

Evolutionary Creation

A Christian Approach to Evolution

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1st Person:

D'you believe in 'evolution' or 'creation'?

2nd Person:

Both

2nd Person:

**I believe some men developed from
early ape-like creatures . . .**

2nd Person:

. . . and some were created.

1st Person:
That doesn't make any sense.

2nd Person:
You're just jealous!

1st Person:

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2nd Person:

Both

1st Person:
That doesn't make any sense

ORIGINS DICHOTOMY



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graph TD; A[ORIGINS DICHOTOMY] --> B[Evolution]; A --> C[Creation];
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Evolution

Delusion of Design

Rejects God

Science

OR

OR

OR

OR

Creation

Intelligent Design

Accepts God

Religion

American Evangelicals

The creation story in which the world was created in six days is literally true, meaning it happened that way word-for-word.

Biologists in Evangelical Colleges

25% Young Earth Creationists

50% Progressive Creationists

25% Theistic Evolutionists

Biologists in Evangelical Colleges

75%

Anti-evolutionists

25% Theistic Evolutionists

Biologists in Evangelical Colleges

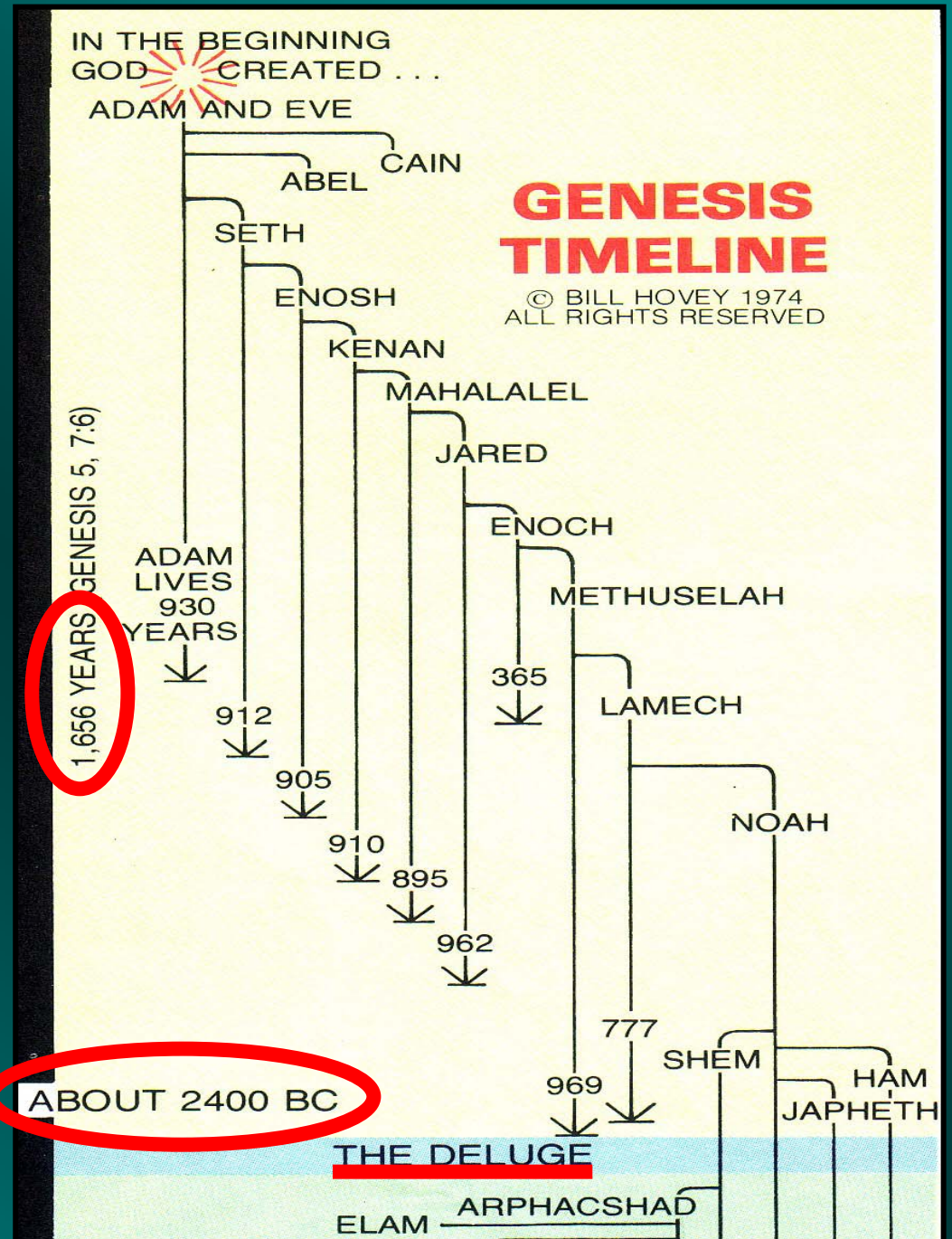
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75%

Old Earth

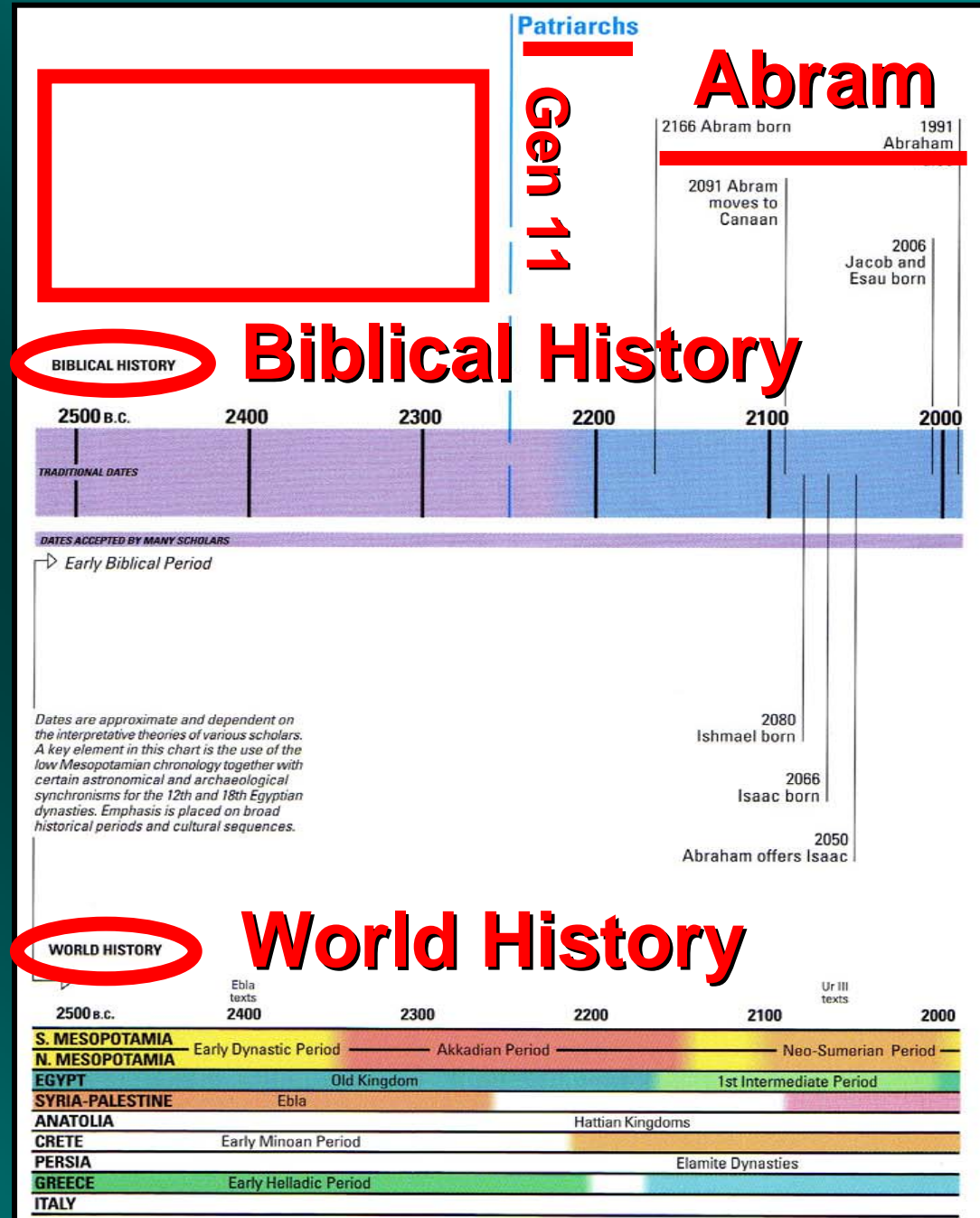
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NASB (1978)



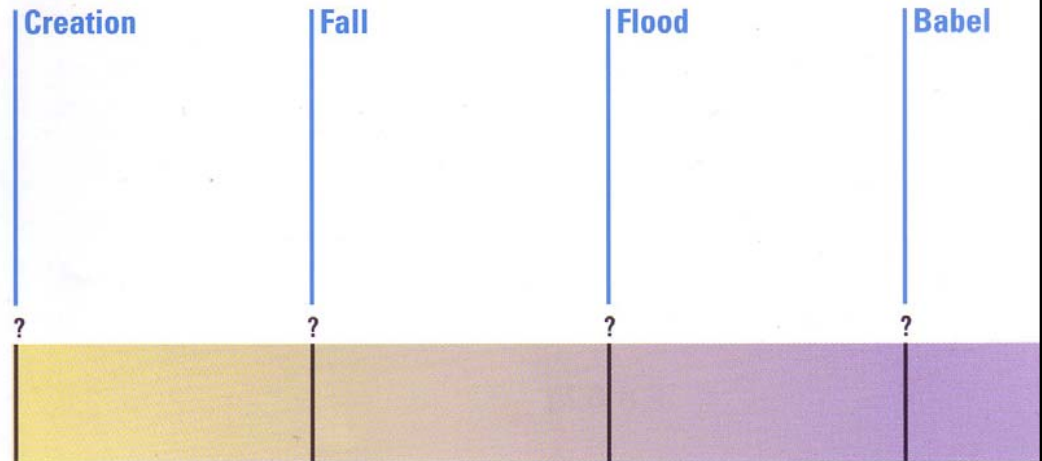
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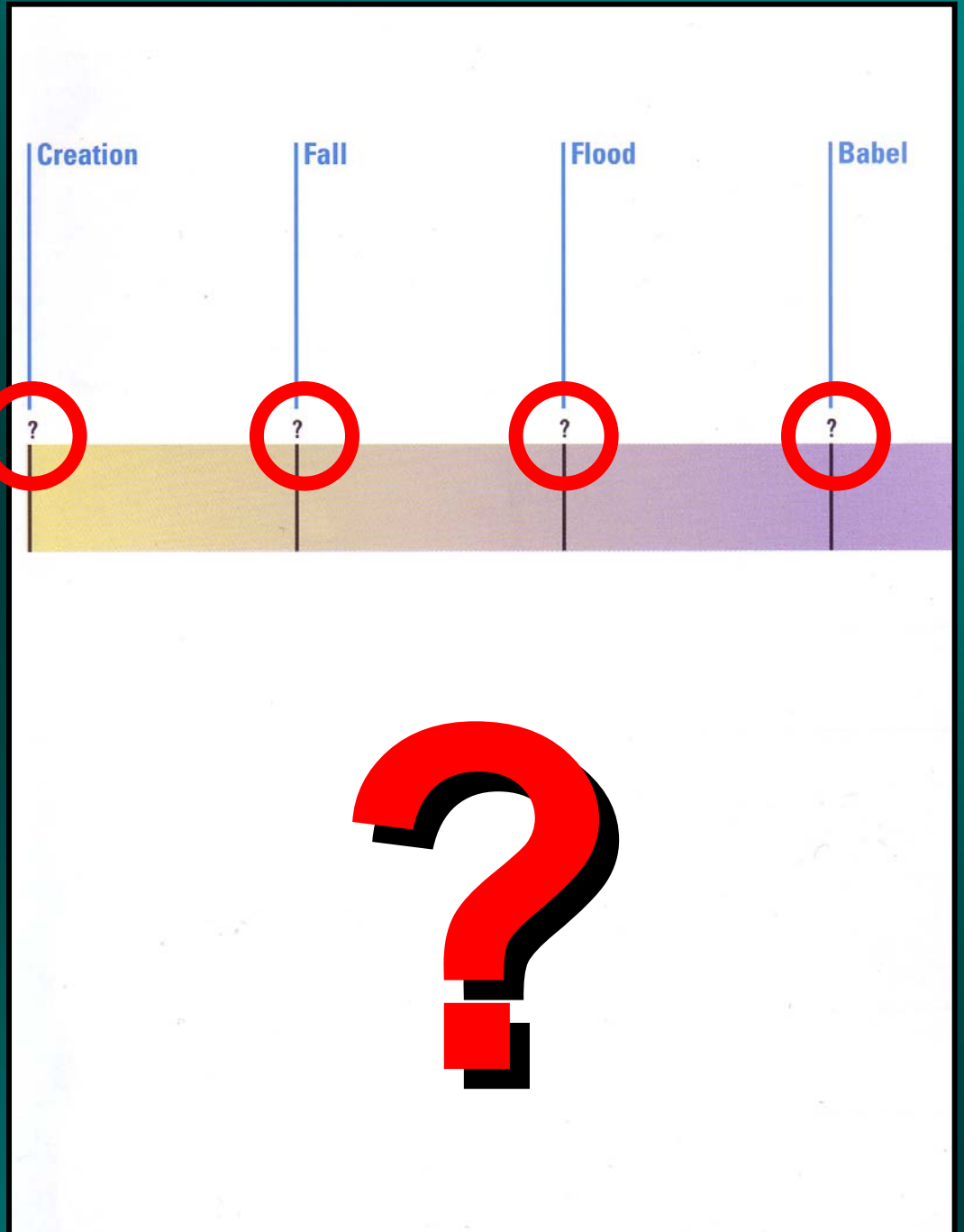


World History



Evangelical Theologians

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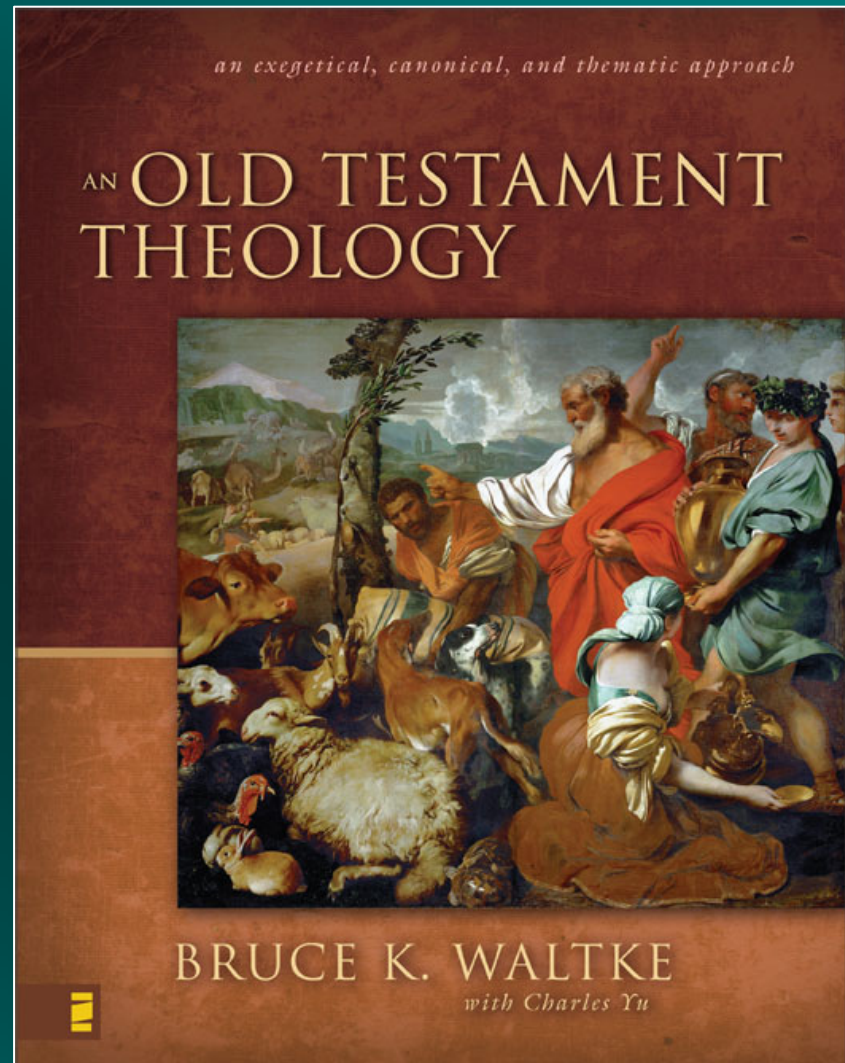
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The best harmonious synthesis of the **special revelation** of the Bible, of the **general revelation** of human nature, and of **science** is the theory of **Theistic Evolution.**

Evangelical Theologians



Bruce Waltke



2007

My Position

Evangelical Theologian

- ✓ **Born-Again Christian**
- ✓ **Bible Word of God
Holy Spirit Inspired**
- ✓ **Miracles & Prayer**
- ✓ **Intelligent Design**

Evolutionary Biologist

- ✓ **Overwhelming
Evidence**
- ✓ **Never Falsified**
- ✓ **Explanatory Power
Biology Makes
Sense**

My Position

**I love Jesus
&**

I accept evolution

My Position

1st Person:

That doesn't make any sense

Lecture Outline

- 1. Terms & Definitions**
- 2. Biblical Hermeneutics**
- 3. Human Origins**

Terms & Definitions

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Teleology

Dysteleology



Evolutionist

Creationist

Terms & Definitions

Evolutionary Creation

Substantive

Theistic Evolution



Charles Darwin

1809-1882



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**Ernst
Haeckel**

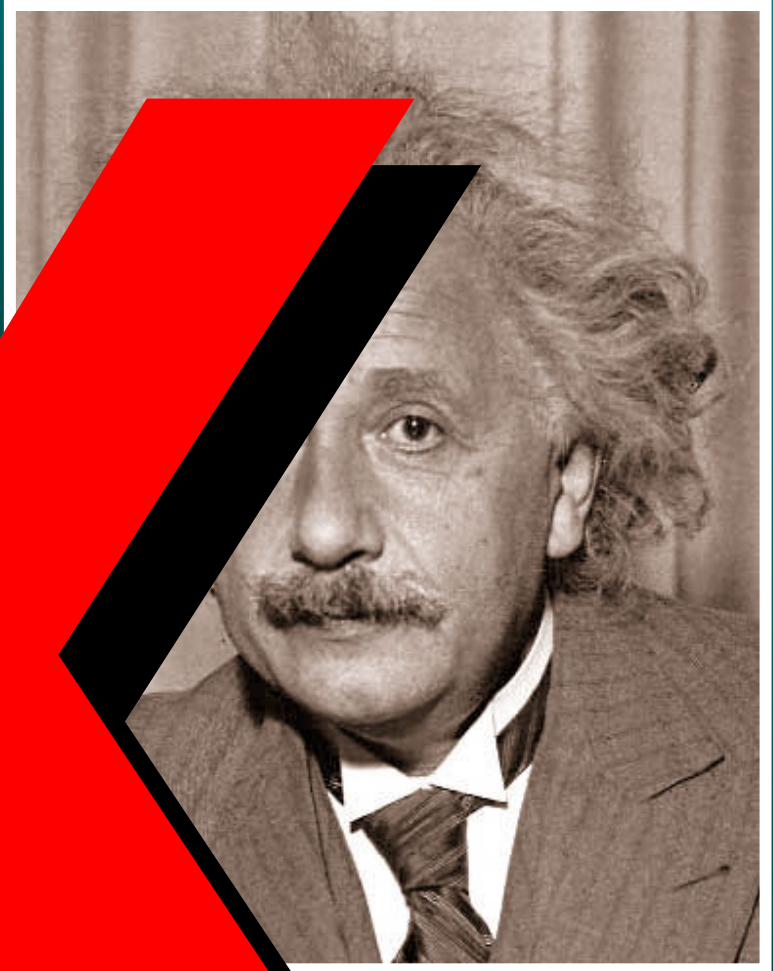
1834-1919



Parapsychism

**Albert
Einstein**

1879-1955



Polychaeta

**Alfred
North
Whitehead**

1861-1947



Principles of Mathematics

Evolutionary Creation

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
created the universe and life
through an **ordained, sustained,**
& **design-reflecting** evolutionary
process.

Embryology-Evolution Analogy

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- ✓ **Divine Creative Action** **Ordained & Sustained Natural Processes**
NO God-of-the-Gaps
 - ✓ **Intelligent Design** **DOUBLE that of Anti-Evolutionists**
 - ✓ **Image of God & Human Sin** **Mysterious Manifestation**

Biblical Hermeneutics

University of Toronto

Medical School



Registration Day
Regent College
UBC.

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THE GRAND PLAN:

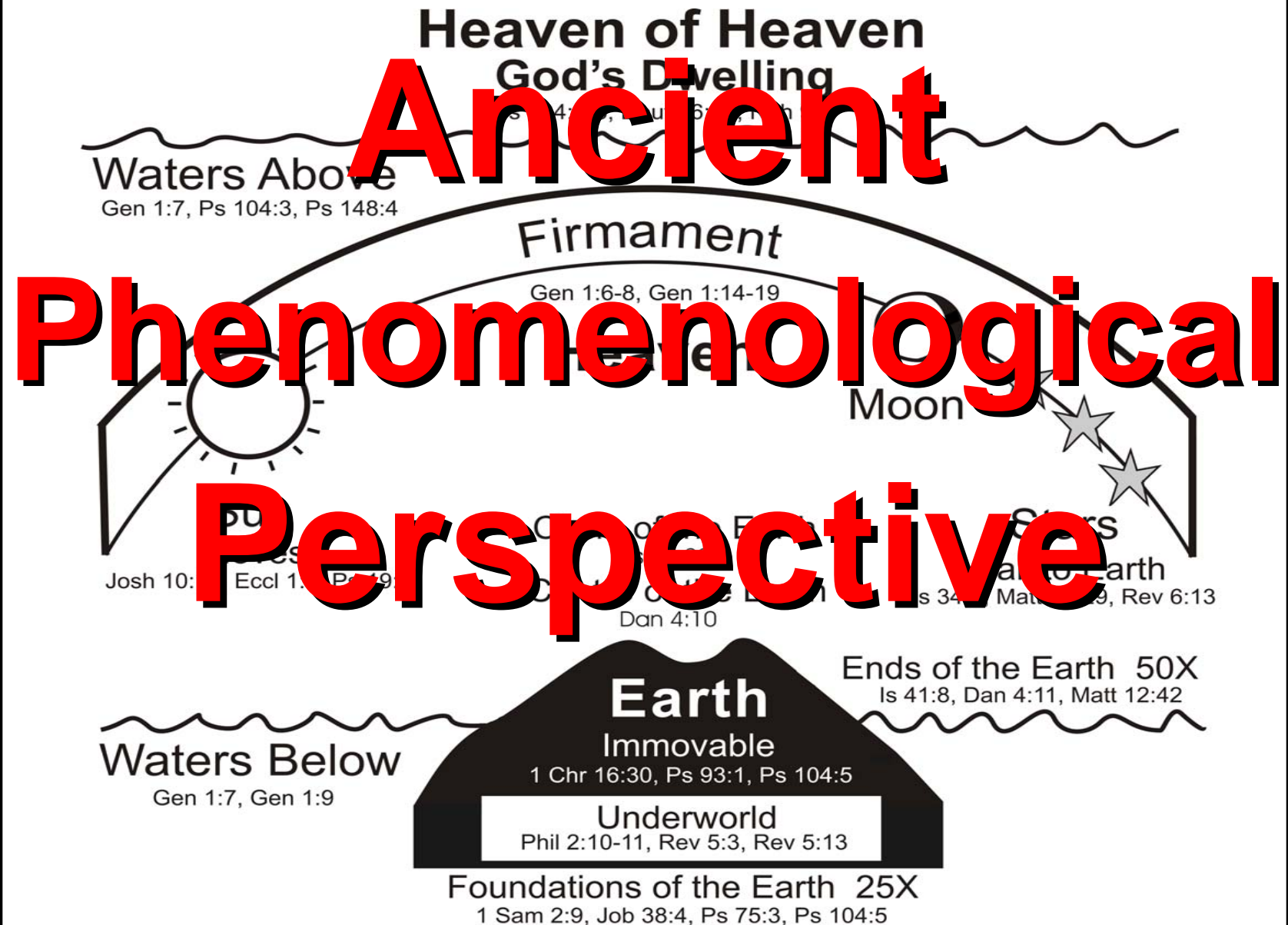
Declare absolute + pure hell
on the "Theory"

Scientific Concordism

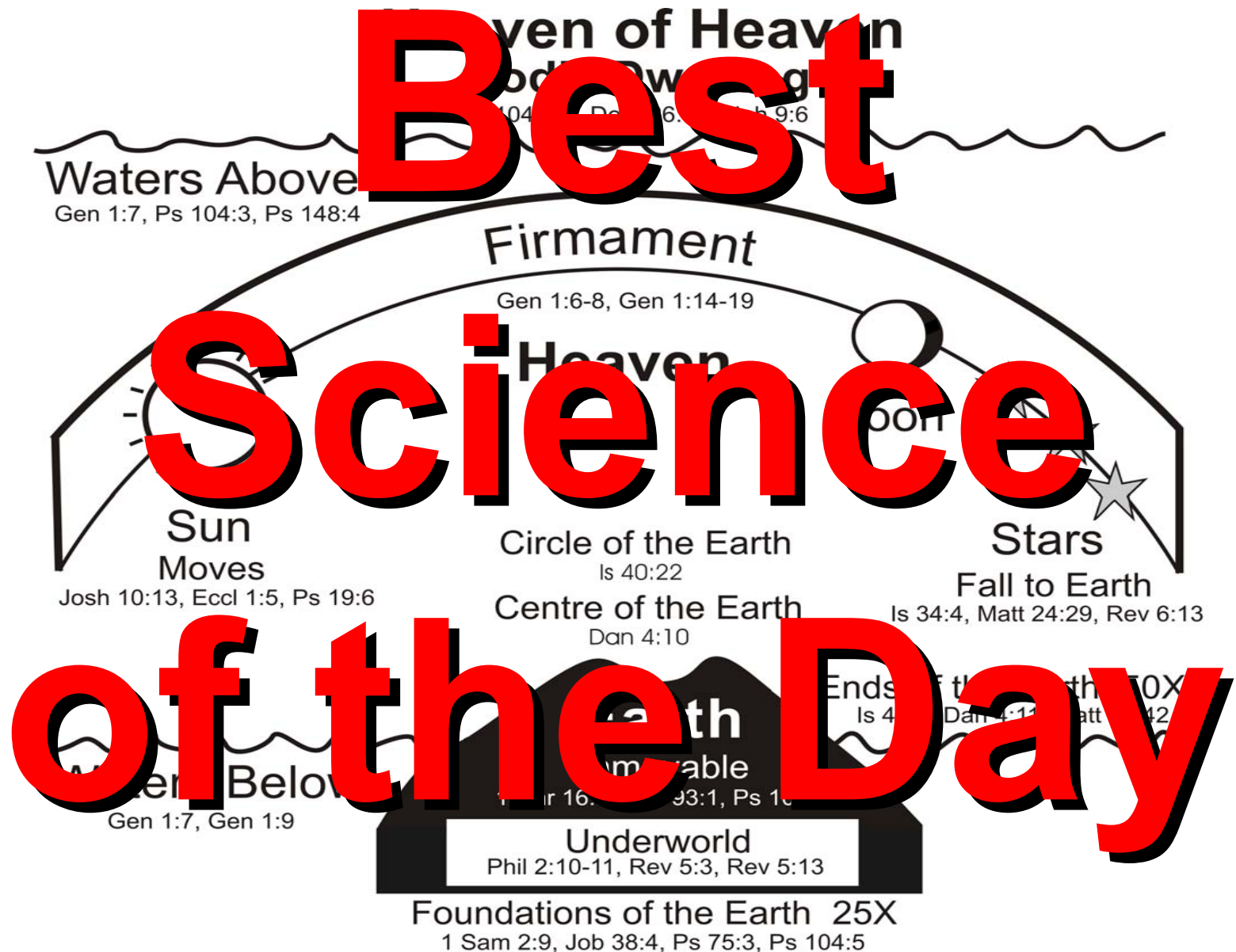
ASSUMPTION that God revealed scientific facts in the Bible 1000s of years before their discovery by modern science.

But is it true?

3-Tier Universe

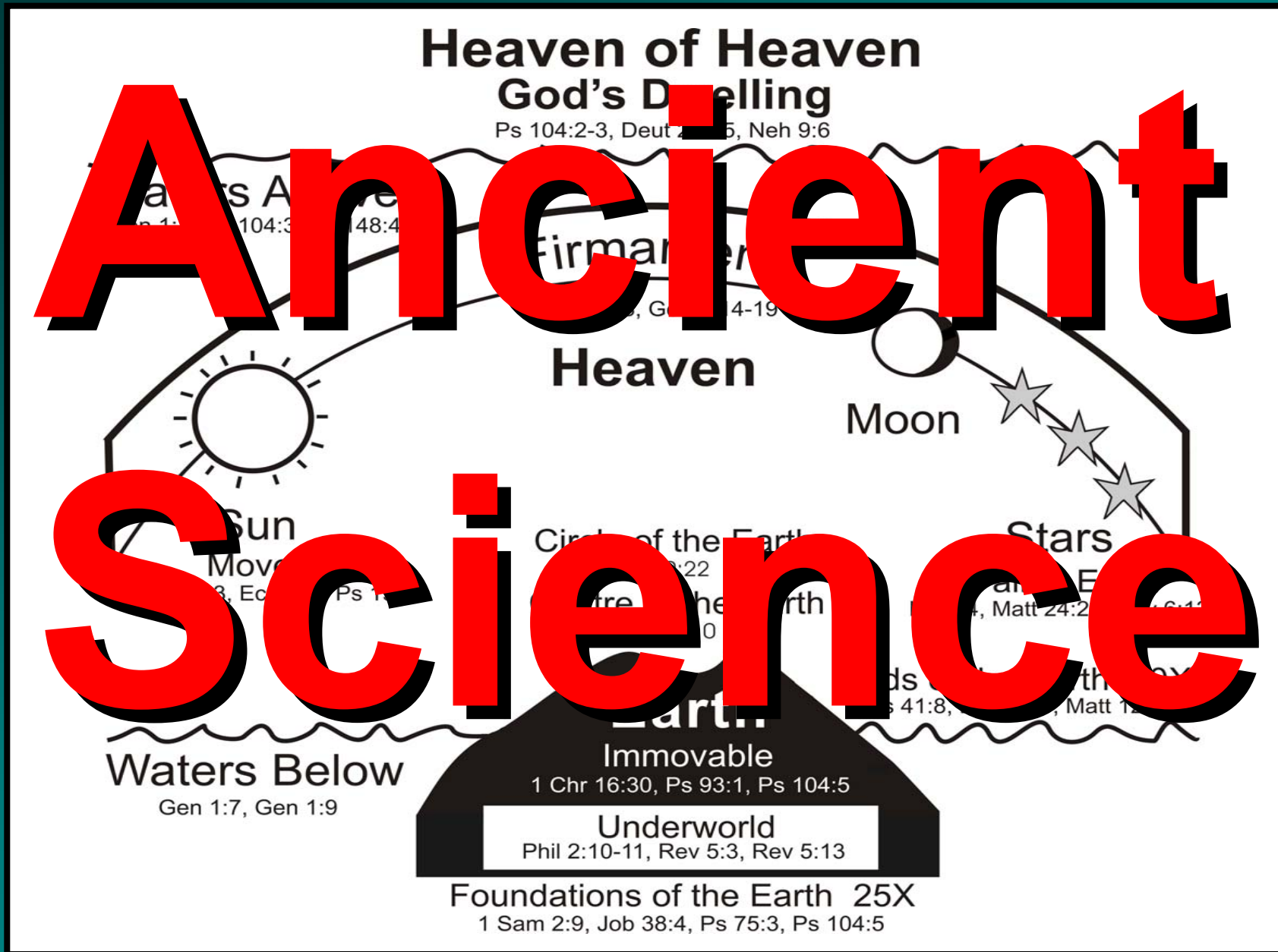


3-Tier Universe



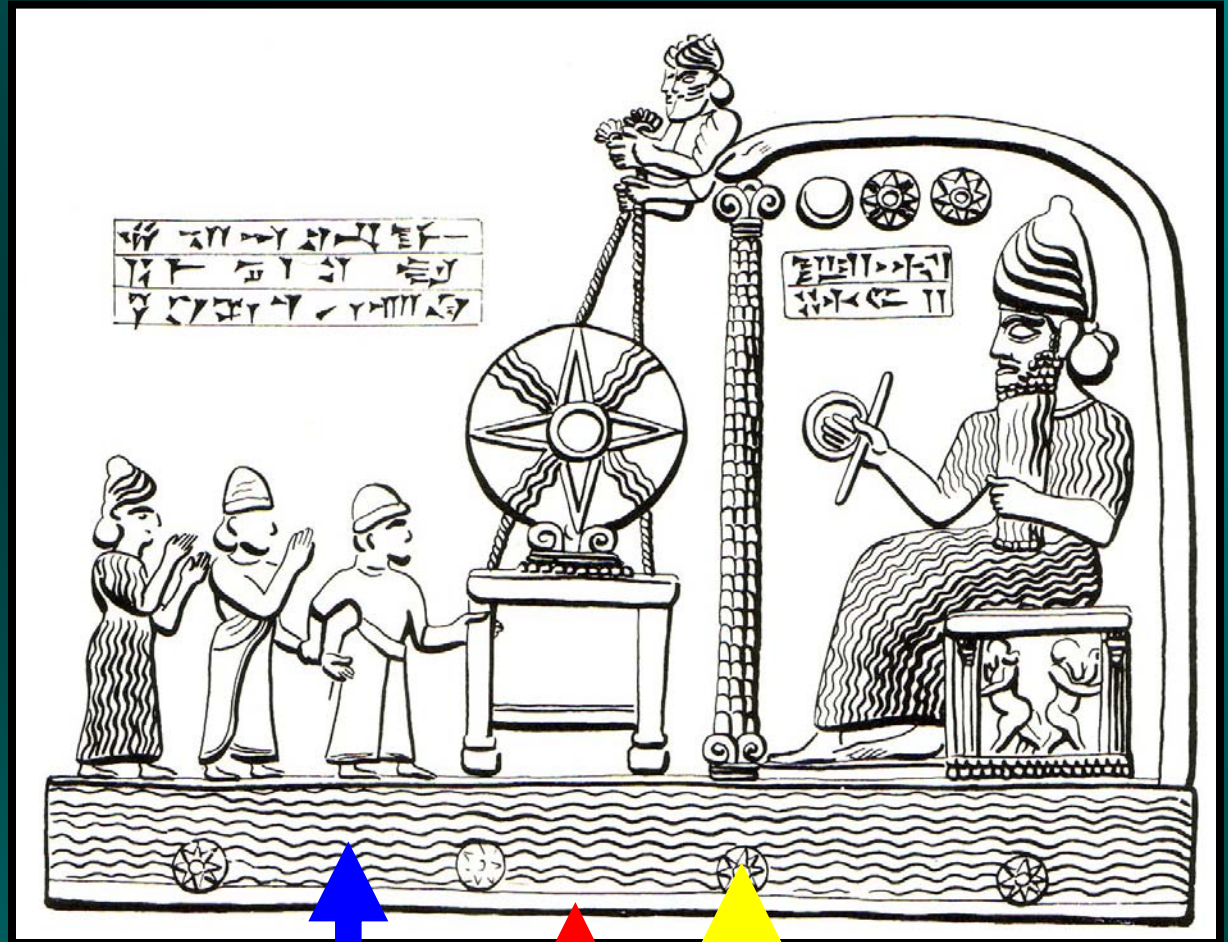
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Ancient Science



Ancient Science

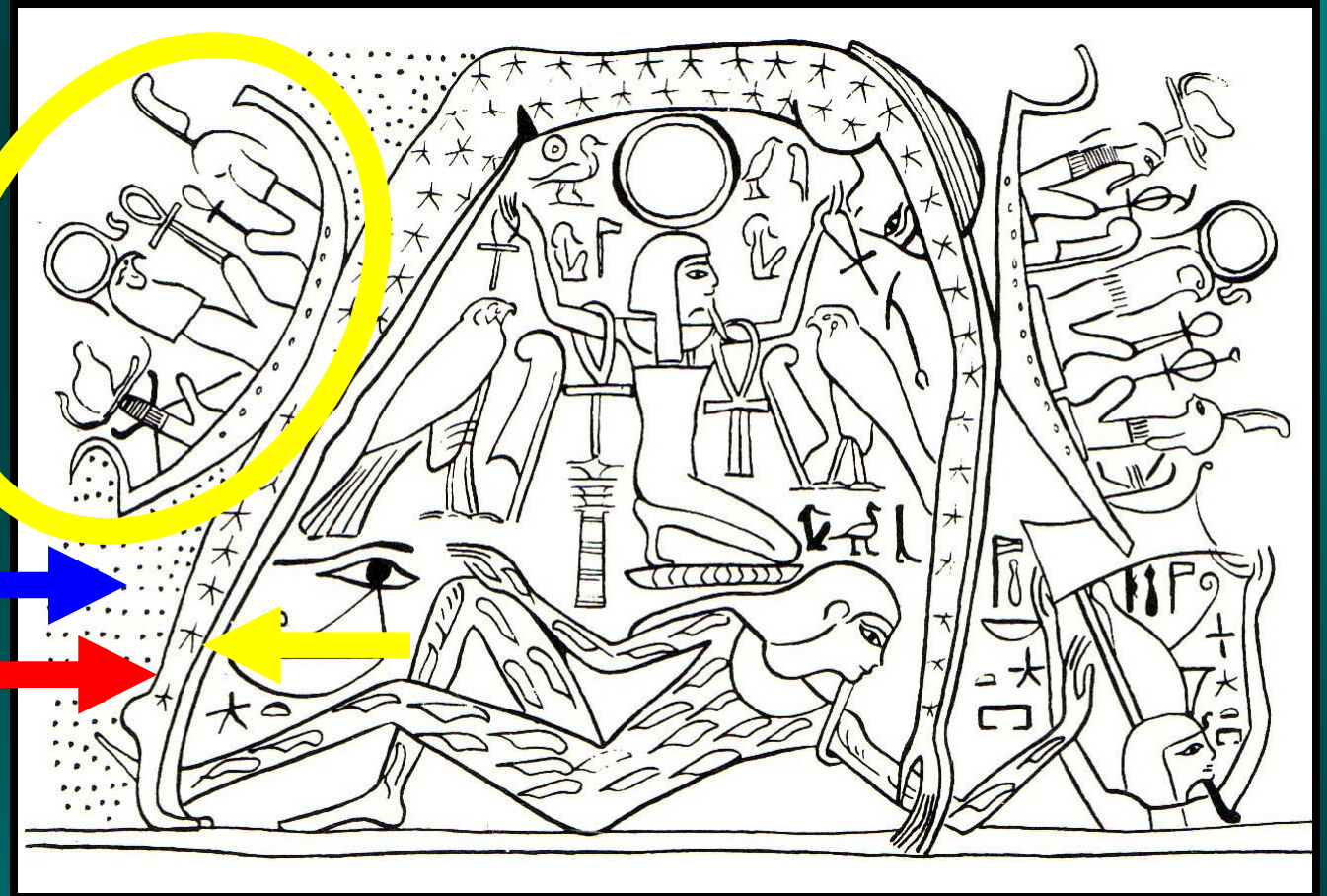
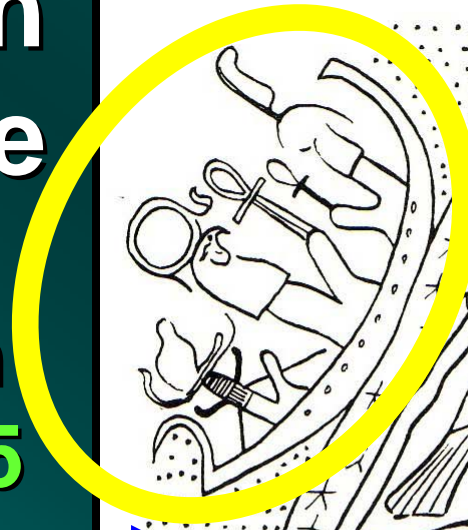
Babylonian Universe 9th Century BC



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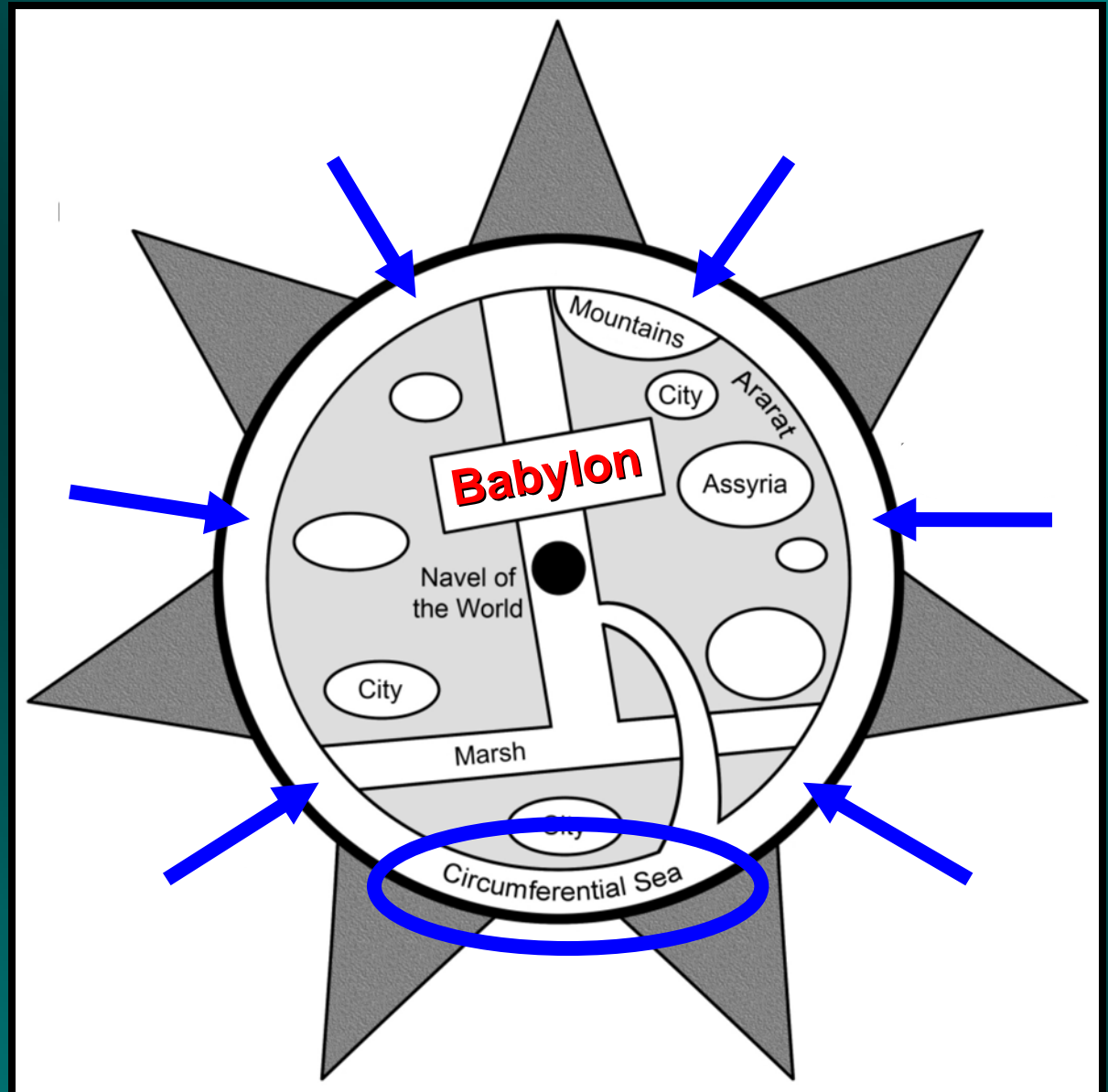
Egyptian Universe

New
Kingdom
1570-1085
BC

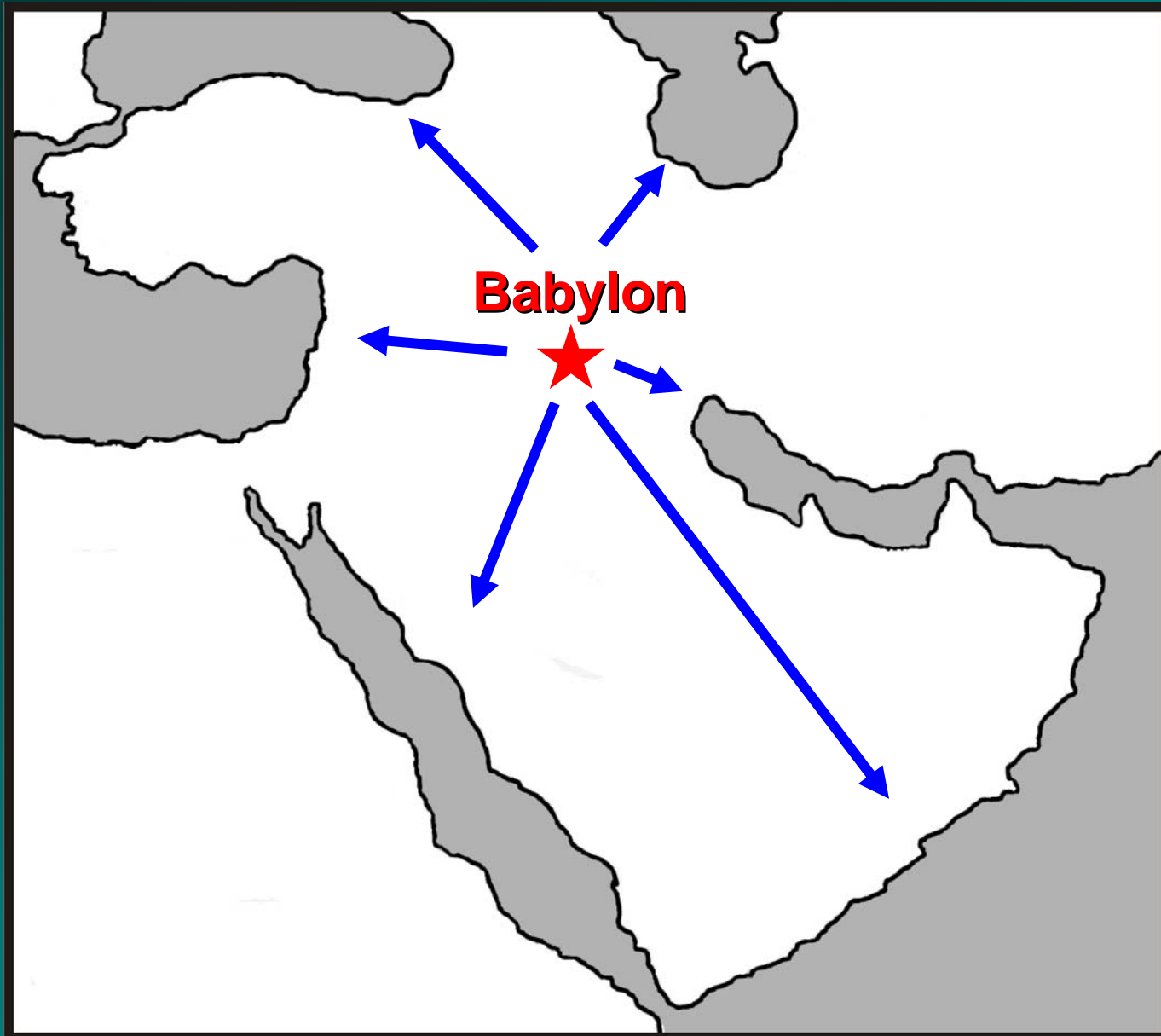


Ancient Science

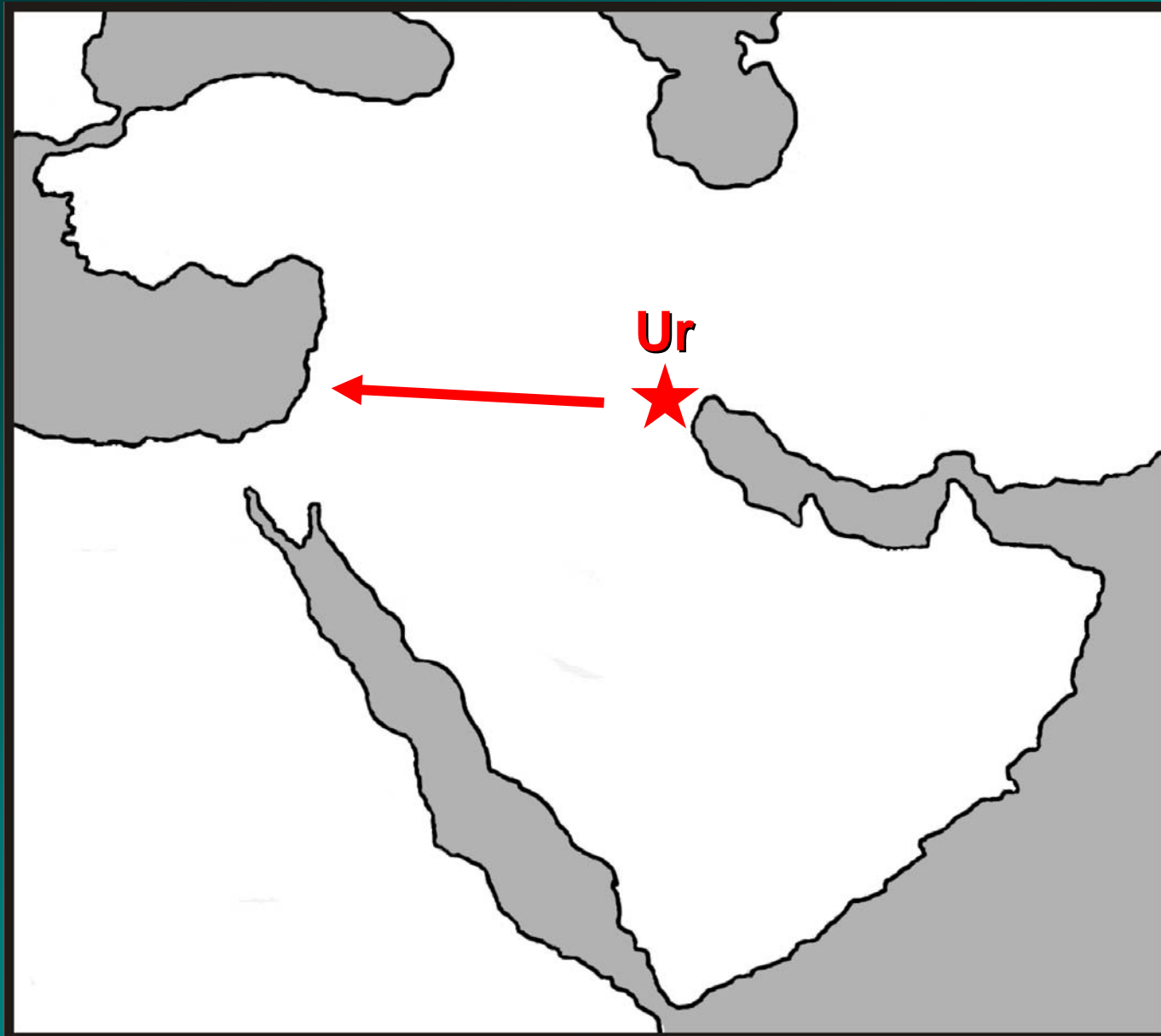
Babylonian World Map 6th Century BC/E



Ancient Science



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Ancient Science



Ancient Poetry

Creation Account Panels Gen 1

FORMLESS

Tohu

Day 1

Separate
Light/

Day 2

Separate
Waters Above/
Waters Below

Day 3

Separate
Water/Land
(Plants)

Day 7

Sabbath
God's Day of Rest

EMPTY

Bohu

Day 4

Decorate
Sun, Moon, & Stars

Day 5

Decorate
Flying Creatures &
Sea Creatures

Day 6

Decorate
Animals & Humans
(Food for Food)

Original Scientific?

Message-Incident Principle

BIBLE



MESSAGE

Divine Theology

Inerrant & Infallible

INCIDENT

Ancient Science

Ancient Phenomenological
Perspective

Message-Incident Principle

**Phil
2:10-11**

- (1) in heaven,
- (2) on earth &
- (3) **UNDER THE EARTH**
katachthonios



MESSAGE

Divine Theology

Inerrant & Infallible

Jesus is Lord

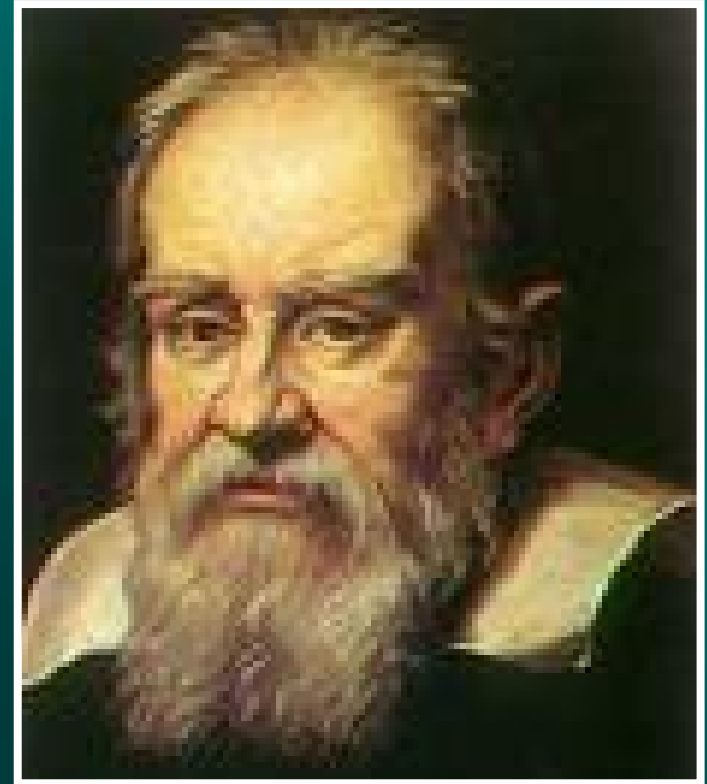
INCIDENT

Ancient Science

Ancient Phenomenological
Perspective

Galileo

The intention of the Holy Spirit is to teach us how one goes to heaven, and **not how** heaven goes.



The intention of the Bible is to teach us that God is the Creator, and **not how** the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit created.

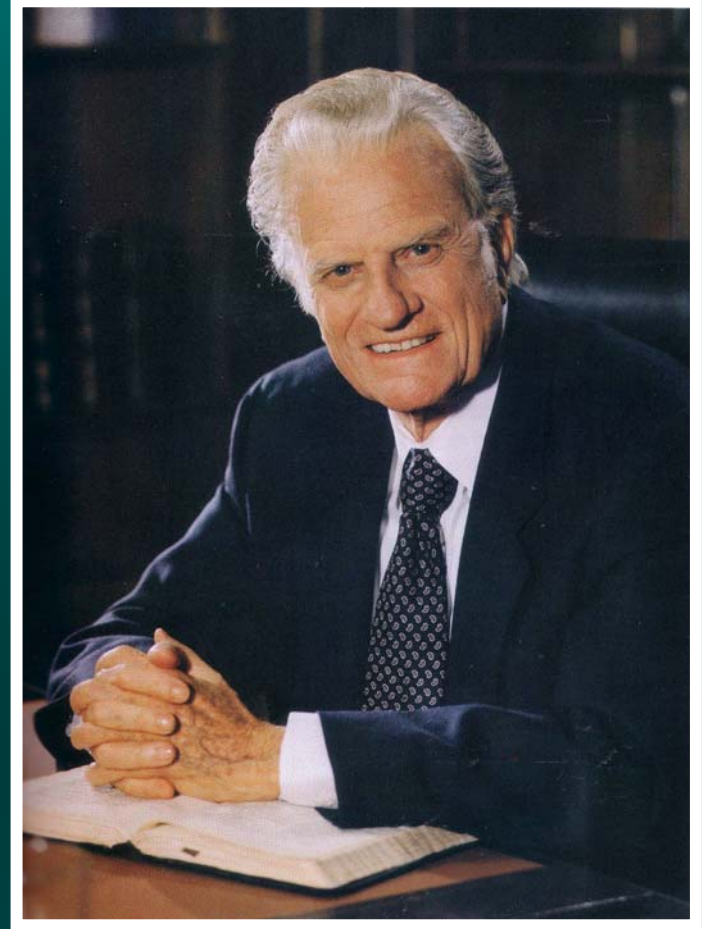
Message-Incident Principle



Billy Graham

**The Bible is NOT
a book of science.**

**The Bible is a book
of Redemption, and
of course I accept
the Creation story. I believe that
God did create the universe.**



Billy Graham

I believe God created humanity.

Whether it came by an evolutionary process and at a certain point He took this person or being and made him a living soul **or not**, does not change the fact that God did create humanity.

Billy Graham

Whichever way God did it
makes **no difference** as to
what men and women are
& their **relationship** to God.

Human Origins

Human Origins

DYSFUNCTIONAL
EVOLUTION
Attributed
by Naturalists
contrary to physical instincts

**EVOLUTIONARY
CREATION**
Christian
Ordained & Sustained
by God

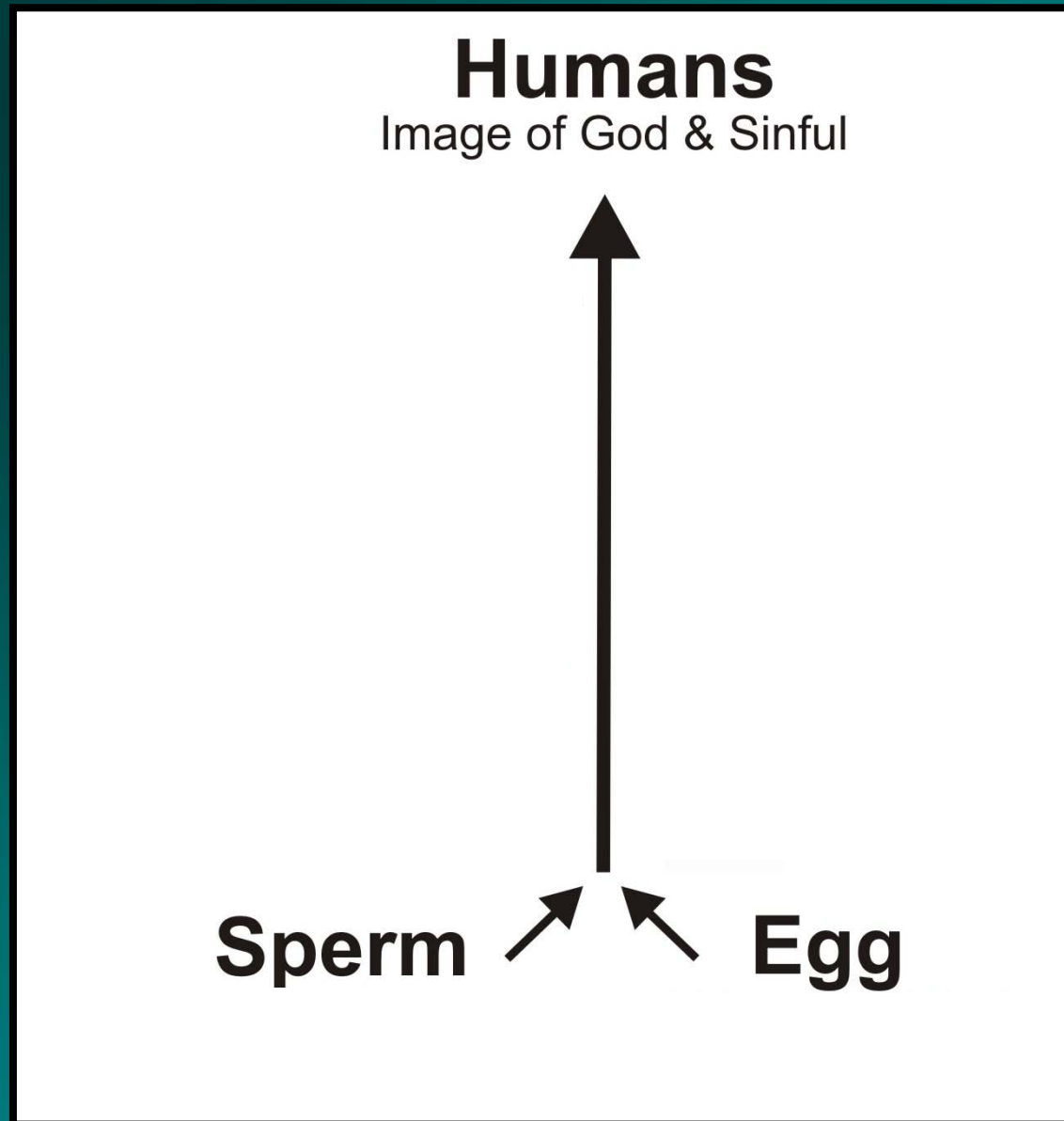
Created in the Image of God
& fallen into sin

**HUMAN
EVOLUTION**

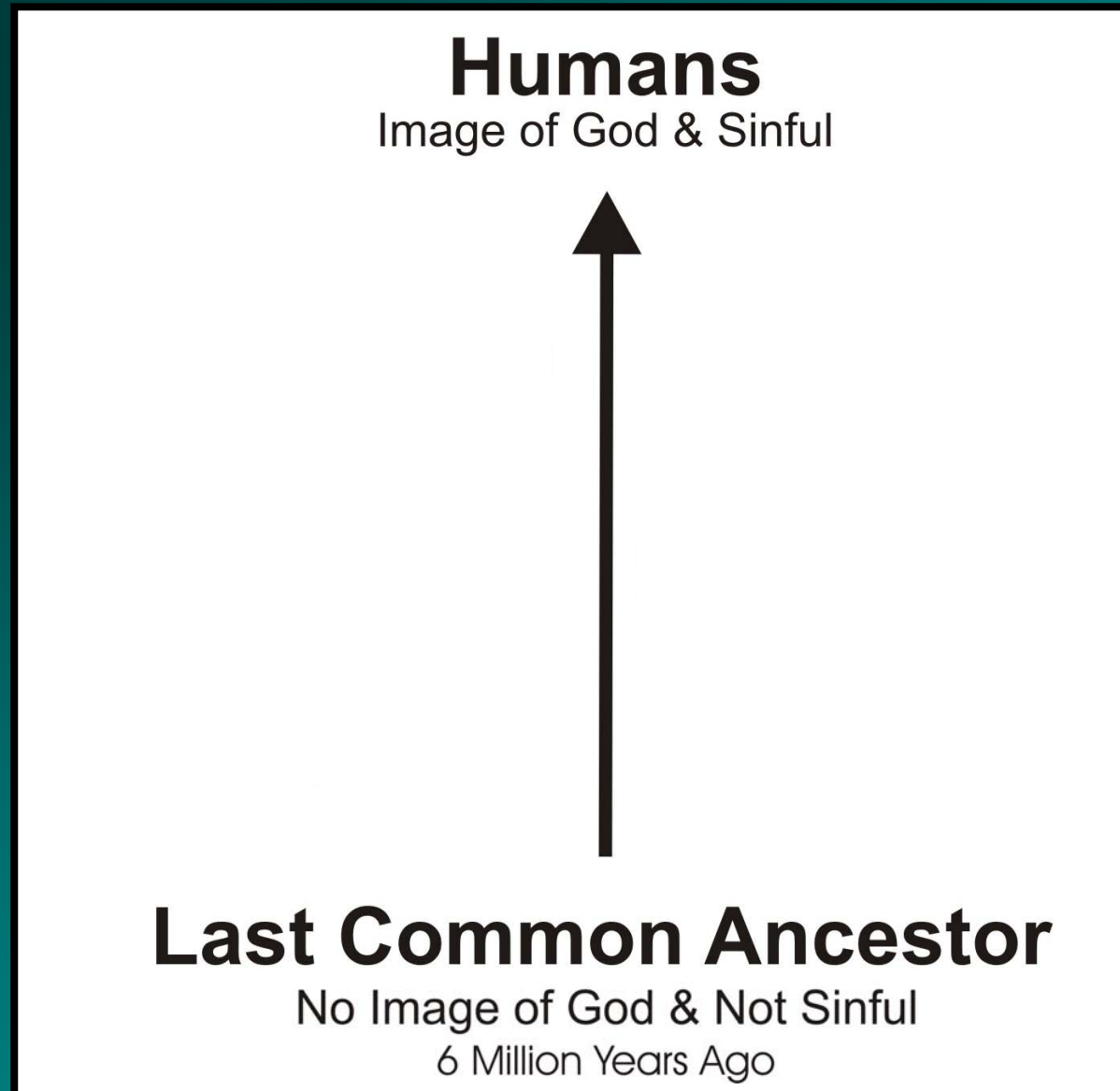
**Non-
Negotiable**

**How
& When?**

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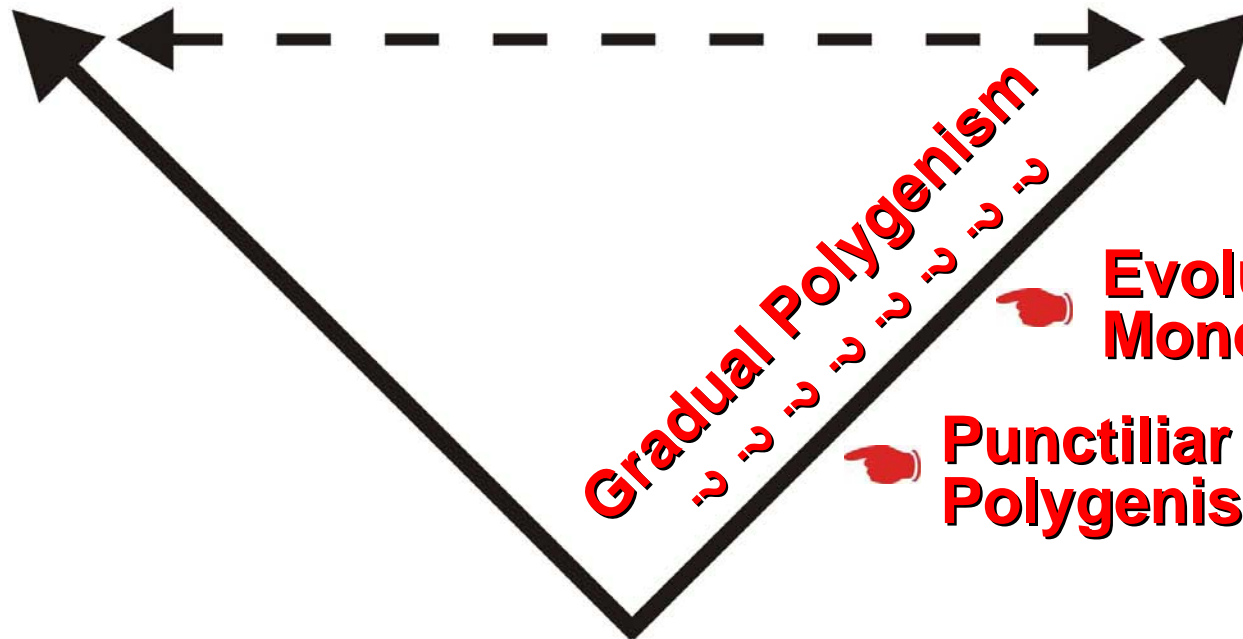
Human Origins

CHIMPANZEES

No Image of God
& Not Sinful

HUMANS

Image of God
& Sinful



LAST COMMON ANCESTOR

No Image of God & Not Sinful

6 Million Years Ago

Human Origins

CHIMPANZEES

No Image of God
& Not Sinful

HUMANS

Image of God
& Sinful

We Are

More Than

Flesh!!!

AS A COMMON ANCESTOR
No Image of God & Not Sinful
6 Million Years Ago

Final Reflections

Final Reflections

- **Define the terms!**
- **Are evangelicals coming to terms with evolution?**
- **Gen 1-3 a precedent?**
- **Pastoral concerns . . .**

Cartoon

Title:

God Throws the Creationists a Curve

God:

Let there be evolution.

Cartoon

1st Person:

That doesn't make any sense.

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