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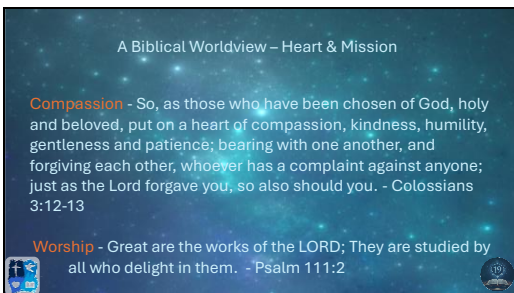
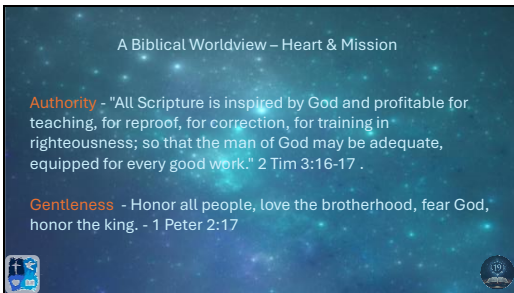
Mission:

This study exists to:

- Demonstrate Genesis and other Biblical accounts provide a superior framework for interpreting nature and hence, nature's Creator.
- Validate the Bible as plausible and believable, bringing:
- The non-believer to a point it can be trusted for salvation through the Gospel. - John 5:46-47.
- Build up faith and confidence in believers. - 2 Tim 3:16

Purpose:

- Glorify God in obedience of the Great Commission:
- Proclaiming "come and see" the Gospel from Genesis onward.
- Enabling disciples to "go and tell" by faith enhancing instruction and revelation:
- Breaking down barriers to belief by demonstrating the compatibility of science and the study of the Creation.
- Confidence that God's Word conforms to observations in multiple scientific disciplines, recorded history, archeology, and textual evidence



What is a Worldview & Why Is it Important?

"A person's way of thinking about and understanding life, which depends on their beliefs and attitudes."

Optimism	Ambitiousness	Tolerance	Work Ethic	Pessimism	Compassion
Friendliness	Cautiousness	Resilience	Respect	Skepticism	Thoughtfulness
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Christianity	Sikhism	Islamism	Buddhism	Hinduism	Norminism
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Ruralism	Moral Relativism	Marxism	Postmodernism	Consequentialism	
Classical Liberalism	Stoicism	Existentialism	Humanism	Moral Absolutism	Secularism
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HelpfulProfessor.com breaks worldviews down sixty-five different ways:

- Yellow: Attitudinal
- Orange: Ideological
- Religious: Green
- Philosophical: Blue

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In Context of ultimate Origins & Destinies There Are Two

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All views outside Biblical origin are human derived, sometimes good, but only Christianity, a relationship says if we love God, we love His word and hold it above human worldviews because it is uniquely authoritative.

To Sum Up

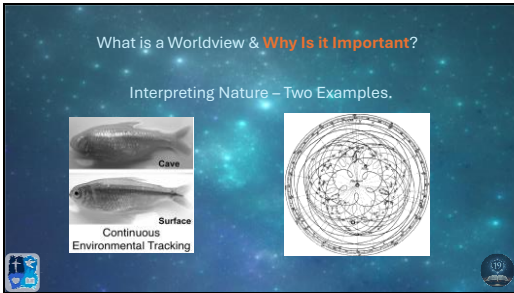
Either

In the Beginning, God Created the Heavens and the Earth.
- Genesis 1:1

Or

The Cosmos Is All That Is, or Ever Was, or Ever Will Be.
- Carl Sagan

For our purposes we can define Scientism, the belief that as Carl Sagan stated: "The Cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be."
This ends with the personal confrontation of "Who are you going to believe?"



Darwin's Tree of Life was an outcome of his book, *The Origin of Species*. It was a way to show that nature "selected" mutations favorable for the progression of life from one species to another. Any problems with that idea? (two words that don't go together here?) How does nature "improve" species and cause new species? By death. Any problems there? (Have read Gen 2:17, Romans 5:12. Discuss)

What does that understanding do for our understanding of the Bible? It brings conflict & doubt to our faith.

The Ptolemaic solar system existed about 150 AD. Ptolemy believed the irregularities in planet motion were caused by unseen spheres. He also had to introduce the concept of epicycles, essentially loopy loops to make it all work out to what everybody was seeing! They got crazy complex trying to account for apparent motion of the sun, moon, and planets.

It was replaced with the Copernican system bolstered by Kepler laws governing planetary motion. A quote: "Kepler defended Nicolaus Copernicus' theory of heliocentrism and sought to reconcile it with Scripture. His Protestant beliefs won him little favor with the Catholic church, and the Lutheran church shunned him for his Calvinist sympathies. He was forced to relocate more than once to avoid persecution, as well as to escape political dangers from ongoing wars.

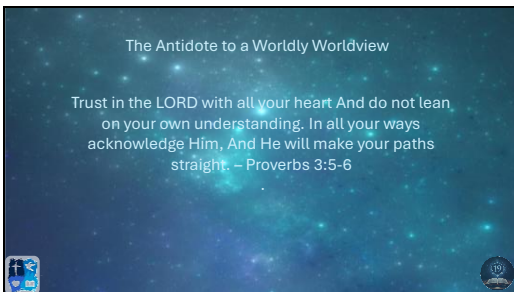
But Kepler stayed true to his faith, and his scientific discoveries earned him acclaim, legitimized the discoveries of his contemporary Galileo, and influenced generations of scientists that followed him.

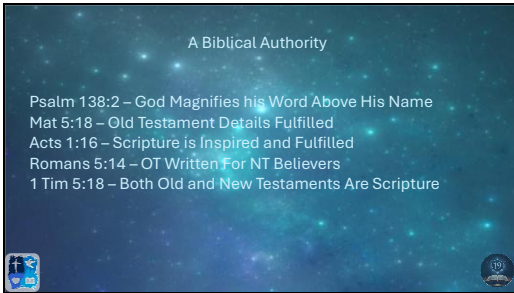
"...and thou my soul, praise the Lord thy Creator, as long as I shall be: for out of Him and through Him and in Him are all things....To Him be praise, honour, and glory, world without end. Amen."—J. Kepler, *Harmonies of the World*, 137." ICR Johan Kepler
<https://www.icr.org/fb/Kepler/>



Then again, there may more to natural selection.

What are other consequences to natural selection?





1 Tim 5:18 – This is a mashup of two passages Deut 25:4, also cited at 1 Cor 9:9, and Jesus in Mat 10:10 citing the OT Lev 19:13

Many many more references!



Another sign that the Bible is God-given and authoritative is consistency within itself

Figures of Speech. –Name some figures of speech, start with leaven. Stuck? Look in Revelation.

Severability – The main idea, salvation through Christ is present all throughout the Old and New Testaments

It also ties well with history, archaeology, and science!

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Clip from Dr. Lawrence Krauss at ASU 2009 at an atheist conference.

The Stars Died So That You Could Be Here Today - Lawrence Krauss

"Forget Jesus, the stars died so that you could be here today."

If you can't trust the foundation, how will you believe in the rest.

Dr. Jake Hebert (PhD in Physics) of ICR conjectured on a podcast recently about how he believes part of the reason the universe so vast is that we would "have a big enough playground" and that we would probably be able to explore it. He was saddened by the fact that his non-believing colleagues would never have a chance to see the things they invested their lives in, to be able to examine them up close. May his passion for the truth in reaching the lost be infectious!

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