

# EVOLUTION

SCRIPTURE AND NATURE  
SAY  
YES!



Denis O. Lamoureux

# Thesis of the Book

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Christians throughout history have believed that God reveals himself both through Scripture and nature.

The metaphor of **God's two books** is often used to represent these two revelations.

# Thesis of the Book

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The book of God's words is the Bible; the book of God's works is the physical world.

**Taken together**, God's two books offer us a complementary picture of **who created** the world and **how he created** it.

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Chapter 1

Trapped in

“Either/Or” Thinking

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**Figure 1-1**

**ORIGINS  
DICHOTOMY**



**EVOLUTION**

Modern Science

Rejects God

Immorality

**EITHER/  
OR**

**CREATION**

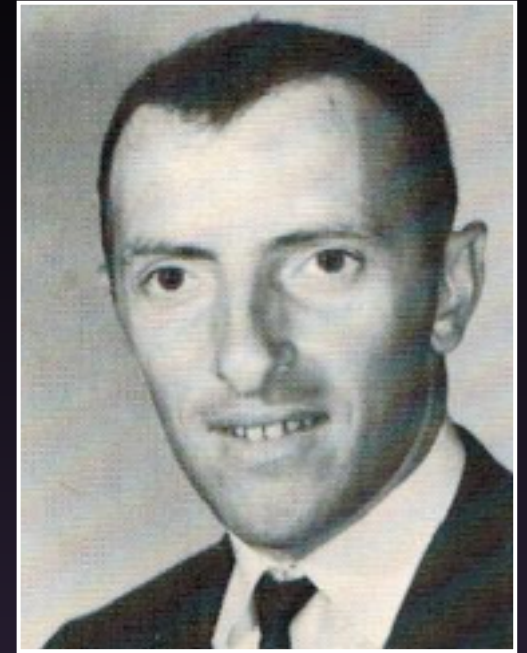
Christian Faith

Accepts God

Morality



# Collège St. Jean 1966-1972



# University of Alberta

## 1972-1978



April 73

The more I study this the more  
it seems that man is but a  
mere chemical-reaction programmed  
by DNA.

June 20/77

love, at protect response chara.  
of all animals, except expressed  
to greater levels in man because  
of his superior intelligence

# Dental School: Class of

1979



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1978



# United Nations

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## Peace Island of Cyprus When ~~1980~~ Keeping



Creation Science  
**Dialogue**

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## **Philosophy versus Science**

I challenge anyone who prides their objectivity to seriously entertain scientific creationism. It may very well be the most important study of your life.

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Chapter 2

Opening

God's Two Books

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1984-1987



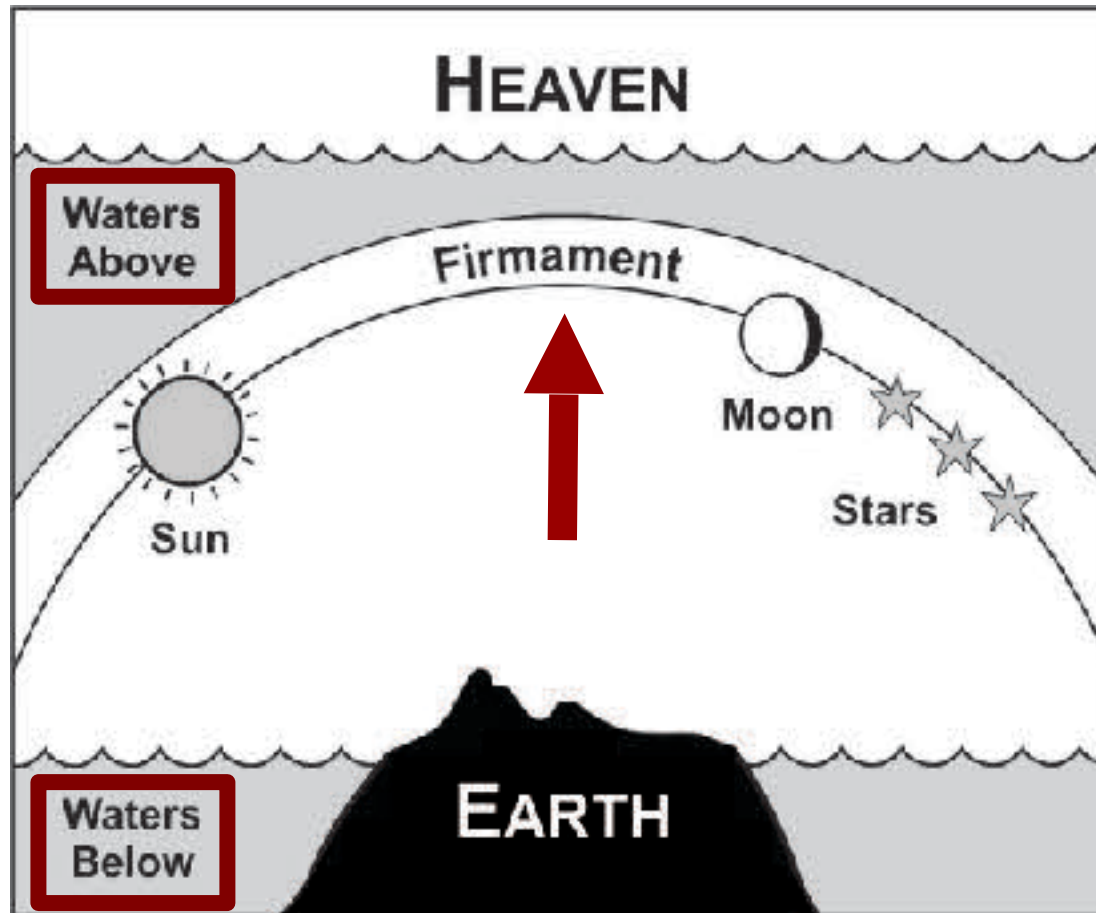
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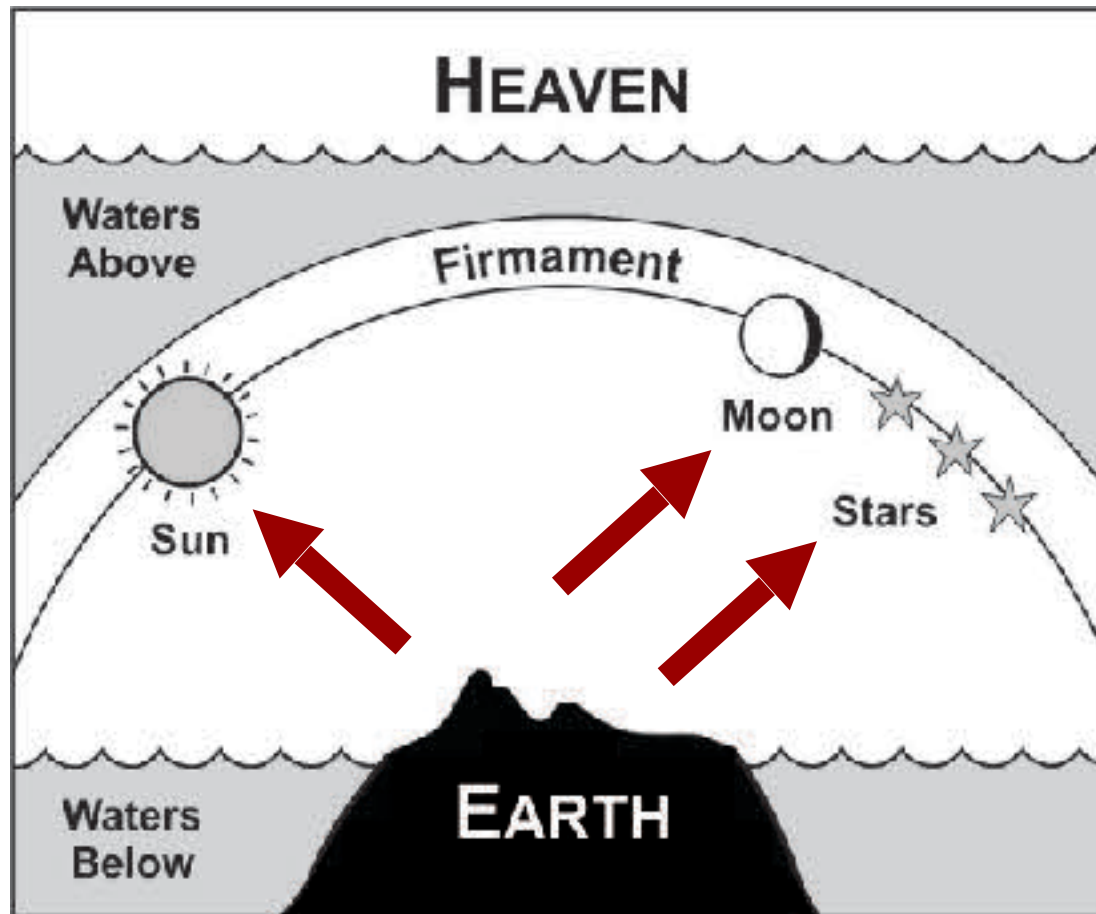
THE GRAND PLAN:

Declare absolute + pure hell  
on the "Theory"

# Fig 2-1. Ancient Understanding of the Structure of the Universe



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# Fig 2-2. Parallel Panels in Genesis 1

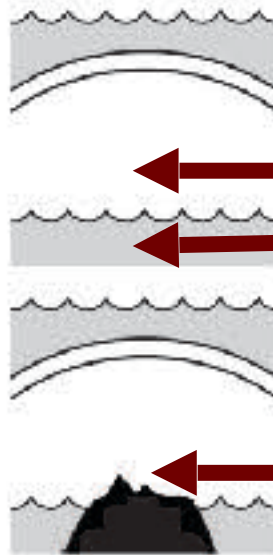
## 1<sup>ST</sup> PANEL

**Formless**

**Day 1**  
**Separate**  
Light  
Darkness

**Day 2**  
**Separate**  
Waters Above  
Waters Below

**Day 3**  
**Separate**  
Water  
Land



## 2<sup>ND</sup> PANEL

**Empty**

**Day 4**  
**Fill with**  
Sun  
Moon & Stars

**Day 5**  
**Fill with**  
Birds  
Sea Creatures

**Day 6**  
**Fill with**  
Land Animals  
Humans



# Principle of Accommodation

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The Bible is the **Word of God** written in the **words of men & women** during **ancient times**

Wycliffe  
College  
University of  
Toronto  
1987-1991



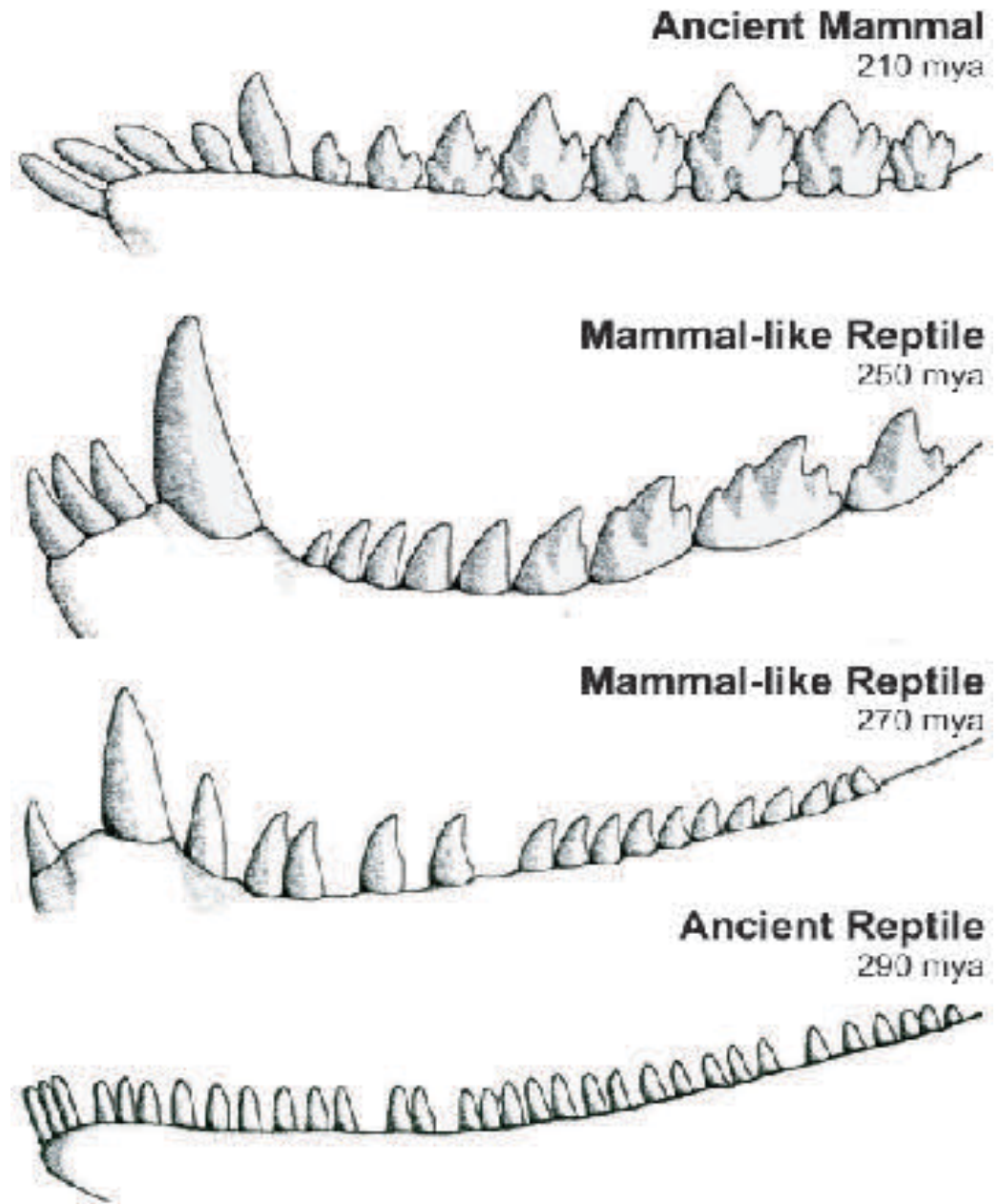
# University of Alberta

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1991-1997



# Fig 2-6. Reptile-to- Mammal Tooth Evolution



# Embryology- Evolution Analogy

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**God uses  
natural  
processes  
to create!**



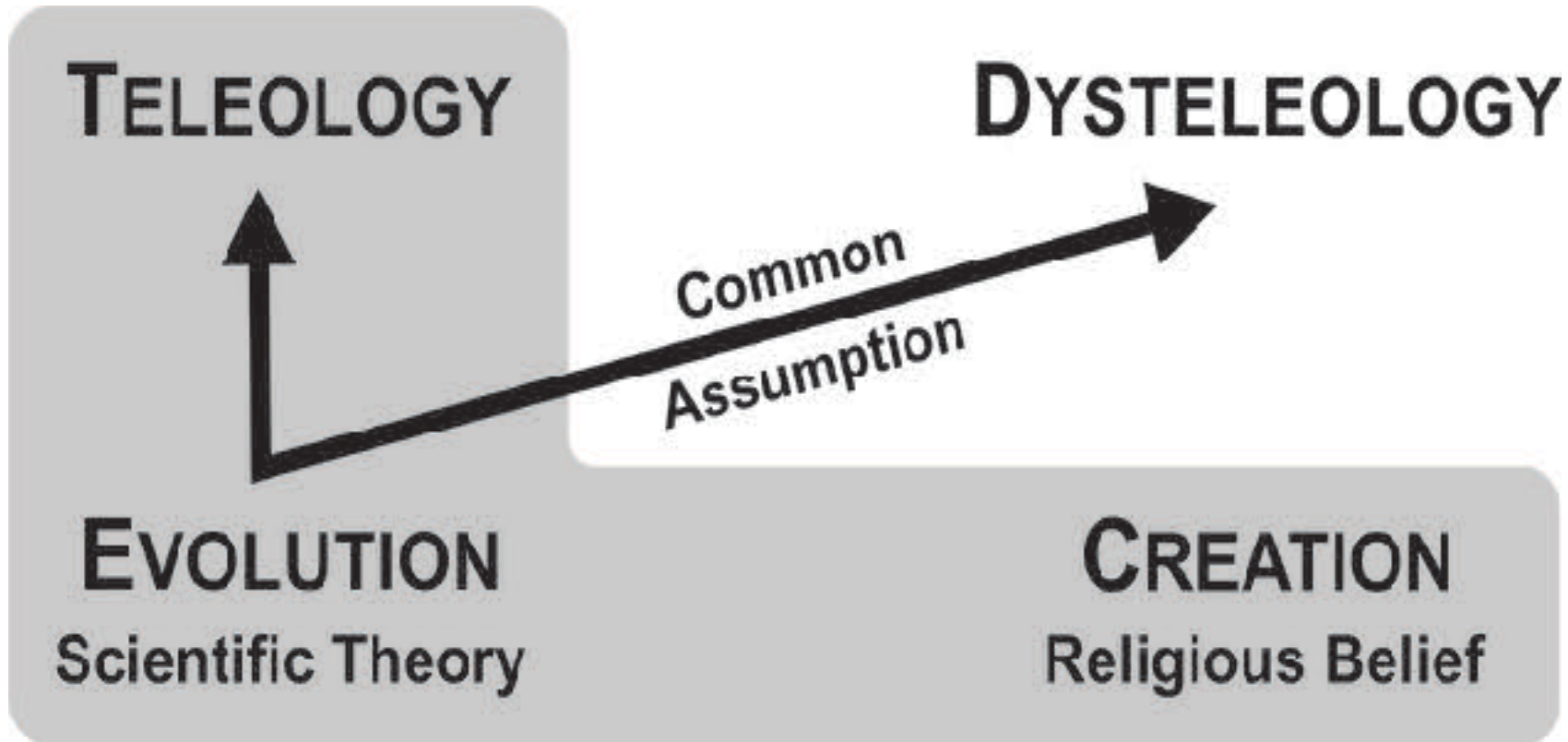
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# Chapter 3

# Terms That Begin to Free Us

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# Fig 3-1. Gen 1 Parallel Panels



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## Chapter 4

# Intelligent Design & the Book of God's Works

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# Definition of Intelligent Design

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**BELIEF** that beauty,  
complexity, and functionality  
in nature point toward an  
Intelligent Designer.



# Psalm 19:1

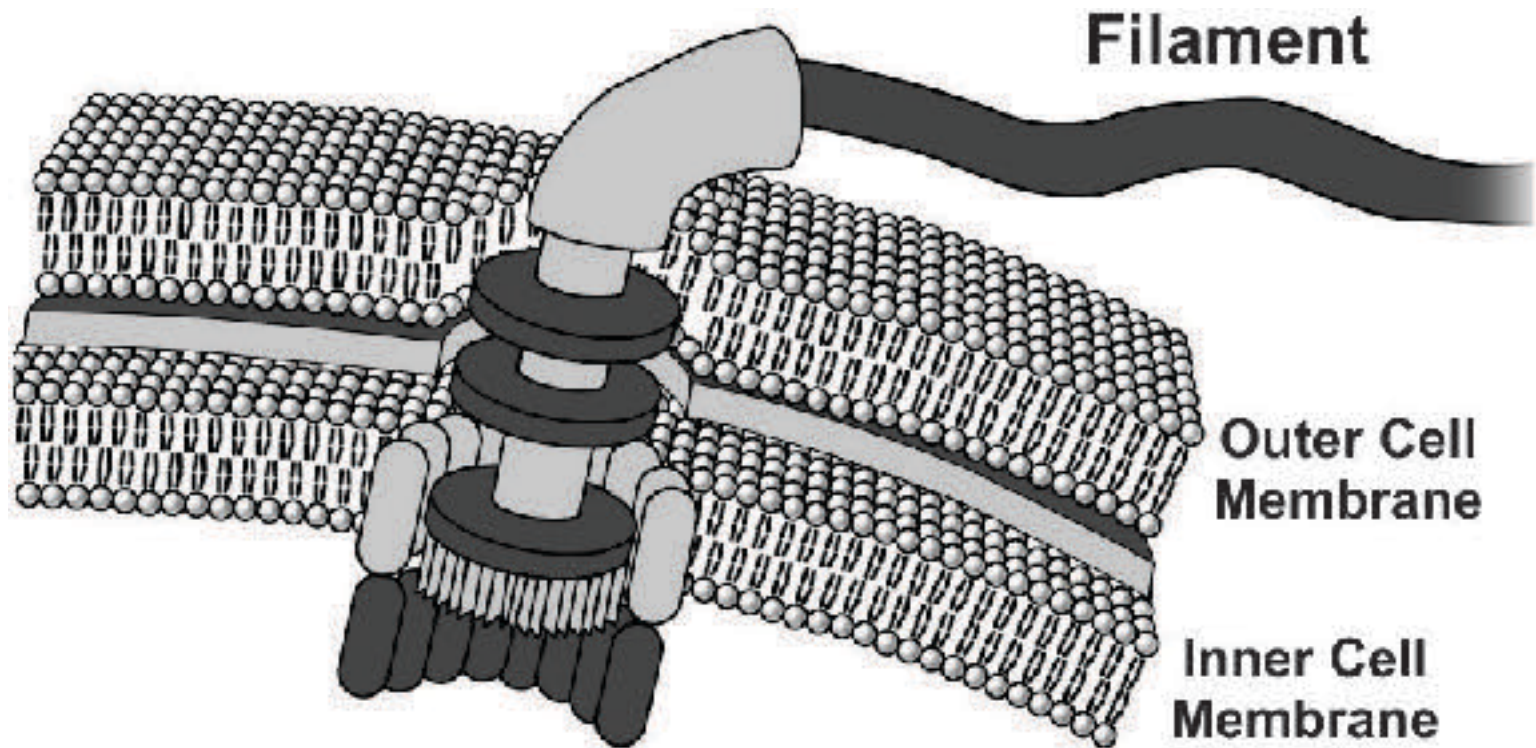
The heavens declare  
the glory of God;  
and the skies proclaim  
the work of his hands.

o Galaxy

Eagle Nebula

Eye of God Nebula

# Fig 4-1. Bacterial Flagellum



**Self-Assembles!!!**

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## Chapter 5

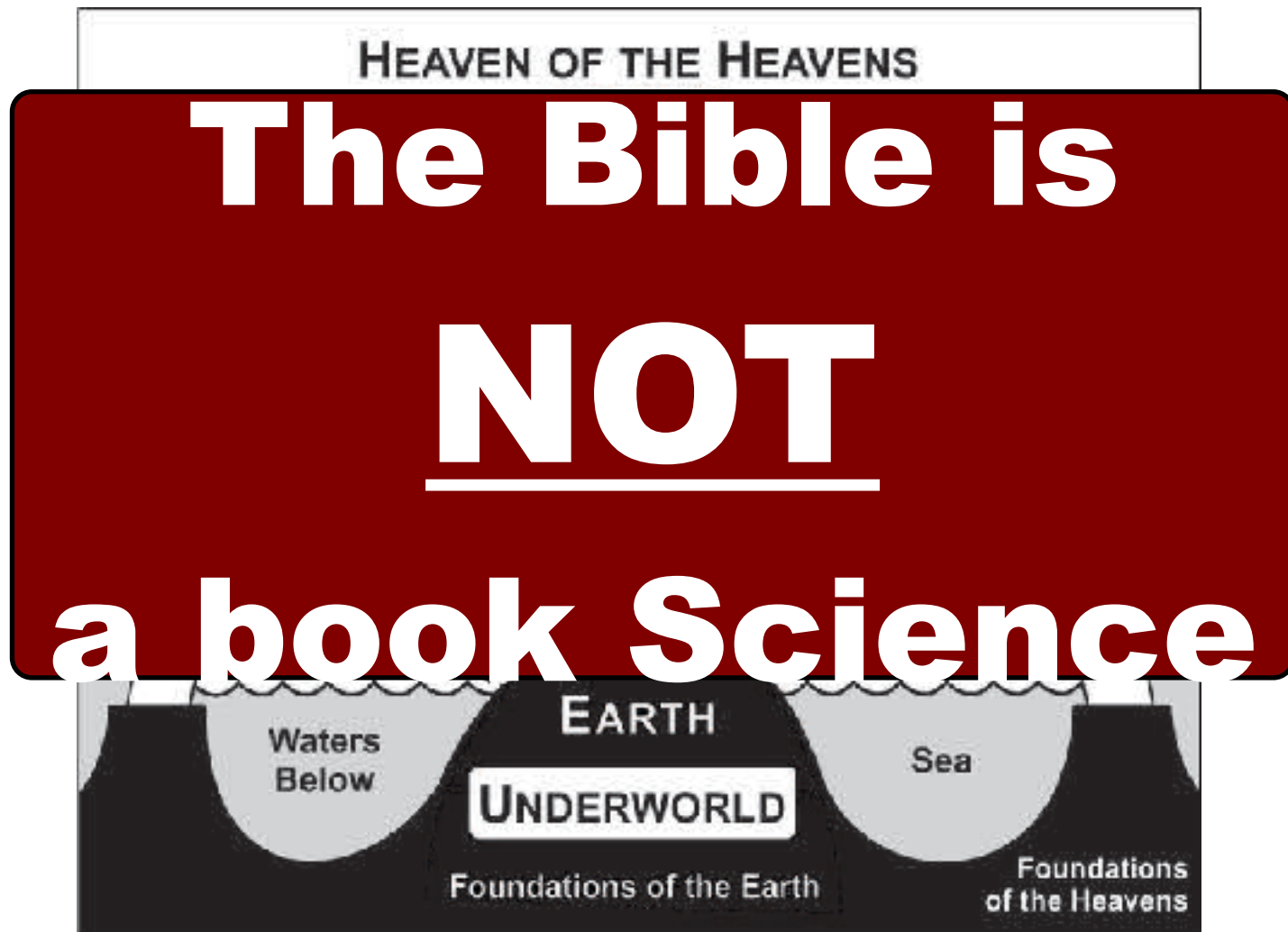
# Ancient Science & the Book of God's Words

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# Fig 5-2. Message-Incident Principle



# Fig 5-3. The 3-Tier Universe



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Chapter 6

Moving Beyond the  
“Evolution” vs.  
“Creation”  
Debate

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# Suggestion for Origins

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Offer

Options

# Fig 6-1. Positions on Origins

	<b>YOUNG EARTH CREATION</b> Creation Science	<b>PROGRESSIVE CREATION</b> Day-Age Creation	<b>EVOLUTIONARY CREATION</b> Theistic Evolution	<b>DEISTIC EVOLUTION</b> "Theistic" Evolution	<b>DYSTELEOLOGICAL EVOLUTION</b> Atheistic Evolution
<b>Teleology</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Talking an illusion
<b>Intelligent Design</b>	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	No Design an illusion
<b>Age of the Universe</b>	Young 6000 years	Old 13.8 billion years	Old 13.8 billion years	Old 13.8 billion years	Old 13.8 billion years
<b>Evolution of Life</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>God's Activity in the Origin of the Universe &amp; Life</b>	Yes Miraculous events over 6 days	Yes 1. Miraculous events for living organisms 2. Natural processes for inanimate universe	Yes God uses ordinary & sustained natural processes	Yes God uses natural processes	No Blind chance & natural processes God a delusion
<b>God's Activity in the Lives of Men &amp; Women</b>	Yes Personal God	Yes Personal God	Yes Personal God	No Impersonal God	No No God God a delusion
<b>Scientific Concordism</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Interpretation of Genesis 1</b>	Strict Literalism Creation days = 24 hrs	General Literalism Creation days = millions of yrs	1. Spiritual truths 2. Ancient science 3. Ancient poetry	The Bible is a fairy tale	The Bible is a fairy tale
<b>Examples</b>	Ken Ham Answers in Genesis	Hugh Ross Reasons to Believe	Francis Collins Language of God (2006)	Charles Darwin Origin of Species (1859)	Richard Dawkins The God Delusion (2006)

# POSITION ON ORIGINS

## No Names Please

Use ✓ to best describe your position

**9%**

### Young Earth Creation

God created in 6 days 6000 yrs ago

**6%**

### Progressive Creation

God created at different times over billions of years

**85%**

### Evolutionary Creation

Personal God created using evolution

**0%**

### Deistic Evolution

Impersonal God created using evolution

**0%**

### Dysteleological Evolution

No God. Evolution due to blind chance

### Comments on Back

Any stories? questions?

**FOIP**

I DO NOT want my comments used publicly

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Chapter 7

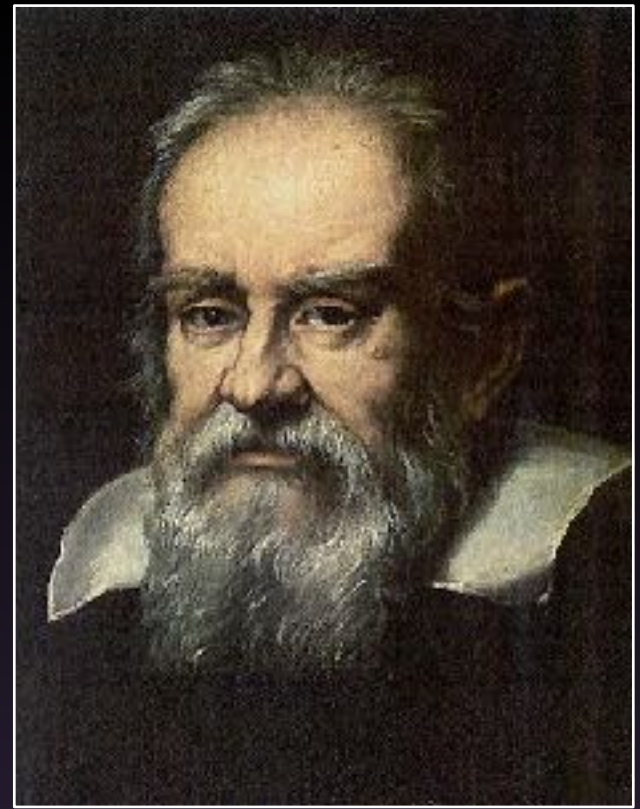
# Galileo & God's Two Books

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# The Two Books Come from God

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“For the **Holy Scripture** and **nature** derive equally from the Godhead, the former as the dictation of the Holy Spirit and the latter as the most obedient executrix of God’s orders.”



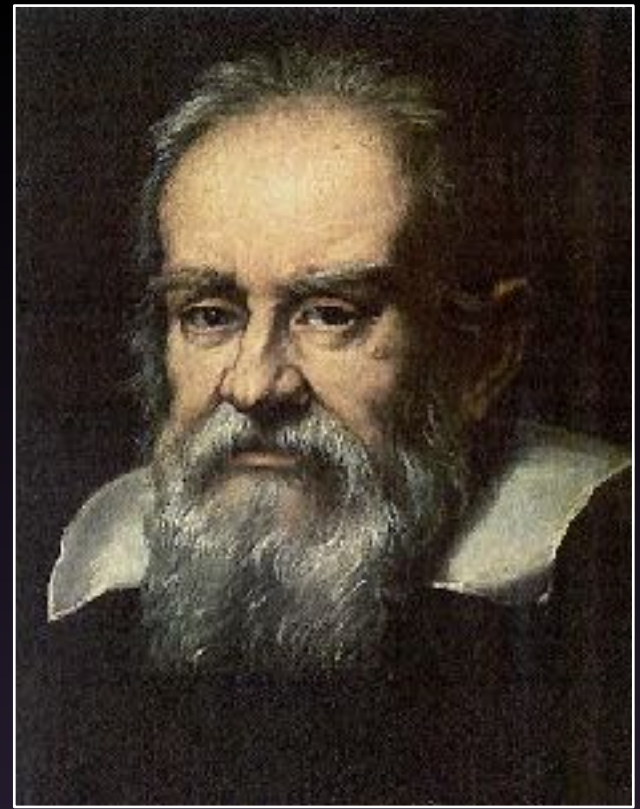
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# Cardinal Baronio Aphorism

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“The intention of the Holy Spirit is to teach us how one goes to heaven, and

**NOT** how heaven goes.”



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# Cardinal Baronio Aphorism

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Recast for Today

The intention of

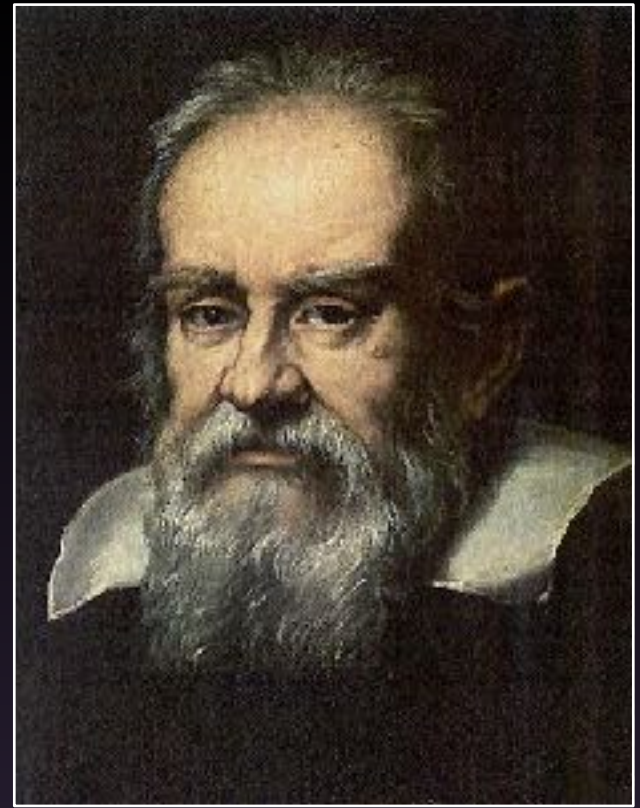
Scripture is to teach us

WHO

the Creator is,

and not HOW He

created.



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## Chapter 8

# The Religious Evolution of Darwin

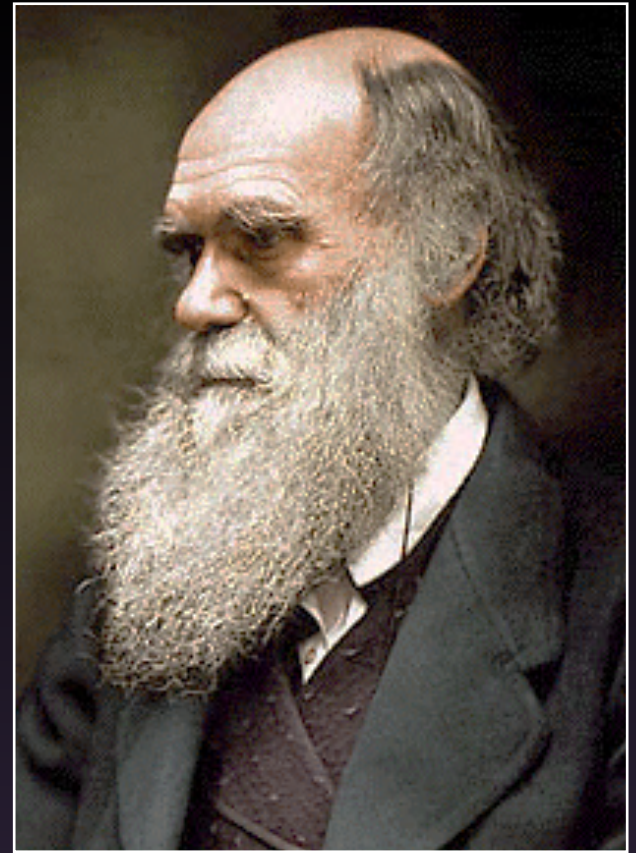
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# *Origin of Species*

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(1859)

“To my mind it accords  
better with what we  
know of the **laws**  
**impressed on matter by**  
**the Creator ...**



1809-1882

# Embryology- Evolution Analogy

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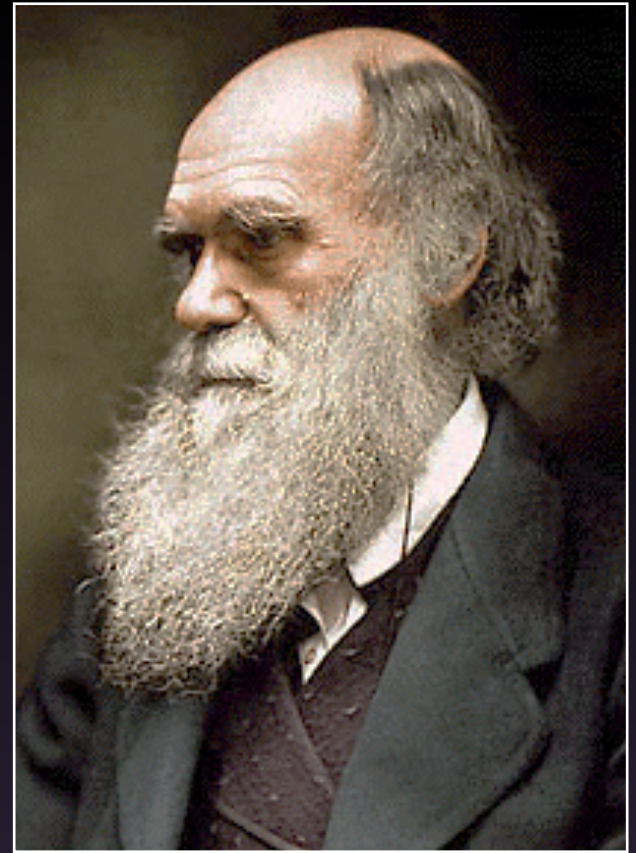
... that **the production**  
and extinction of the  
past and present species  
should be due to  
secondary causes **like**  
**those determining**  
**birth** and death.”



# Letter to Fordyce

(7 May 1879)

“It seems to me  
absurd to doubt that a  
man may be an  
**ardent Theist** and an  
**evolutionist.**”



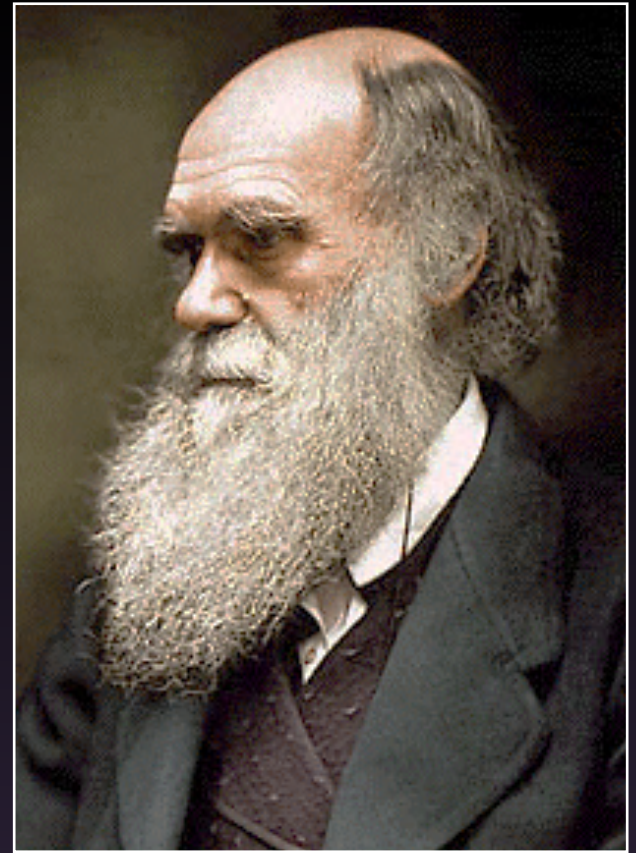
1809-1882

# Letter to Fordyce

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Recast for Today

It seems absurd to doubt that anyone may be an **ardent born-again Christian** and an **evolutionary creationist.**



1809-1882

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## Chapter 9

# Let the Students Speak!

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I think that the conflict between the Bible and modern science taught in **Sunday school** is part of the reason I lost my faith a long time ago.

Maybe, if we had been taught principles of biblical **interpretation in** Sunday school, I would still have my faith today.

**As I am now, being raised in a mostly literal interpretation of the opening chapters of the Bible, I am too critical of Christian faith,**

**and I don't think I will return.**



# Resources



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**Skype Q&A**

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| <b>1. Introduction &amp; Basic Concepts</b>                    | <b>Lecture</b> | 9 mins  |
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