, including cross checks, going back to the initial measurement in 1640 by Roemer. The equation of the plotted data fits the curve for $c = A (\text{cosecant})^2 \text{ kt}$. It was derived by combining equations for the electromagnetic wave and its energy. If Dr. Dawson's findings are correct, our earth would be much younger than previously thought and the astronomical distances to stars would be much closer since distance = velocity times time.

Slower velocity = shorter distance.

Regrettably, Dr. Dawson's research report, [The Decay of the Speed of Light, the Answer to the Genesis Creation Question](#), disappeared with the rest of his website after he passed away in 2013. Fortunately, I have an old copy if any of you 'tekkies' want one as well as a few copies of his very comprehensive apologetics DVD, **Why Believe**. The DVD also includes his detailed research on the speed of light decay and its effects on our universe, even upon primitive life.

Dawson, a former classmate of mine, was a star football player and president of the Weatherford, Oklahoma High School student body. He was also a classmate of Thomas Stafford, who went on to become an astronaut and an Air Force general. Dawson earned triple degrees in chemistry, math, and physics before going to NASA. His technical legacy, as well as his testimony of faith in God, live on in the NASA archives. ²⁸ Dr. Dawson published 87 technical papers, wrote 10 books on biblical prophecy, founded a Christian radio station, and the Aaron C. Ministries, a Christian apologetics web site. I knew him personally as a warm, fervent humble Christian and a great scientist, as you will see in his obituary: <http://www.edmondsun.com/obituaries/x967391199/James-P-Dawson>.

[Persecution of Dawson and other scientists who reject evolution.](#)

Dawson told me that NASA rejected his speed of light findings, as well as his creation date for the moon rocks, in spite of a mountain of evidence to the contrary. The NASA chief even threatened to fire Dawson and all his lab scientists because the dates did not conform to evolutionary theory. (You'll find additional unreliability of radiometric methods used to date fossils later on.) Dr. Dawson's situation facing ostracism from NASA was much the same as back in the 16th century when the authorities also rejected the evidence of Copernicus, and later of Galileo, that the earth orbits the sun and not vice-versa. Like evolution, this had been taught as fact for many centuries even though it was wrong. I would also add Dr. James F. Coppedge was denied his first Ph.D. from UCLA because after six years research his dissertation, **Evolution, Possible or Impossible**,³³ contradicted evolution.

Not long ago, www.creationmoments.com posted the firing of microbiologist [Professor Mark Armitage](#) by Cal State. His sendoff was, *"We will not tolerate your 'religion' in this department!"* So, was he standing on his desk with a megaphone screaming, *"Jesus Saves?"* No, he had co-authored a paper about how a triceratops horn seemed

to show dinosaurs were not as old as evolution claims. He took his unfair dismissal to court, and the trial is still pending. If you wish to add your protest, paste this into your email provider: feedback@creationmoments.com. No, it's not too late as this trial could drag on for years. This was also the case with [David Coppedge](#), a computer department head at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, which launched the historic Cassini probe to Saturn. He was demoted, then fired only for passing out creation DVDs. Sadly, after several years, he lost his court case after he sued NASA for his unfair dismissal. More about David in [Appendix B](#).

c. How about CMB (Cosmic Microwave Background) measurements)?

Discovering the earth's age by regressing the leftover microwave radiation back the Big Bang of creation looked like a great idea. However, it's based on the *unverifiable assumption* that the radiation velocity today, used in the computations, is the same as it was billions of years ago. The COBE, WMAP, and PLANCK space probes were marvels of scientific achievement but they failed to prove the alleged 13+ billion-year evolutionary age of our universe for this reason. So far we have no way to find calibration material for anything this old, hence radiometric dating of material that old cannot be a fact. ^{27A}

d. Why is the equation used to compute ages of fossils millions and billions of years old not to be trusted? This citation was presented during a fossil seminar DVD at elapsed time 23:51. ⁸⁶ The equation uses three unverifiable hypothetical assumptions plus five more which 'define' the hypothetical initial conditions. The results are asserted as evolutionary 'facts'. Impossible. The results can never be more accurate than its speculative input assumptions. As a computer programmer, my colleagues would say, "GIGO: **Garbage In, Garbage Out.**"

e. If man evolved over four million years, doubling the population every thousand years (very conservative allowing for very high mortality), after only 100,000 years, how many people would there be? 2.5 followed by 30 zeros! ⁸⁶ (You'll find this at elapsed time of 49:12 minutes of the video at this citation.) Of course most would be dead so we ought to find fossils by the trillions and trillions and trillions, right?

Darwin stated that discovery of innumerable fossil series showing very gradual evolution from one species to another would be absolute proof evolution was true. However, Darwin wrote that he was perplexed that they'd never been found. Today, ~160 years later, fossils by the millions have been found but NOT ONE fossil series showing millions of years of very gradual evolution from any species to any other. Where's Darwin's proof?

f. How about sedimentation strata evidence? Ages are sometimes assigned by sedimentation rates of ancient rivers that laid down various strata eons ago. This is often indeterminate because the sediment is of a wide variety of sizes, weights, and different materials. Until the Mount St. Helens eruption only 35 years ago, geologists assumed that a river at the bottom of deep gorges, like the Colorado River and others, had slowly worn away the earth and rock over millions of years. However, when Mount St. Helens erupted, it was shown that the same effect can be created instantly by earthquakes.

g. How about the geologic column evidence? The geologic column was created on paper based on evolution, not from observation. The model only actually exists in only around an estimated 1.5% of the earth so evolutionary conclusions are at best shaky. Originally, it was divided into only four 'eras'. Later, those were divided into 10

or 11 eras, ⁶⁴ then further subdivided into periods. It all seems so orderly and correct — on paper. Radioactive dating, often potassium-argon, assigns an age to each layer and to the fossils found there. However I've already shown that this type of 'millions-and-billions-of-years' type of dating is based on multiple unprovable assumptions. Click [here](#). You'll find a great deal of scientific evidence for a relatively young universe on the internet. Here are only a few:

<http://crev.info>, www.creationmoments.com, www.discovery.org/id/.

h. Has the sun always been hot enough to support evolution's beginning life?

IA recent article reported that our sun was 40% dimmer an alleged 4.6 billion years ago. Our sun is a nearby star. Stars generate light and heat by atomic hydrogen fusion. They don't cool down like muffins to form planets. Maxwell proved this mathematically in the 1800s. ⁴⁷ Stars get hotter and hotter until they explode and collapse into a tiny, cold, uninhabitable, and enormously heavy dwarf. Astrophysicist Hugh Ross computed that by the time life allegedly began to emerge around four million years ago, the sun would've been 18-23% dimmer than today so no life could've begun evolving. It didn't! Life was created by God, each species reproducing after its own kind.

Pray for our nation. We continue to drift away from God ever farther ever faster. Spiritually, our government is a train wreck. *Repent America or disaster ahead!*

5. The GOD PARTICLE: HIGGS BOSON, Second Greatest Discovery of the Century!

(DNA is number one, in my opinion, as we'll see later)

On March 15, 2013, the media reported that scientists at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, announced they are confident they've discovered the 'God particle' commonly known as the Higgs boson. This atomic particle supposedly came into existence one or two trillionths of a second AFTER the Big Bang, and existed for only a tiny, tiny fraction of a second. It is speculated to be the master particle which imparts mass to every other atomic particle that makes up everything physical in our universe. Evolutionists say it may hold the secret of how ALL atoms were formed, without a Creator of course.

Over 6,000 scientists worked on this project, some for 30 to 40 years. This is said to be the 'most astounding discovery of the century' because it fills in the missing center 'bull's eye' of the 'atomic standard model' chart. The Large Hadron Collider used in the discovery was built in an underground circular tunnel many miles long at a cost of around \$10 billion dollars over a 20-year period. Dr. Peter Higgs received the Nobel Prize for his discovery in late 2013. The Higgs boson was produced by slamming two proton beams into each other. (Go figure!)

Based on the usual evolutionary position of rejecting a God-Creator, I understand the title, '[God particle](#)' to be a mockery of God by some scientists who may think they 'created' the Higgs boson themselves. I'm sure some are saying, "[We didn't need God! We've 'created' the Higgs boson ourselves!](#)" Nope! They only assembled the beams from protons that already existed. They did not create these protons from nothing. God had previously created the protons they used as well as the laws of physics they obeyed. They're like the scientists who bragged to God that He was no longer needed because they were now able to 'create' a man from dirt as God had done. God's reply, "[Ok, let's see you do that again but this time, create your own dirt from nothing as I did!](#)"

On the other hand, godly scientists would have their faith in God strengthened at seeing the discovery of the amazing 'God particle' as more scientific evidence of God's power and transcendent intelligence. That is, unless we later learn that what they thought they found was not the Higgs boson after all. That's a real possibility because they never actually saw the 'God Particle', only its side effects! The particle only lasts something like a billionth of a

split second or less. So there is some skepticism as to whether this announcement of success is premature. Read on.

Following the announcement of the Higgs 'God particle' discovery, I read that 'theologians may rightly celebrate'. Why? Many cosmologists now recognize that IF the Higgs boson did exist, then our universe would've been so excessively fine-tuned that it should've exploded into atoms! Translation: the random accidents of 'un-intelligent' evolution just could not have produced the intelligent design we see in our universe, with or without a Higgs boson. More details on the God particle. ⁴⁹

6. Fine tuning of the earth to support life.

Why is our earth finely tuned (adjusted) to support human life and all of the 1200+ planets discovered thus far are not? ^{9H} (Whoops, make that 2,740 planets, as of January, 2013 with more being discovered every day.) A major evidence of **intelligent creation** by a God-Creator is that so far, no other planet has been found with so many factors so exactly 'tuned' to be able to support human life. The extremely fine tuning of our earth to support human and other life is called the **anthropic principle**, which is powerful scientific evidence for divine creation.

'**Tuning**' includes the correct percentages of oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide levels in our atmosphere, earth's correct distance from the sun so we don't freeze or burn up, a tilt angle of 23.5 degrees that determines our seasons, earth's rotational and orbital speeds, and many, many more, some of which have not yet even been discovered. It is said that a change of over 10% in many of these factors would make human life impossible. Drs. Geisler and Turek beautifully describe only 15 of these amazing anthropic factors that fine-tune our universe. Also that if our universe had expanded only one millionth as fast or slower than it did, cosmologists themselves tell us that the universe would've either collapsed upon itself or never come together. No universe! More in Chapter 4 of this citation including the extremely finely balanced gravity of the sun, something few have considered. ^{9H}

Astrophysicist Dr. Hugh Ross ⁶⁸ computed the odds that only 122 of nature's 180 mathematical constants that 'fine-tune' our earth for life were just 'accidents of evolution'. (At www.reasons.org you'll find 300 pages of research documentation!) Not only did he compute this for earth but also for any of the 10^{22} theoretical planets in the whole universe whether discovered yet or not! (How many planets is that: 1 followed by 22 zeroes!) **The odds that these 122 constants evolved accidentally are a whopping 10^{138} to 1 against. (1 plus 138 zeroes!) WOW! There are only an estimated 10^{80} atoms in our whole universe according to Einstein's space density calculations!**



*Personally I understand these huge astronomical odds better this way. I ask myself if I'd be willing to fly in an airplane with those same odds against landing safely! **Not unless I had a death-wish!** According to Dr. Emil Borel, any event with the odds against it of over 10^{50} to 1 against it (1 followed by 50 zeroes), 'just ain't-a-gonna-happen', not in our universe.*

Dr. Ross also helps us to understand huge probability numbers by comparing them to coin tossing. It's not impossible to flip a perfectly balanced coin into the air and see it **land on edge instead of heads or tails**. (This is probably more likely if it lands on a sloping surface since the coin's velocity vector downhill would tend to counteract the gravity vector?) How likely would it be to land on edge even once? How about a million times, one after the other, a million 'coincidences' in a row? ^{35, 68} Out of nearly 3,000 new planets discovered so far, **the earth is the only known planet which is exquisitely fine-tuned for human life. Does life on only one planet, ours, not infer deliberate intelligent divine creation of mankind?**

Tekkie Candy There are only four fundamental atomic forces in our universe. When our universe came into existence, if the ratio between only two of them had been off by only 1 part in 100,000,000,000,000,000: **No stars! No planets! No us!** ⁵⁹

And how about the earth's orbital speed? [That determines how far we are from the sun which is critical to the survival of all life.](#) Stand still, look down at your feet. Is the earth moving? You don't feel it but the earth is rotating around 1,000 miles per hour at the equator. At the same time we're moving nearly 67,000 miles per hour as we orbit the sun. In addition to all that, we're also moving about 1,300,000 mph towards the constellation Sagittarius, plus six other directions as well! Earth movements are so unbelievably smooth we don't even feel them. [Who organized all this? Who sustains our universe eon after eon? Random accidents?](#) As if all this amazing fine-tuning of our earth were not fantastic enough, Dr. Martin Rees, Astronomer Royal of England, has shown that our ENTIRE UNIVERSE is SO FINELY TUNED it exists within the very narrow limits of only six mathematical parameters! ⁶³

7. ONLY FOUR SCIENTIFIC LAWS CONTROL MOST OF OUR UNIVERSE!

- a. **The Law of Gravity which holds our entire universe together!**
- b. **The First Law of Thermodynamics:** Everything in the universe is either matter or energy. Science can neither create from nothing nor destroy anything completely. (Only God created from nothing and will eventually destroy earth completely.) Thus, our universe had to have been supernaturally created. One of God's outstanding demonstrations for me was when I learned that the five million tons of hydrogen that disappears every second from the sun's nuclear furnace was exactly the amount predicted by Einstein's $E = mc^2$! It didn't disappear. It was converted from mass to the heat and light the sun generates in a massive atomic hydrogen fusion reaction!
- c. **The Second Law of Thermodynamics** (entropy): Unless acted upon by an outside force, everything in our universe is running down. Our earth is slowing down its rotation, the sun is dimming, every living thing is ageing and will die.
- d. **The Law of Bio-Genesis:** Life can only come from previous life. This is why Darwin had to start evolution from some life already evolved in some primordial pool. Is this a 'cheat'? He had no scientific nor evolutionary explanation for 'first life' from chemicals nor for animal instinct. So he just wrote: "[I'm not going there!](#)"

What are some recent results of replacing God with Evolution in our schools in the '60s? Reader's Digest, November 2015, p. 126 quotes *USA Today*. Since 1999, there have been 346 mass shootings with 1,700 dead. Prison population has quadrupled since 1980 and \$20 billion of our taxes are spent each year to incarcerate two million prisoners. Two thirds are returned to prison within three years. A major exception is Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship which has the lowest relapse rate of any program. They introduce prisoners to Jesus Christ who becomes their new 'life coach'! (PBS Newcast 6 PM, 10/15/15)

And where did all scientific laws come from? Invented? No, all were only discovered, meaning they were already in place when the world was created! Evolutions' answers will mostly be speculations based on many unprovable assumptions, beginning with dating. (Click [here](#)) In evolution, 'anything goes' to omit a Creator to whom we are ultimately responsible. Yet these speculations are taught in schools and universities as 'facts' these days, unlike when I was in college back in the '50s. Then, evolution was taught as a 'may have been'. I believe that logic will show that a Creator-God is the most reasonable 'first cause' of everything. However, if you're trying to hide from God, then the most wild speculation would be reasonable for you.

(End Universe Evolution details)

DID LIFE EVOLVE?

How many of you really believe that this cute little face is the result of a string of random accidents of evolution?



Before presenting evidence whether this is true or not, I need to define terms. Since 'species' and evolution can both be ambiguous, I will use 'cross-species' for evolution (macroevolution). This progresses extremely slowly over very long time periods like millions of years to gradually become a new type creature, like a fish to an amphibian like a frog. 'Variation' (microevolution) is defined as a change that can take place in only a few generations but is still basically the same type creature. This includes different types of dogs, cats, or horses. They remain dogs, cats, or horses. Unfortunately, evolutionists often inappropriately use examples of variation as examples of evolution as we shall soon see.

I do appreciate the years of intensive research that has gone into evolutionary theory by many brilliant men. But let us remember that the meaning of the word 'theory' is also ambiguous. To the non-scientific majority it can also be interpreted as a fact. But to the scientific community it can also mean just an unproven idea as well as a proven one.

EVOLUTION'S NOT A FACT; IT'S A WISH THERE'S NO GOD TO WHOM WE'RE ACCOUNTABLE!



22 Reasons Why Evolution of Life Cannot Be a Fact. These reasons expose evolutionary 'leaps' over good science. *For more information, click on the '(More)'* in the points below. To return, hold ALT and press ← .

- 1. Everyone believes in the evolution of life, don't they?** After all, it's taught as a fact from grade school through university and beyond, so it must be true, right? No! *This citation takes you to a 23-page document of 927 scientists in 38 countries who reject the evolution of life based purely on scientific evidence.* ⁸² You may add scores more scientists with advanced degrees at the *Institute for Creation Research (ICR)*. Let's examine evolution now, then you decide if it's a fact.
- 2. Darwin's own evidence proving evolution true has never been found.** Darwin's stated proof would be to find 'innumerable' fossil-series showing very, very gradual cross-species evolution over millions of years in Chapter III in his book, **Origin of Species 150th Anniversary Edition.** ^{36B} A hundred million fossils are to be found in museums today. ^{27G} *Not even one series has been found after 150 years.* Therefore one missing link or even dozens of them do not prove evolution as is frequently claimed. 'The fossils still say no' and that's the title of this book cited here. ³⁸ (http://evolutionfacts.com/picture_gallery.htm shows a great picture gallery of fossils. ^{27B})
- 3. Darwin's assumption that evolutionary offspring inherit a blend of both parents' traits is disproven by modern genetics.** Dominant and recessive genes as well as pure chance determine which characteristics are passed on to offspring. The miracle of self-healing is only one of these. Otherwise the slightest injury would eventually be fatal. No evolution. Modern Darwinists no longer believe in blending of traits of parents but think random mutations produce cross-species evolution. We shall soundly disprove this later on. (**More**)
- 4. Darwin never demonstrated a single cross-species example of evolution.** ³⁸ Evolutionists of today often deceptively point to finch beak drawings and the ubiquitous British peppered moth as examples of evolution. Both of these are only variation within

the same species, not cross-species evolution. Deliberate deception?

5. **Cross-species evolution had never been observed in nature or reproduced in the lab.** (More in the next item.) A 71-year experiment producing mutations in fruit flies in labs around the world simulated millions of years of evolution and failed miserably. [27K](#), [39C](#), [41](#) Here are at least 28 reasons why mutations cannot produce viable evolution. [27D](#) ([More](#))
6. **'Cambrian explosion': fossils of all 30 phyla (categories of life) appear suddenly, with no evidence whatever of any previous evolution, in the Cambrian period of the Paleozoic era!** [39A](#) Only bacteria and one-celled creatures existed for several million years until this sudden 'explosion' of life. ([More](#))
7. **Did Darwin 'cheat' by skipping how life began, then starting evolution with an already-evolved, reproduction-capable organism?** Well, yes and no. No in the sense that he finally admits it. But Yes in the sense that he waited to admit that until Chapter VII, page 188, first paragraph, where he said, in effect, 'I can't explain instinct, how the first life began, and several other major difficulties with my evolutionary ideas so OOPS, I'll just skip all that and leapfrog to a fully formed, reproduction-capable organism to begin evolution.' It's then left to the reader to erroneously assume evolution really began from simple chemicals in that slime pool or ocean. [36A](#) Darwin even asserted that life may have indeed originated in a slime pool or ocean but he said, "I choose not to go there." That means he has no evolutionary evidence or explanation for that either. No one has ever created life from chemicals. That's exclusively God's domain. See Dr. Kenyon's attempt to explain 'life from chemicals' in ([More](#)).
8. **After denying a real God, Darwin invented a 'mythical god' to explain the fantastic complexity of the human eye.** Yes, he 'supposed into existence' a power which guided all worldwide evolution for around 8.7 million different species simultaneously for millions of years! Only a 'mythical god' could do that but only in Darwin's imagination. He had to come up with some explanation for the enormous complexity of the eye in Chapter VI because he wrote it was 'absurd to believe such complexity could result from tiny random changes over millions of years'. [36C](#) But isn't a 'god' supernatural, not science? ([More](#))
9. **Instinct and behavior contradict evolution.** Darwin was at a loss to explain how instinct and behavior evolved, and how they were passed on to millions of successive generations. [36A](#) He ignored the real God and just chose not to go there on page 188 of his book. [36C](#) Darwin was particularly disturbed by many creatures which are abandoned at birth yet show amazing instinct like the bronze cuckoo which, having never been shown the way, migrates several thousand miles over open ocean and back! ([More](#))
10. **The fertility of both plants and hybrids contradicts evolution.** They didn't fit into Darwin's speculations of evolution so he just didn't go there. See Chapter VIII of Darwin's book. [36A](#)
11. **Viruses, bacteria, and other creatures did not eventually evolve into humans.** They've been around to evolve for around two billion years longer than us! Why? I would ask the same of many insects which are said to have appeared millions of years before humans yet are pretty much the same today. Click ([More](#)) for a word from **ANT**ony.
12. **DNA complexity does NOT always increase in more 'allegedly highly evolved life'!** Recent detailed analysis of the octopus genome shows it to be more complex than

human! No evolution here! ([More](#))

13. The fantastically complex universe and every tiny atom in it did not come into existence from unbelievably precise sequences of random accidents.

The Mona Lisa, a very famous painting, exhibits both intelligence and fine design. How do we know it had to have been painted by someone and was not a random accident? Because it exists and it exhibits both intelligence and design. In the same way, our universe exhibits both incredible intelligence and fantastic design. Therefore a 'universe designer' must exist because the universe exists. We are inexcusable to not see God in nature. (Romans 1:20, Psalm 19:1) Could there be some other reason evolutionists refuse to acknowledge God? (John 3:19) See [Appendix F-2](#) and ([More](#))

14. Evolution does not conform to the 'gold standard of science': observable and testable.

All evolutionary examples I've found so far are only variation within the same species, not cross-species evolution, except of course, in speculative art work. Nobel Laureate Dr. Robert R. Laughlin, Professor of Physics at Stanford, details some deceitful evolutionary experiments in his book **A Different Universe**.⁶⁵ True science can not only test but also predict future observations. Cross-species evolution is neither observable nor testable. *Intelligent design by our Creator is both, scientifically evidenced by astrophysicist Dr. Hugh Ross.*⁶⁸ ([More](#))



15. Evolutionary dating methods giving ages of millions of years for fossils and the geologic strata they are found in is unreliable.

They're based on several unprovable assumptions.^{27A} Ditto for ages and distances to stars because that too is based on unproven assumptions. ([More](#))

16. The law of entropy makes evolution scientifically impossible. Nothing can become more complex, even if given millions of years, without continual outside intervention. Iron rusts, medicines expire, all life ages, then dies. Yet evolutionists continue to assert that bacteria 'prove' evolution by 'evolving' antibiotic resistance. **False!** They lose genetic information instead of evolving. ([More](#))

17. The law of syntropy makes evolution scientifically impossible. It prohibits reproduction numerous times over thousands or millions of years with only a partially developed reproductive system. NO evolutionary reproduction can take place except with a fully developed reproductive system. Since Darwin ignored that and started with a fully developed organism, this may not apply to him but it certainly does to modern Neo-Darwinists who do believe life really started from chemicals in a primordial slime pool or the ocean. ([More](#))

18. The mathematics of probability makes evolution scientifically infinitely utterly impossible. The probability that even a single DNA gene of any of the 8.7 million species of life could have come into existence is infinitesimally small. The odds of this happening is a number which is *many billions of times greater than our universe has even existed!* Click [here](#) for how microbiologist Dr. Frank Coppedge computed this.

19. Knowing what we do today, evolution could've never been accepted as scientific. Most of the scientific knowledge of the cell and of genetics was extremely primitive in the 19th century when evolution was conceived. Back then, most people didn't even believe in germs, and that rotting garbage spontaneously created rats. Pasteur's germ theory wasn't published (in faraway France) until the year Darwin published his ideas on evolution. The laws of genetics and inheritance were in

their infancy and, like the idea of germs, were not widely accepted. The human cell was a total mystery. Darwin called the cell 'a blob of gelatin'. DNA wouldn't even be discovered until around 100 years later.

Today, the laws of genetics have also been refined and verified which make several of Darwin's assertions impossible. DNA complexity cries 'intelligent' creation, not an innumerable series of fantastically lucky accidents! Dr. Antony Flew, leading atheist of his day, discarded evolution after studying DNA. Only divine intelligence could have created such staggering complexity. ⁸

- 20. Evolution theory continually repudiates 'missing links' and 'backtracks.'** When I was in college, we were descendants from chimps. Today, one 'missing link' after another is being discredited. After two supposed missing links to humans were disproven, Ardi and Lucy, the February 2013 Scientific American magazine stated, "We're now having to rethink all we ever thought we knew about evolution." ([More](#))
- 21. Evolutionary hoaxes and frauds.** Ernst Haeckel's series of phony drawings of 1866, asserted that all embryos undergo real-time evolution in the egg or uterus before birth. It's still in a number of school text books though proven false over 100 years ago. You'll find a string of notorious 'missing link' hoaxes and mistakes in the 'details' section below. ([More](#))
- 22. No scientific data exists until 'Planck Time' AFTER the Big Bang. This renders evolution's mathematical speculations invalid, including their weird 'quantum fluctuation' explanation of how our universe created itself without God! ([More](#))**

[Has evolution been good for our society?](#) How about the increase in crime and mass-shootings since 1963 when God, Bible reading, and prayer were replaced by evolution in our schools? ⁷⁵

During the opening session of the 23rd National Apologetics Conference held in 2016 in Charlotte, NC, Dr. Norman Geisler presented the following evil 'fallout'. Between 1963 and 1992. Abortions went up 1,000%, crime increased 500%, teen suicide tripled to 300%, and both divorce and teen pregnancies divorce doubled. ⁷⁵ Jeffrey Dahmer, the notorious cannibal serial killer, is a great example of what happens when God's absolute morality is replaced with the relative morals of evolution: "They taught me I'm only an evolved animal, so what's wrong with what I did?" Atheist Richard Dawkins would say, "We can only dance to our pre-programmed DNA we are accidently born with." He's right about that if his 'We' includes only atheistic evolutionists! Read now about what Peter Hitchens has to say about the end result of evolutionary teaching. Peter is the brother of one of the most outspoken atheists of our day, Christopher Hitchens.

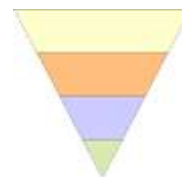
Peter Hitchens was an atheist because he enjoyed 'freedom from God'. He begins his book, *The Rage Against God, how atheism led me to faith*, with sharing that he burned his Bible at age 15. ⁸³ However, as an international journalist who spent years in several atheistic countries, he saw its evil fruit. Many of the people were warm to their own families, yet towards everyone else they were a thieving, lying, suspicious, rude, and ugly people, quite apart from the influence of communism. For example, in Moscow, drivers even hide their windshield wipers except when it actually began to rain. Then traffic all comes to a halt as drivers stop to remount their hidden wipers. In Somalia, with no effective government, the people were like wild animals so Peter had to hire two pre-teen bodyguards with AK-47s.

[FINALLY, what is the real message of the evolution 'religion'?](#) That the true God is unnecessary to explain the existence of life and of our universe. Therefore, we are morally accountable only to society and then only if we're caught. "Evolution gives us our sexual freedom," was the quote

of famous British evolutionary biologist and prolific evolutionary author, Sir Julian Huxley. Freedom to indulge in all sorts of sin? Yes. Freedom from future consequences both here on earth and later at God's eternal judgment? NOPE!

NOTE: Sir Julian was the grandson and disciple of Thomas Huxley, 'Darwin's bulldog.'

It appears to me that the evidence presented above scientifically demonstrates that the *evolutionary religion pyramid* is built top-downward beginning with [absolute faith in the scientifically impossible](#), [firm conviction that anything is possible, given a few million years](#), and is ['supported' by unproven or missing evidence](#).



Therefore the 'theory' of evolution should rightly be called a 'hypothesis' which is pure speculation. Geisler and Turek's book title expresses my view of evolution which is ***I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist!*** ⁹

Yes, this assumes evolutionists are also often atheists. Most evolutionists whom I've met are. However, some unsuccessfully attempt to straddle the fence as 'theistic evolutionists'. Unlike the real God, no one is accountable to Darwin's 'god' and that's what makes evolution so popular. During my lifetime I have also seen evolution change from a 'could've been' to 'it's a fact no one must dispute'. If you're still convinced evolution is a fact,

listen to these scientists discuss **Evolution's Mistakes:**

<http://www.creationmoments.com/category/radio-transcripts-categories/evolutions-mistakes>.

Click [here](#) to skip these '(MORE)' details below.

Details of '**Did Life Evolve?**' above

Darwin may have been a church-goer but most likely not a genuine Christian. Why? He abandoned God as Creator and began his evolutionary theory after the tragic death of his ten-year-old daughter Annie. Few people know that Darwin, though a brilliant observer, had no formal scientific training. Also few people know that he himself was so unsure of his evolutionary ideas that he delayed publication for many years. Darwin admitted that his evolutionary theory had a number of major weaknesses in Chapters VI, through IX of his book, '**Origin of Species**'. ³⁶ He reluctantly published only after Thomas Huxley, 'Darwin's bulldog', began proclaiming it as a fact years later. Darwin's doubts persisted as we find this quote in his *Life and Letters* of 1887: "Often a cold shudder has run through me, and I have asked myself whether I may have not devoted myself to a fantasy." ¹⁰²

1. (Everyone believes ... ; no details)
2. (Darwin's own evidence ... ; no details.)
3. **Darwin's assumption that evolutionary offspring ...** . The fact that evolutionary offspring always inherited a blend of the very best of both parents' traits has been disproven by modern genetics. Yet, evolutionary school text books are filled with detailed colored drawings of what they might have looked like. Students accept them as real. In addition to Dr. Stephen Meyer's great book, **Darwin's Doubt**, he debates some world-class evolutionists like skeptic Michael Schermer in this stimulating video at: www.darwinsdoubt.com. Also see these citations. ^{27G, 38}
4. (Darwin never demonstrated this; no details.)
5. **Cross-species evolution never observed in nature or in the lab. (Fruit flies)**
The fact that evolution (cross-species) is both observable and testable is grossly untrue. Variations within a species, like breeding horses or dogs, is observable. Some evolutionists

try to deceive us by pointing to variations as being the same as evolution. Not true, don't be deceived.

Mutations are accidents in the reproduction of DNA which causes an abnormal departure from normal development differences. Modern Darwinists favor mutations as the driving force of evolution over Darwin's original 'natural selection' but that has since been disproven by the laws of modern genetics.

The 71-year fruit fly study was begun in 1906, by Dr. T. H. Morgan at Columbia University. He and his successors simulated millions of years of evolution in hundreds of thousands of generations of evolution in the lab. Fruit flies mature and reproduce every 12 days. Bottles, each containing 50 flies, were shipped to labs all over the world in addition to

100 labs in the U.S. After years of waiting, without many mutations, the process was speeded up with radiation and various toxins. All these labs examined the flies every generation for mutations. Dr. T.F. Dobzhansky, Morgan's successor at Columbia, published the results in 1977. **Most mutations were neutral or harmful.** (One fly had a leg growing from his head.) **Not one case of an increase of survivability or even the beginnings of cross-species evolution were observed.** [27K](#), [39C](#), [41](#)

This study also rebuts the modern Darwinist's claim that just the right series of sudden random mutations in DNA drove evolution. [It also demonstrates the truth of 28 reasons why mutations could never have driven evolution.](#) My favorite of these reasons are 10, 11, and 19 which compare the mathematical odds against evolution to the estimated number of [atoms in the whole universe!](#) [27D](#) This alone would show that even billions of years would just not have been long enough for life to evolve.

A recent *CreationMoments.com* article told of an evolutionist's demonstration of accidental mutation 'creating' new information in the DNA that led to eventual evolution into more complex new types of creatures, as from a fish to a frog. The evolutionist had each of a large group of children draw a letter of the alphabet from a large box.

After many, many attempts, finally three children drew the letters 'c-a-t' in sequence. Proof of evolution to a new more highly evolved creature by a series of accidental mutations? Let's look at the science and the math.

- a. The c-a-t 'accident' has meaning only to English speakers. It's gibberish to all other nationalities. This example applied to mutation would be meaningful ONLY if the cell DNA mechanism knew what to do with the mutated information. Elsewhere, I have revealed that DNA has a self-correcting feature. [55](#) It does allow small variations from the norm but destroys cells that have mutated beyond the norms.
- b. Evolution by mutation to more complex creatures requires both a male and female. It also assumes that all the accumulated gradual mutations are passed on to the next generation for millions of generations. To increase the chances of this, both parents need to have evolved, independently — the identical mutations around the same time, over the same millions of generations! Then they must evolve mating instinct, then find each other to mate. (Darwin wrote that he 'refused to go there' to explain any instinct, mating or otherwise. [36A](#))

SCIENTIFIC? The laws of mathematical probability and the laws of genetics soundly trounce evolution by mutation as a fact. (Here are 28 more reasons why evolution by mutation is not scientific or true. [27D](#)) Evolution's true nature is a '*blind leap of faith into the dark*', attempting to eliminate the God-Creator to whom

we're all ultimately accountable. **Freedom?** No, it's the same as speeding down a narrow dirt road miles from town at 100 mph. — with your hands 'free' from the steering wheel. Yes, that works but not for long! One sharp bend in the road or a pothole, a flaming wreck is inevitable!

I find it both unscientific and unbelievable that the astronomical number of the very gradual accidental, yet perfect, and correctly ordered, serial mutations of just the proper type and degree, and sequence required for every part of every internal organ, appendage, etc., could take place over millions of years. Now multiply this unbelievable complexity by every one of the estimated 8.7 million known species. ⁵⁴ Again, evolution reveals it's a [blind leap-off-a-cliff-in-the-dark type faith](#), that which they accuse creationists of believing!

Additional mutation experiments were conducted on E. Coli bacteria. In contrast to fruit flies which reproduce every 12 days, these bacteria reproduce every 15 minutes, so the evolution simulation was accelerated by over 1,100 times. Both these experiments and the fruit fly studies at Colombia proved that a series of random DNA accidents is just as likely to improve a species or create an eventual new life form as a series of unplanned accidents will improve the drivability and appearance of your car or to make it evolve into a truck! OK, this is not a biological example, but 'accidents' are accidents, usually with bad results.

As in fruit flies and bacteria, most mutations in humans don't produce any benefits. We're generally taller and much healthier than a hundred years ago but that is obviously due to discoveries in nutrition and medicine, not evolution. Different colored eyes and a host of other normal variations are also not caused by mutations either. Geneticists will tell you this is caused by which genes, already present, become dominant. Most all mutations are neutral in effect but most of the rest are harmful or deadly. Mutations are usually rare because our cells have a self-correcting mechanism, even causing the death of a mutated cell. In fact, this citation states that for every neutral or possibly good mutation, there would be 10,000 harmful or even deadly ones. ⁵⁵

However, we have trillions of cells so sometimes our self-correction feature fails. [What is the most observable mutation that occurs in humans? CANCER, the second leading cause of death!](#) Other mutations cause birth defects of all kinds, many soon fatal. Others include Down's syndrome, retardation, deformities, cystic fibrosis, spina bifida, club foot, cleft palate, hare lip, Huntington's chorea, elephant-man syndrome, and many other genetically caused defects and deformities, not exactly what you want from evolution.

6. 'Cambrian Explosion': Fossils of [life forms](#) in all 30 of the major categories of life, called phyla, which exist today, appeared suddenly, fully formed in the Cambrian period of the Paleozoic era with no previous evolution! This is aptly called the '[Cambrian Explosion](#)'. Before that, according to the evolutionists' own time scale, bacteria and other micro-organisms were the only life existing on earth for over 80% of our earth's four-billion-year existence. Then, suddenly, by evolutionary dating, only 500 to 570 million years ago, VERY complex creatures, like the trilobite, appeared suddenly in the Cambrian era with no previous evolution whatever. ^{39A} (Click [here](#) for dating issues.)

The trilobite is a small sea creature whose eye was so complex and fully developed that an evolutionist said, "[The trilobite 'hit upon' the best possible lens design that optical physics has ever been able to formulate!](#)" ^{27H, 39A} The trilobite did not accidentally 'hit upon' perfection. He was created that way without any 'help' from evolution. The ubiquitous E. coli bacteria also never evolved. They are the same today as they were, according to evolutionists, 3.55 billion years ago. There have been many different strains, some lethal, but they continue to be E. coli, not some other cross-species like snakes or rabbits.

Some scientists say all soft-bodied creatures have long since disintegrated. True, but the outlines of these creatures, including trilobites, are in museums today as fossils which were well preserved in what was once ancient mud. The 100 million fossils in museums around the world today testify to that.

7. Did Darwin 'cheat' by skipping how life began?

Dr. Dean Kenyon who, with a colleague, published *Biochemical Predestination* ⁵⁰ in the 1960s. Supposedly this showed how life really could come from a primordial slime pool, assuming that the multitude of all chemicals needed for life were present in the same place and at the same time. Also they assumed that there was some 'mysterious mechanism' to assemble molecules into massively complex chains of amino acids and then into a whole lot more. Scientific peer reviews, including honest evolutionists themselves, just couldn't accept their ideas as true science. It wasn't long before they repudiated their book which was after all, mere speculation, not science. (Also see [Appendix F-2](#))



Ignoring the beginning of life is the equivalent of keyboarding your computer in the dark with your fingers positioned in an incorrect starting position! Yes, your relative key strikes may all be perfect but you started on the wrong keys so the result is gibberish! Modern Darwinists 'proclaim as fact' that life began spontaneously (no cause) from chemicals or from outer space. I would ask them, "And where did the chemicals come from?" If they answer, I just keep asking, "Where did that come from?" until they are forced back to a 'first cause' of the very first life. ^{39D} Since no God is required by evolution, evolutionists are left only with first life arising accidentally from chemicals, only an unprovable speculation raising more questions.

Evolutionists are also divided as to how and where the first life evolved. Their speculations range from seeds from outer space, a primordial chemical pool, or volcanic vents in the ocean floor. I would ask, "And where did that pre-life environment come from and what scientific evidence can you show me to prove it?"

Most would reply, "From the Big Bang when our universe suddenly exploded into existence." My answer, "OK, Where did that come from?" To every answer just keep asking this same question until they say, "No one knows but they're working on it." (*If evolution is true, you'd think 'they' would've found the answer after ~160 years, given how many evolutionary scientists there are who have been working on this!*)

I would reply, "Since evolution is as yet unproven, your reply is just a wish. It's not a fact. The fact is that life is so complex, the probability against life evolving accidentally has already been computed as mathematically virtually impossible by several scientists cited in this book."

One of them, molecular biology researcher Dr. James Coppedge, computed that the probability against even a single gene evolving is beyond astronomical. It's a number nearly double the estimated total number of atoms in the whole universe! ³³ Just in case you're thinking that choosing the wishful speculations of evolution as a hiding place from a real God's judgement works for you, the multiple mathematical proofs proclaim a resounding scientific no! More on the probability of evolution in [Appendix F-2](#).

Latest speculative evolutionary answer to the origin of our universe is: "[Quantum theory which has always existed.](#)" Whoops! No cause? Sounds like the supernatural to me! This

contradicts the *law of cause and effect* which is the very foundation of every branch of science! Evolutionists favor quantum theory because it does so many weird things scientists cannot explain, they just assume it can also do the impossible. Oh, make that **did** the impossible. In this case it created our universe from nothing then organized massive, unbelievable complexity accidentally. Isn't that what one would call an oxymoron? Click [here](#) for a rebuttal to QF, spontaneous quantum creation without God.

NOTE: More Speculations about How Life Got Started

One recent explanation of how life began on earth, without God of course, seems to be the *Cosmic Ancestry* of Klyce. This combines several ideas including 'panspermia', the idea that life came to earth on flaming comets from outer space. (Yeah right!) No such life has ever been found. A more spiritual explanation is that 'mother earth' is really Gaia, a real living goddess. For more on this, you may request the article *Cosmic Ancestry.doc* from the author (EvidenceGodsReal@gmail.com) for more on this or Google these ideas. But I've never found a shred of scientific evidence for any of them. Speculation yes. Evolution no.

Eventually evolutionists run out of answers but one answered me recently that really made me think, "[They just haven't figured that out yet.](#)" True, but what evolutionists have already figured out, as well as valid evidence they choose to ignore, clearly shows evolution is a dead end in the wrong direction in the wrong ballpark driven by blind faith in bad science. Like Maxwell, the greatest scientist of Darwin's time, Nobel laureate physics professor Dr. Laughlin calls it 'anti-science'. ⁶⁵

- 8. Darwin's 'mythical power' (god).** To explain the enormous complexity of the eye in Chapter VI: "[To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection \(accidents\), seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree.](#)" ^{36C} Then he says, "**... and may we not believe that a living optical instrument (the eye) might thus be formed (e.g. by accidental evolution) as superior to one of glass, as the works of the Creator are to man**"?

(You'll notice 'Creator' is capitalized. This is only one of numerous times Darwin wavered between evolution by pure random chance and a Creator-God. Obviously, he was not totally sure of his evolutionary ideas but is clearly presenting it as an alternative to God. Darwin's 'god' was the alleged mysterious 'power' which he 'supposed into existence' and directed every step of gradual evolution for millions of species simultaneously for millions of years.)

This strange 'power' would have to witness, then 'oversee' (control) every single tiny evolutionary change in every one of the 8.7 million species ⁵⁴ in around 250,000 families of living things simultaneously over millions and millions of years. A 'power'? Nope, only a 'god' could do that, a mythical 'god' of course. [That's supernatural, not science!](#) Darwin had no idea of the enormous complexity of the eye we know about today. Read pages 174 - 176. In Appendix F2, you'll read that the retina and its nerves in one eye have over 260 MILLION working parts! Also see this citation. ^{37A}

Some scientifically minded readers may ask, "[Why couldn't this 'power' \(force\) exist?](#) I would reply for at least three reasons. **First**, scientists only recognize four fundamental powers (forces) in nature plus mechanical forces. **Second**, the very, very gradual transition of any species to another species has never been found for even a single species after over ~160 years of diligent search, so according to Darwin's own criteria, this proves evolution could never have happened. **Third**, let's assume Darwin's mysterious 'power'

could forecast, as Darwin said, which candidates of evolution will live and which will eventually die off after millions of generations. Then how could it physically make these selections? **Fourth**, it's never been duplicated in labs.

Darwin's **natural selection** has two forces at work. The '**natural**' part is a series of very gradual random modifications of each life form. Modern Darwinists explain this by random mutations. However, either way, Darwin had a very good reason for his '**natura non facit saltum**' dictum he repeated over and over: that evolution must proceed very, very slowly over millions of years. **FLASH!** It suddenly dawned on me just now why this is required. If evolution made too large a jump, as previously illustrated by the 'fish-tile' being only partially evolved, it could neither survive in the water nor on the land. And **how about the first woodpecker?** If his brain evolved before the protection required, his brain would be mush before he finished pecking at his first tree. **NO EVOLUTION!** If he failed to develop a very strong beak and an enormously long tongue he wouldn't be able to eat any of the tasty grubs deep in the tree and he would starve. **NO EVOLUTION!** (And who told him he's supposed to eat grubs instead of tomatoes or maybe lizards?)

The woodpecker tongue is so long, when retracted it reaches around behind his neck! If the tongue developed first, with the beak not yet strong enough, he couldn't peck into trees to get his food. We have here 'irreducible complexity' with each part dependent upon all of the other parts. Darwin's evolution forbids simultaneous evolution of more than one body component at a time, lest the organism end up like the 'fish-tile' above being unable to survive. *The woodpecker's brain protection, his long and very strong beak, and extremely long tongue had to have all been present at the same time in the very first woodpecker or no survivor to evolve!*. Intelligent design was required so that all the parts of all organisms from plant to human must be coordinated to develop at the proper relative speed simultaneously. **NO WAY could all that just be accidental!**

British geneticist Cyril Darlington's proved that good mutations are extremely rare. For every mutation that gives you some type of advantage, there are 10,000 bad ones! See page 58 of this citation. ⁵⁴ The **selection** part of natural selection 'selects' which mutation will be passed on to the next generation by Darwin's '**mythical god**'. Therefore, this 'power' knows which tiny step of evolution will give a survival advantage over all other life forms MILLIONS OF YEARS FROM NOW. It also 'knows' which will evolve to new species which species will be allowed to just die out, and which of the multitudes of species of ants, bees, flies, and countless other species will never evolve at all.

Only Darwin's '**god**' could know that for the trillions of evolutionary steps for 8.7 million ⁵⁴ life forms simultaneously. Modern evolutionists also accept 'natural selection' as we read on the same page just cited: "... **natural selection was identified as the only mechanism that could enable their propagation through the population**". "Biology just doesn't make sense without evolution," is another 'untruth' that will not stand up to evidence. Sir Cyril Darlington, above, devotes an entire chapter in his book to refuting Darwin's erroneous 'blending inheritance' with the modern laws of genetics. But then Darwin hypothesizes several rare scenarios in which modern genetics could actually propagate an advantageous mutation, including 'genetic drift'. I was unconvinced that these rare scenarios would happen often enough to make any difference. Therefore, we're back to Darwin's supernatural driver of evolution, his 'mythical god'! I repeat, only an imaginary 'god' could do that, but only in Darwin's imagination.

(Oh, by the way, Darwin's '**Origins...**' was originally only about non-human life forms. About a dozen years later, Darwin extended evolution to humans in his **Descent of Man** in which humans descended from an ape-like creature that lived in trees. Darwin didn't explain how he 'knew' that.)

Now I would answer Darwin's, "... may we not believe ... ?" with a resounding **No!** The laws of modern genetics, not fully developed in Darwin's time, state that all traits are not always passed on immediately from both or even one parent from one generation to the next. Some genes are dominant, others recessive, so it's a toss-up which characteristic is passed on to the next generation. Darwin said repeatedly that evolution could only take place in tiny steps for each generation: "**Natura non facit saltum!**" That means no species is going to see any tangible advantage for survival for many, many, many generations. That means for that long it will not yet have any advantage and will likely die out. Not pretty. Variations within a species is often abrupt but cross-species evolution requires, as Darwin said, 'innumerable' generations. Therefore a cross-species life form with so few changes between generations has about the same chance of dying out as any other over the next few millions of years! *No 'survival of the fittest' here!*

Another observation that stretches credulity beyond my breaking point is that the SAME SERIES of ACCIDENTAL MUTATIONS MUST OCCUR **SIMULTANEOUSLY** in MILLIONS of the same type life form, let's say fish, **and** in the SAME **APPROXIMATE SEQUENCE**, **and within each creature**, at the **same relative** rate over MILLIONS OF YEARS!

Enough numbers of a given creature must **also evolve in the same location** in order to find mates for reproduction, to escape predation, and to survive the attrition of aging and disease. Need I also mention again that the 'self-healing' ability must also be inherited by every generation or the slightest injury would eventually be fatal? Now multiply this by the estimated 8.7 million types of creatures. Therefore, we're back to Darwin's supernatural driver of evolution, his 'mythical god', overseeing and directing the microscopic mutations in millions of different types of creatures **SIMULTANEOUSLY** over millions and millions of years. Sorry, I don't have that much blind faith in Darwin's mythical 'god'. Neither do Doctors Geisler and Turek who explain why in their book, ***I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist.*** ⁹

Now I would ask, "**Why don't all the different creatures, including us, continue to evolve?**" Evolution brushes aside this question with the 'fact' that the evolution to a new type of creature requires millions and millions of years. By the early 1900s most evolutionists realized that natural selection alone could never achieve cross-species evolution any more than artificial breeding could 'evolve' a "dog with antlers!" (That was a direct quote.) Neo-Darwinism was born, uh, evolved, and then was shortened to 'Darwinism'.

'Darwinism' touted random mutations as the primary driving force of evolution with natural selection to pass on the new traits, even though this directly contradicts modern genetics. ^{27D} Though it seems reasonable, we've already seen earlier that a 71-year mutation study on hundreds of thousands of **fruit flies**, simulating millions of years of evolution, has soundly disproven both the mutation and the natural selection ideas.

9. Instinct and behavior. He chose to ignore two of the things only God could do: create life ^{36C} and implant amazing instincts and behaviors into living creatures. ^{36A} **Neither Darwin nor evolutionists of today have any plausible explanation for those.** In fact it was such a major problem for evolution that Darwin devotes an entire chapter to it as one of the **major** weaknesses of his evolutionary ideas. Instincts begins on page 188 of this citation. ^{36A} It's filled with well-documented details of fantastic instinctive behavior of cuckoos, ants, bees, and other amazing creatures. Darwin offers no explanations but just keeps on blindly proclaiming, "**Natural Selection did it!**" Incredible! **Whoops**, I forgot that 'Natural Selection' was in reality a 'mythical power' Darwin had 'supposed into existence' to select and direct the billions of tiny steps of evolution for all

creatures worldwide simultaneously!

Since evolution excludes the true God, bypasses scientific evidence, and the mathematical probability is miles beyond zero, it's magically easy to explain. Just say **the magic words**: 'over millions of years anything one can imagine can happen. Then over recent decades that has become 'definitely did happen'. Though mathematical probability shoots down that idea in flames, let's assume that if evolution of life did happen, here are a few 'unwelcome' questions.

a. Without 'Intelligent Creation', how do creatures know what, or 'who' is food?

b. How did random, accidental evolution 'know' what species of food to mature for the 8.7 million species which were to evolve: bacteria, insects, birds, animals, and humans? **How did it 'know' when to mature the correct food** for each of these 8.7 million species over millions of years so that the correct food was **in place just as each species was evolved enough to eat it?**

Without 'knowing' all this, no species could've survived. **Clue: 'to know' requires intelligence** and that strongly infers a supernatural Creator with a massively intelligent plan over millions of years. It just as strongly refutes accidental evolution even beyond mathematical probability.

c. How do plants 'know' which nutrients to use among many they draw from the ground? How do they 'know' they're supposed to use sunlight to convert those nutrients into more food?

d. "Fantastic! Now that I've evolved wings, what do I do with them?"

After millions of years **how do millions of types of birds and insects 'know'** what to do with them?

e. How does a mosquito 'know' that its proboscis, which evolved over millions of years, was for sucking blood? And do they know that without a 'blood meal', they can't lay fertile eggs to reproduce, stopping their evolution cold. And how did any of the animals the mosquito needs for life had evolved (accidentally of course) just as the very first mosquito hatched or evolved and needed food?

f. How does a tick 'know' it's got to have a blood meal to reproduce? It can survive for up to a year without any food at all but how does it know to climb up to the very top of a blade of grass and wait for the next animal, or human, to come by? Then how to grab on to him with six legs and suck blood?

g. How do millions of creatures abandoned at birth already 'know' what (or who) is food, how to find it, digest it, mate, and then lay eggs for the next generation? We call this instinct. Most all fish, turtles, insects, some birds, and other creatures are abandoned at *birth*. **Where did this amazing instinct come from? How about their life? Only from their Creator!**

h. How do migrating birds and animals 'know' where and when to go, when to return, and how to get there?

How does the amazing bronze cuckoo 'know' how to navigate thousands of miles over a trackless ocean? (See Chapter 3 of this book.) Abandoned at birth, the *bronze cuckoo migrates alone over thousands of miles of empty ocean to a tiny Pacific island, never having been shown the way. Evolutionists would agree with*

science that birds and other creatures navigate using the sun, stars, magnetic fields, etc. But who taught them how to navigate using them and who programmed the longitude and latitude of the correct destinations both outbound and for their return? Over their great migration distance, missing their tiny island target even by one degree or so would mean eventual drowning for ALL the bronze cuckoos.

i. How do cicadas 'know' to stay underground for intervals of a numerical prime number of 13 or 17 years then emerge by the thousands all at once?

Answer: because other predatory insects emerging in swarms usually emerge in intervals of non-prime numbers! (Non-tekkies may google 'prime numbers'. They're also vitally important for computer and other security codes.)

This book by William Dembski may be helpful since it details how to scientifically tell the difference between accidents and intelligent design. [51](#)

10. (Fertility of both plants and animals ... ;. no details.)

11. Viruses, bacteria, and other creatures did not evolve up to humans. Why?

They've been on the earth several billion years before us. It takes a human nine months (270 days) to reproduce, but bacteria can reproduce every 20 minutes, 72 times per day. This gives bacteria a massive evolutionary advantage of 19,440 to 1 since bacteria can reproduce that many times while a human reproduces only once during the same 270-day period. Also, I might mention that E. Coli bacteria are pretty much the same today as they were millions of years ago, according to evolutionists. They also do not 'evolve' antibiotic resistance by evolving new DNA as is claimed. They lose DNA rather than evolve additional 'smarter' DNA! (Click here for details: [Dr. John C. Sanford](#). You'll find more information at these citations. [40](#), [61](#))

And how about insects? They 'evolved' LONG before humans. Fruit flies reproduce every 12 days; humans can reproduce, on average, once per year. This gives fruit flies around 30 times more evolutionary advantage than humans. So why didn't hundreds of thousands, possibly millions, of insect species evolve into higher life forms like humans? Instead, the insects of the world outweigh humans! Could the Bible be right, saying that every living thing reproduces 'after its own kind', not evolving into more complex kinds?

Multitudes of complete ancient insects, including ants and bees, have been found perfectly preserved in hardened tree resin (amber). They've been dated by evolutionists themselves as allegedly 70 million years old.

However, with nothing to calibrate their method, known with certainty to be millions of years old, their extrapolation to dates that old is obviously unreliable because it's based on unprovable assumptions.

For more dating details, click [here](#). At the same site, you'll also learn why distances of millions of years to stars are also based on unprovable assumptions.

SURPRISE! The alleged 70 million year-old ants and bees were pretty much the same as ants and bees of today. Darwin had no answer at all for this.

'ANTony' says: "NO EVOLUTION HERE!"

Surprise again: Worker ants are sterile females with body parts their parents did not have which equip them to perform tasks *neither parent can do!* Amazing! What made that 'evolve'? Again, **ANTony** says, **"NO EVOLUTION HERE EITHER, but I do see abundant evidence of intelligent design here by a Creator in both cases!"**



The 'standard geologic column' presents, as fact, the geologic eras and periods showing the simplest life in the Cambrian period and the more complex life, including man in the more recent Cenozoic era. These citations show it's untrue. ^{64, U, V} Most charts also omit the 'fact' that supposedly only bacteria and one-celled creatures existed for several million years before the sudden 'Cambrian explosion'. ^{39A} Read **Darwin's Dilemma**, watch the DVD ⁵² or this trailer for some really surprising info: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-1nXb5uH8Q.

The great number of un-evolved fossils found from the Cambrian period continue to testify against evolution and for a Creator of all life. ^{27H} The fossil record Darwin hoped would be the absolute proof of evolution is still missing, strong proof that evolution never happened! Once more, intelligent creation is asserted by an intelligent God-Creator as opposed to the huge 'leap-off-a-cliff-in the dark' faith in accidental (therefore un-intelligent) evolution.

I could also mention the Coelacanth discovered swimming in the ocean some years ago. It was exactly like its supposedly extinct ancestor's fossil. No evolution here either. This citation lists five 'living fossils' supposedly extinct for up to 500 million years, according to evolutionists, yet they're alive and still unchanged today. ^{27I} No evolution here either!

12. DNA complexity does NOT always increase in more 'allegedly highly evolved life'.

For instance, reptiles, who supposedly evolved from fish, should show similar but more complex DNA than their fish 'predecessors'. This is flat out contradicted by their DNA being radically different. ⁹¹ *Surprisingly, the octopus genome turned out to be almost as large as a human's and to contain a **greater number of protein-coding genes — some 33,000**, compared with fewer than 25,000 in humans. "The Octopus Genome: Not 'Alien' but Still a Big Problem for Darwinism. Defies Evolutionary Expectations"* will be found at this link:

https://evolutionnews.org/2015/08/the_octopus_gen/

This DNA 'non-similarity' is powerful evidence in favor of a Creator who created all life forms to reproduce after their own kind, not to evolve from other kinds.



Frog + kiss → prince (human) = fairy tale.

Frog + 300 million years → prince (human) = evolution. ³⁸
(Click [here](#) for more mind-boggling facts about DNA.)

13. The incredible complexity of our universe! Here are only a few examples: Earth hurtles through space at incredible speed in nine directions at once! Your body is perhaps the most amazing example of divine creation. These all point dramatically to an intelligent Creator. So clearly, that when we stand before God we will have no valid excuse to have denied His existence. (Romans 1:20-32, Psalm 19:1-3) That is, unless you include unbridled lust, hatred, cheating, lying, etc. as 'reasonable' excuses. God does not! Read what God has to say about unbelievers in Psalm 14:1.

14. Evolution does not conform to the 'gold standard' of valid science;

Intelligent Design does! This 'gold standard' is one of the foundations of all true science: phenomena must be *both observable and testable*, e.g. repeatable or predictable. Darwin never observed evolution and no one has been able to actually observe evolution after ~160 years in nature or in the lab. That's OK as a speculation or a hypothesis. Just don't call evolution a proven scientific fact!

Darwin's finch beaks plus the 19th Century peppered moths in England are offered as the best examples of 'testable evolution'. None of those are natural evolution in action. They're all just variations within the same species, not cross-species evolution. They're still finches and peppered moths. Same reason why some of us have blue eyes, some have brown. Same reason why breeding dogs and horses is not evolution. Are evolutionists deceiving us by playing on the ambiguity of the word 'evolution'? Yup! by declaring variation within a species, observable in only a few generations, is the same as evolution which by definition requires hundreds, even thousands or millions of generations. Read on.

Two of the greatest scientists of Darwin's time soundly rejected Darwinian evolution as being unscientific. These include Louis Pasteur, who proved that life can only come from life, and James Clerk Maxwell, esteemed by Einstein as the greatest scientist since Newton.

Okay, let's assume fish did shrivel their gills while evolving their lungs towards becoming a reptile to then climb up on dry land. Evolutionists call this 'adaption to environment' and claim that DNA evolves additional information to modify whatever is required to adapt to a new environment, in this case from water to land. (See [Appendix F-2](#) where this very thing is addressed under a major heading.) Okay, back to our fish. First, the lungs would develop while submerged in water so who 'teaches them' to breathe with water-filled lungs when on land? As the useless lungs develop further and the gills shrink, I don't believe this 'fish-tile' could survive in either water or on land.

On land, his under-developed lungs would leave him too breathless to catch prey or to escape predators. In water his under-developed gills would present the same problem. In addition, during his 'evolution', the fins would be developing into rudimentary legs. Same problem here about catching prey or escaping predators. In water he would not be able to swim fast enough to catch prey. On land his rudimentary legs would not be efficient enough to escape predators. Since evolution occurs by a series of blind accidents, an amazing amount of intelligent design would be required for this 'fish-tile' to overcome all these problems. Whoops! No intelligence in evolution.

(I read of one 'scientist' who, without evidence, declared that reptiles evolved into birds because they just **got tired of falling out of trees!** Okay, then according to evolutionary theory, you'd think that by now at least some of my elderly friends, who fall down a lot, should've also sprouted wings, or at least little wing stubs. Nope, angel wings after you die don't count.) 😊

Astrophysicist Dr. Hugh Ross presents compelling scientific observations proving intelligent design at Purdue University in his DVD, ***Cosmic Evidences for Christ***. He demonstrates that, unlike evolution, intelligent design is both observable and testable scientifically. Also that an intelligent creator is a personal being, not just a force! ⁶⁸



15. Evolutionary dating. Dates of millions and billions of years old and fossils millions of years are based on unprovable assumptions and therefore cannot be proclaimed as facts! Nothing is available to calibrate objects that old. (Click [here](#) for eight reasons.)

16. The law of entropy. Given enough time, everything runs down, cools off, rusts, decays, or dies. This is the second law of thermodynamics (entropy) described previously. At a recent apologetics conference I attended, one of the fascinating speakers was Dr. John C. Sanford.

Sanford, is a renowned geneticist who also holds 25 patents including one for the 'gene gun', a major genetic research instrument. His book, **Genetic Entropy**, details research proving that organisms adapt to their environment, like becoming antibiotic resistant, by LOSING genetic information instead of gaining new genetic information as evolution asserts. It was found that bacteria and viruses **de-volve by sacrificing some other functions not needed at that time.** While they may be more fit by adapting to a finely tuned environment of the antibiotics, yet at the same time they lose other abilities, often including the ability to flourish in a normal environment. Sanford also presented a number of other research results to back up his 'reverse evolution'.

One analogy presented was that you can gain fantastic gas mileage for your car by reducing weight. We may do that by discarding unnecessary parts like seats, body, mirrors, until you only have a steering wheel, motor, transmission, wheels, then straddle a bare chassis! Yes, great gas mileage but not very nice for passengers or taking the wife and kids to go visit grandma on the opposite coast. Especially while driving in a snow storm or a thunderstorm with hail and high winds! After the presentation, I learned a lot more by just listening to a group of students ask hard questions. Oh, back to the stripped down car, before long it would rust, wear out, and end up in the junk yard. The same entropy happens to all living organisms who eventually age and die as they gradually lose genetic information to repair and rebuild cells. For more great information, watch Dr. Sanford on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eY98io7JH-c>.

17. The law of syntropy. Even bacteria cannot reproduce unless ALL of their reproductive system components are in place at the same time! That's called **syntropy**. This is true from the simplest reproduction by just splitting in two by the most primitive prokaryotic cells to more complex multi-celled animals. ^{27C} Darwin began explaining evolution with life already existing and reproductively capable. However, modern Darwinists believe life started with just chemicals. Therefore, they therefore must believe that life can reproduce without a fully evolved reproductive system. Just a 'little bit pregnant' yet reproducing millions of times while evolving a full reproductive system? Impossible! Bacteria may seem simple because we only see the end result of fully developed ones, yet they are very complex.

Let's say, for example, the very first bacteria evolved fully except for one part, the miraculous 'revolving door' properties of its cell wall that pumps nutrients in and waste out. In reality, it could never have even started to evolve without being able to absorb nutrients and expel poisonous wastes, much less 'evolve' a reproductive system to reproduce and carry on 'evolution'. And how about the other 8.7 million life forms? ⁵⁴

We cannot fault Darwin too much because he was unaware of the yet undiscovered massively complex DNA in every single life form required for reproduction and of modern genetics. We can fault modern Darwinists who know this yet declare evolutionary speculations as fact in spite of many contradictions of genetics and of science.

Syntropy has been around for many decades. Though it's really just common sense, this book ^{27C} was published by double-Nobel-Prize-winner, Szent-Gyorgyi, in 1977. **Syntropy proves that evolution could not have happened piece-meal over millions of years beginning in the primordial slime pool or ocean.** No living thing can ever give birth multiple times over millions of years without a fully developed reproductive system!

That's why Darwin cheated by ignoring the beginnings of life *and started evolution with life forms already developed to the point of begin able to reproduce*. That's like typing in the dark but, as I've done on occasion, positioning your forefingers hands on the wrong starting keys. *All the key strokes may be relatively correct but the result is gibberish!*.

[Here's more you may not have considered](#). For animals, and surprisingly for some plants, male and female would've had to evolve nearby, in separate but closely related sequences, from innumerable, incredibly lucky accidents. Also they had to evolve near enough to each other to mate. Whoops, the instinct to mate would also need to evolve in each at the proper time as well. If either grew too old before that happened, no reproduction! Even more hard evidence is that ALL organs must be sufficiently functional at the same time or the organism will soon die. Also ALL organs would've had to 'evolve' nearly simultaneously but at critically related rates. What good is a fully developed heart without lungs developed enough to give it oxygen? How about a blood supply with multiple types of cells but a heart insufficiently developed to pump the blood throughout the body to every cell? More problems with evolution than you thought? Yup!

Syntropy is number 14 of 28 reasons why accidental mutations cannot produce evolution by a series of accidents in this citation.^{27D} In this same book just cited, Sir Julian Huxley, a modern leading evolutionary biologist and author, estimated that the number of mutations required to produce a horse, even a small one like the alleged Mesohippus, a tiny primitive horse, would require $10^{3,000}$ mutations (1 followed by 3,000 zeroes). And not only that but all the mutations would have to be of the exact type needed and in the exact sequence required over millions and millions of years and with every tiny improvement passed on to EVERY succeeding generation. Impossible according to the laws of genetics known today.

[Let's consider human reproduction for a moment](#). After the miracle of fertilization, a human embryo creates around 15,000 new cells every single minute to produce an average baby of around seven pounds in only nine months!⁴ All were constructed according to their blueprints in our DNA. (We won't even mention other essentials like various types of enzymes, chemicals, electrical activity, etc.) [See Appendix F-2 for a few more miracles of the human body and a great YouTube video on the cell.](#)⁶⁰

Scientist Sir Fred Hoyle calculated the time required to evolve this complexity from a series of gradual, accidental evolutionary mutations. Hoyle computed that it would take 293.5 times the number of years than our earth has even existed! Clearly impossible! He said that [this evolution is just as likely as an explosion in a warehouse 'accidentally' producing a copy of Windows 10.](#)^{34B} Hoyle computed the probability of only one optical property of all living cells called chirality. The odds of that evolving randomly was 1 followed by 40,000 zeros against it! Would you bet your life savings on a horse race or a football game with those odds? [Would you fly in an aircraft with those odds against your returning safely?](#) See page 26 of this citation.^u If you favor evolution over a divine Creator, you've already bet your whole life and future in a no-win situation. Watch this fascinating DVD presentation of the enormous complexity of reproduction.²⁹ You'll also find a multitude of creation miracles in this book about how our bodies function: **Body by Design.**³⁰ [Appendix F-2 reveals only a few, beginning with the human egg.](#)

However, I understand where Darwin was coming from back in the 1830s when he first began his evolutionary theorizing. The early laws of genetics were neither fully understood nor widely accepted. DNA and its genes had not even been discovered. [Had Darwin been aware of these, I doubt if there would ever have been an evolution idea](#). I'm convinced that God put qualities into living things which we cannot detect through spectroscopy,

chemistry, X-ray diffraction, or other techniques. This would include life itself, instinct, emotions, the miracle of navigation by migrating birds, fish, and other creatures, as well as many other qualities.

18. (Mathematics of probability ... ; no details)

19. (Scientific knowledge of the 18th century ... ; no details)

20. **Evolutionary theory repeatedly says, 'Whoops, not a missing link after all.'** When I was in college, it was proclaimed as fact that we descended from chimps, period. Today we seem to have evolved from a branch separate from chimps and other apes. Evolution has changed quite a bit since then and is itself continually 'evolving'. The discovery of 'Ardi', 'Lucy', and the Archaeoraptor fossil from China 'proving' dinosaurs evolved from birds, were all hailed as great 'missing links' but were later discredited. If you'll pardon my grammar, "Missing links aren't!" You must first show a complete evolutionary series. Then you can speak of missing links! *Whoops again!* Evolutionists are reversing their thinking about our vestigial organs as useless leftovers of evolution since most all have now been proven to have useful functions. These include our appendix, tail bone, tonsils, and our life-essential pancreas! ^{39B} (My old medical book from the early 1920s even states the pancreas had no known function. Therefore, it would also qualify as an evolutionary leftover!)

A personal friend of mine recently had pain in her lower back. A local chiropractor began to treat what he called her 'prehensile tail'. Since my friend was a Christian, she probably would've told him, "Your ancestors may have evolved tails, but God created me, knew me while I was in my mother's womb, and had already mapped out His plan for my life before I was even born. I'm NOT an 'accident' of evolution! I was 'wonderfully made' by God!" (Psalm 139:13-17 ^{29, 30})

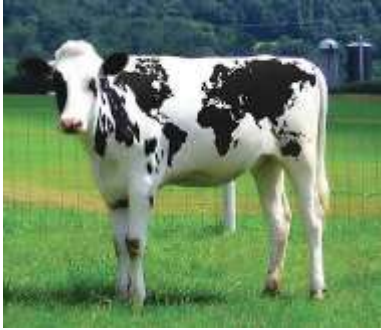


21. **Evolutionary Hoaxes and Frauds.** We've already covered Ernst Haeckel's Biogenetic Law which was soundly disproven in 1894. Jonathan Wells, in his **Icons of Evolution**, reported that seven recent school textbooks still proclaim Haeckel's false embryonic evolution as a fact! The following citation is a good refutation of Haeckel's 'Biogenetic Law' as well as refuting RNA as the pre-cursor of DNA that started life. ^{39B} (RNA builds proteins specified by DNA instruction codes.)

Evolutionists continue to point to a 'missing link' found here and there as evolutionary proof of evolution. Then it's not long until it's proven that it was not a link to anything. The Pitldown Man fooled the best scientists for over 40 years but was proven to be a hoax. In 1925, John Scopes was prosecuted in court for teaching evolution instead of the Bible in a public school. His defense attorney presented a drawing of Nebraska Man as 'proof' evolution was true. 'Pig Becomes Man', were the headlines when it was later discovered that both Nebraska Man and his wife were not missing links at all but had been 'created' in clay from a single extinct pig's tooth.

In 1999, a farmer in China proclaimed more proof for evolution by finding a bird-dinosaur, the Archaeoraptor. The National Geographic published it, yet it was proven a hoax. You'll find a whole chapter of hoaxes and more discredited 'missing links' near the beginning of Ray Comfort's **Evidence Bible**. Yes, it's true that even brilliant archeologists aren't perfect and science has often had to correct discoveries. That's OK. But it's not OK to assert fallible and sometimes mistaken science, as disproving the need for a God who created all things and to whom we are accountable.

(End details for **Did Life Evolve**. Continue to **Appendix F-2** for more)



APPENDIX F-2 INCREDIBLE COMPLEXITY OF LIFE PROVES DESIGN and THEREFORE DIVINE CREATION!

(Click on [bold blue underlined text](#) to 'jump'. Return: hold ALT, press ←)

Is the world map on this cow accidental or photo-shopped? Even if evolutionists agree that the cow's map was designed by a human, [how can they say that the cow itself was also not designed](#) but comes from a series of random, incredibly, lucky accidents?

After all, a living, breathing cow is infinitely more complex than the arrangement of spots on its hide. Here are some everyday 'miracles' of our human body.

Could the First Life Have Evolved Randomly by Itself?

Darwin chose not to address 'first life' but began his evolution with the very first life form not only fully developed but also capable of reproduction. I've talked to several college graduates who were taught evolution but not one had ever read Darwin's book. Neither were they aware he skipped the all-important origin of the very 'first life'. In the early '60s, professor Dr. Dean and a colleague attempted to show how the first life could have indeed evolved from chemicals randomly in Darwin's 'pool' and published **Biochemical Predestination**. ⁵⁰

They claimed that the very complex 20 different types of amino acid chains somehow formed themselves (they didn't say how). Then every one of them organized themselves into 'left-handed polarization' required by all life. Then each type of amino acid just kind of 'attracted' themselves to the dozens, sometimes hundreds, of correct partners, in proper sequences, then folded themselves in extremely complex ways (they didn't say how). [Drum roll POOF!](#) DNA and then life!

As more was learned of the complexities of DNA, both professors realized it was much, much more complicated than they had even dreamed, so they repudiated their ideas and scrapped their book. This is only one excerpt from the DVD, **Unlocking the Mystery of Life** which is a lively discussion of a group of scientists with advanced degrees, led by biochemist Dr. Michael Behe, who launched the 'intelligent design' movement some years ago. ⁵⁰

How do you decide if something was an accident or the product of intelligent design?

Common sense is one way. You wouldn't look at a wall full of complex, organized, detailed, Egyptian Hieroglyphics and attribute their origin to millions of years of sand storms and erosion, would you? How about the faces of the presidents on Mount Rushmore? Evolutionists would tend to say, ["Yes, anything could have happened, given enough time."](#) Other cases are not so simple. In those cases mathematics can be a great 'decider'. I would refer you to Dr. William Dembski, a Baylor University mathematics professor, and his book, **The Design Inference** ⁵¹ This was the book that put former evolutionist Dr. Michael Behe on track to launch the 'intelligent design' movement some decades ago, which even caught the attention of Time magazine.



Dr. Michael Behe, wearing the green tie in the photo with the author, spoke at a major apologetics conference I attended. Darwin had no knowledge whatever of the incredible complexity of genes and DNA so he just called the cell a simple 'black box'. Behe details what Darwin did not know in his 'biochemical challenge to evolution': **Darwin's Black Box**. Time Magazine called it, ["the seminal ground-breaking work that launched the 'intelligent design' movement."](#) ³² Dr. Behe

gave a wonderful presentation from his latest book, **The Edge of Evolution** and autographed my copy of his **Darwin's Black Box**. Then he graciously posed for this picture. Dr. Behe told me that evolution has such a strangle hold on our education system that he didn't hear one word contradicting evolution as a fact until after he completed his Ph.D.! SCARY! See <http://www.discovery.org/p/31>. (Paste into Internet browser if this fails.) Read his great new book, **The Edge of Evolution**: www.ideacenter.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/1449.

Darwin's Challenge and Our Answer

Darwin's faith in his evolution idea was shaken when he considered the complexity of the eye: "It would be 'absurd in the highest possible degree to believe it was accidental.'" Then, a few pages later he says, "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not have possibly been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, MY THEORY WOULD ABSOLUTELY BREAK DOWN." ^{36C}

YOU GOT IT, MR. DARWIN and HERE'S OUR ANSWER:

**BY DIVINE CREATION EVIDENCED BY INTELLIGENT DESIGN
and
the 'IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY' of LIFE!**

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Amazing 'Quick' Facts: 'Shock and Awe' Evidence of Intelligent Design ^{29, 30}

(For additional information on each 'quick fact', Just click your left mouse button on **(More)**.
To return, hold ALT and press ←.)

Have you ever challenged God with, **"Show me a miracle and I'll believe in You!"**
Here are only a dozen of thousands of miracles in your own body!

- 1. An average of 15,000 new cells are created each minute to become a ten billion-cell, seven-pound (average) **baby in only nine months!** ^{4, 80} Are these not amazing miracles? This egg was fertilized only 16-18 hours ago. The two circles in the center are mother and father pronuclei and will merge their DNA in only a few hours. (My wife says it looks like a 'cookie with eyes'!) It could've taken up to two days for the microscopic sperm to fight their way up to the egg. (As you see, other sperm are locked out, amazing!)**



I'm astounded by the super intelligence of our Creator who could also orchestrate some cells to become your brain, others your heart, and so on! Every nucleated cell has a complete DNA blueprint for your whole body, not only how to develop into a baby but exactly how everything in our body will function for the rest of our life! ²⁹ More about strange 'blank' stem cells in the details. **(More)**

- 2. Your heart** beats around 72 times/minute, 4,320 times/hour, 103,680 times/day, and over 37 million times per year! Every day your heart pumps around 4,000 gallons of blood, enough to nearly fill this 5,500 gallon gasoline tanker truck. ⁷⁶



- 3. Your kidneys** filter the 4,000 gallons of blood pumped by the heart each day. They clear waste and toxins from your blood with millions of filters in nearly 145 miles of tubules. They also maintain the precise percentages of calcium, potassium, and many other elements in your blood, some between very narrow limits, or you would die. **(More)**

- 4. Your blood** requires around 30 enzymes to clot. A special enzyme is required at each step to appear at exactly the correct time, remain for a specified period, then disappear, all in the proper sequence or you die! Each drop contains over 5 MILLION cells of eight different types. ([More](#))
- 5. Your blood vessel** length totals around 100,000 miles, enough to reach around the earth at the equator about four times! ([More](#))
- 6. Your liver** performs over 500 amazing chemical functions essential to life! It produces numerous digestive enzymes and removes toxins from the blood, including the alcohol in liquor which would otherwise kill you in quite small amounts.
- 7. Your 2,000 enzymes make possible every biochemical operation in your body!** Every biochemical operation in your body requires a particular enzyme or a series of them in just the right amount, at the right time, and in the proper sequence such as in the blood clotting cascade. Enzymes make biochemical reactions take place in as little as a hundredth of a second. Without them, this expert speaking on YouTube states some would take trillions of years or not occur at all! ⁶⁰ What's an enzyme? ([More](#))
- 8. Your lungs** have a total internal surface area the size of a tennis court! We breathe around 24 times/minute, 1,140 times/hour, 34,560 times/day, and over twelve million times per year! Breathe in: oxygen is absorbed. Breathe out: carbon dioxide waste is expelled.
- 9. Your retina** in each eye must convert light to digital signals, just like the ones and zeros used by your computer. It converts light to strings of 1.5 million pulses per 1,000th of a second. ^{36C} Each eye contains two million 'parts' in 40 sub-systems including automatic focus, aperture control, and achromatic compensation. ([More](#))
- 10. Your brain operates** 100 billion neurons, each of which is connected to around 1,000 to 10,000 others with an estimated QUADRILLION synaptic connections. End to end they would reach around the world four times! Ten microns wide, if stacked up they would reach 600 miles into the sky! (Simple math) ([More](#))
- 11. Your amazing ATP** generates the energy for every process in your body. Your cells create biochemical energy by automatically assembling and disassembling molecules so fast it will process around 400 pounds of material each day! Your body cells are like a miniature city with a mayor, public transport, police force, public works to do repairs plus new construction, and a power plant: the amazing mitochondria! ([More](#))
- 12. Your fantastic DNA** in around 34 trillion of your estimated 100 trillion body cells contain the complete master plan of 'you'. This is encoded in the sequence and combinations of only four amino acids! If extracted and placed end-to-end, your DNA would reach to the sun 56 times! The geometry and mathematical 'divine ratio' (1.618) are mind-boggling! This ratio is also found in flowers, leaf stems, even in tornados and hurricanes. ([More](#))

(Note: The total number of body cells obviously depends upon your weight so different sources may use different numbers. How big a number is only 27 trillion cells of a particularly thin person? Counting 10 numbers per second (!), it would take you **100 MILLION YEARS** to count them! Unbelievable? No, just simple arithmetic!)

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More Amazing Quick Facts of Intelligent Design

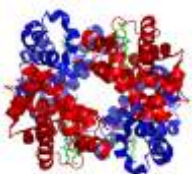
(1.) We all began life as a tiny egg Three days later this egg will become eight cells as it rapidly multiplies. Not long after, these will differentiate to become your brain, your heart, and all other organs and body systems including those producing enzymes and hormones. ⁸⁰

Some cells, called 'stem cells' will have no specific function but will be 'blanks', you might say, which can grow into any body part. Stem cells from bone marrow have been used for years to grow a new immune system to cure leukemia and other diseases. Experiments have been underway for years to grow whole new body parts in lab dishes which also looks quite promising.

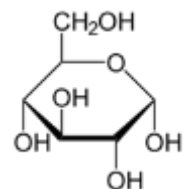
(2.) Your heart (No additional information)

(3.) Your kidneys also maintain a proper level of electrolytes in your blood. Potassium levels are especially critical since abnormal levels will cause arrhythmia or stop your heart. Potassium must be within only 0.85 points of mid-range and calcium must be within only 0.8 points of mid-range! A recent urinalysis showed that at age 80, I'm still within 0.1 point for both of these! How does your body regulate these two critical electrolytes so narrowly and for decade after decade? By random accidents? Don't think so.

Exact water balance is another function. Too much water and cells are improperly nourished. Too little can trigger strokes or heart attacks. Along with water, the kidneys also play a role in controlling our blood sugar (glucose), excreting it from our body when excessive. Glucose is required for energy in every cell and insulin, produced by the pancreas, is required by all our body cells in order to utilize the glucose. Too little insulin and glucose in the blood rises to levels that will begin destroying nerves and making us more liable to heart attacks and strokes. Too much insulin will cause blood sugar to plummet and we can go into a coma or even die.



The structure of insulin is very complex. Each molecule consist of 51 amino acids which are arranged in three chains with two sulfur bridges between them plus a sulfur bypass in one chain, all at precise locations! Random? Accidental? Don't think so! Way beyond mathematical probability for that. I see Divine intelligent creation!



(4.) Your blood would not clot and you would die without the approximately 30 enzymes required in a dozen or so steps when you bleed. These 30 enzymes are created at exactly the right moment, in just the proper sequence, in the exact amount, and for an exact duration of time. Each enzyme triggers the next in a critically timed sequence! This sequence is biologically '**irreducibly complex**'. ALL 30 enzymes had to have been present at the same time in the very first human, and that means also in his alleged ape-like ancestor, to survive the very first generation of evolution. No way could these 30 enzymes have evolved in tiny steps over millions of years, nor the dozen steps of the sequence in which they are to function. Remove one step or even run one out of order and the blood won't clot. You die! Mathematical probability would show that in no way could blood have evolved 'one accident at a time' over millions of years and in the precise 'irreducibly complex' sequence required. ³⁰ If you're still not convinced, Dr. Michael Behe will lead you through more details. ³²

Here's more wonderful evidence of divine creation! Circulating in the thousands of MILES of human blood vessels are eight different types of blood cells. FIVE MILLION of the red cells alone are found in a single drop of blood. These are the cells that carry life-giving oxygen to the trillions of cells in our body. Scientists computed the absolute optimal shape for maximum surface area to carry oxygen. It was exactly the same shape as our red blood cells, a bi-concave donut-shape! Accidental? No, design! (Red cells are round but instead of a hole, sunken in on both sides where a donut hole would've been. [30B](#)) And that's why most of us love donuts! Our red blood cells see them as brothers! 😊

(5.) Your blood vessels also include microscopic capillaries which are so tiny that they only allow miniscule red blood cells to pass in single file! Each red blood cell has 25,000,000 molecules of hemoglobin to carry the oxygen. Here's more on the ultra-complexity of hemoglobin. A left, is a molecule of hemoglobin. It's constructed of hundreds of amino acids strung together in a precise order and then elaborately folded and coiled back upon themselves. At right is the most basic structure of each of the **four green 'curlies'** in the diagram at left. These **curlies** contain the iron (Fe) components that transport four molecules of oxygen. The complex structure of hemoglobin is 'designed' by the genes in DNA. Our blood cells only live for around three months so they are continually being replaced. Humans and all other complex animals require hemoglobin for life. Hemoglobin is what gives blood its red color. Here's more.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hemoglobin> and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glucose>

(6.) Your liver (No additional information)

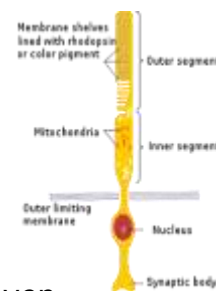
(7.) Your enzymes (WOW) are mysterious and amazing chemicals that make other chemical reactions possible or greatly speeds them up but are not changed in the process. (*Kind of like my wife Irene whose presence seems to brighten up a whole room by first attracting people to talk to her and then, feeling encouraged themselves, they begin to encourage others, and so on and on.*)

While we're on the subject of bio-chemicals, here's more. Every single one of the trillions of cells in our body is composed of over **200,000 different types of amino acids** arranged into various types of geometries to make different types of precisely folded protein chains, some of which have hundreds of amino acids. There are only around 20 different types of amino acids, but only left-polarized types are found in living things. Doesn't this also point to intelligent design? All enzymes, amino acids, and proteins were constructed according to their blueprints in our DNA! Here's a fascinating YouTube video on the unbelievable complexity of a cell which is portrayed as a miniature city. [60](#)

(8.) Your lungs (No additional information)

(9.) Your Retina in each eye contains about 127 million microscopic rod and cone cells that receive light from images. That light begins a very complicated but rapid series of biochemical reactions that result in nearly instantaneous electrical impulses that are sent by 140 million nerves to your brain after converting light to a string of digital pulses of ones and zeros just like your computer uses. The brain then 'sees' the image. A recent TV ad said that we can see a single lit candle on a dark night from a distance of ten miles! I believe it. During my Marine Corps training, I was really amazed how far you could see a lighted cigarette in the dark.

Millions of rod cells that function in dim light are capped with about 1,000 layers of discs on each cell which we see in the diagram at right. These allow it to handle a HUGE range of light intensities of a billion to one, from near total darkness to bright sunlight. Though extremely sensitive, they do not see colors nor focus sharply. In contrast, millions of cone cells, which need more light than rods, give us sharp color vision. There are three types which are sensitive to red or blue or green. When their outputs are combined we can see any possible color, something many animals cannot do. However, bees and some animals can see ultraviolet or even polarized light.



The biochemistry of retinal processing of light is 'irreducibly complex'. Lightning-fast biochemical reactions produce electrical signals for the brain using sodium and potassium ions playing 'revolving door' through pores in the cell. Again, 'irreducible complexity!' This citation lists several free downloads of more very interesting details. [36C](#)

Ralph has condensed this down to 21 steps. [u](#) When light strikes our eye, all 21 steps take place in 127 million rods and cones in the retina of each eye in the incredibly short time of only a few picoseconds. How long is that? The time it takes light to travel, at 186,000 miles per second, the distance of the width of a human hair! Then 140 million nerves collect and integrate this data, then send it to the back of the brain where we experience vision. Experiencing anything from tiny digital electrical signals (only zeros and ones) in our brain is an even bigger miracle! I also learned recently that the retina of our eye has amazing, incredible computers. The retina processes something like 1.5 million pulsed digital messages every 1,000th of a second! This is far beyond the fastest computer existing today. [36C](#)

All this was unknown to Darwin but his faith in his own evolutionary theory was shaken when he examined what little was known about the eye, ~160 years ago. In fact, His faith in evolution was so shaken he wrote it was '*absurd to believe it could've evolved by accident*'. So he 'supposed into existence' a mythical power, a 'god', that watched over every step of millions of years of evolution of 8.7 million species for millions of years selecting which traits to pass on for an eventual evolution into something else. [36C](#) In **The Origin of Species**, Darwin periodically wavered between a divine Creator and the accidents of evolution. The main reasons why he delayed publication for years was that he was unsure of his new theory, mainly because of the complexity of the eye plus no explanation for instinct guiding creatures abandoned at birth. In fact, three chapters in Darwins '**Origins**' explain in great detail why he cannot explain those as well as how the very first life began. He leaves huge gaps in evolution theory by just saying: "*I'm not going there.*" [36A](#) I think it was because, deep down, he knew only God could explain those things but he had abandoned God long ago.

Here's a simple, but terrific, illustrated slide show of the amazing processes of the eye. Included are how it converts analog light intensity to digital pulses required by the brain. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rod_cell. More free downloads. [36C](#)

(10.) Your brain stores an amount of information equivalent to 20 million books. ^{9G} A scientist affirmed, "**If the human brain is a greater computer than any designed by human intelligence, then how can we avoid the conclusion that it had a super-intelligent designer?**" [34A](#), [34B](#)

Dr. Max Tegmark, a professor at MIT, states in his, **Our Mathematical Universe** ¹⁰¹, page 206, that we have around 100 billion neurons in our brain. If they were stretched out end-to-end, they would encircle the earth four times! Our brain neurons cannot use the electrical signals representing the continuous information (analog) from the real world we perceive. They must be

converted to digital signals of ones and zeroes. They're either one or zero, no in-betweens, much like your computer at its most fundamental level. How is this done biologically? By tiny sodium and potassium ions playing 'revolving door' through specialized microscopic channels in the neural cell wall. Up to 1,000 electrical pulses per second can be generated that can travel along nerves at up to 200 miles per hour.

In the case of the signals from the retina of your eye, their frequency would convey brightness information. For instance more frequent pulses would represent brighter light. It takes a lot more 'faith' than I have to believe all this just evolved randomly by accident! Copy this link into your browser. (May fail if just clicked.) http://courses.washington.edu/psy333/lecture_pdfs/Week2_Day2.pdf

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Click the down arrow repeatedly to move through a slide show lecture. The super-fantastic slide lecture about the neurons of the eye and cell functioning begins at slide 26.

(11.) Your amazing ATP generates biochemical power for every operation in your whole body. Almost everyone knows we get energy from eating our food which is converted to glucose by our digestive system. That's only the first step! [The cells of our body are so complex, they're like a miniature city.](#) **Mayor DNA** directs every operation: what to do, when to start, how strong, and when to stop. **Transport trucks** bring food, oxygen, and hormones in and carry waste out. **A police force**, our immune system, stops invaders. **The power generator** is in the mitochondria where a long series of repetitive biochemical operations occur at lightning speed converting our glucose to ATP. ATP generates the 'electricity' that powers DNA, and every other operation in every nucleated cell. Each day your body recycles around 400 pounds of ATP at a speed of around 200 times per second! Very often all of these operations depend upon many other factors. ⁶⁰ Plants operate much the same way in their chloroplasts but use sunlight for photosynthesis! If you want to know more, Google **ATP** and the **Krebs Cycle** for a truly 'fantastic journey' of how each of the trillions of cells in your body get energy to function.

(12.) Your fantastic DNA genetic information is mind-boggling. The information coded in the DNA sequence for even a microscopic amoeba exceeds the amount of information in **1,000 SETS of the Encyclopedia Britannica!** ^{9F} Recent research by Dr. John C. Sanford and others have discovered there is at least DOUBLE that amount of information in the DNA! ⁶¹ The additional information is revealed when you read the DNA sequence backwards just like reading the **Reverse Thinking poem** on page two of this book! That means that the DNA for even a tiny amoeba has the equivalent information of around **2,000 complete sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica's 30 volumes each!** That would total **60,000 volumes!**

Could this complexity have just evolved randomly? My answer is that it would be like the probability that you could write a 10,000 page letter by choosing each word at random from a dictionary while blindfolded, such that read forward you have a very long novel and read backwards it goes back and fills in details of each event in proper sequence. This additional massive complexity of the DNA genetic code is so far beyond my engineering imagination, I couldn't even describe it, but I'll try.

The exact mathematical probability of this DNA complexity can be computed. However, I would estimate it would be about the same as you flying coast-to-coast by just flapping your arms. I'll even throw in a couple of the old cardboard fans we used before air-conditioning. Some evolutionists might reply, "Yes, but natural processes, 'which have always existed', could've done it randomly." I would refute this with the same scientific discovery by Hubble in 1929

which convinced Einstein this is just not true. Hubble proved we live in an expanding, not static, universe which obviously had to have a beginning. Conclusion? Our ultra-complex DNA genetic code could never have been realized by the hit-or-miss of random evolution. This discovery is even more overwhelming evidence that the DNA in every living thing, from viruses to elephants to plants, had to have been created by an intelligent Creator! You'll find this DVD amazing! [103](#)

(End bypass of details.)

MORE on DNA, 'God's Fingerprint'

Dr. Francis Collins was an agnostic but began an honest search for God after a patient asked him about the afterlife. He had no answers. A pastor directed him to C. S. Lewis' **Mere Christianity** and God became real to him. Collins' book, **The Language of God**, [69](#) documents his search for God including the historic analysis and sequencing of the human genome (DNA) by a team he led for many years. The project was completed in 2003 and was, in my opinion, the greatest achievement of the century. Collins wrote that the colossal DNA complexity affirms his belief in God's [intelligent creation](#) and that he sees the DNA in the nucleated cells of every living thing as '[God's fingerprint](#)'. He has proclaimed this publically in many public forums. These include television appearances, articles in Time magazine, etc. However, Collins seems to be a 'theistic evolutionist'. Click [here](#) for the definition.

Is over 98% of the DNA in the human genome really just 'evolutionary junk'?

Dr. Collins' 13-year [Human Genome Project](#) only analyzed around 2% (actually 1.5%) of our 1.3 million genes and then hastily declared the rest to be 'leftover evolutionary junk'. (It was actually only 1.5%, the 20,000 genes that code only for protein.) However, in 2012, Scientific American and other scientific journals reported that up to 80% of that junk DNA was not junk!

Noted geneticist Dr. Jeffrey Tompkins, of the Institute for Creation Research, reported on new research on this DNA 'junk' at a major conference I attended in 2013. He reported that around 90% or more of the DNA junk had been analyzed. Outstanding among the results was a recent discovery in England by the COT-1 project. It was discovered that a huge repetitious section of DNA, formerly declared 'leftover evolutionary junk', was actually a gigantic biological 'switchboard'! It provides the **basic framework for all genetic processes in our body by switching genes on and off at precise times and durations!** This whole new dimension of our DNA is now the new science of 'epigenetics'. This new field of switching genes on and off is called 'epigenetics' and is currently being used to determine which cancer treatment would be most effective. www.wellcome.ac.uk/News/2012/News/WTVM056255.htm
More on 'junk debunked' here. [30](#)

Since I love classical music, I look at this former 'junk' as a biological orchestra conductor simultaneously directing hundreds of orchestras! This DNA 'junk' is one more proof of our Creator's masterful plan of [intelligent creation](#)! More later about DNA and literal 'genetic music' in [Appendix G](#).

(I read of a converted gang-banger who announced his newfound worth in Christ with, "[God don't make no junk!](#)" True in our DNA, true in our worth and dignity as human beings. It is God's love for us that has conferred enormous value upon each of us!)

Can DNA 'Evolve' to Adapt an Organism to a Different Environment?

Sir Francis Crick, one of the Nobel prize winners who discovered DNA structure, stated in his new Central Dogma that it is impossible for environment to cause DNA to evolve additional DNA information for adapting an organism to its environment, and then pass on those new traits. [37B](#) This has been confirmed by the fairly recent discovery that 'junk DNA' switches genes, or groups of genes, on and off. This switching is what adapts a life form to a new or harsh environment. No new DNA information evolves.

DNA is ALIVE! It 'KNOWS' When it's Damaged and Effects its Own Repair

In December, 2016, the media announced the award of two Nobel prizes. One was for the scientist who finally proved that DNA has a self-repair feature. When DNA is damaged, it calls a 'repair crew'. If damaged or mutated beyond normal limits, the cell 'commits suicide'. This self-repair feature also prevents us from getting cancer unless repair features are damaged. How does every cell with DNA in your body 'know' how to prevent bio-errors? This is effectively an 'evolution preventer'! Since most non-neutral mutations are cancer, a leading cause of death. Would not this also tend to stop the victim's further evolution? Does not the **fantastic 'intelligence'** in DNA exclude mindless, unguided, accidental evolution? ^{55!}

Your Microscopic DNA, End-to-End, Would Reach Far Beyond our Sun!

Our sun is about 93,000,000 miles away. To help you understand just how far away that is, let's reduce the earth to the size of a **half-inch blue marble**. Proportionately, our moon would then be only around one foot away but the sun would be 420 feet away, four football fields distant! ⁷¹

DNA is so small and so tightly coiled, it's microscopic. Yet if all the DNA in our body was placed end-to-end, our DNA would reach around 56 times further than our sun!

And how do we know that? According to www.bionumbers.org we have around 4.18 trillion nucleated cells. (This excludes red blood cells and platelets.) How big is 4.18 trillion? That many seconds, by the clock, totals around 132 million years! Dr. Robert Carter's DVD, **The High Tech Cell** as well as other sources, assert that we have two meters, or just over six feet, of microscopic DNA in each of our nucleated cells.



Therefore our final figure is just simple arithmetic. **Dr. Carter's DVD goes WAY beyond genetic 'shock and awe' by presenting DNA as the most complex computer system in the universe that also operates in four different dimensions at the same time!** Here's an online preview and other information. ⁶⁰ At this same link you'll also find a great video on YouTube, *Programming of Life*.

Our DNA is not only tightly coiled but is folded at critical points so groups of genes far apart can touch certain other groups of genes, to work in concert and perform amazing biological functions necessary for life! Proteins are also critically folded so that they fit into other proteins like a lock and key! Though the protein may be perfect chemically, if it's folded even a tiny bit incorrectly, it's useless! In fact, a new field of research to attack harmful viruses uses a technique which searches for proteins on the surface of a virus then constructs a protein of the exact shape to fit which allows the protein to attach and disable the virus! ⁹⁹

Let's return to our illustration of reducing earth to a tiny half-inch **blue marble** where the sun was proportionately 420 feet away. This sun would also be four feet in diameter, and would weigh a ton! On that scale, the nearest star would be as far as India! Most other stars would be so far away they would no longer even be on earth on this tiny scale! ⁷¹ Awesome?

God has proclaimed His mighty power and majesty in the heavens so we are without excuse if we don't believe He exists! His existence is proven by his awesome handiwork! (Psalm 19:1)

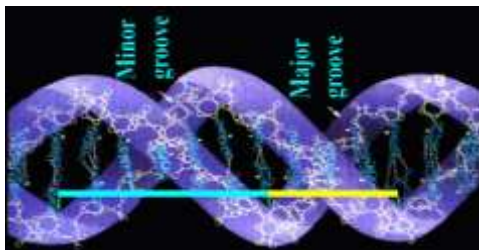
Mathematical Geometric Complexity of Our DNA Proclaims 'Not an Accident'!

Lanny Johnson also saw the amazing 'fingerprint of God' in the complexity of DNA. He wrote a simple 32-page booklet, **The Hand of God**, which beautifully and powerfully sets forth pictorial illustrations of the wonderful mathematical 'hand of God' seen in the fantastic 'Divine Proportion' ratio of DNA. ²⁶ (Divine Proportion is simply the quotient of two numbers which equals 1.618. For instance the width of a picture divided by its height.) Though the 'Divine Proportion' appears in the structure of flowers and many plants, **the most spectacular appearance of the 'Divine Proportion' is in the geometry of DNA, the 'blueprint of life' found in every cell nucleus of every living thing, truly 'God's fingerprint'!**

First of all, DNA structure resembles a ladder twisted around its long axis like a corkscrew. Only four types of amino acids, joined in pairs, make up the 'steps' of the ladder with one pair per step. About 3.1 million genes are present in the DNA of every one of our trillions of nucleated cells. (Only around 25,000 which code for protein were analyzed by the Human Genome Project.), except for red blood cells whose DNA is in the bone marrow which creates them. The coding for these genes is expressed in long sequences of combinations of base pair nucleotides (around 3.2 billion of them) forming the steps on the DNA. *We've already shared that DNA coding is incredibly complex, operating in four dimensions and that there is one set of coded instructions read forward and another set if read backwards. Fantastic!*

There are astronomical numbers of combinations and sequences of these steps that define the genetic code which determines everything about every single life form: size, shape, organs, and all the tens of thousands of biochemical operations as well as precisely when and how long each operation is to function. The massively complex and inter-related instructions to accomplish all this are digitally encoded in the sequences of the four amino acids that make up DNA. This makes up a 'genome'. If the human genome were typed, with a single letter representing each of the four types of amino acids, [how long would it take for you to read a human genome?](#) NINE and a HALF YEARS! And this is only a small part of God's amazing intelligence shown in ALL life! <http://genetichealth.jax.org/personalized-medicine/our-contributions/genes.html>

When DNA is viewed from the side as a 'slice', the two side supports of the ladder resemble the profiles of two ocean waves nearly superimposed, one in front of the other, but not exactly. ('Out of phase' for you Tekkies.)



The blue bar, in the figure, measures the horizontal distance between the lowest part of the far-side support of the 'ladder' to the lowest part of the near side support after it twists a bit. The yellow bar measures from that point to the lowest part of the far side support. Here it comes! If you divide the first number by the second you get 1.618 ... , the 'Divine Proportion' found in the DNA of all nucleated cells of every living organism: bacteria, viruses, plants, animals, or

humans! It's also known as the **Golden Ratio or Golden Number.** ⁷⁴ I don't see the 'random of evolution' here. I see great intelligence and deliberate design by a divine Creator! (Note: the dots following 1.618... indicate the decimals go on forever, perhaps one more indication of its divine origin?)

[More mathematical and geometrical design in DNA!](#) Viewed from one end, DNA appears as a stack of pentagons with every other one slightly overlapping its predecessor but rotated around 36 degrees! You'll find more spectacular information on DNA in [Appendix G](#), including how one geneticist even found amazing musical patterns hidden in various parts of our DNA, even more evidence for intelligent creation.

[Even more mind-boggling mathematical design](#) in the DNA of all living things is that the ratio of the types of amino acids making up the steps of the DNA ladder form a Fibonacci series! These numbers consist of ratios of the amino acids type T to the C, A, and G type amino acids. Each successive number in the Fibonacci series is related the previous number by the Divine Proportion 1.618...! **WOW!**

God's fantastic design is also illustrated in Johnson's book by many other examples of the amazing 'Divine Proportion' in in predicting the stock market and in the geometry and symmetry found in nature. Examples include 32 types of flowers, the direction and number of spirals on pinecones, pineapples and sunflower heads, the angular arrangement of leaves on a

stem, and even the human cochlea inside our ears. Other non-biological spiral patterns, which cannot be explained by evolution, follow the same mathematical law as the biological examples above! These include the ratio of a planet's revolution to its time of rotation, water swirling down your bathtub drain, tornados, hurricanes, stars being sucked into a black hole, and swirling galaxies of stars. All these exhibit the mathematics of the 'Divine Proportion' ratio of 1.618 ... , also known as Phi or the Golden Ratio! Accidental? Don't think so. For more on the 'Divine Proportion' there are also two great articles on the Internet with Johnson's citation. ²⁶
[God's fingerprint' is everywhere!](#)

College atheists were asked these questions during live interviews. ⁹⁶

[What would you think of the intelligence](#) of someone who's convinced a book just wrote itself accidentally? A rotted tree accidentally evolved into paper, black ink dripped from the clouds, accidentally forming tiny dots that accidentally became words, commas, and meaningful sentences. Then colored dots accidentally fell from another cloud to color the pictures?

[Now, what would you think of the intelligence](#) of someone who could believe the DNA, the 'book of life' with an astronomical number of coded instructions to grow any living thing on earth, from bacteria to humans, was just an unplanned series of accidents like the book?

Did this give u something to think about?

Dr. Antony Flew was one of the most vehement and widely published British atheists of his time. However, the vast astronomical complexity of DNA convinced Dr. Flew that there had to be an intelligent designer: a real God. He then documented his change of mind in this book. ⁴² The scientists of Darwin's day weren't yet convinced that germs even existed and knew absolutely nothing of DNA. I have enough confidence in Darwin's intelligence that had he learned of the complexity of DNA, I'm sure he would've never come up with his evolution theory based on unguided accidents.

Monkey business at the keyboard!

I've had more than one evolutionist defend evolution with, "Over millions of years, anything can happen. Why, a room full of monkeys could 'accidentally' type a play by Shakespeare, given enough time." I ask, "[Which monkey decides which play? Which monkey decides if another monkey has just typed the correct letter to put into the finished manuscript and where? Which monkey finds and trains the new monkeys that replace the old ones over millions of years?](#)" Obviously none. [Much more than 'monkey intelligence' is required here!](#) At the following link, www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/infinite-monkey-theorem, you may read of a *live test of the 'infinite monkey' theorem* at the University of Portsmouth. Six crested macaques were put into a room with a computer. In between urinating on the keyboard and throwing rocks at it, the monkeys typed the letter 's' several times before tiring of the experiment. (Please remind me which Shakespeare play begins with 'sss ... '?) The chances of typing only the first 15 letters of Hamlet is only one chance out of thousands of trillions!

Here's why I assert that the 'infinite monkey' theorem' is just a fantasy. This fantasy requires a 'monkey wrangler' with human intelligence to decide which of all the letters typed by all of the monkeys are valid and which ones are not! Then the wrangler must decide into which order they are to be placed, add punctuation, and divide the acts of the play correctly. No monkey could possibly do that. End of discussion! **Neither this example nor the evolution it attempts to illustrate is credible, since much greater intelligence is required to create the 'monkey wrangler' from nothing!** Otherwise neither the monkeys nor their 'monkey wrangler' could even exist in the first place! 'Given enough time, anything can happen' is NOT A SCIENTIFIC FACT. It's a 'blind leap-off-a-cliff-in-the-dark type faith' which evolutionists accuse 'dumb' Christians of exercising! True Christian faith is 'evidence of things not seen'. (Hebrews 11:1)

Question: If Crick and Sagan do find life from outer space, will they not then be constrained to search for where that life came from and so on, ad infinitum? What a waste! Evidence of God is all around us in nature so you needn't be a scientist to understand that. We are without excuse. (Romans 1:20) Is this a repeat? Yes, but major truths are worth repeating!

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Check out this citation for a 23-page list of 927 scientists from 38 countries, including the Middle East, who don't accept the evolution of life from natural selection or random mutation. Most of these scientists hold a Ph.D. and/or a university professorship. Religious or non-religious, they reject evolution based only upon purely scientific evidence. ⁸²

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Surprise ahead! Let's look at random events. You would think that the more trials you make, the more likely it would be for the event to eventually happen. This is the random-event foundation of evolution. However, the very opposite is true for an event that has a low probability of success to begin with. The more trials you make, the lower the probability of success. This is called the '**gambler's fallacy**' that insists, "Though I'm on a losing streak, if I just keep going I have to win sooner or later." ^{27F} Therefore, most habitual gamblers eventually go bankrupt following this road to ruin. Where do you think the gambling casinos get all that money for the bright lights, fancy shows, and free liquor to corrupt your judgment? **Duuhh!**

One possible exception to the 'gambler's fallacy' might be the lotteries where it's already established someone will win. Therefore, the odds of someone winning is therefore 100%. However, the odds of any one selected person, like you, to win the Power Ball Lottery in North Carolina is computed to be 175 million to one against, according to a recent telecast. (175 million is the estimated number of participants.) Buying more tickets will increase your chances to win, but it depends upon the percentage of tickets you buy out of the total number of participants. Obviously, for the average person, you couldn't afford enough tickets to make much difference. On the other hand, if you could buy millions of dollars worth of tickets, why would you want to risk it on the lottery?

And where do you think the millions come from that someone wins? Plain old common sense ought to tell you that **for ONE LOTTERY WINNER**, in North Carolina, there are **174,999,999 LOSERS!** Does that make it clearer you're most probably just wasting your money?

APPENDIX G: SIMILARITY of our DNA to CHIMPS, MICE, and BANANAS; XNA, SYNTHETIC DNA.

(Reminder: Left-click mouse on bold blue underlined text to 'jump'.
Return: hold ALT, then press ←)

In the 1950s, when I was in college, evolution continued to affirm, as it had for over 100 years, that humans descended from chimps, the most human-like animal. Not long after that, evolutionists back-pedaled saying humans and ape-like creatures descended from a common ancestor. Now for the third time during my lifetime, more back-pedaling. (Picture: OK, so it's not a chimp. But I had to share it because it resembles so much one of my favorite old-time stars of radio, movies, and early TV. Guess who?)



Reversing modern evolutionary thinking, the Scientific American of February, 2013, now states, "Two recent discoveries are shattering what scientists thought they knew about the rise of humans." The new assumed human descent chart covers two pages, with the admission, 'figuring out which species fossils belong to and sorting out ancestral lines will be harder than we once thought'. It's interesting to note that some of their evidence was based only on

fragments of missing links like 'Ardi', 'Lucy', and others. ⁸⁶ These have long been discredited by many scientists as merely ancient apes.

No remains of even one series of fossils showing very, very gradual evolution of any of the 'innumerable' missing links from ape to man, demanded as proof by Darwin, has ever been found. Ditto for ANY series showing such gradual evolution of any of the other 8.7 million different life forms. After ~160 years of searching, over 100,000,000 fossils are displayed in museums all over the world. None show Darwin's very gradual evolution evidence. Alleged jumps and skips yes, but no gradual evolution. Darwin was right when he wrote that it was one of the major weaknesses of his evolutionary theory. Also remember Darwin's 'leap-frog'. He didn't begin with evolution of the first life but after it was already well established. ³⁶

Human and ape DNA are said to be very similar. That does not prove evolution. I would expect that! **All animals have the same basic eukaryotic cell structure!** Humans also have primarily the same type of limbs, internal organs, and biological processes as chimps as well as many other animals. Our similarity to chimps and apes proves to me that one master intelligent architect designed them both: God.

Only a few differences in DNA sequences can make a huge difference as I will show in the following two sentences in blue whose letters are 90% similar but exchanging only one pair of them makes the meaning of the sentence totally opposite!

(Oh, by the way, 'Mr. AnyMouse' is the author's transliteration of 'anonymous'.)

Mr. DNA AnyMouse is a **god** = 'good'.

Now switch the first and last letters

Mr. DNA AnyMouse is a **dog** = 'not good'!

Switching letters is Dr. Geisler's idea, but I thought

'Mr. DNA AnyMouse' (anonymous) might give you a chuckle. 😊

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Human/Monkey DNA Similarity – THEY CHEATED!

A surprising study by geneticist Dr. Jeffrey Tompkins, of the Institute for Creation Research, reports that the evolutionists' DNA comparison of chimp and human DNA was strongly biased towards evolution. Human DNA is ordered by size. The chimp DNA was re-sequenced backwards for a better fit in this study! He showed they also picked out only certain genes here and there for comparison, totally ignoring others, thereby unfairly stacking the evidence in their favor.

They CHEATED!

Last year Tompkins presented very detailed research results using his 'genetic probe'. He repeated the test above and found that though there are some general similarities between some chimp and human DNA. they're definitely not 98.5% the same! Read *Chimp DNA Mutation Study-Selective, Yet Surprising*. Jeffrey P. Tompkins, Ph.D. at <http://www.icr.org/article/8196/>.

Tompkins also proved conclusively that evolutionary assertions that chimp DNA genes were NOT fused by evolution into human chromosome numbers two and thirteen. (Those two formed the heart of the evolutionist case.) He then personally rebutted the 'chimp fusing' speculation of Ken Miller, it's primary advocate, who got laughed off the stage! Watch this video.

Tekkie Candy: (NOTE: if this fails, copy it into your Internet browser.)

<http://www.uncommondescent.com/genetics/icc-2013-geneticist-jeff-tompkins-vs-evolutionary-biologist-who-got-laughed-off-stage/>.

Dr. Tompkins has published 14 papers on chimp-human DNA as well as 54 other research papers in top scientific journals. Here's more: http://www.icr.org/jeffrey_tompkins/. (That's an underline after 'jeffrey' not a space.)

Though evolutionists continue to tout human and chimp DNA are 96% to 98.5% the same, this was soundly disproven and published in *Discover* magazine. January, 2005, page 30, [11 years ago!](#) Comparing only two genes, they found 68,000 differences. Then, analyzing 213 genes that make protein, they found they were 83% different than human proteins. Also, a recent journal published the fact that only five percent of human DNA contains around **50,000,000 other differences with chimp DNA!**

*By the way, an even bigger problem for evolutionists is that **our DNA is also 60% similar to the DNA of a banana and even of other plants** according to Dr. Jones, professor of genetics at University College in London. Do evolutionists think our 60% DNA similarity to bananas means we have 'fruit' among our ancestors, like 'Awesome Orange' and 'Nanny Banany'? (It certainly would explain why I love bananas.) Our DNA is also 60% similar to chickens and fruit flies. BIG problems for evolutionists who don't expect such complex DNA is lesser 'evolved' creatures.*

<https://www.getscience.com/content/how-genetically-related-are-we-bananas>

There are four other videos at this site including, "Immortalized cells that sparked an international incident and their role in medicine." Another source states mice DNA is 90% similar to ours. That's why they make excellent test subjects for epidemiology studies, new medical procedures, and testing new drugs.

Some scientists erroneously say that 'life is nothing but assembled chemicals'. In the physical sense, that may be true, but within the chemicals is a secret code in the DNA which makes those 'chemicals' come alive. It's a message no scientist has yet been able to decode or duplicate. DNA complexity is a message from an intelligent Creator whose skill, in my opinion, transcends by infinite orders of magnitude, the intelligence of all the scientists in the world put together.

'Music' in our DNA?

I received this very interesting article from www.CreationMoments.com about 'genetic music'. **"The entire creation is woven together on an invisible fabric of mathematics. Since mathematics is also the basis of music, the creation is often more filled with music than we think. In fact, Christians ought to think twice before dismissing as figurative those Bible passages about the whole creation praising its Creator."** I visualize this 'weaving' as extremely complex patterns of exquisitely beautiful embroidery. [We see only the reverse earthly side of this mathematical 'embroidery' but one day God will show us His side which will stagger our imagination!](#) A California geneticist assigned musical notes to each of the four types of amino acids that pair up to form the rungs of the twisted ladder-like structure of DNA. The results of the playback? Not the randomness expected from evolution! Different sections resembled very much the classical music styles of Bach, Debussy, and Chopin as expected from an intelligent 'composer' and the junk DNA 'symphony conductor' I mentioned above. Listen for yourself! ⁴⁴

Is God a Mathematician? Sure looks like it to me!

I'm finding more and more scientists who see the work of God not only in the order of our universe but also in its mathematical precision. ⁷⁴ Dr. Mario Livio is senior astrophysicist at the Hubble Telescope Science Institute. His book, in the heading above, reveals some fascinating mathematical relationships. For instance the laws of human genetics follow the same laws that were originally discovered in the peas grown in a monk's garden in the 19th century! Coincidence? No, the same supernatural intelligent designer, God!



Tekkie Candy: On page 129 and 130 of Dr. Livio's book, you'll find tables of data used by insurance companies from 34,000 people to determine the probability of how long the average person will live. For example, if you're 60, the probability that you'll live to 80 is 17% meaning odds of around 1 out of 4 you'll make it and 3 out of 4 you won't make it. If

you're 75, the probability you'll live to be 80 is 46.5% meaning it's nearly 50-50 or 1 to 1 you will live to 80 and 1:1 you won't. That's why insurance companies cancel your policy at 75.

XNA, Synthetic DNA

XNA was made in a lab in 2012 using chemical substitutes for the uniquely left-polarized amino acids required for life. Yes, it was an amazing scientific feat, but on the other hand, it was only a chemical simulation and no, they did not create any life whatsoever. It was no more advanced than writing out known DNA sequences on a computer or on paper. (Do you recall reading on a previous page that if the DNA sequence of a 'simple' amoeba, were written out, it would be the size of 2,000 sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica?) 'Life' cannot be analyzed by science. Only God is the life-giver. The story is told of a scientist who had, like God, made a man from dirt. He then arrogantly stated that therefore we no longer need God. God said, "Try again. But this time use your own dirt; create your own dirt from nothing at all like I did!"

MORE LATE-BREAKING NEWS: How J. Craig Venter 'Created Synthetic Life'

J. Craig Venter was formerly a member of Dr. Francis Collin's Human Genome Project team. Venter was the one, who after nearly 10 years, actually made the breakthrough to sequence the first 1.5% of the human genome. Afterwards he formed his own company. Just recently I learned of his latest feat, the 'creation' of new synthesized artificial life from DNA'. His book is entitled ***Life at the Speed of Light: From the Double Helix to the Dawn of Digital Life***. If you read the peer review, you'll see he did not 'create' any life. He merely modified an existing bacteria into another type of bacteria by inserting a chromosome he got somewhere else.

While Venter's accomplishment was brilliant, it's just one more in a succession of the media's 'life in a test tube' exaggerations which we've seen before. I also read in a recent Scientific American of another scientist who did the same thing by splicing in previously existing plasmids into an existing cell. So don't be fooled. Only God can truly 'create' life and from absolutely nothing at all! (http://evolutionfacts.com/picture_gallery.htm shows a lot of very interesting things including the failed Miller-Urey apparatus that allegedly 'created life' from lightning and chemicals. ^{27B})

A New Amazing Computer made from DNA

This bio-computer is nearly 176,000 times faster than any man-made computer! Why? Its DNA has the built-in intelligence of our Creator! Here you'll also find a huge sculpture of DNA modelled as a spiral of shopping carts: <http://www.creationmoments.com/node/2537>.

Appreciation

I would like to express our gratitude and deep appreciation to our proof reader who has helped so much in multiple revisions of this book over the past five years in her spare time. In true humility, she has chosen to remain anonymous. She has helped clarify numerous thoughts and corrected innumerable grammatical errors. She has very often raised some point that sent me in a new direction, which resulted in significant improvements.

Like me, she is a former atheist, an achiever, and a missionary. Before finding Christ, also like myself, she had also seriously considered suicide several times. She earned a degree in chemistry and has conducted research on the Master's level. To her credit, and the glory of God, she left her chemistry career to serve the King of Kings as a missionary over 50 years ago.

She and her husband had served in Viet Nam for five years before they were evacuated only three weeks before the fall of Saigon. They also served in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Thailand, and the U.S.A. Her husband served 24 years in the computer department at the JAARS Center in North Carolina. Now a widow for over 13 years, she continues to serve as a

missionary with JAARS as a website and technical editor. Thank you so very much, my esteemed missionary colleague!

In conclusion, I believe I've presented overwhelming evidence for a master designer and Creator whom we call God. **My favorite illustration of evolution is that it is just as likely to have occurred as the fallout of a dynamite explosion tossing tons of rock and splintered trees into air. Then as they fall (very slowly over millions of years, of course) the fragments grind against each other in such a way that by the time the debris hits the ground, it's a five-story brick apartment building with plumbing and electric wiring!**

I would invite anyone to make their case to prove there is no God. **"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand forever. " (Isaiah 40:8)**

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**Dear reader,
Do you know how truly precious you are? You're a marvelous masterpiece
because no tongue can proclaim, or pen express Jesus' infinite love for you!**

May Jesus, the Master of peace, create His Masterpiece in you each day!

—Dr. Carolyn Hilt

Meet you in Heaven?

Tom & Irene Hodges

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HOW TO PLANT A DELIGHTFUL SPIRITUAL GARDEN!

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips:

Turnip for Meetings
Turnip for Service
Turnip to Help One Another

Plant Three Rows of Squash:

Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

Lettuce be Faithful
Lettuce be Kind
Lettuce be Patient
Lettuce Really Love One Another.

Every Garden Needs Thyme:

Make Thyme for Each Other
Make Thyme for Family
Make Thyme for Friends

Now You May Plant Three Rows of Peas:

Peace of Mind
Peace of Heart
Peace of Soul

We Reap What We Sow!

Water Freely With Patience and Cultivate With Love.

Are you diligently caring for your garden every day?

CHRISTIANS: TAKE COURAGE!

OUR POSITION AND POSSESSIONS in CHRIST

CHRIST'S BELL

I I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child. (John 1:12)
I am God's dear friend. (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord. (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God) . (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness for Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth, (Matt. 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation. (Rom 8:1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant. (Phil. 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me. (Rom. 8:31-34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God. (2 Cor. 5:20)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms. (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God. (Rom. 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, and sealed by God. (2 Cor. 1:21-22)
I am assured all things are planned for eventual good. (Rom. 8:28)
I may approach God with freedom and full confidence. (Eph. 3:12)
I expect Him to do exceedingly, abundantly, above expectations. Eph. 3:20)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit for His glory. (John 15:16)
I can do all things through Him who infuses inner strength into me. (Phil 4:13)
I am a dependent branch of the true vine, a vibrant channel of His life! (John 15)

Therefore, 1 Corinthians 15:58:

I
I am
steadfast,
unmovable,
always abounding
in the work
of the
Lord!

To Know His Heart, To Do His work, To Be His People.

(Church motto, FBC, Tulare, CA)

EVIDENCE RESOURCES

Note: Online answers to your additional questions plus other helps are available in the Additional Resources section below. ^C

Note: some of the resources below are perhaps a few years old but that does not mean they are 'out of date' any more than saying that gravity is 'out of date' because it's old.

The truths and evidences of our eternal God, as well as His love and grace, are unchanging, reliable, and therefore thoroughly trustworthy.

This book contains only a few sources of scientific evidence God is real in books, blogs, and articles. On a recent Google search on 'evidence God is real' I found 141 MILLION!

Color-codes by category:

Evidence for creation:

Evidence for the Bible: is it God's word?

Evidence for Jesus' resurrection: was it true?

Combination of the above or a different subject, no fill color.

Most of the books below are available, new or used, at www.amazon.com.

Since there are so many resources below, I would recommend the following outstanding websites.

www.creationmoments.com Very large collection of the evidences of God in nature. I really enjoy my daily free email subscription to very interesting facts of intelligent creation.

www.impactapologetics.com (Dr. Geisler's site includes **Twelve Points that Show Christianity is True** plus more apologetics books like **What You Were Made For**.)

<http://crev.info> (Creation-Evolution Headlines. Today had Roach Bait, Amazing Body Facts, and more. Just for fun, try David Coppedge's great 'Baloney Detector': <http://crev.info/baloney-detector/>.)



<http://evolutionfacts.com/Downloads.htm> (Free download of **The Evolution Handbook** by Ferrell with **3,000 scientific facts** that contradict evolution. ²⁷ You may also read it online. www.evolutionfacts.com/Handbook%20TOC.htm)

www.josh.org Noted apologist Josh McDowell offers to answer your questions online. ¹³ You'll find other 'question-answering' sites at this citation in the Additional Resources. ^C

If the books below are unavailable in libraries, or you have a limited budget, I would highly recommend **I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist** by Geisler and Turek. ² It asserts divine **intelligent creation** from philosophy, morality, great scientific evidence for the implausibility of evolution, plus answers in depth to some very hard questions about God. Ray Comfort's **Origin of Species 150th Anniversary Edition** is super with an introduction of condensed scientific facts that contradict evolution. ³⁶ Knopf's **The Truth About Creation & Evolution**, for only around \$5.00, ⁴ and **Can We Believe in God?**, a tiny 30-page booklet, ^N are also quite good.

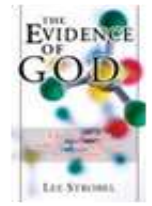
I would also recommend these small inexpensive plasticized pamphlets below that you can tuck into your Bible: Creation and Evolution. ⁴³ and Answers to Evolution which demolishes the 16 pillars of evolution. Please be aware that some of the authors below may have a doctorate degree but have chosen not to make it known in their publications.

1. EXCELLENT 'EVIDENCE' LEAFLETS

These are some of my favorite leaflets.

- a. Lindsey, Terry: The Amazing Story Behind Amazing Grace. How John Newton, a drunken 18th-century slave trader, was transformed; then he helped lead the fight to abolish the British slave trade. Newton also wrote the great hymn. (A similar leaflet, Amazing Grace, contains Newton's epitaph and additional information.) A movie, Amazing Grace, documents Newton's fantastic conversion and his subsequent contribution to our society.

b. **Lee Strobel:** *The Evidence of God*. Strobel was a journalist, formerly an atheist for 15 years. This is a super leaflet. Among many others, **The Case for ...** books authored by Strobel is **The Case for Easter** listed below.



c. **Hank Hanegraaff:** *The Resurrection, Is It True?*, www.equip.org. Hanegraaff is the 'Bible Answer Man' on radio and president of CRI, Creation Research Institute. 'F-E-A-T' proofs of Jesus' resurrection are terrific:

<http://www.equip.org/article/the-f-e-a-t-that-demonstrates-the-fact-of-resurrection/>.

Hanegraaff's main site above, has broadcast archives of Bible questions and answers, books, and software. (More Hanegraaff books below.)

d. **Zuck, Roy, Ph.D.:** *Is the Bible True?* Brief evidence from prophecy, archaeology, human impact, and science. This leaflet is no longer available but here's a great replacement: <https://www.crossway.org/tracts/why-trust-the-bible-tract/>.

e. **Comfort, Ray:** *The Atheist Test*, Living Waters Publications. Humorous but very informative tiny shirt-pocket-sized booklet extracted from Ray Comfort's book, **God Doesn't Believe in Atheists**, © 2009. Kindle and printed editions available from www.amazon.com. Just for fun, try Ray's *101 of the World's Funniest One Liners* leaflet which includes, 'If at first you don't succeed, don't try skydiving!' Both are available from www.livingwaters.com.

Three more especially good leaflets I also use frequently, are *You Are Someone Special*, *Somebody Cares*, and the terrific 'Then What' cartoon leaflet: from <https://www.crossway.org/tracts/>. Naturally, this author's most frequently used leaflet (8th printing) is 'Atheist Engineer ...'. ⁹³

2. Colson, Chuck: **Born Again**, © 1975, Spire Books, Fleming H. Revell Company, Old Tappan, New Jersey. Sentenced to imprisonment during the Nixon Watergate scandal. After his Christian conversion he founded Prison Fellowship that has been quite effective in rehabilitating scores of criminals: <https://www.prisonfellowship.org>. (Paste into Internet browser if this fails.) His second book **Life Sentence** shares more. (Note: Tom Phillips, former Chairman of the Board of Raytheon, who employed me during my Navy field engineering days, was instrumental in pointing Colson to Christ through former atheist C. S. Lewis' book, **Mere Christianity**, as well as Francis Schaeffer's **How Then Should We Live**, detailing how Christians have impacted every aspect of life through the centuries.)

3. Robinson, Lila, Ph.D.: **Eight Years in the Amazon Headwaters**, ©1975, www.authorhouse.com, Ph.Ds. in linguistics, anthropology, and folklore. How Christ was brought to a head-hunting chief and two other primitive people groups in Peru. A 16-foot anaconda attack on Bible translator Lorrie Anderson set in motion events that eventually resulted in the salvation of much of the tribe as well as sharing Christ in neighboring villages. Lorrie is currently writing her autobiography. This was an amazing fulfillment of God's promise in Romans 8:28 among the Shapra.

4. **Knopf, Robert:** **The Truth About Creation & Evolution: More than 75 Ways Science Supports Creation and Disproves Evolution**, © 2006. My copy is from www.creationmoments.com and was only \$4.99. The heart of the book is his *Six Key Factors Disprove Evolution*, pp. 23-25. A human embryo creates 15,000 cells per minute for nine months, p. 54.

5. **Unperceived earth/sun motions:** How Fast Are We Moving in the Universe? *Science Illustrated* magazine, April-May, 2008. The earth we stand on is hurtling through space in nine directions at incredible speeds. Available in some library archives.

6. **Aczel, Ami, Ph.D.:** **GOD'S EQUATION**, © 1999, Hardback, MJF Books, New York, NY, pp. 207, 211. Math Professor. $E = mc^2$ demands intelligent design of our universe. Among his 16+ other books, you'll find **WHY SCIENCE DOES NOT DISPROVE GOD** with more evidence of intelligent creation.

7. **Morrison, Tony:** **ANIMAL MIGRATION**, © 1973, Hamlyn Publishing, London. Insects, birds, fish, and animals show intelligent design in amazing navigation feats. (Bronze cuckoo: p. 51) Available at www.amazon.com. Additional info here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shining_Bronze_Cuckoo.

(Also see page 205 of **The Evolution Handbook** ²⁷ for the amazing journey of the Blackpoll Warbler's four-day 2,400-mile, non-stop journey from Alaska to South America. First he flies to New England then climbs to 20,000 feet for a right turn to ride freezing winds on to South America!)

More: the **Atlas of Bird Migration**, © 2011, by Elphick, contains details for over 500 bird species! For the awesome, even bizarre mating rituals of birds and a lot more about bird instincts, I would recommend the classic, award-winning PBS documentary, **The Life of Birds** by Richard Attenborough.



8. TESTIMONIES of eight scientists or professors who were former atheists or agnostics but who now believe in God: *Dr. Francis Collins*, who led the Human Genome Project for around 13 years: **THE LANGUAGE of GOD** ⁶⁹, *Dr. Hugh Ross*, astrophysicist: **THE FINGERPRINT of GOD** ⁶⁸ and **CREATION SCIENCE** www.reasonstobelieve.org; *Dr. Antony Flew*, former world-renowned British atheist; fifteen-year atheist, *Lee Strobel*, lawyer and journalist, with the Chicago Tribune: **THE CASE for EASTER** ²⁰ and many other 'The CASE FOR ... ' books as well as **The Evidence for God** leaflet available from www.crossway.org. Let us not forget noted former atheist and Oxford Professor *C. S. Lewis* who wrote **SURPRISED by JOY** relating his conversion; *Josh McDowell*, noted apologist: **NEW EVIDENCE DEMANDS a VERDICT** ¹³; *Professor Ralph O. Muncaster*: **DISMANTLING EVOLUTION** ^u, **WHAT IS THE PROOF FOR THE RESURRECTION?** ¹⁸ and **A SKEPTIC'S SEARCH for GOD** at www.bibleone.net/print_SF1.html. At www.riverpower.org/resurrection.htm, Sir William Ramsay's 30-year search to prove the book of Luke was a fake, proved just the opposite. Add Albert Einstein who expressed his belief in God with his famous, "God doesn't roll dice!" which I have on a bookmark. Einstein became a believer when Hubble proved our universe was expanding which proved it had to have had a sudden beginning from nothing, meaning divine creation.

Not all these scientists were former atheists in *Dr. Henry Morris' book, MEN of SCIENCE, MEN of GOD* ⁵³, but they're all famous scientists who believed in God, from da Vinci to Maxwell to Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, and many more. I wouldn't call these great men too stupid to accept evolution, would you? Also, read how Mark Lanier, one of America's top trial lawyers, literally put Christianity on trial in **CHRISTIANITY on TRIAL!** ^Z

9. Geisler, Norman, and Turek, Frank, both Ph.D.s: **I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist**, © 2004 Crossway Books, Wheaton, IL, 60187. Professor Geisler has founded or co-founded two theological seminaries, taught for 54 years, and authored or co-authored 85 books and hundreds of articles. (The book cited above won the Gold Medallion from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.) A major condensation of this book, Twelve Points that Show Christianity is True, is at www.impactapologetics.com. (The following citations may include some of these points.)

- a. **Can anyone know truth?** Chapter 1.
Demolishing the foundations of a godless university philosophy class, Chapter 2.
- b. **Dead Sea Scrolls**, powerful evidence, pp. 329-338.
Also "The Dead Sea Scrolls", A TIME INC. BOOKS magazine, © 2016, NY, NY special issue.
- c. **Reconstructing the New Testament from ancient manuscripts**, pp. 224-231.
- d. **Jesus**: legend, lunatic, or Lord? p. 347 and why trust the Bible? Chapters 9-12.
- e. **If God, Why Evil?** Conversation with skeptic, pp. 389-408.
- f. **DNA Complexity: Amoeba** DNA written out = WOW, pp. 116, 138.
- g. **Brain** has equivalent of 20 million books of information, p. 138.
- h. **Our very finely-tuned universe**, Chapter 4.
- i. **DNA non-similarity in supposedly more evolved creatures**, pp. 150-151.
- j. **DNA component sequence critical**. Example of letter sequences in two sentences, p. 150.
- k. **Absolute Moral Law**: eight reasons we know it exists. pp.172-193

10. Stoner, Peter: **Scientific Proof of the Accuracy of Biblical Prophecy**, © 1968, updated 2002, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. College Department Head, Math and Astrophysics. Professor Stoner's 600 students computed the odds of whether just 48 of 300 of the prophecies of Jesus' first coming, could've been coincidences in Chapter 3. The odds against this were 1 followed by 85 zeroes times the total estimated number of atoms in the whole universe!
<http://sciencespeaks.dstoner.net/index.html#c0>

11. **Lutzer, Erwin:** **Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible**, © 2008, Moody Press, Chicago. Noted author and pastor of historic Moody Church. This is a great little booklet on the reliability of the Bible. Pastor Lutzer is heard on radio worldwide. ^{B3} For broadcasts, videos, and downloads see www.oneplace.com/ministries/running-to-win/?gclid=CNPzjZTW3bICFQsGnOodPRkAbw. Also see www.truth-that-matters.com/bible.htm that asks and answers 17 questions about life and our future. (You'll also find this brief but terrific booklet by professor, Dr. Robert Plummer, enlightening: **The Story of Scripture: How we got our Bible and why we can trust it**, © 2013, Kregel Publications. Hannegraaff's pocket-sized **Resurrection F-E-A-T** 'flip chart' at www.equip.org is packed with real hard-hitting evidence.)
12. **Finley, Gavin, Ph.D:** **The 70-Weeks Prophecy** is a:ten-part slide show of the amazing Daniel 9 prophecy. This prophecy correctly predicted the exact year and within two days of when Jesus would first present Himself to Israel as their Messiah (Christ)! Part #4 is the overview and parts #7 through #10 have considerably more details. Dates of historical events that form the framework of the prophecy are not only validated by secular history but also by accurate NASA lunar data: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V44Thx5Eg8E&list=PL6483B6E161161915&index=2>
13. McDowell, Josh: **New Evidence Demands a Verdict**, © 1999, Hardback, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, TN 37214. A large and comprehensive documentation of a lifetime of evidence and answers. (This large hardback includes over 1,300 citations.) McDowell is an internationally known author and speaker representing Campus Crusade for Christ. A former rabid skeptic, this book was written originally to disprove and even ridicule Christianity. After looking at the evidence, he reversed course. This book was voted one of the top 40 Christian books of the 20th century. At www.josh.org McDowell also offers to answer your questions.
- The original New Testament** can be reconstructed with 'virtually complete accuracy' from over 24,970 ancient manuscripts and fragments, pp. 33-35.
 - Josh's testimony chapter, 'He Changed My Life', p. xxiii, is more fully shared in his book, **Undaunted**, © 2012, Campus Crusade for Christ, Inc. It's also available on DVD as a movie. This testimony is one of the most amazing testimonies by a skeptic I've read. His **More Than a Carpenter** has been translated into 85 languages and there are over 20 million copies in print. His '**Jesus was Lord, liar, or lunatic**' is well known everywhere.
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15. **Wurmbrand, Richard:** **Voice of the Martyrs ministry** www.persecution.com/. **Pastor Wurmbrand** suffered 14 years imprisonment and torture under the communists in Romania during the '50s and '60s. **Tortured for Christ** is an account of his experiences which you can receive **free of charge** at <http://torturedforchrist.com/>. He also wrote a rebuttal to the Soviet **Atheist's Handbook** entitled **The Answer to The Atheist's Handbook**, much of it conceived during his imprisonment. Wurmbrand's wife was also imprisoned and then cruelly told that her husband was dead. Read her story in **The Pastor's Wife**, published by Living Sacrifice Book Company.
16. **Maier, Paul:** **EUSEBIUS—The Church History**, © 1999, Hardback, Kregel Publications, POB 2607, Grand Rapids, MI. Original 10-volume early church history until 324 B.C. condensed into one book.
17. **Josephus, Flavius:** **Jewish Antiquities** and other works. This has the earliest account of Jesus outside the New Testament. For centuries the histories of Josephus (37-100 A.D.) were more widely read in Europe than even the Bible. www.josephus.org/
18. **Muncaster, Ralph:** **What is the Proof for the Resurrection?** © 2000, Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, OR 97402. Adjunct Professor at Vanguard University. Small booklet of only 48 pages but it includes 13 evidences of Christ's resurrection, pp. 8-9, and the seven million Christian martyrs buried

in the Catacombs under the streets of Rome, Italy, p. 20. Muncaster, a former atheist for 15 years, founded the ministry, Strong Basis to Believe. Here's his very interesting brief bio:

<http://www.faithfortoday.tv/article/112/programs/archives/the-evidence/episodes/episode-106-searching-for-god/quests/ralph-muncaster-bio>

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20. **Strobel, Lee: The Case for Easter**, © 2009, Hardback or e-book, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI 49530. Award-winning investigative journalist and graduate of Yale Law School, Strobel was a skeptic for 15 years but followed the evidence that led him to Christ. \$1.99 eBook available at: www.christianbook.com/easter-journalist-investigates-evidence-resurrection-ebook/lee-strobel/9780310865858/pd/3876EB?item_code=WW&netp_id=840520&event=ESRCG&view=details. His newer book, **The Case for Grace**, details his 21-month search for truth. (Also see Strobel's great leaflet at 1B above, *The Evidence of God*.)
21. **Zacharias, Ravi: A Georgia Tech Collegiate Open Forum**, © 1996, www.rzim.org. 3-CD set: *The Search for Absolutes in a Pluralistic Society, Christ's Answers for Man's Questions, Question and Answer Session With Students*. (A terrific mini-course in apologetics from one of the world's leading apologists. He also does radio broadcasts world-wide called 'Let My People Think'. See his website above for stations and schedules.)
22. **Zacharias, Ravi: Jesus Among Other Gods**, © 2000, W Publishing Group (a division of Thomas Nelson, Inc.), PO Box 141000, Nashville, TN 37214. One of the world's leading apologists; radio broadcasts worldwide on BBN. ^{B4} Debates on college campuses. See his great debate at Georgia Tech on CD, above, truly a masterpiece answering most every skeptic question there is.
 - a. *Is God the Source of My Suffering?* Chapter 5.
 - b. *If God, Why Evil?* pp. 112-140.
23. **Ramsay, Sir William: Facts about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**, © 1999-2002, www.riverpower.org/resurrection.htm Sir William Ramsay, probably the greatest archeologist of all time, reports the results of his 30-year research to debunk the New Testament through archaeology. You'll find interesting questions on both sides of the issue of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. (You may be surprised!)
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25. **Fuchida, Mitsuo: From Pearl Harbor to Calvary**, © 2011, eChristian, Inc., 2235 Enterprise St., Suite 140, Escondido, CA 92029. The adventures and Christian transformation of the Japanese pilot who led the raid on Pearl Harbor, December 1941. Christian love shown towards Japanese POWs by Americans and a leaflet about forgiveness by an American bombardier captured and tortured by the Japanese were Fuchida's first two steps towards Christ. "[Where does this great love come from?](#)" was the compelling question that eventually drew Fuchida to Christ. A very inexpensive audio download is available at <http://christianaudio.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=from+pearl+harbor+to+calvary>.
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Amazing photo of DNA from above showing the pentagon geometry mentioned in the text. <http://www.keplersdiscovery.com/DivineProportion.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_ratio (See Nature section.)



27. **Ferrell, Vance:** **THE EVOLUTION HANDBOOK**, © 2001, Evolution Facts, Inc., Altamont, TN 37301. **Probably my very best single evolution evidence source book.** (Only \$10.95) This 992-page paperback contains over **3,000 scientific facts** that confront the inaccuracies of evolution. This is a major condensation of a huge three-volume series, **Evolution Disproved**. **FREE DOWNLOAD:** <http://evolutionfacts.com/Downloads.htm> or online at: www.evolutionfacts.com/Handbook%20TOC.htm. (I bought my copy from www.creationmoments.com. Creation Moments also offers a free daily email subscription to receive interesting one-page notes about fascinating intelligent design in nature.)
- a. **Inaccuracies in dating methods** pp. 167-206. Archaeology proves a young earth, a universal flood, fake fossils, and the fallacy of archaeological dating. Chapter 21, pp. 834-839. Click [here](#) for eight reasons why evolutionary dates are unreliable.
 - b. **The incredibly complex cell**, chart on page 978, also a magnified view is available at http://evolutionfacts.com/picture_gallery.htm. Also in the picture gallery you'll find the apparatus of the failed Miller-Urey experiment (NO life created in a test tube). Also fossils are shown of some soft-bodied creatures from centuries ago. This refutes the evolutionary 'fact' which claims those fossils are missing because they all disintegrated and left no fossils behind. More amazing facts of the complexity of our body include 2,000 chemical processes of the liver, a million tiny filters in our kidneys, a 25-step process just to move a synthesized protein a microscopic distance, pp. 959-984. Page 984 reports amazing facts about the complexity of bird physiology that will astound you, I promise.
 - c. **Syntropy:** irreducibly complex biological systems could not possibly have accidentally evolved a host of complex physical and biochemical systems, all in the exact sequence over millions of years. They all had to be fully functional from the very first (blood clotting, etc.), p. 334.
 - d. **28 reasons why mutations do not explain evolution** pp. 325-372.
 - e. **Mathematical impossibility of evolution** pp. 331-338.
 - f. **Adding millions of years** doesn't help evolution, p. 332.
 - g. **100,000,000 fossils catalogued** for 250,000 species. No transitional forms yet found. Scientists therefore state the fossil record today is **more than sufficient to disprove evolution**, pp. 423-426.
 - h. **No previous evolution seen** in ancient Cambrian Era creatures, supposedly millions of years old. Every one of the 30 major life species (phyla), including advanced flowering plants, has been found in the Cambrian Era strata. In lower and older strata, no significantly developed life has been found, pp. 440-451. Many of the Cambrian species are the very same today and did not evolve at all. Soft-bodied creatures did disintegrate as evolutionists claim but their fossils are preserved in exquisite detail, pp. 473-485. See 'geologic column' below.
 - i. **Five 'living fossils'** supposed to be extinct up to 500 million years ago including the Coelacanth (fish), p. 478-480.
 - j. **Environment cannot change DNA** to enhance evolution: 'The Central Dogma' of atheist Sir Francis Crick, co-discoverer of DNA structure, p. 279.
 - k. **Fruit fly mutation experiments** unsuccessful for 71 years, pp. 36, 326, 345.
28. **Dawson, J.P., Ph.D.:** NASA scientist who analyzed the first moon rocks. http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/history/oral_histories/DawsonJP/DawsonJP_11-9-00.htm Page 10 details his microscopic findings which disproved the long-held evolutionary theory of how our moon was formed. (Search for Genesis rock). Page 11 shares evidence that the speed of light and other electromagnetic radiation were much faster in the past. His investigation, using data back to 1640 revealed that this speed was very, very high in the distant past but has been following a decreasing exponential curve to where it has changed very little in the last few hundred years. The end result is that since it's used in so many computations, it casts serious doubt on the age of our universe, of our earth, and astronomical distances in light years which also infers their age in how many years were required to reach earth. Dawson has compiled a very detailed and scientific apologetics DVD called,



Why Believe? The DVD has a lot of evidence for the reliability of the Bible and biblical prophecy. He also includes his studies on light speed decay (CDK) and atomic dating.

Dawson, a high school friend of mine, went on to earn **triple degrees in chemistry, math, and physics**. He passed away in 2013 but his technical legacy lives on as well as his faith in God at the NASA archive above. Technical details of his findings and his DVD are no longer on the Internet but I have some copies. If you want a copy, ask me for [DAWSON Speed of Light Young Earth.doc](#) or his DVD. Dr. Dawson published 87 technical papers, wrote 10 books on biblical prophecy, founded a Christian radio station and the Aaron C Ministries apologetics ministry. I knew him personally as a warm, fervent Christian and a great scientist. When I was eight, his father-in-law, Mr. Chody, a Ford mechanic, taught my Sunday school class. Here's Dawson's obituary:

<http://www.edmondsun.com/obituaries/x967391199/James-P-Dawson>.

(A recent article on a 'young moon' will be found at this link, and a companion book, **Our Created Moon**. www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/not-so-rock-solid-moon.)

29. **Menton, David, Ph.D.:** **DVD: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made**, © 2001, Answers in Genesis, PO Box 510, Hebron, KY 41048. Former professor of anatomy at the Washington University School of Medicine and researcher at the Mayo Clinic. This DVD presents the amazing complexity of the womb, fertilization, embryonic development, and birth. Watch it online or buy it at this site: <https://answersingenesis.org/media/video/creation/fearfully-and-wonderfully-made/>. You'll also enjoy **How the Body Works** by Dr. Peter Abrahams, published by Amber Books in the UK. On page 452 you'll find amazing facts about embryonic cell division including how a single tiny human egg becomes a 10-billion-cell baby in nine months.
30. **Gillen, Allen, Ph.D.:** **Body by Design**, © 2001, Seventh printing 2011, Master Books, PO Box 726, Green Forest, AR 82638. Professor of Biology. How 17 body systems show intelligent design, including reproduction, in Chapter 4. www.creationmoments.com. Also see this report that overturns the decades old declaration that 98% of our DNA is junk serving no purpose: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/News/2012/News/WTVM056255.htm>.
- Blood clotting:** pp. 73-75. Also see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coagulation>, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=daOmrQyD_oU&NR=1&feature=endscreen: Platelets and Hemostasis](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daOmrQyD_oU&NR=1&feature=endscreen:Platelets%20and%20Hemostasis), and these lectures from the Cleveland Heart and Vascular Institute: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4FoSf6Yi_s&NR=1&feature=fvwp: Hemostasis 2 and the Coagulation Cascade](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4FoSf6Yi_s&NR=1&feature=fvwp).
 - Red blood cells** five million in one drop of blood circulating through 60,000 miles of vessels, shape computed to be optimal, amazing molecular structure of hemoglobin, and much more on the molecular level, pp. 68-76.
31. **Morris, Henry, Ph.D.:** **THE MATHEMATICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF EVOLUTION**
Dr. Morris was a scientist in the fields of geology and hydrology before his passing in 2006. He is the founder of ICR, the Institute for Creation Research and the ICR graduate school: www.icr.org/article/mathematical-impossibility-evolution. Morris has written over 50 books on science and creation. You'll find his mini-bio at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry M. Morris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_M._Morris)
32. **Behe, Michael, Ph.D.:** **Darwin's Black Box, the Biochemical Challenge to Evolution**, © 1996, 2006. Biochemistry professor. This book was written to rebut **The Blind Watchmaker** in which infamous skeptic Richard Dawkins presents evolution as evidence there is no God. Time Magazine called this book a 'seminal work' because it was the 'groundbreaker' that sparked the 'intelligent design' movement that dares to ask, "Was Darwin wrong?" Pages 18-22 cover details on the biochemistry of vision that takes place in the retina. On page 77 you'll find 20 pages detailing the 'irreducible complexity of blood clotting which proves conclusively that this could not have evolved over millions of years. If not available at a local bookstore or library, you may purchase the book, as an audio edition, or an eBook, at www.SimonandSchuster.com.
33. **Coppedge, James F, Ph.D.:** **Evolution, Possible or Impossible?** © 1973 - 2000, (eight printings). Molecular biology research analyst and holder of five college degrees. Dr. Coppedge computes the odds of accidental (evolutionary) 'creation' of a number of biological components. He shows how he computed the odds against evolving only one gene on pages 155-163.

(You will also find the latest creation and evolution discoveries, as well as a 'gold mine' of scientific facts at Dr. Coppedge's son's site at <http://crev.info>. I personally find this site current and absolutely fascinating!

34. **Geisler, Norman, Ph.D. :** **COSMOS: Carl Sagan's 'Religion' for the Scientific Mind**, © 1983. www.logos.com/product/9162/cosmos-carl-sagans-religion-for-the-scientific-mind
Very small booklet; also downloads available for various devices.
- Complexity of the brain**, being so much greater than any man-made computer, suggests a Creator far above man. Also brain contains information = 20 million books, p. 58.
 - Comments by two famous astronomers**, Dr. Robert Jastrow, founder of NASA Goddard Space Center, pp. 50, 56, and Sir Fred Hoyle's **10^{40,000} to 1 odds against evolution**. Hoyle's illustration for this, still much used today: "Evolution is just as likely as a tornado tearing through a junkyard and 'evolving' a flyable 747 jumbo jet." I would say that some evolutionists may not only believe this very possible, but perhaps they also add that it could have, whoops, make that did include the crew and 300 passengers. But only if the tornado lasted millions of years, of course, pp. 50-59.
35. **Geisler, Norman, Ph.D., Hoffman, Paul:** **Why I am a Christian, Leading Thinkers Explain Why They Believe**, second edition, © 2001, 2006, Baker Books, PO 6287, Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287. Astrophysicist Dr. Hugh Ross computes the odds that 122 of the constants that 'fine-tune' our universe were 'accidents' of evolution, p. 142. Includes the testimony of Dr. Barry Leventhal who recognized Jesus as his Jewish Messiah and is currently a professor teaching in an evangelical seminary, p. 221. Also included on page 253 is how Muslim Ergen Mehemet Caner also discovered that Jesus was his Messiah. Caner's book is **UNVEILING ISLAM** published by Kregel Publications. It won the coveted Gold Medallion Book Award.
36. **Darwin, Charles:** **Origin of Species 150th Anniversary Edition**, © 2009, Bridge-Logos Foundation, Alachua, FL 32615. Introduction by Ray Comfort. *This edition contains chapters from Darwin's original **On the Origin of Species**, of 1859, and **The Descent of Man**, published 12 years later.* Darwin admitted that if it could be demonstrated that any organ could not be formed by a series of tiny modifications that his theory would absolutely break down. Chapter VI, p.175. (Irreducible complexity of a designer is our answer!)
- Darwin's weaknesses of evolution:** Chapters VI, VII, and VIII elaborate on the weaknesses of evolution for which evolution had no evidence. This includes the incredible complexity of the human eye, and instincts, including migration of birds and group behavior of ants and bees. Numerous times Darwin rejects simultaneous evolutionary steps per generation and insists on only a tiny change per evolutionary generation over millions of years. (Natura non Facit Saltum: nature does not make jumps.) This makes a fully functional reproductive system developing piece-meal over millions of years absolutely impossible from the very first generation evolution. Darwin also waited until Chapter VII, page 188, first paragraph to say, in effect, 'I can't explain instinct, how the first life began, and several other major difficulties with my evolution ideas so oops, I'll just skip all that and leapfrog to a fully formed, reproduction-capable organism to begin evolution'. Again, Darwin turns his back upon God because only He could create first life and implant all the instincts required to function and survive. I also recall another passage in which Darwin admits that life may have originated in a slime pool or ocean but said, "I choose not to go there." It is then left to the reader to erroneously assume evolution really began from simple chemicals in that slime pool or ocean. Bad move. Like touch-typing in the dark but starting with your fingers in the wrong starting position. See pp. 173, 184, 188, 194.
 - Darwin's own proof of evolution would be 'innumerable series of transitional fossils'** not just a missing link, p. 165. Many hoaxes. 100,000,000 fossils found in museums around the world for around 250,000 species, but not one series of transitional forms for any of them, pp. 15, 22. You may also be interested in watching Dr. Stephen C. Meyers' informative video at: www.darwinsdoubt.com
 - Eye complexity makes Darwin doubt** evolution could have produced it. In fact, he said that was '**absurd in the highest possible degree**' on page 174. Therefore he 'supposes'

some 'mysterious unseen 'power' carefully watched over and guided evolution', Chapter VI, pp. 174-176. Since the function of this entity is to select which 'accident' is propagated over millions of years, knowing what the original design is supposed to be, this is none other than an imaginary, mythical 'god'.

In the first 62 pages of Comfort's introduction, he will answer many of your questions on evolution. Some amazing facts supporting intelligent creation are that the retina of your eye digitizes light signals and processes around 1.5 million digital pulses every 1,000th of a second! Available at libraries, booksellers, or www.livingwaters.com. **(PS: The 40 subsystems of the eye include the retina and its nerves which have over 260 million working parts!)**

THE EYE'S AMAZING COMPLEXITY, free downloads:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rod_cell.

Calkins, Dr. Joseph: **Design in the Human Eye**. Professor of ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University. Unbelievable complexity, including lightning fast computer 'chip' in your eye which rivals the fastest man-made mega-computer:

<http://www.creationmoments.com/content/design-human-eye/>.

Hubel, David: **Eye, Brain, and Vision**, HARVARD University School of Medicine, biochemical and neurological functions. (Both these URLs may need to be pasted into your browser.)

<http://hubel.med.harvard.edu/book/bcontex.htm>. (Paste into Internet browser if this fails.)

Fascinating **Vision as Data Processing will be found here:**

<http://im-possible.info/english/articles/the-eye-beguiled/2-vision-as-data-processing.html>.

37. **Comfort, Ray: Nothing Created Everything**, © 2009, <http://wndbooks.wnd.com>. Internationally known Christian apologist and author of over 80 books. Comprehensive, often clever and humorous examination of the so-called evidence touted by evolutionists. Ray's website is www.livingwaters.com.
- Enormous complexity of the eye:** 40 sub-systems, 137 million light receptors, p. 14-23.
 - How Life Began** starts on page 35. (Also see Heinze's **How Life Began** below for a lot more details. Here's a summary on how life-giving DNA information could not possibly have evolved: Where did the information in cells come from? www.creationism.org/heinze/FirstLife03InfoInCells.htm.)
 - Debunking** so-called 'proofs' that evolution is both observable and testable, and 'missing links' later proven false or outright hoaxes. These include the widely accepted Archaeopteryx, touted for years as the 'perfect transitional fossil between dinosaurs and birds'. (Small reptiles became birds because they were tired of falling out of trees?) Others include elephant seals, and blatantly false claims of 'life created in a test tube', in Chapter 1. I would also heartily recommend Comfort's **The End Time Believer's Evidence Bible** containing a host of indexed apologetics notes including unmasking hoaxes, dealing with cults, and many tips on witnessing to all kinds of people.
38. **Gish, Duane, Ph.D. : EVOLUTION: the fossils STILL say NO!**, Institute for Creation Research, El Cajon, CA 92021, Professor. Dozens of specific fossils are analyzed to determine the truth of evolutionary claims. Chapter 1 explains how evolution is really a philosophy but proclaims itself a science by promoting unproven speculations to 'facts'. Clever '**Frog + kiss → prince**' example, p. 5. More at <http://www.icr.org/homepage/>. (Paste into Internet browser if this fails.)
39. **Heinze, Thomas: THE VANISHING PROOFS of EVOLUTION**, © 2007, Chick Publications, Ontario, Canada. www.chick.com.
- Fossils from all 30 categories of life** are present in the Cambrian era strata but do not show any evidence of previous evolution; the amazing trilobite eye, pp. 53-54.
 - Haeckel's falsified drawings and fraudulent embryo** pp. 21-29. Evolution hoaxes: The Piltdown man hoax of 40 years, peppered moths, tiny horses, etc., pp. 11-20. Vestigial organs and evolution leftovers exposed, pp. 40-45
 - Fruit fly mutations:** useless extra wings, pp. 36-40; no cross-species evolution.

- d. **NOTE:** Another of Heinze's fantastic booklets is **How Life Began**, © 2002, Chick Publications. This small, inexpensive, booklet is a great resource on the origin of the first life. Chapter 1 debunks the 'life created in a test-tube' deceit. It also proves that in no way could the information in DNA and RNA have evolved. Here's an on-line excerpt about the information contained in cells: www.creationism.org/heinze/FirstLife03InfoInCells.htm.
40. **Madigan, Martinko, and Parker: Brock Biology of Microorganisms**, eighth edition, Prentice Hall, 1997. Research results going back over 70 years prove that microorganisms do not develop antibiotic resistance by 'evolving', p. 332.
- You may also add Dr. John C. Sanford's **GENETIC ENTROPY** for his research on this subject which was presented at a major apologetics conference I attended.
41. **Cadwallader, Mark: CREATION Spelled Out for Us All**, © 2007, CTS Publications, Conroe, TX. Cadwallader is a scientist holding an M.S. in chemistry, and has produced over 100 articles and conference papers on geo-synthetic materials and creation science. Book may be ordered from www.creationmoments.com in printed or audio book form. (Also check this website for world-wide five-minute radio broadcasts about intelligent design examples in nature.)
- (The fruit fly evolution experiment, p.13 (Fruit fly info is also in **The Evolution Handbook**, pp. 36, 326, 345, and in the **Vanishing Proofs of Evolution**, p. 36.)
42. **Flew, Antony, Ph.D. : There is no God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind**, © 2007. Flew, a university professor and famous British atheist for decades, renounced atheism in favor of God in 2004. (pp. 11-12) In his own words, "I just had to go where the evidence led." Fifty years of DNA research created a strong argument for design as opposed to evolution. Original source is Rich Deems' "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest?" at www.godandscience.org/apologetics/flew.html. This ISBN link will take you to a website to find the book: ISBN 978-0-06-133529-7. Bio and BBC interviews: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_Flew.)
43. **Rose Publishing** : Small inexpensive pamphlets on evolution available at your local Bible store or from these websites.
- a. **Creation and Evolution** © 1999, covers six branches of science and is organized along the lines, 'What Evolutionists Say', 'What We Should See in Nature', and 'What We Actually observe:' www.rose-publishing.com/Creation-and-Evolution-pamphlet-P34.aspx.
(This link will be redirected to the new owner's site, HendricksonRose.com.)
- b. **Answers to Evolution** © 1999, 16 'pillars of evolution' and real-world facts demolish them all: www.rose-publishing.com/Answers-to-Evolution-pamphlet-P1336.aspx.
(This link will be redirected to the new owner's site, HendricksonRose.com.)
44. **PROM: PROtein Music Composer** is a web-based tool that helps scientists generate music from DNA. www.whozoo.org/mac/Music/samples.htm. Source: 'Genetic Music' from www.CreationMoments.com. The Creation Moments' DVD, **A Creationist Perspective of the Human Genome**, is also very good.
45. **Meyer, Joyce: Battlefield of the Mind**, © 1995, Joyce Meyer Life in the Word, Inc., P.O. Box 655, Fenton, MO 63026. Evangelist. Her section on 'wilderness mental attitudes' that can defeat your attempts to walk with Christ is quite interesting. These parallel the Israelites' journey of 40 years that could've been made in only 11 days instead because they failed to trust God. Also see www.mybattlefield.com and www.joycemeyer.com.
46. **Greene, Brian:** Listening to the Big Bang, © 2014, **Smithsonian** journal. Theoretical physicist, Professor of Physics at Columbia University. Very clear explanation of the Cosmological Standard Model: how evolution supposedly created our universe without God, explained by America's most popular science writer.
- Also see the much more technical <http://arxiv.org/abs/1212.5225> from Cornell University with results from the nine-year mission of the WMAP space probe as well as this in-depth presentation: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Age_of_the_universe. (Apparent spaces are underlines instead.)
47. **Maxwell, James Clerk:** Creation-Evolution Headlines web site: <http://crev.org>. James Clerk Maxwell, Cambridge professor and noted 19th century scientist, was also a contemporary

of Darwin. He rejected Darwin's evolution idea as 'anti-science' and wrote powerful scientific refutations of it. He also proved mathematically that stars were not formed by condensation of the primordial hot gas/dust cloud so they cannot cool to become planets with no help from God as today's Cosmological Standard Model asserts:

<http://www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/james-clerk-maxwell>.

Maxwell was said by Einstein 'to have made more contributions to physics than anyone since Isaac Newton'. Therefore it's obvious Einstein esteemed Maxwell to be the greatest scientist since Newton. Among Maxwell's contributions were color photography and his electrodynamics theory that mathematically predicted the existence of radio, radar, X-rays, as well as other types of radiation years before they were discovered. His prediction of the character of the rings of Saturn was confirmed by Voyager in 1981, roughly a hundred years later. Richard Feynman, perhaps the greatest physicist of our day, said, '10,000 years from today Maxwell's discovery of the laws of electrodynamics would still be the most significant event of the 19th century!'

48. **EYE of GOD:** Ring (Helix) Nebula and white dwarfs. Quantum Fluctuation rebuttal.
<http://hubblesite.org/newscenter/archive/releases/2003/11/image/a/>
NASA, NOAO, ESA. The Hubble Helix Team M. Mexner (STsci) and T.A. Rector(NRAO) STsci PRC03 11a
<http://amazing-space.stsci.edu/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_dwarf (That's an underline before dwarf, not a space.)
49. **The GOD PARTICLE:** (Higgs Boson), **Scientific American Special: Extreme Physics**, p. 4
These links from scientists cast serious doubt if this discovery is genuine.
<http://www.ras.org.uk/news-and-press/2469-should-the-higgs-boson-have-caused-our-universe-to-collapse>
<http://rt.com/news/168004-higgs-boson-universe-collapse/>
<http://crev.info/2014/06/existence-of-universe-is-highly-improbable/>
<http://rt.com/news/168004-higgs-boson-universe-collapse/>
<http://www.ras.org.uk/news-and-press/2469-should-the-higgs-boson-have-caused-our-universe-to-collapse>
50. **Behe, Michael, Ph.D. :** DVD: **Unlocking the Mystery of Life**, www.illustramedia.com.
A group of leading scientists with advanced degrees, including a philosopher of biology, and a famed biochemist Michael Behe, discuss evolution versus intelligent design. Also you'll hear from Dr. Dean Kenyon and a colleague who thought they had shown how life could have evolved directly from raw chemicals in their **Biochemical Predestination**. After a number of other discoveries came to light over the years, they repudiated their ideas and their book. A fantastic online trailer takes us on a spectacular animated trip inside a cell where we learn how DNA, present in every nucleated cell of every life form, constructs proteins. **Here's the trailer:** <http://www.unlockingthemysteryoflife.com/>. (Though not in the online trailer, the DVD opens with fantastic 'molecular machines' Darwin could never have even dreamed of. Outstanding is a 'molecule-sized outboard motor' of 40 parts that rotates the whip of a bacteria at around 100,000 rpm!)
51. **DEMBSKI, William, Ph.D. :** **Inference**, © 2001 Cambridge University Press, 32 Avenue of the Americas. Professor of Mathematics at Baylor University. New York NY 10013-2473.
<http://www.cambridge.org/> Detailed mathematical methods that help to determine if an event was a chance event or the result of intelligent design.
52. **Behe, Michael, Ph.D. :** DVD: **Darwin's Dilemma**, [Illustramedia](http://www.illustramedia.com). Darwin's unexplainable dilemma is that his idea of evolution cannot explain why most animal species appeared suddenly with no previous evolution in the Cambrian Period strata: <http://www.darwinsdilemma.org/>. Watch a YouTube trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-1nXb5uH8Q. This has 12 other links to creation evidence videos!
53. **Morris, Henry, Ph.D. :** **Men of Science, Men of God: Great Scientists Who Believed the Bible**, © 1982, 1998. **21st printing** 2012. Founder of Institute for Creation Research. Master Books, Inc., P.O. Box 727, Green Forest, AK 72638. Mini-bios of 108 famous scientists who were also men of God. These include Da Vinci, Kepler, Galileo, Newton, Maxwell, Pasteur, Reimann, and Fleming (who discovered penicillin) plus 16 more recent scientists. (Available at Amazon for around \$8 and a Kindle download for only \$2.99!)
54. **Livio, Mario, Ph.D. :** **BRILLIANT BLUNDERS**, © 2013, Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020 Astrophysicist at the Space Telescope Science

Institute. Excellent documentation of modern godless evolution. It includes good summaries of the laws of genetics and DNA. Livio fairly presents excellent evidence, both pro and con, yet always finds some way to 'bend' it towards evolution without supporting evidence. Page 13 states that as of September, 2009, there were officially cataloged 1.9 million species. However, this does not include most microorganisms and invertebrates. Therefore estimates run from 50 – 100 million with the more reasonable being 5 to 10 million. The most recent studies estimate 8.7 million species of life. [Other sources like page 16 of Ray Comfort's anniversary publication of Darwin's Origins specify 100 million fossils representing 250,000 species cataloged in Museums, not total number of species.]

English geneticist Sir Cyril Darlington, discoverer of the chromosome, states that almost all mutations are harmful. In fact I have read of one source that stated that, though natural mutations are rare to begin with, only 1 of 10,000 is either neutral or beneficial. Another source stated 1 of 8,000. Our cells have an auto-correct feature to prevent mutations including causing a defective cell to die. cancer is the result if the self-correct feature fails in either the 'accelerate growth' or 'retard growth' genes.

Evolution is unable to explain how miraculous bird eggshells 'evolved'. They could not have!
<https://evolutionnews.org/2018/04/eggshells-remarkable-design-a-tribute-to-mindless-evolution/>

55. **UCDAVIS** Health System, UC Davis researchers discover complexities of DNA repair, NEWS, October 23, 2011, University of California: <http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/publish/news/newsroom/5851> and <http://www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/built-error-correction-1>.

Eight additional scientific research papers supporting the UC Davis findings related to 'self-repair' of DNA, which would make evolution impossible, are to be found in the first article at this link: http://www.evolutionnews.org/2017/01/quality_control_3103426.html Protein and other self-checks: <http://blogs.discovery.org/cgi-bin/mt/mt-search.cgi?search=DNA+QUALITY+CONTROL&IncludeBlogs=2&limit=20>

56. **Bailey, Ney:** **FAITH is NOT a FEELING**, How life's tragedies and challenges lead us to the all-important decision about how we will relate to God and also find true meaning in life: <http://www.crustore.org/catalog/Faith-Is-Not-a-Feeling.html> and also this one is good: <http://www.neybailey.com>. (Paste into your Internet browser if link fails.)



57. **McGee, Robert:** **THE SEARCH FOR SIGNIFICANCE: Seeing Your True Worth Through God's Eyes.** Our true worth not based on accomplishments or the opinions of others. Highly recommended by Billy Graham.



58. **Nessim, Ruth:** **THE PASSOVER LAMB**, © 2011, CJF Ministries, P.O. Box 345, San Antonio, TX 78292 Jewish believer who immigrated to Israel decades ago. She and her husband Albert established a messianic Christian congregation there. She also authored **Musings from Galilee**, a collection of poems reflecting her life and experiences as a Jewish believer in Israel. It's beautifully illustrated. (The Nessims were our colleagues in Jewish ministry in Italy.)

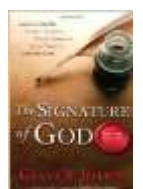
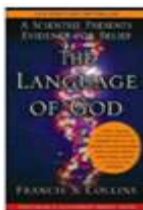
59. **Metaxas, Eric:** Science and the Case for God, Decision magazine (Billy Graham). <http://www.wsj.com/articles/eric-metaxas-science-increasingly-makes-the-case-for-god-1419544568> More sources for cosmic fine-tuning, without which there would be no universe, include Queen Elizabeth's Astronomer Royal, astrophysicist Dr. Martin Rees: <http://discovermagazine.com/2000/nov/cover/>.

60. **Carter, Robert, Ph.D.:** DVD: **THE HIGH TECH CELL.** Genetic 'shock and awe' presentation of DNA as the most complex computer in the universe and its incredible functioning in four dimensions! Preview the DVD and read reviews by 45 other scientists here: <http://creation.com/dvd-previews?page=1>.

61. **Sanford, John, Ph.D. et al:** Sanford Scientists Discover Astounding DNA Complexity, FMS Foundation, 2014. **Astounding discovery!** the genetic code continues when read backwards, thereby doubling the information content. You'll find additional incredible DNA information in **The High-Tech Cell DVD.** ⁶⁰ http://media.wix.com/uqda704d4_43295b5fe0e548f69dca984314e4f925.pdf.

62. **Cahn, Rabbi Jonathan:** **THE PASSOVER MYSTERIES** (9 CD/DVD SET), MORNINGSIDE, PO BX 9330, Branson MO, 65615 417/779-9000. Volume 3: Messiah and the Hidden Writings of 30 A.D. The Talmud records strange happenings in the Jewish Temple during the 40 years following Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It's also online: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menorah_\(Temple\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menorah_(Temple)).

63. **REES, Martin, Ph.D.:** **JUST SIX NUMBERS**, © 2000, Perseus Books Group, www.basicbooks.com. Dr. Rees is Royal Society Research Professor at Cambridge University and holds the title of Astronomer Royal of England. He is an international leader in cosmology and has published a number of other books on the subject. Our universe can only exist within the narrow parameters of six mathematical equations.
64. **Geologic Column discrepancies:**
<http://www.creationmoments.com/resources/articles/age-earthuniverse/dating-systems/billions-years-earth>.
 The last three paragraphs also include strong evidence for the universal flood.
<https://answersingenesis.org/geology/geologic-time-scale/geologic-column/>.
 Shows the Standard Geologic Column and why it's unproven.
65. **Laughlin, Robert, Ph.D.:** **A DIFFERENT UNIVERSE**, © 2008, Basic Books, Perseus Books Group, Cambridge, MA 02142. **Nobel Laureate**, professor of physics and applied physics at Stanford University. Laughlin wrote, "I am concerned that much present-day biological knowledge is ideological and cannot be tested. Evolution by natural selection, for instance, has lately come to function more as an anti-theory, called upon to cover up embarrassing experimental shortcomings and legitimize findings that are at best questionable."
66. **Pugyao, Nard:** DVD: *Celebrating God's Word in Isnag*, JAARS Gift Shop, Waxhaw, NC. www.JAARS.org. How Bible translation transformed the Isnag tribe in the Philippines and how Nard, an eight year-old 'jungle boy', as he calls himself, eventually became a missionary pilot that delivered the first Bibles ever translated back to his village years later!
67. **BBN Radio:** Broadcast Transcript: Musical Reflections of January 25, 2014. Miraculous transformation of cannibalistic tribes in Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga celebrated by a combined gathering of over 5,000! This event inspired the writing of the great hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* in 1862. See www.radiobbn.org for a radio schedule for anywhere in the world. Later I found this same story on page 374 of *Amazing Grace*, by Kenneth W. Osbeck. (Over 275,000 in print)
68. **Ross, Hugh, Ph.D. h:** **THE FINGERPRINT of GOD**, © 1991, Promise Publishing Co., Orange, CA 92667 Still available on Amazon.com. Astrophysicist who has documented scientific evidence of intelligent creation in a thorough but interesting manner. Among many dazzling facts is his computation of the probability that the approximately 150 mathematical constants that direct nature could have evolved or not. Though a bit older than some other books, **the information is timeless like** the law of gravity, still in effect.
- Dr. Ross' fantastic DVD, **COSMIC EVIDENCES for CHRIST**, documents cosmological measurements and observations presented at Purdue University proving the **intelligent design** present in our universe is **observable, testable, and predictable** which qualifies it as scientifically valid, unlike evolution. Also he shares the 'Big Bang' was in the Bible centuries ago and that the 'intelligent designer' was personal, not just some force. Available along with other amazing scientific documentation at www.reasons.org.
69. **Collins, Francis, Ph.D.:** **THE LANGUAGE of GOD: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief**, © 2007 Free Press. Dr. Collins, who led the historic Human Genome Project that sequenced human DNA for the first time, has appeared publicly on TV and was quoted in *Time* magazine that the complexity of DNA affirms his strong belief in intelligent creation as opposed to evolution. However, he seems to be a 'theistic evolutionist'. What's that? Click [here](#). This book made the *New York Times* 'best seller' list. Online review: '**The Language of God** provides the best argument for the integration of faith and logic since C. S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity!*' His later 2011 book is also very interesting:
The Language of Life: DNA and the Revolution in Personalized Medicine.
70. **Jeffrey, Grant:** **THE SIGNATURE of GOD**, (Revised 2010) Word Publishing, Nashville, TN. Well known apologist, saw God's hand in all of nature. Previously on the *New York Times* 'best seller' list. Also available as an audio book. Also see his **The Handwriting of God**. After decades of research, Jeffrey offers this book as '**conclusive proof that every teaching, every command, every promise in the Bible is true!**'



71. **Bracket, Grace:** *The Size of Creation*, teaching notes. A former missionary colleague and teacher at the Missionary Training Centre, Thornton Heath, Croydon, Surrey, England
72. Elliot, Elisabeth: **Reflections on Trusting God**, © 2006, Baker Publishing Group, POB 6287, Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287. Wife of martyr Jim Elliot. This book is a great collection of brief but inspiring devotional thoughts on suffering. One of the outstanding women of Christianity today, she also has a great radio program and has written more than 20 books including this classic, **On Asking God Why**.
73. Ten Boom, Corrie: **Each New Day**, © 2003, Fleming H. Revell, Division of Baker Book House Company, Box 6287, Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287. Nazi prison camp survivor, author of 20 books, former international speaker in 64 countries for 33 years, and subject of the movie and book, **The Hiding Place**. Also we would cite her leaflet, *I'm Still Learning to Forgive*, in which she details a face-to-face meeting with one of her former cruel SS prison guards after the war.

74. **Livio, Mario, Ph.D.:** **Is God a Mathematician?** © 2009, Simon and Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020. Senior astrophysicist, the Hubble Space Telescope Institute, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Livio demonstrates fascinating mathematical relationships in nature all pointing to intelligent design by God. You may also like his **Golden Ratio**, related to the geometry of DNA in Appendix F-1, and the **Cosmological Constant**, related to Einstein's greatest blunder in Chapter 3.



While we're on this subject, **THE MATHEMATICS of LIFE**, by Ian Stewart, is another masterful documentation of mathematics at the foundation of all living things.

LATE BREAKING BOMBHELL: World famous physicist, Dr. Michio Kaku, a creator and developer of the revolutionary String Theory, announced he's found more proof of God. Dr. Kaku said, **"To me it's clear that we exist in a plan governed by rules that were created, shaped by a universal intelligence and not by chance."** Like Albert Einstein and Dr. Mario Livio above, Kaku said, **"God is like a mathematician."** The article concluded with, **"These ideas will make atheist's heads explode, because the more intelligent people that accept that there is a God, the more atheists look foolish."** <http://coservativetribune.com/physicist/bombshell-god>



75. *Reader's Digest*, November 2015, p. 126 quoting *USA Today*. Since 1999, there have been 346 mass shootings with 1,700 dead. (Also 20 terrorist attacks since 9/11 with 46 dead.)

Prison population has quadrupled since 1980 and \$20 billion of our taxes are spent each year to incarcerate two million prisoners. Two thirds are returned to prison within three years. A major exception is Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship which has the lowest relapse rate of any program. They introduce prisoners to Jesus Christ who becomes their new guide! (PBS Newscast 6 PM, 10/15/15)

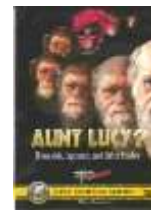
76. Leonard, Dr. Wendy, **The Utterly, Completely Useless, and Totally Useless SCIENCE FACT-O-,PEDIA**, HarperCollins Publishers for Barnes and Noble, © 2012. Leonard is with the Public Health Association and is the medical anchor for mocovox.com. Only a few amazing facts are: the heart pumps 4,000 gallons of blood per day (p. 82), 100 billion brain neurons would reach 600 miles high if stacked one above the other (p. 153), and many more interesting facts.
77. **Bannister, Andy, Ph.D.:** **The Atheist that Didn't Exist or The Dreadful Consequences of Bad Arguments**. Armed with humor, logic, and facts, Dr. Bannister exposes the illogical, bad arguments for atheism. Chapter 1 begins with atheist Richard Dawkins' billboard on London busses, **"There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life."** Another major flawed argument, that religion has caused most of the wars, is thoroughly demolished on pp. 103-108. The argument that Christians only follow God out a childhood delusion thrust upon them by their parents is rebutted on pp. 78-79 by surveys showing **over half came to Christ after age 15 through reason and experience**. This great book has rebuttals to a multitude of 'lame logic' excuses of atheistic but smart 'college geniuses'. World-class logician and apologist Ravi Zacharias wrote the encouraging Forward praising the book. Ravi delights in bravely confronting whole auditoriums full of atheistic college students on campus. Dr. Bannister tweets at [@andygbannister](https://twitter.com/andygbannister).

78. **Schroeder, Gerald, Ph.D.:** **Believe in God in 5 Minutes:** five-minute video by a physics professor at M.I.T. It documents evidence from the nine-year WMAP space probe that analyzed the 'echo' from the Big Bang that brought our universe into existence:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQVm8RokoBA&noredirect=1>.
- There are **20 other videos** at this site with related 'evidence of God' including **Has Science Discovered God?** Also interesting are several '**Christian vs Atheist**' debates.
79. **He, Dongshan:** **A Mathematical Proof our Universe Could Have Formed Spontaneously from Nothing:** Wuhan Institute of Physics and Mathematics, China; Cornell University Library. This 'proof' of the '**could have**' (not 'did') above is based on the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. (As you will see, that speaks volumes about this 'proof'!) This mathematician and his colleagues claim new solutions to the Wheeler-DeWitt quantum-relativity equation. These 'new solutions' allow for the possibility of the probabilistic (uncertain) formation of a 'quantum bubble' (not explained) in the vacuum (nothingness) of space. (**Comment: What part of 'nothing' do you not understand?** Since your Wheeler-DeWitt quantum relativity equation is the 'nothing' that created everything, this looks to me like 'nothing' but a deceptive logical contradiction. On the other hand, since most of us do not understand the mathematics of quantum theory, we cannot dispute your claim so you think we must accept it as true?)
- If** the small quantum bubble forms and **if** it chooses to expand and **if** it expands rapidly enough, voila! A universe explodes into existence! (They failed to say where the bubble material came from in the vacuum of space as well as where all the laws came from that directed all this. Since everyone already 'knows' that pigs can fly, I'm sure they could also come up with a mathematical 'proof' allowing for the possibility that pigs can indeed fly without wings or aircraft.) Their quantum mathematics is claimed to prove all these 'ifs' are possible but I didn't see any proofs to validate their equations or any citations for peer reviews. Is proving a series of 'ifs' proof? There were four responses to this, all very negative, some with good rebuttals to the utter impossibility of this:
<https://medium.com/the-physics-arxiv-blog/a-mathematical-proof-that-the-universe-could-have-formed-spontaneously-from-nothing-ed7ed0f304a3#.6jvlg6p2>.
80. **Human Fertilized Egg** The owner of this website granted permission to use the human egg photo but declined to have her site associated with 'religion'.
81. **Van Susteren, Greta**, Interview with Pastor Saeed Abedini, U.S. Pastor recently released from three and a half years of torture and imprisonment for his faith. Complete story from Family Research Council posted several year ago at <http://www.frc.org/>. Still in archives? Here are some inspiring reports of Christians suffering extreme Islamic persecution in several countries in **i am n**. This 2016 book is available at www.i-am-n.com or www.lifeway.com.
82. **A Scientific Dissent From Darwinism:** A 23-page list of 927 scientists who are skeptical of claims that random mutation and natural selection account for the complexity of life. Their professional qualifications and location are also given. Almost all hold a Ph.D. and/or a university professorship. They are from 38 countries, including the Middle East. They may be religious or non-religious but reject Darwinism solely on scientific evidence, or the lack of it. I recognized the authors of several citations in this book on the list. www.dissentfromdarwin.org (Last updated January, 2016.)
83. **Hitchens, Peter:** **RAGE AGAINST GOD**, ebook available at Zondervan.com/ebooks.
 As an international journalist, he observed the suffering from cruelty, thievery, and ugly behavior of the common people practicing atheism in several atheistic countries. Hitchens' 'freedom from God' practiced by whole nations turned out to be a great disappointment. Add ruthless murder gangs in Somalia where there was no law. Instead of crying, "If there's a God, why doesn't He stop this?" Hitchens said, "This is the end result of freedom FROM God and these people desperately need Him!" Later he himself came to Christ in a very unusual way. (See page 102.) Hitchens, a former 'raging atheist', is the brother of one of the world's leading modern atheists, Christopher Hitchens.
84. **Hawking, Stephen, Ph.D.:** 'The Beginning of Time', lecture by the world's leading cosmologist:
<http://www.hawking.org.uk/the-beginning-of-time.html>.
85. **Ellenberg, Jordan, Ph.D.:** **How NOT to Be Wrong**, (© 2014) Penguin Books, NYC., NY.
 Mathematics professor, University of Wisconsin. Using a formal logic Bayesian probability grid on

pp. 184-191, he 'proves' that it's more likely we were created by a committee of 'gods' than by God and much, much more likely that we are only simulations in an ultra-computer programmed by real people. I found the flaws quickly. He admits he can't prove 'faith' with math. However, he can give a lot of 'ammunition' to atheists who prove his ideas to others with no knowledge of formal logic and it's fallacies which show us how to tell the truth from the false applications to the real world.

86. Snavely, Mike, DVD: AUNT LUCY? Hominids, Apemen, and other Fables.

(© 2006). Host of Trinity Broadcasting Network's International Studios, Dallas, Texas. Order 5526-0 from www.creationmoments.com. This is a seminar which exposes the bias (and cheating) of the eight major series of hominid fossils that are said to be the foundation of man's evolution beginning with 'Evolutionary Adam', presumed common ancestor of both man and apes.



87. Fruchtenbaum, Arnold, Ph.D. : JESUS WAS A JEW (© 2014) Ariel Ministries, www.ariel.org.

Chapter 6 covers the great differences between fragmented modern Judaism and ancient Judaism with answers to many Jewish questions. A number of Messianic Jewish testimonies are shared in Chapter 8. Many prophecies from the Tenakh of the two comings of Messiah are presented in detail in earlier chapters.

88. Rose Publishing B: Torrance, CA 90503, www.rose-publishing.com.

Great plasticized foldout summaries under \$5 each. (We found these at a local Bible store for \$3.99.)

- The Twelve Disciples
- The Harmony of the Gospels
- Bible Translations Comparisons: Compare 20 Popular Versions of the Bible
- Evidence for the Resurrection: Skeptic's seven objections refuted

89. Rose Publishing C: Torrance, CA 90503, Great plasticized foldouts under \$5 each.

Summaries in side-by-side comparison chart form.

- 10 Questions & Answers on Jehovah's Witnesses
- 10 Questions & Answers on Mormonism
- Christianity Cults & Religions, Comparison chart of 20 groups
- Islam and Christianity, Reaching out to Muslims, answering misunderstandings
- Essential Doctrine Made Easy, Key Christian Beliefs
- Denominations Comparison, 12 major denominations
- The Statue in the Book of Daniel, Prophecy of the four world kingdoms in Daniel 2.

90. McDowell, Sean: THE APOLOGETICS STUDY BIBLE for STUDENTS, (© 2014) Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville, TN. Surveys show that over 2/3 of Christian youth lose their faith in college. Falling into sin would be a primary cause but may be caused by not being prepared to answer deceptively logical objections to Christianity. This Bible is literally a seminary course in apologetics with answers to demolish hundreds of faith-destroying questions, a tactical guide to six types of attacks to watch out for, and over 60 'twisted Scriptures' to counter. Masterfully done by the son of one of the great apologists of our day, Josh MacDowell, whose **Evidence Demands a Verdict** ¹³, set the pace decades ago.

91. Film on DVD: Directed by Lad Allen, **ORIGIN: Design, Chance and the First Life on Earth**, Amazon.com. Spectacular animation, traveling through a molecular universe, demonstrates divine engineering far above human imagination! Presented at a National Apologetics Conference in 2016.

92. Mathematics in Nature:

Divine Ratio and Fibonacci Series in nature on the Internet
www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/physics/describing-nature-math.html
www.goldennumber.net/solar-system and www.goldennumber.net/dna **WOW!**
 Golden Ratio, Phi, 1.618, and Fibonacci in Math, Nature, Art, Design, Beauty and DNA.
 One source with over 100 articles and latest findings.



93. **Hodges, Tom L.:** ATHEIST ENGINEER'S FLIGHT TOWARD SUICIDE, evangelistic leaflets, free of charge from EvidenceGodsReal@gmail.com. True seekers will appreciate the superscripts in the leaflet which take you chapters in a free download of this book.
94. **Hodges, Tom L.:** 15-minute DVD testimony interview of the author, a former atheistic field engineer with three Navy fighter squadrons, who found Christ while contemplating suicide. He and his wife Irene are celebrating 52 years of missionary service! Their story will encourage and bless your church or ALG. Contact the author for a speaking engagement or a free testimony CD at EvidenceGodsReal@gmail.com.
95. Cowart, John W.: **STRANGERS ON THE EARTH**, (© 2014) www.bluefishbooks.info. Chapter 6 calls the Auca Indians, 'The Worst People On Earth!' This book is an amazing account of how the most evil tribe known came to Christ following the martyrdom of five missionaries in 1956. They renamed their tribe to Waorani and are still living for Christ today.
96. **Comfort, Ray:** **THE ATHEIST DELUSION, Why Millions Deny the Obvious**, 2016, This presentation includes 5-minute interviews with young university atheists and a professor of theoretical physics defending their atheism and Ray Comfort's rebuttals. Fast forward to elapsed time 10:26 to see TV/movie comedian Tim Allen, and famous atheist Richard Dawkins explain how our universe created itself from nothing without God: "Very simple"! But watch the audience reaction! (Dawkins wrote probably the most widely read book defending atheism, **The God Delusion**.) www.atheistmovie.com.
- You might like to try www.fullyfreefilms.com which has a number of other free Comfort films. The site has had over 15 million views! We'd also highly recommend this You Tube site which has 20 videos of leading defenders of the faith like Lee Strobel, Hugh Ross, Ravi Zacharias and others covering scientific proofs of God and problems of evolution. You'll especially like several 'Christian vs. Atheist' debates. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChWiZ3iXWwM>
97. **SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR, Personal Evangelism New Testament**, © 2003, Holman Christian Standard Bible. This is inexpensive (\$6.99), pocket sized, and very useful. A basic 'question/listen' approach is presented on page xiii and answers to 36 objections or problem reactions which begin on page 442. (The Holman Bible is fairly recent and was diligently done by 100 translators.)
- TACTICS: A game plan for discussing your Christian faith** is a fantastic companion to the witnessing New Testament above. It uses the same 'question/listen' technique and has a multitude of actual examples of how to share Christ without fear or causing offense by using reason and logic to make the gospel clear and handle all kinds of objections. It's a Zondervan publication © 2009 by Gregory Koukl, a leading apologist. For more information you may go to *Stand to Reason*: www.str.org.
98. **Crowner, Robert P.:** **The Decent of Evolution**, posted February 6, 2016. Crowner, an engineer, has assembled, in my opinion, the briefest, scientifically compelling evidence demolishing the theory of evolution in favor of divine creation on only three pages! Eighteen world-class authorities are cited which are followed by 10 pages of reader comments. Feel free to add yours, positive or negative. http://www.worldmag.com/2016/02/the_descent_of_evolution (blanks are underlines)
99. **PBS VIDEO:** THE ORIGAMI REVOLUTION, www.pbs.org/nova
Amazing discovery that proteins must be folded precisely in a 'lock and key' configuration in order to join to other proteins, else they're useless, in spite of a perfect chemical structure. Scientists are using this property to lock specially designed proteins to the surfaces of viruses which disables them.
100. Garafalo, Steven: **ALL ROADS DON'T LEAD to HEAVEN**, © TriedStone Publishing Company, Charlotte, NC. Author, speaker, and founder of Reason for Truth (ReasonforTruth.org). Garafalo's book is commended by a host of noted Christian apologists including Josh McDowell.
101. **Tegmark, Max, Ph.D.:** **OUR MATHEMATICAL UNIVERSE**, © 2014 hardback by Max Tegmark. Professor of Physics at M.I.T., Publishers: Albert A. Knopf, New York City, NY and Toronto, Canada. www.aaknopf.com 2015 paper-back also available.

102. **Darwin, Charles:** *Life and Letters*, 1887, Vol. 2, p. 229
Quoted on the back cover of **Scientific 'Proof' for Evolution** by Dr. Albert P. Zilch.
Bridge Logos, www.bridgelogos.com
103. **Rana, Fazale, Ph.D.:** **HOW to BUILD the CASE for BIOCHEMICAL DESIGN**, DVD & video:
<https://shop.reasons.org/> (Topic: Biochemical Design) Fascinatingly complex chart of cellular operations and details of a microscopic *physical* cellular motor! You'll also find his brief testimony as a former Muslim evolutionist at <http://www.reasons.org/about/who-we-are/fazale-rana>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reminder: To return from a 'jump': ALT+< (Hold ALT then press left arrow)

- A. Whitley, Pam: **Not a Glimmer of Hope**, © 1993, Spirit Press & Publication, P.O. Box 15742, Del City, OK 73155 '*Learning to follow the Shepherd when the path seems impossible*' is the subtitle of this inspiring book written by a mother who raised a brain-damaged child. Read how she clung to the 'Shepherd's Life Rope' in the heavy fog of despair when she could no longer feel the presence of her Divine Shepherd. My mom cared for her child over many years in the church nursery and greatly encouraged this stressed-out young mother. Pam autographed Mom's copy of this book with: "*I may not have had the courage to continue if you had not encouraged me so much.*"
- B. Gibbs, Terri; **OUR DAILY BREAD, Collector's Edition**, Thomas Nelson Book Group, Nashville, TN 37214 A wonderful, even classic, collection of the best daily devotions published over the years by RBC ministries. Other very good devotional books include **EACH NEW DAY** by Nazi concentration camp survivor Corrie Ten Boom and **PEARLS of GREAT PRICE** by paraplegic Christian celebrity, Joni Eareckson Tada. You may also subscribe to receive, free of charge, a quarterly Our Daily Bread booklet of daily devotions or read a brief new devotion each day online at www.odb.org/.

If we called the three previous devotional books 'delightful appetizers' we could call Wesley Duewel's **Let God Guide You Daily** the main course. It goes very deeply into God's guidance for your Christian life. Duewel was a missionary for many years in India. His video sermons and audio downloads are found here. <http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myvideo/viewcat.php?cid=143>
<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=329>

C. BIBLE QUESTIONS ANSWERED and OTHER HELPS ONLINE

1. GENERAL BIBLE QUESTIONS:

Josh McDowell (ex-atheist): www.josh.org.

Hank Hanegraaff, **The Bible Answer Man**: www.equip.org.

Radio broadcast archives, books, software, phone-in questions.

2. EVOLUTION:

Wide variety of latest discoveries and comments: www.crev.info. (More in Evidence Resources.)
Large article archive and a 'Creation Museum' with special effects: www.answersingenesis.org/.

3. BIBLE RELIABILITY: Broadcasts and Downloads: Erwin Lutzer, Pastor of Moody Church.

www.oneplace.com/ministries/running-to-win/.

4. BBN RADIO broadcasts worldwide in many languages will help you keep in touch with God each day. Men, tune in while you shave first thing in the morning. Women, listen while you're putting on make-up. Tune in any time during their 24-hour broadcast schedule. (BBN has helped me to get through more than one sleepless night, especially during my several hospitalizations.) You'll hear encouraging half-hour messages including many by authors in the Evidence Resources. In between speakers are sparkling piano music, rousing trumpets, even stirring symphony orchestras playing Christian music 24 hours a day, enhanced by inspiring comments between songs. Schedule is at <https://bbn1.bbntadio.org/>. Transworld Radio is also good. ^o

5. Bible Suite by Biblios. This free website, includes 16 Bible study 'help' buttons, translations in over 38 languages including the original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. Also parallel comparisons of various Bible versions, lexicon, Bible atlas, Bible dictionary, concordance, Bible

encyclopedia, commentaries, even devotions and an on-line Christian library, much downloadable free. Liberty University, a well-known Christian college, and the Central Christian College of Kansas seem to be contributors to these fantastic resources:

<http://biblehub.com/> and <http://biblios.com/>.

Here's another free website to look up Bible passages in 63 languages and 185 versions: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/>. If problems, paste this URL into your browser.

6. **Hanegraaff, Hank: The Bible Answer Book**, © 2004, Pocket-sized hardback, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN 37214. The Bible Answer Man has been on radio for many years with answers to questions about God, the Bible, and life. Also see www.equip.org.
 7. **Hanegraaff, Hank: The Creation Answer Book**, © 2012, Pocket-sized hardback, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN 37214. Also see www.equip.org for 81 questions and brief answers on creation and evolution.
 8. **Sala, Harold, Ph.D. : God Said That, So What?** Biblical reliability, more on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Hear his five-minute broadcast, Take a Minute on BBN Radio ^{C4} and www.guidlines.org.
 9. Comfort, Ray: **The Atheist Test**, Living Waters Publications, www.livingwaters.com. Tiny shirt-pocket booklet that's humorous, but very informative, extracted from Ray Comfort's book, **God Doesn't Believe in Atheists**, © 2009, Kindle edition and printed editions available from www.Amazon.com. (The Atheist Test is sooo good I just had to repeat it from above.)
 10. Swindoll, Chuck: **ANSWERS for the world's tough questions PASSPORT**, © 2009, Insight for Living, www.insight.org and www.insightworld.org. Terrific pocket-sized treasury of how to answer some hard questions by skeptics, the suffering, and those seeking Christ.
- D. Water, Mark: The Bible & Science Made Easy**, © 2001, Henderson Publishers, Peabody, MA 01961-3473. Great pocket-sized booklet available from local Christian book stores. It's packed with interesting scientific evidence including curiosities from nature, which clearly point to God: <http://www.hendrickson.com/content/hendrickson-trade/>.
- E. Warren, Rick: The Purpose Driven Life: 'What on Earth Am I Here For?'** © 2002, 2012, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI 49530. Publishers Weekly calls it the best-selling non-fiction hardback in history with 32 million copies sold. It's also available on Kindle or as an audio book: <http://purposedriven.com/books/pdlbook/>.
- His **50 Days of Transformation DVD**, MP3, etc. is a wonderful way to get on a solid track following Jesus: <http://www.saddlebackresources.com/products/50-days-of-transformation>.
- F. Loving, Aretta: Together We Can**, Volume 1, © 2007, Harvest Day Books, 10300 E. Leelanau Court, Traverse City, MI 49684. Bible translator. Amazing stories of miracle conversions and fantastic manifestations of God's power in lives worldwide. (On page 47 of Aretta's book you also will read of the miraculous way in which this author of **Atheist Engineer's Flight** became involved in Bible translation technology.)
- Chapter 5 includes an account of how David Berkowitz, the infamous 'Son of Sam' serial killer, found Christ in prison, and what he's doing now. David's testimony is on this video: <http://www1.cbn.com/700club/son-sam-becomes-son-hope> .(Paste into Internet browser if fails.)
- G. Loving, Aretta: Immersed in Jesus Christ**, © 2013, Gazelle Press, PO Box 101540, Mobile, AL 36619. Bible translator. Be encouraged and challenged by this collection of testimonies including Kenyan Naphtaly Mattah, page 71, and how a fighter pilot kept his sanity during seven years captivity in a prison camp, page 129. (On page 22 of her book, are some vignettes, witnessing experiences, and a brief bio of the author of this **Atheist Engineer's Flight**.) The Lovings, who translated the Awa Scriptures in Papua New Guinea, tell their story beginning on page 41. (Aretta has also written a delightful and often humorous devotional book based on their family's experiences on the mission field, **Slices of Life**, Youth with a Mission Publishing, © 2000, POB 55787, Seattle, WA 98115.)
- H. Bruce, F. F, Ph.D.: The New Testament Documents: Are they Reliable?** © 2011. D.D., F.B.A., Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis, University of Manchester, England.

Read online at: <http://www.bible.ca/b-new-testament-documents-f-f-bruce.htm>

- I. **Van Voorst, Robert E.:** **Jesus Outside the New Testament**, © 2000, Eerdmans Publishing Co., 235 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Seminary Professor.
- J. Richardson, Don: **Eternity in their Hearts**, © 1984, Bible translator, author, spokesman for World Team missions. Many examples of how God spoke to primitive people even before missionaries came. <https://www.amazon.com/Eternity-Their-Hearts-Don-Richardson/dp/0764215582>
- K. Hodges, Tom L.: **Speech Tools for Translators**, JAARS BEYOND, Volume 30, Number 4 and **Thankful for Technology**, BEYOND, Volume 32, Number 1, JAARS, Inc., Box 248, Waxhaw, NC 28173.  
- L. Davis, Jean: **Keep on Keeping On**, © 2008, www.xulonpress.com. Inspiring story of how Jean and her husband Brooks learned to forgive and to endure the anguish over their son's 18-year struggle with drug addiction followed by his murder and decapitation. As if that were not enough, it was seven years before the case even came to trial and it then dragged on for an additional painful year. Available at Amazon. A Kindle version is also available. You may contact Jean at her website, keeponkeepingonbook.com. 
- M. Tomlinson, Howard and Jeanne: **Hope For Those Who Hurt**, © 2002, Master Plan Productions, 19635 Green Mountain Drive, Newhall, CA 91321. A biographical devotional-type 'book of hope' showing how Christ sustained this couple through many heart-rending trials. These included Howard's five brain tumor surgeries and a paralyzing stroke. Jeanne's brother, David Coppedge, had to finish the book because she succumbed to cancer only 70 days after diagnosis. Joni Eareckson Tada commented that the Tomlinsons were "truly inspiring." <https://www.amazon.com>.
(You may also read about Jeanne's brother David's current inspiring struggle over several years with terminal cancer at <http://davidcoppedge.com>. He is also an advocate of intelligent design.
See his terrific site at: <http://crev.info>.)
- N. White, James Emory: **Can We Believe in God?** © 2010, Intervarsity Press. Small \$1.20, 30-page booklet. Every one of the trillions of cells in our body has over 200,000 amino acids arranged in a precise way. To have happened by accidental evolution, it would've taken over 293.5 times the age of our earth estimated by evolutionists. Clearly impossible! White quotes Hoyle's comparison of the likelihood for this to have evolved to an explosion in a warehouse producing a copy of Windows 10 software: www.ivpress.com/cgi-ivpress/book.pl/code=34.
- O. **Trans World Radio** short-wave broadcasts are heard in 230 languages and dialects spoken in 160 countries. See www.twr.org/. Their byline: **Speaking Hope to the World!** While in Italy, and before having learned the language in the '60s, I was very much encouraged during dark times by the daily "Back to the Bible" broadcasts in English from TWR, Monte Carlo, around 400 miles away. That megawatt station was originally the most powerful station in Europe and was built by Hitler to communicate with his Afrika Korps. To the glory of God it now broadcasts Christ's message of hope to much of the world!
- P. Piper, John: **Don't Waste Your Life**, © 2003, 2007, Crossway Books, Good News Publishers, 1300 Crescent Street, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Chancellor of Bethlehem College and Seminary. Available in 22 languages from Arabic to Spanish. Find free PDF download, inexpensive paperback, and Kindle editions at: <http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/books/dont-waste-your-life>. Here's a short video clip 'wake-up' call: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh1wmPQA0QA>.
- Q. Rose Publishing: Inexpensive pamphlets available at your local Bible store or from www.rose-publishing.com:
1. Geisler, Norman: *Essential Doctrine Made Easy*, © 2007
 2. Paul Carden, *Christianity, Cults, and Religions*, © 1996
 3. Bowman, Robert, MA.: *Denominations Comparison*. © 2007
- R. **English, Bridget A.:** Beyond our Galaxy, special publication of the National Geographic, © 2014, National Geographic Society, Washington, DC. A survey of fascinating up-to-date astronomical information assembled from many leading scientists. On page 113 is an admission that there is **no data available before 10⁻⁴³ seconds AFTER the 'Big Bang'** (Planck Time) when our universe

and time came into existence. Therefore evolutionists' speculations about what may have been before the Big Bang (hot particles, quantum theory, etc.) cannot be declared as a fact. This leaves evolutionists with no valid scientific evidence to prove a Creator was not needed! You'll also find innumerable articles online under 'Planck time' confirming 'no data possible before Planck time after the Big Bang'. Also the Astronomy magazine, March, 2016, page 27 details the failure of BICEP2 to find pre-Big Bang data in the CMB Big Bang echoes after two years.

- S. Smalling, Roger, Ph.D.: *How to Grow in Faith*, © 2010.** The Smallings have been long time missionary colleagues of ours for over 50 years. Among other ministries, Roger is a guest teacher at several Latin American seminaries where some of his books are used as texts. His wife, Dianne, ministers to pastors' wives both in the US and in Latin America. You'll be blessed by visiting the Smalling's home page at www.smallings.com.



- T. Strobel, Lee, *The Case for Faith*, © 2000, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI 49.** As an investigative reporter and legal editor for the Chicago Tribune, Strobel spent the last two of his 15 years there as a hardened atheist searching for real evidence for the foundation of the claims of Christ. In this book, also available as an audio book, Strobel answers the top eight toughest challenges to Christianity, including '*If Suffering and Evil, there's no God*'. Many other challenges are vicious attacks upon God's existence, character, and purposes hurled by well-known skeptics, and even apostates. The latter includes Charles Templeton, a former preaching colleague of Billy Graham, who renounced Christ in his book, *Farewell to Faith*.

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- Z. Lanier, Mark: *Christianity on Trial*, ©, Intervarsity Press.** ***Does the Christian faith hold up under scrutiny?*** Mark Lanier, one of America's top trial lawyers, uses his experienced legal eye to examine the plausibility of the Christian faith. Bringing science, current knowledge, and common sense together in a courtroom approach, this "trial"

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- AA.** Zamperini, Captain Louis: **Captured by Grace**, ©, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201. Order from www.billygraham.org. The inspiring spiritual ministry of Zamperini, an Army Air Force navigator. After years of torture in a Japanese prison camp during WWII, his life was devastated by alcoholism and PTSD. He later found Christ at a Billy Graham Crusade, then returned to Japan to tell his captors they were forgiven as he was. Following that, he was a major spiritual speaker for young people. All this was omitted from the book and movie *Unbroken*, so get 'the rest of the story' here.
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