

## --- Section 0 ---

Arial in Black is for facts

*Caveat in Green is for assumptions*

Times New Roman in Blue is for Young Earth Creationism.

Comic Sans in Orange is for Old Earth Creationism

Trebuchet in Purple is for Theistic Evolution

## --- Section 1 ---

How did God create the Earth and the diversity of life we see today?

*Assume that we are alive. Actually here.*

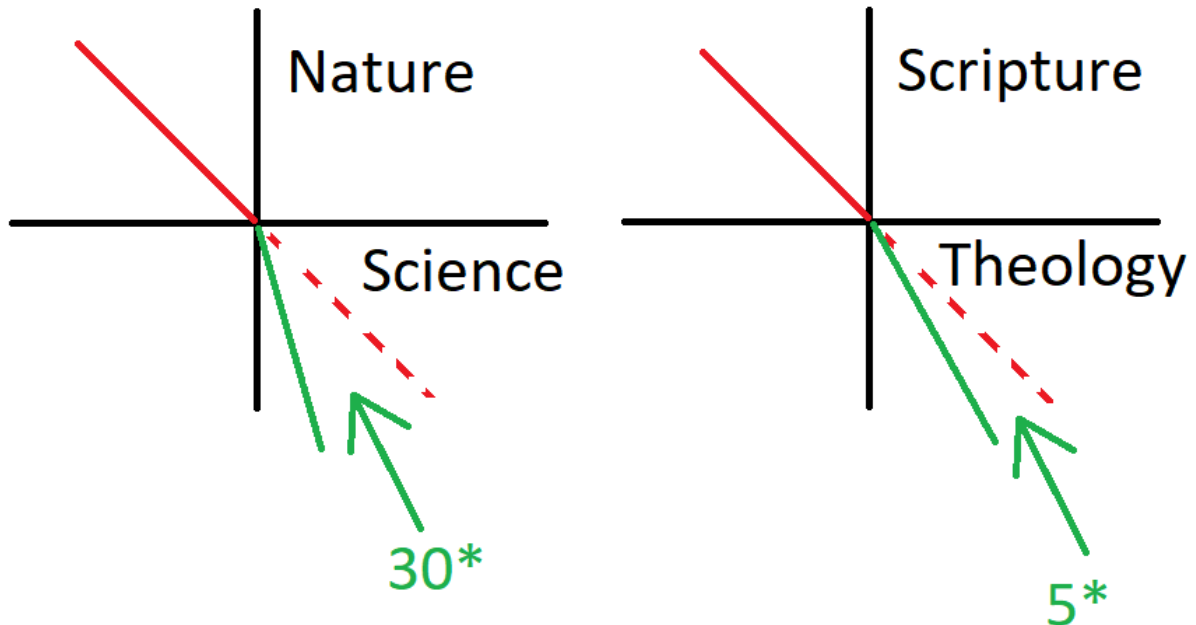
*Assume that the world is real.*

*Assume that God created the world.*

*Assume all truth is God's truth*

- a. *If so, then there are two types of truth:*
  - i. *Special Revelation or Scripture*
  - ii. *General Revelation or Nature*
- b. *Assume there is a disconnect between our interpretation of General Revelation called science and our interpretation of Special Revelation called doctrine or theology.*
- c. Luckily, there are 3 models that try and solve this problem: Young Earth Creationism, Old Earth Creationism, & Theistic Evolution.

Who's interpretation are you going to trust? Science is always changing, so don't build your life on it. Think about the index of refraction, there are different mediums that bend light by a different amounts. Which is more bent? Our science or our theology?



Well, obviously, this graph should be flipped. Our doctrine is more bent. We've had some crazy beliefs in the past... like Flat Earth, Ecclesiastes in the Middle Ages, etc. Flat Earth is not a viable belief. Creation.com refutes Flat Earth because all the verses used by Flat Earthers fall into 3 camps: Non-Secular, ambiguous, or misreading of English words.

(<https://creation.com/refuting-flat-earth>).

But, you read the Bible the same way? Yeah, I'm a concordist. Sidebar. What is a concordist? I'm not a concordist! We solve the problem by not taking the words literally in the first parts of Genesis. We start with the natural world around us, and don't translate "day" literally to 24 hour days, and have these creation events where God creates fish and birds and trilobites... and they all die out, So God creates again. Isn't that wasteful? How powerful is your God? You gotta look at the "big picture." Hmm... That's not really satisfactory.

What about the death? Didn't Adam's sin incur physical death? (Like it says in the Wheaton College Statement of faith?)

WE BELIEVE that God directly created Adam and Eve, the historical parents of the entire human race; and that they were created in His own image, distinct from all other living creatures, and in a state of original righteousness.

WE BELIEVE that our first parents sinned by rebelling against God's revealed will and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death, and that as a result all human beings are born with a sinful nature that leads them to sin in thought, word, and deed.

(<https://www.wheaton.edu/about-wheaton/statement-of-faith-and-educational-purpose/>)

The same sin that incurred physical and spiritual death, which is the reason Jesus died for sinners?

Those are humans. +Weren't the animals vegetarian because eating meat was given after sin to animals and to humans after Noah? Umm... You got me there... Doesn't God hate death? There's

no death in heaven... “The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” Restored creation? What needs to be restored? Lion lie down with the lamb? Etc...

Orange, why don't you agree with Modern Science? **Because Evolution is false.** Amen!  
Well, at least we have the same interpretive framework. I'm not sure I like your interpretive framework... We'll talk. Anyways, we solve the problem by reading Genesis non-literally because we are non-concordists. Our doctrine matches the scientific world around us.  
Does it though? What about the logical inconsistency? In your model, you have a continuous line of animals. A single cell that you set up natural laws in the universe to become multiple cells, that become trilobites, then fish, then tetrapods and dinosaurs, then mammals, monkeys, hominids, and now us. Adam's father was sinless, yet he died. (If you have a real, legitimate Adam). Adam sinned, and he also died. How can you have a legitimate “literal” Adam and Eve? **Tim Keller does.** Timmy K is confused! **I'm all for science and stuff, but the Creation events still match that God creates Adam and Eve out of dust, just like He created all the different animals. Same method of creation (with the added element of breathing in life to Adam and Eve).**  
Logical inconsistency? At least my theology is consistent. I read Genesis the same way I read the rest of my Bible. **I do too!** I do too! No you don't.

I read Genesis as a historical account because “Toledoth” is a word that means “Historical Account” and is used to start the story of Abram, Story of Isaac, Story of Jacob and Esau... Because it's history, that forces it to be scientific because science is trying to reconstruct “What happened?” and History is an answer to “what happened.” **Nah, an event can divorce science and history.** Huh?

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So did you know Darwin was a “theistic evolution” of sorts. There was no atheistic evolutionists in the 1800s. But the scientists of the time clearly realized something was wrong. Here's a quote from James Turner's *Without God, Without Creed*:

“Ultimately, the old form died out altogether, and a new variety, eventually a new species, emerged, better adapted to the environment, but only at the cost of millions of ill-adapted organisms dying of starvation, predation, and disease... If this were design, its sloppiness and inefficiency suggested gross incompetence; and if this were benevolence, the designer exercised it with a paradoxical delight in suffering... Moreover, the wastefulness and suffering entailed in evolution made it harder to believe that God could be responsible for the process.” (page 183).

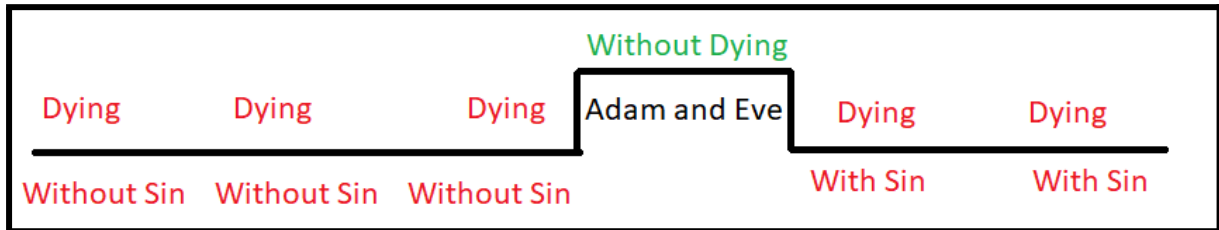
Need I say more? Yeah, read *The Problem of Pain* by C.S. Lewis. Whatever C.S. Lewis has to say, I'm betting big bucks it won't change the quote and the view of God you need to hold. **Gulp. At least my conception of God has lots of trial and error. Many million year long experiments.** Still wasteful and suffering. God also called creation good. How can that be good? “Good” doesn't mean “perfect” in Hebrew. Okay whatever, but how can that be good? Umm, you know only 2% of all life has suffered and died in the process of evolution and 98% didn't die. William Lane Craig.... **And this over here....** Isn't that like Nazi Germany? That's not really satisfactory.

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Why did Jesus have to die in the flesh for our sins? “Wages of sin is death?” in Romans?

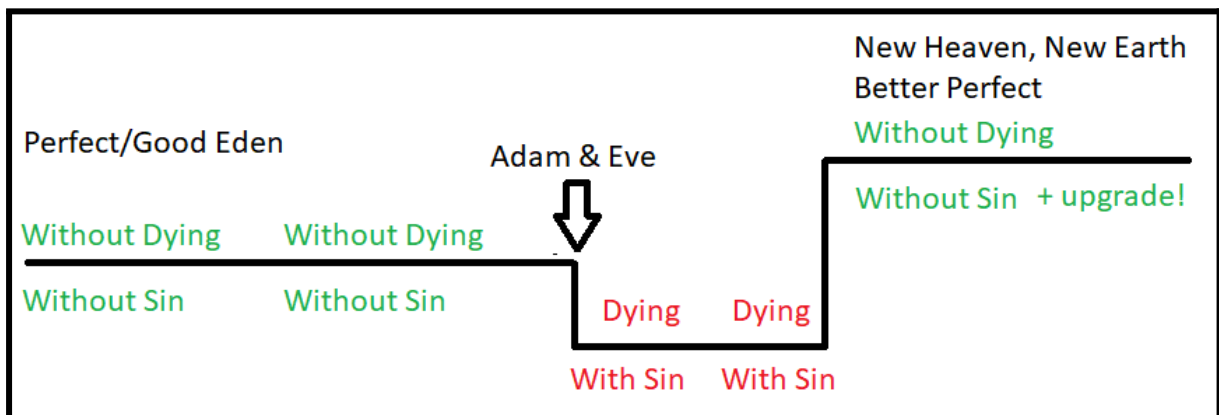
That death seems pretty physical to me... ..

Do you believe that somehow in the evolutionary story, which requires death to operate, that humans would have lived forever, even though all their sinless ancestors died? You believe the top Graph?



I'm not picking on Orange because of the different creation events. Maybe God set up different initial conditions in one of his experiments. I'd say that's plausible. *Whew!*

There was a tree of life right? The verse doesn't say "The wages of being without the tree of life is death." Doesn't this model make more sense? Why did God send an angel to guard the tree of life with a flaming sword so that Adam and Eve can't eat from the tree of life because then they would live forever? (Genesis 3:22-4) Why did God only give the tree of life to Adam and Eve? Seems kinda mean? Because He only cares about us Humans. Umm, It's one continuous line from single cell to us.



A better perfect? That doesn't make sense. Okay. Fine. Eden is very good, maybe not perfect.

Why does Isaiah have a restored creation if there's nothing to restore?

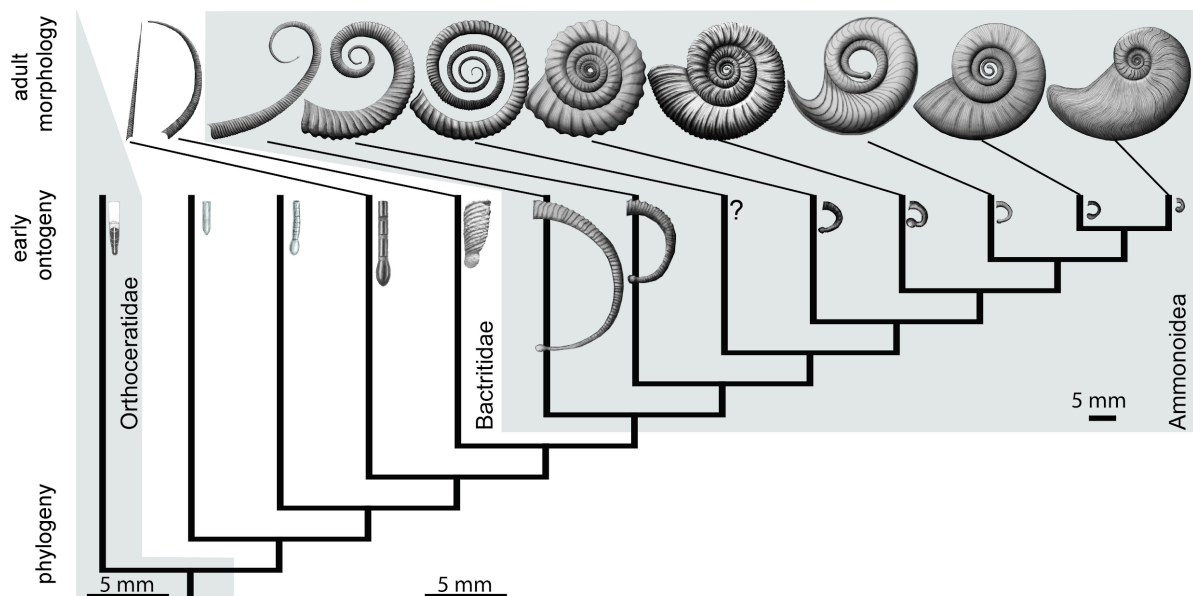
Isaiah 11:6-9: "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy

mountain, for the earth will be filled in the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”

Lions eating straw like oxen? Seems like a vegetable to me. So when you say “didn’t plants die before sin?” I say yes, because plants aren’t biblically “alive”. They don’t have the breath of life “nephesh.” Obviously this passage is metaphorical. Ditto. Why is a lion eating something a lion NEVER ate to begin with?

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Well, what about science? Gulp. Well, I don’t have all the answers. Evolution is still wrong! Get outta here, Orange! Miraculous Creation. Yes, God could have created using naturalistic processes, you see today. However, He also could have created similarly to how Jesus created wine from water in the wedding at Cana. That miracle was instantaneous. Dr. Peeler at Wheaton College said “It was water in the servant’s hand all the way until it touched the master’s lips.” Then the master said “wow, this is great wine!” Everybody knows that wine takes a long time to ferment. At least a year. That miracle was a speeding up of natural processes. But, just because God could have created miraculously doesn’t mean that He did. Correct. So? We’re given a parallel to how Creation could have happened. I can run 400 meters in 52 seconds You came to that track meet and saw that. Thus, when the 200 meter race is about to happen, you can bet big money that I can run 200 meters in at least 26 seconds if not faster. This is a parallel. No one was around to see God create an Earth that looks old. People were around to see Jesus create wine from water. Because they are both God, and it’s stated in Genesis (if you read it literally) and stated in Matthew. You still haven’t answered the science. Old rocks with radioactive dating? Far away planets and stars and light travel? Change in species over time? Like the mollusks of sophomore year?



Why are things bound in a “family” or “kind” Well, actually that’s because of developmental gene regulatory networks. Once you change the body plan, you kill the individual. Eric Davidson. Or the angle of inclination of underwater sand dunes?

Honestly. These seem like small issues compared to the rest of this document. Is God lying? If we date something and it’s not that old.... Are all the scientists wrong? Did the earth come with a tag that said, “Hi! I’m 50 million years old.” No, God told us in his word. Now, we’re back to the index of refraction. Which can be more skewed? Rock on the moon that’s older than

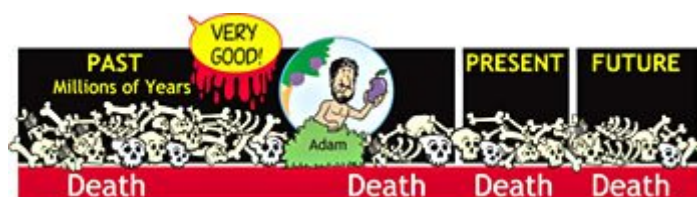
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What about non-Christians that won’t believe in Christianity because of the stereotypes that Christians are anti-science?

First, is that the real reason? In my social circles that’s just a smoke-screen for an emotional problem. But let’s assume that it’s the only reason. I’d tell them that there is a debate and you can believe whatever you want in the same way you can be calvinist/arminian or pre-tribulation/post-tribulation, spiritual gifts/cessationism or women as pastors/silent in church or etc. I’d tell them about you two. We don’t really have this problem, but we’d explain that the rocks are old, but the things in the rocks didn’t evolve from cats to dogs. Definitely don’t have this problem.

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Pictures.



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Common Myths about common myths (starts on Page 9)

[Myth Document](#)

- Evolution as Adaptationism
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Evolution is Necessarily Progressive
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  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Evolution Acts on Individual Organisms
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- Genetic Variations/Mutations Are Always Harmful
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
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  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Genetic Mutations Are Mistakes
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  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Humans Are Descended from Monkeys
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Evolution Implies that Organisms Are Always in Violent Competition for Survival
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Evolution Is Wasteful
  - [What the heck? Not True. I totally made this one of my points](#)
  - [HAHA!](#)
  - [Zing!](#)
- There Are No or Few Transition Fossils
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- The Theory of Evolution Led Directly to the Moral Decay of Society
  - [What the heck? Didn't Evolution lead to moral decay of society?](#)
  - ['Fraid not, buckeroo](#)
  - [Zing!](#)
- Random Genetic Variations Are Uncaused
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)



- [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Randomness/Chance Is Lawless Chaos (Tornado produce Boeing 747)
  - [What the heck? Not True. 1000 monkeys typing will NOT produce shakespeare](#)
  - [Hmm? I think I'm with YEC on this one.](#)
  - [Types of Randomness, bro](#)
- The Theory of Evolution Implies Life is Meaningless
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Evolutionary Explanations Are a Replacement for God's Creative Activity
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- Evolution Implies Humans Aren't the Imago Dei
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
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  - [TE Thoughts on this](#)
- The Inspiration and Inerrancy of Scripture Implies Evolution Is False
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
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- The Young-Earth Special Creationist Reading of Genesis Is the Historic Orthodox Interpretation of the Church
  - [What the heck? Not True](#)
  - [Well?](#)
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- Genesis 1 Implies that Species Are Fixed, Unchangeable
  - [I don't Genesis 1 implies species are fixed. Kind. Cat family made lions and tigers.](#)
  - [Ditto](#)
  - [Pete and Repeat were on a boat...](#)
- The Bible Teaches that the Initial Creation Was Perfect So There Couldn't Have Been Any Evolution or Death Prior to the Fall
  - [This is like the linchpin of my whole document](#)
  - [Hmm...](#)
  - [Well, it was.](#)
- The Bible Was Written as History According to Modern Standards
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
  - [OEC Thoughts on this](#)
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- Ancient Israel's Metaphysical Conception of the World Was Similar To Ours
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)
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- A False Dilemma for God's Activity in Creation
  - [YEC Thoughts on this](#)



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### Uncategorized, Other Questions, Things to Think about.

1. What exactly is the evidence for no (animal) death before the fall? Is Romans even talking about that?
2. So, what I'm hearing you say is that science is wrong, because I have a prior claim to scripture? Yup. So, science is wrongly, misguided, fundamentally misunderstood, natural processes, are just wrong?
  - a. Young Earth, maybe not deceptive, but a testing of our faith?
  - b. Andromeda Galaxy is far away... 2000 light years away and it's the closest galaxy out there... So, lots of different rates for the speed of light, because the 6,000 years don't change and the distances are different.
3. Why is Origins so important? To you?' and a follow-up, is Origins [or any secondary issue] that important to Jesus? Does he really care?
  - a. Origins... Obstacle to people's faith... There are other (more important) obstacles. What proportion should this issue be? Blown out of proportion. Cornerstone that you build the rest of your faith on.
  - b. Build you faith on something different than origins, like the historicity of the resurrection, or a personal experience with Jesus or something like that. If that's true, then the Bible is true. If you start with Jesus you can work your way back to Genesis which is at the end.
  - c. Can we get in trouble with Jesus by giving the wrong emphasis... like Tearing up the church or slandering other Christians liars and deceivers? The Devil likes to trick us by taking a good thing and making it harmful. (Like desire for food can be turned to gluttony or desire for sex can be turned to lust)
  - d. Maybe some people get convinced, but not resting on the bedrock.
  - e. That's why I like Hugh Ross, even though I don't agree with him, He has an apologetic. His organization is called Reasons to Believe (In Jesus) not RTB in OLd Earth Creationism.
4. Reasoning for the Sabbath seems very direct. You CAN wiggle out of it, but you're not doing faithful reading of the text. God worked in 6 days, and then He rested, and so the Jews worked for six days and then they rested, starting at sunset to sunset. There was evening and there was morning, the first day.
5. Most scientific consensus is that it's an OLd Universe with an Old Earth with evolution taking some part in human development. "Couldn't be a working scientist and say they're all wrong." Need to be that skeptical about my own work and I am, so I trust they are doing the best they can.
6. Why is Genesis 1 even in the Bible to begin with? The story really gets going later... Explain monotheism. God created and has a cosmic purpose in mind,

YHWH is the ONE GOD. Cultural pressures of the day. Worship the god of fertility under a tree and the god of crops. Worshipping these gods is a distortion of reality. He made it for good purpose.

7. Can God deliver a message in their context and explain it for us today?  
Commentators. What is meant to original audience? Extract the Character of God from the passage because that doesn't change.
  - a. Was God deceiving the Ancient Near East? And also the Middle Ages? Pretty clear they didn't the universe was billions of years old. They didn't even know there was a universe until a 100 years ago. The Galaxy was invented 100 years ago. God wasn't explaining how Old the Earth was.
  - b. Scandal of particularity. Particular time and place. Bible written for us, not to us.
  - c. Levites really wasted their questions.... Why didn't they ask Jesus about artificial intelligence or something cool?
  - d.
  - e. It's so easy to accomplish monotheism and explain how stuff worked. You don't need to explain how a cell works at stuff. Just tell a poem that doesn't contradict the story we see in science. Instead of God forming Adam out of the dust, write "God chose Adam and Eve (to be his priests) from the animals/ other people living). They were first. " The end. That's it. Now your story doesn't conflict with modern science. Choose from a group of hominids. (Election. Jacob not Esau) Boom. Done. Concordism. House vs Home story. Partial views theory. Map of soil density in America and map of geothermal power in America. Which is the correct map of the US? Both. Duh. But Evolution is a soil density map of American and Scripture is a geothermal power map of Russia. Completely different. No overlap.
8. Hebrews 11:3.
9. Mixing of saltwater and freshwater
10. Cymatics explains the periodicity of life.
  - a. Sound has no medium.
11. Some rabbi said that the ancient jews didn't believe in a young earth.
  - a. More interview to follow.
  - b.

## --- Section 9 ---

2/20/2020--- Spotify Podcast Session Notes.

Ante-Diluvian.

Pre-Post flood world.

Eden was utterly destroyed by flood?

Josephus. True homey.

Augustine, eden was real.

Tigris, Euphrates, Gihon, Pishon.

A renaming after pre-flood landmarks? But incomplete.

Galilee. OT wasn't dry. But a lush place.