



Step Three: Being Ready

Studying to Give a Thoughtful Answer

to the Disciple, the Skeptic, and the Scoffer

Disciples: _____ of Christ who are looking to learn

Jesus clearly considered Genesis to be real history. He referred to details in Genesis 15 times, including referring to Adam and Eve and to Noah and the Flood as real history. The Gospel genealogies of Jesus connect Him all the way back to Adam as real people.

Skeptics: unconvinced, confused, _____

*If you found rocks in a perfect spiral pattern on the beach, you'd probably assume a person made it... but it COULD be an accident of time and chance. But if you found the word 'Help' written out – intelligence MUST be involved (both to **write** and then to **read** the word). DNA is an information system: more complex than any computer chip ever...*

The simplest living cell is more complex than even a Boeing 747 – a 'simple cell' can generate its own energy, repair damage, and reproduce itself! If you know that even a trillion tornados couldn't put together a working 747, then evolution also obviously couldn't build a living cell!

There's certainly something more to you than just animal instincts and elaborate chemistry. Your hopes, dreams, fears, appreciation of beauty, your desire for justice and fairness... and the love you feel and love you give to others all point to you bearing the image of your Creator God.

Scoffers: mocking, uninterested, _____

In my experience, whenever people lose any sense of purpose or meaning or accountability (beyond their own personal feelings and preferences) bad things always happen.



Step Four: Shine as a Light

Living out an Answer with our Lives

If we believe the Bible is truly God's Word...

- We should _____ the Bible more than _____ understanding!
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25** – “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God... Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ... Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”



Ready to Give an Answer

Answering the tough questions with our words and with our lives

Part 3: “Hasn’t Science Disproved the Bible?”

The Text: Hebrews 11:1-3

11:1 – The Substance and Evidence of Biblical _____

A Biblical definition for Faith:

“A reasoned _____ in the Trustworthiness and Power of God”

- God asks us to trust Him, based on the _____ of all He has done
Exodus 20:2 – “I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”
- God asks us to trust Him, based on _____ of who He is!
Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- **Biblical Faith** is trust in a _____ who is very worthy of that trust!
John 14:1 – “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”
- **Biblical Faith** is *not* wishful thinking: It is _____ the promises of a God who loves us and cannot lie.
Romans 4:20-21 – “He [Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”

11:2 – Faith in God doesn’t _____!

“Obtained a Good Report” = *martyreō* = bear witness, testify, testimony
John 12:17 – “The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, **bare record.**”

11:3 – The _____ Origin of the _____ Universe

“Worlds” = *aiōn* = an age, all time, universally... the universe



Step One: Understanding Honestly Considering the Hard Questions

- Science has proved _____ is responsible for life on Earth?
 - Natural selection and genetic adaptation (micro-evolution) are clearly observable scientific facts.
- Aren't humans just highly evolved _____?
 - It's true that human anatomy has much in common with other animals – even at the genetic level.
- The Bible contains obvious _____ like the Flood and... ?
 - It's true the Bible has many amazing stories and miracles



Step Two: Strengthened Belief Being Thoughtful About What We Believe

Faith ~ Reason ~ Experience

Faith: A _____ trust in the _____ of Jesus and the Bible

It's reasonable to *trust* in Jesus: *He authenticated the _____ account!*

Mark 10:6 – “But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.”

Matthew 24:37 – “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

It's reasonable to *trust* the Bible: *it has a better _____ of being right!*

1 Corinthians 2:5 – “That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

Reason: consider the _____ and _____

Evidence:

- ✓ The 1st and 2nd Laws of Thermodynamics: _____
 - The total usable energy in the universe is decreasing.
 - The Universe is wearing out! **It cannot be eternal!**
- ✓ DNA is an absurdly complex _____ system
 - You cannot explain information without intelligence
- ✓ The simplest living cell is _____ complex
 - If any part fails to work, the cell cannot live

- ✓ Micro-Evolution is NOT the same as '_____-Evolution'
 - Natural selection and adaptation only work on existing complexity – they cannot create new information!
 - Mutations cannot account for new systems
- ✓ Human _____ and _____
 - Animals communicate, but don't use 'language'
 - The existence of language defies evolution
 - Consider the effort humans put into 'beauty'
- ✓ The _____ + Geological evidence for the Bible's reliability
 - **The Flood** = billions of dead things catastrophically buried in rock layers laid down by water
 - **Noah's Ark** = High variability in the X chromosome, and almost none in the Y! mtDNA of just 3 women! Less than 0.1% genetic variation between people!
 - **Tower of Babel** = 94 distinct 'language families'
 - **History:** Continual archaeological finds validating people, places, and events recorded by the Bible

Logic:

- ✓ **Causality:** it's logically _____ to say a thing caused itself to exist. Something cannot come from nothing.
- ✓ **Justice:** Humans are totally separate from animals in _____
 - What's 'natural' is a terrible guide for morality
- ✓ **Consciousness:** being _____ of our own existence is already pretty miraculous! Are we sure miracles are impossible?

Want to learn more about the evidence and logic?



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Experience: finding it to be _____ in our own lives

- ➔ Life is deeply _____ – not an accident
- ➔ Morality is objectively _____, not based on culture, popularity, or opinion (some things are *always* wrong, everywhere)
- ➔ All human beings are made in the image of God and have _____
- ➔ The Bible's history makes actual _____ of the world