



## Sessions:

### 1-The Long War Against God

### 2-The Big E vs. Scientific Method

*Evolution* relies on unproven starting points, the attributing to nature the human trait of making choices. It also uses largely unproven ideas to support a narrative. *Science* uses the scientific method of hypotheses (experiments that can be proven wrong) supported by repeatable independent observations within the science community.

### 3-Life is Exquisite

**Beauty** - Life's elegance is displayed by its Maker in wondrous and awe-inspiring beauty - not chance.

**Balance** - Ecosystems rely on other life for their survival and have myriad sub-systems and cycles to support its existence in biology, geology, astronomy, and physics - to name a few!

**Bodacious Design** - Life is bright, colorful, often playful, and occasionally terrifying in its wide variety and awesome design.

**Bogus Counterfeits** - Unproven and debunked ideas litter the landscape of big E Evolution

### 4-Theory of Biological Design

The theory of biological design (ToBD) is a hypothesis that seeks to test and prove that life is exquisitely *designed* to react *internally* to external events. Big E evolution says that organisms react to external events through the mechanism of defective mutations resulting in death producing new information, unobserved in nature.

### 5-What Next

Take courage that as we learn and understand all that God's creation is, that we adventure into the world and proclaim that Jesus, who made all, saves all who turn to Him for forgiveness of sin.

#### **It All Starts Here:**

Objection to Creationism is rooted in sin & rebellion, not science. Only New Life in Christ can change our human attitude to reject both love of God and His Word. Deluded hearts manifest deluded ideas. Proverbs 1:7, Romans 1:18-19

#### The Nephilim

Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Genesis 6:1-4

There are several popular understandings of who the Nephilim were or are. FBC has no (to my knowledge) position on the subject. We seek to be guided by 2 Corinthians 4:2 which says

"But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God."

One understanding is

"the line of Seth (which could have been referred to as "sons of God" because they were godly and called upon the name of the Lord) started marrying the line of Cain (the "daughters of men"—women who were beautiful but ungodly). Such mixing of spiritual light and darkness destroys families." Ken Ham "Who were the Nephilim at <https://answersingenesis.org/blogs/ken-ham/2023/06/24/ken-ham-answers-who-were-the-nephilim/>

Others believe they were ungodly kings of the day.

#### Book of Enoch Issues

"They were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of **Mount Hermon**, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it... And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: "Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children." - Enoch 3:1b-2,3:5

Contrast with Gen 6:1-4

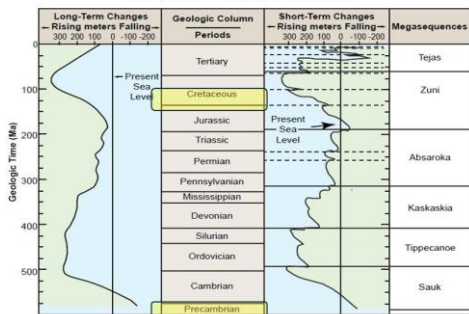
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The base of Mt Hermon, atop Caesarea Philippi is talked about in the Bible:

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. Mat 16:13-18”

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The rock there (and at the top of Mt Hermon is **Flood rock**. This is chart of the Geologic column, the rocks that built up during the Flood. Before the Flood is the *Precambrian* layer at the bottom and before the Flood. The *Cretaceous* is about **150 days into Flood** after all air breathing land animals were wiped off the face of the Earth.

Any remnant of a Mt Hermon was literally wiped off the face of the earth at the time of the Flood. The events of the Book of Enoch was said to happen **before** the Flood (shown in the rest of Enoch chapter 3).

**Bottom Line:** The Book of Enoch was left out of the Bible in part because much of it is not factual. The parallels between the belief that there were demon impregnated women is closely followed by the Book Enoch’s false narrative. It’s extrabiblical narrative seeking to supplant (augment) altering the Bible’s true and beneficial message of Creation and Salvation by the only true God.

**Bible Examples:**

Refusal of Babylon - Gen 11:4-9

Rebellion of Saul - 1 Samuel 15:10-11, 22-23

Renouncement of the Jews - John 19:15

## **Uniformitarianism:**

### **“The Present is the Key to the Past.”**

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. 2 Peter 3:3-6

## **Early Pioneers:**

### **James Hutton: The father of uniformitarianism:**

“Rowing in a boat off the east coast of Scotland, geologist Dr. James Hutton told the boat pilot to pull ashore.<sup>1</sup> Before his gleeful eyes was the “proof” of an old earth he was seeking. Rising from the sea at Siccar Point were two types of rocks stacked one on the other. On the bottom was a severely tilted, gray, shale-rich rock... Above were flatter red sediments known as the secondary sandstone strata

On that momentous day in June 1788, the three prominent Scottish academics in the boat—Hutton, geologist Sir James Hall, and geologist and mathematician John Playfair—believed they were staring into “the abyss of time.”

Prior to this moment, most learned people accepted the biblical 6,000-year-old age of the earth. But Hutton was convinced that Earth was immensely old. He didn’t accept that catastrophes played a role in Earth’s history, and especially denied a universal flood.<sup>1</sup> Instead, he believed that new lands rose from below, driven by the heat of the earth’s interior. Following uplift, erosion would slowly wear the landmass down until new forces again pushed up more land. Hutton saw this endless cycle of uplift and erosion as requiring eons of time. He argued that modern rates of erosion were too slow and necessitated vast amounts of time, much more than the Bible’s chronology allowed. *Tim Clarey* <https://www.icr.org/article/siccar-point-shrine-deep-time>

“Scottish lawyer **Charles Lyell** wrote a personal letter in which he suggested ways that even religionists could “join us in despising both the ancient and modern physico-theologians.” Like today’s creation-believing scientists, physico-theologians believed that Genesis events like the Flood left physical signs on Earth such as vast rock layers studded with fossils.

How would Lyell and his co-conspirators achieve their goal of garnering Flood despisers? Not through outright confrontation but by charming kindness. Lyell wrote in a letter to George Scrope, “I conceived the idea five or six years ago that if ever the mosaic geology could be set down without giving offence, it would be in an historic sketch.” His plan came not from a desire

to do good science but to “despise” and “set down” Genesis history. “The strategy worked; the church and the culture were blindsided.”

Charles Darwin advanced Lyell’s goal when he wrote *On the Origin of Species*, an anti-creation “historic sketch” that masqueraded as science. These men’s stories assumed deep time but never defended it.

In a letter to his son George, [Charles] Darwin divulged his role in the plot to overthrow the Genesis Flood. He wrote:

Lyell is most firmly convinced that he has shaken the faith in the Deluge & etc. far more efficiently by never having said a word against the Bible, than if he had acted otherwise.... [He then adds a postscript] P.S. I have lately read Morley’s *Life of Voltaire* & he insists strongly that direct attacks on Christianity...produce little permanent effect: real good seems only to follow from slow and silent side attacks.

*Brian Thomas* <https://www.icr.org/article/the-plan-to-replace-god/>

**Other Humanists & Freethinkers:**

Lunar Society – “Free Inquiry”

- Erasmus Darwin
- Matthew Boulton

American Humanist Members

- John Dewey
- Carl Sagan
- Sir Julian Huxley
- Isaac Asimov
- Bill Nye the Science Guy
- Stephen J. Gould
- Anthony Fauci - Award Winner

Erasmus Darwin, paternal grandfather of Chas Darwin

Matthew Boulton – Business partner of James Watt, engineer

Movers and shakers of their time

Lunar Society named because they met on the night of the full moon, as street lighting was deficient in Birmingham, England where they met. Members of the Society have been given credit for developing concepts and techniques in science, agriculture, manufacturing, mining, and transport that laid the groundwork for the Industrial Revolution.

## THE LIFE OF DARWIN

	1809	Born in Shrewsbury, western England (February 12)
Mother dies	1817	Enrolls in Christ's College, Cambridge
Collects sponges with evolutionist Robert Grant	1825	Enrolls in medical school at Edinburgh
	1827	Drops out of medical school
Begins close association with botanist Rev. Henslow	1828	Enrolls in Christ's College, Cambridge
	1830	Graduates from Christ's College; assists Rev. Sedgwick in geology field research; embarks on a five-year journey aboard the HMS Beagle as freelance naturalist
Field work in Galápagos Islands	1831	
	1835	
Beagle returns to England; Darwin joins scientific establishment	1836	
	1838	Experiences first attacks of chronic stomach illness
Marries first cousin Emma Wedgwood; <i>Journal of Researches</i> (now called <i>Voyage of the Beagle</i> ) published	1839	
	1842	Moves family to Downe, a village southeast of London
Eldest daughter Anne dies at age 10	1851	
	1853	Becomes friends with Thomas Huxley
	1859	<i>Origin of Species</i> published
	1871	<i>Descent of Man</i> published
Death, April 19; burial in Westminster Abbey, April 26	1882	

Despite Darwin's association with evolutionists and the antireligious, such as Robert Grant, Thomas Huxley, and his brother Erasmus, people God placed close to Darwin reveal a God reaching out to him. His father, had forsaken the atheist leanings of grandfather Erasmus as the Darwin name became more connected with wealth, respectability, and political correctness. Instead, he wrapped his son, Charles, in an Anglican formal education with plenty of exposure to the Scriptures and Christian orthodoxy.

Years later he recollected that, when heading to Cambridge to train for the ministry, he “fully accepted” the Apostles’ Creed or, at least, “had no wish to dispute any dogma.” Charles became especially close to Christian mentors, such as botanist Rev. John Henslow and geologist Rev. Adam Sedgwick, and friends like strongly evangelical Robert FitzRoy, captain of the Beagle. More than these men, however, the “Wedgwood (his wife’s maiden name) women”—his mother, sisters, wife, and daughters—were closest to Darwin emotionally. Though Unitarian, they kept the question of eternity before Darwin. By the time Charles and Emma were married, he already doubted a personal God, the inspired Bible, the soul, and eternity. —*Rodger Sanders*  
<https://answersingenesis.org/charles-darwin/biography/the-pursuit-of-darwin/>

The death of his daughter at age ten may have been the final departure from God. Other influencers, grandfather Erasmus, many of his teachers and associates, were also freethinkers and atheists.

An excerpt from his autobiography sums up his attitude about God and His Word:

“Whilst on board the Beagle I was quite orthodox, and I remember being heartily laughed at by several of the officers (though themselves orthodox) for quoting the Bible as an unanswerable authority on some point of morality. I suppose it was the novelty of the argument that amused them. But I had gradually come, by this time, to see that the Old Testament from its manifestly false history of the world, with the Tower of Babel, the rainbow as a sign, etc., etc., and from its attributing to God the feelings of a revengeful tyrant, was no more to be trusted than the sacred books of the Hindus, or the beliefs of the barbarian.” *Dr. Terry Mortenson*