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Genesis 1 and Science - Part 1

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GENESIS 1

&

SCIENCE

**The most important
Book ever Written**

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ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

- Where did we come from?
- Who are we?
- Why are we here?
- Also the foundation for all

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I. Introduction

A. Assumptions

ASSUMPTIONS

- 1. God exists as revealed in Bible**
- 2. God has Spoken & Revealed**
- 3. Revelation over science theory**
- 4. Nature today different than past**

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A. Assumptions

B. Attacks

ATTACKS

1. Authorship

2. Historicity

3. Scientific



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C. Approaches

APPROACHES

1. **Capitulate - higher critics**
2. **Accommodate - to science**
3. **Counter-attack - apologetics**

A polemic against worldviews

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D. Hermeneutics

1. Scripture Hermeneutics

HERMENEUTICS

1. Interpreting Scripture

“... to find out the meaning of a statement for the **author and for the **1st hearers or readers**, and thereupon to transmit that meaning to modern readers.”**

Mickelsen

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1. Scripture Hermeneutics

2. Science Hermeneutics

HERMENEUTICS

**1. Interpreting
Scripture**

**2. Interpreting
Creation**

✧ **OBSERVATIONAL
SCIENCE →**

Observations in **Present**

✧ **HISTORICAL
SCIENCE →**

Traces of Past

✧ **DATA =**

Traces left by Event



✧ **HISTORICAL FACT =**

Data + Interpretation

INTERPRETING CREATION

1. Methodological Naturalism

a. Imposes naturalistic theory

NATURALISM FLAWS

➤ Uniformitarianism

UNIFORMITARIANISM

- 1. Fundamental Assumption
Present is key to past**
- 2. Scientifically Unverified**
- 3. Goes against Scripture**

NATURALISM FLAWS

- **Uniformitarianism**
- **Evolutionism**
- **Humanism**
- **Excludes Revelation**
- **Anti-supernatural Bias**

INTERPRETING CREATION

- 1. Methodological Naturalism**
 - a. Imposes naturalistic theory**
 - b. Attempts to harmonize text**

ACCOMMODATION

- 1. Emphasize supporting details**
- 2. Superimpose current theories**
- 3. Reinterpret text**
- 4. Ignore non-supporting details**

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1. Scripture Hermeneutics
2. Science Hermeneutics
3. Secular Science

SECULAR SCIENCE

Unchanging Laws
of Nature

TRUTH

god &
religion

opinion

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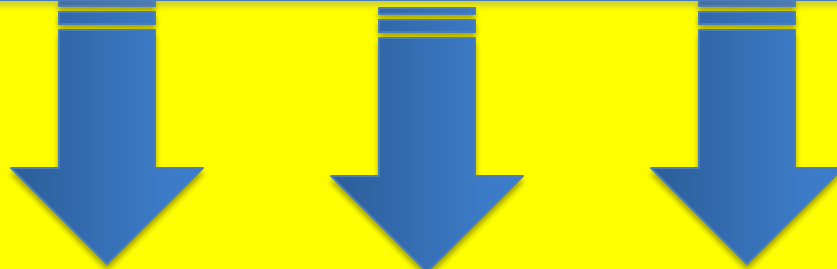
1. Scripture Hermeneutics
2. Science Hermeneutics
3. Secular Science
4. Scripture Approach

ONLY GOD:

- **Is Eternal - created beginning & transformation**
- **Is Infinite - limited in all ways**
- **Is Truth - reflection of truth**
- **Is Self-existent - dependent & upheld**
- **Is Immutable - constants temporary as He desires**
- **Is Sovereign - servant to Creator**

BIBLICAL VIEW

Creator & Sovereign Lord



**Temporarily Constant
& Dependent
Creation**

INTERPRETING CREATION

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b. Attempts to harmonize text

2. Biblical Worldview

a. Begin with Scripture

b. Avoid unbelieving worldview

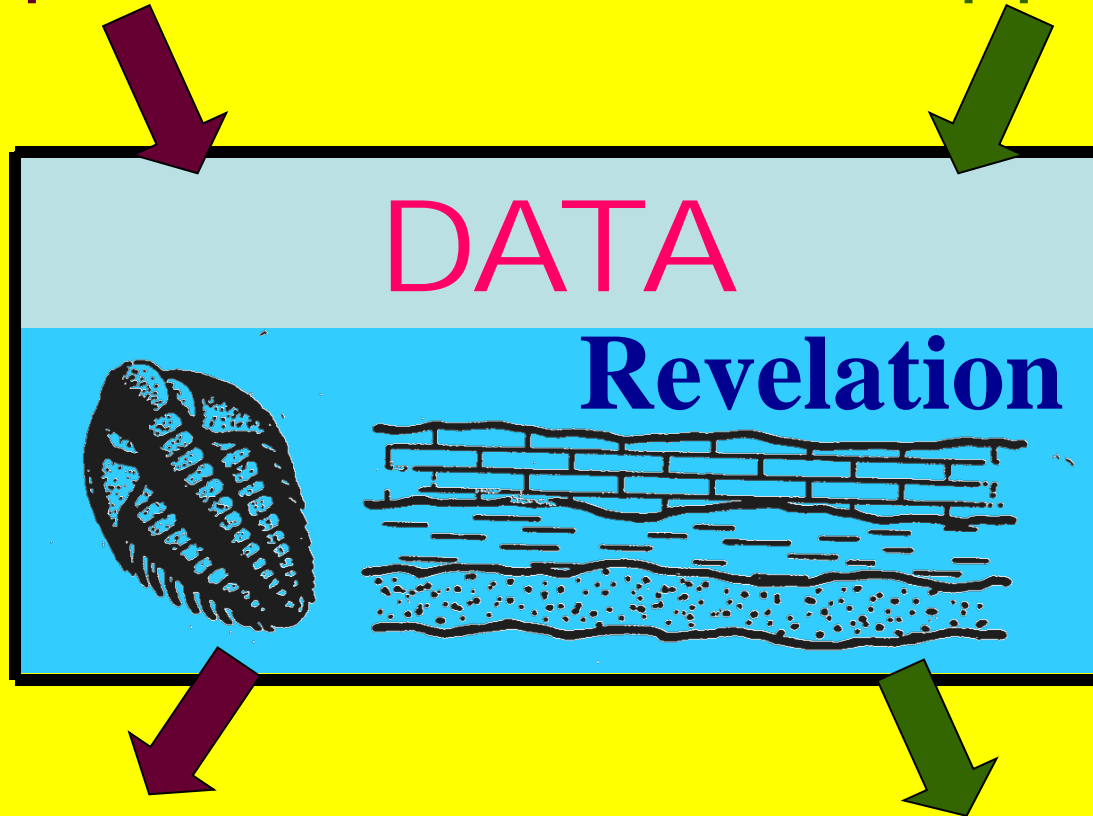
c. Interpret physical data

**“Where were you when I
laid the foundations of the
earth? ...”**

Job 38:4

Presupposition A

Presupposition B



Interpretation A

Interpretation B

ISSUE of AUTHORITY

➤ **Old Earth View -**

Science = Final Authority

Scripture twisted to fit

➤ **Young Earth View -**

Scripture = Final Authority

Science fit into framework

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II. Exposition of Genesis 1

A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow-orange orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the foreground, a dark metal pier structure with several vertical posts and horizontal beams extends into the water. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is a deep blue with gentle ripples. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Sea of Galilee

**God as Creator means we
are accountable to Him.
Praise Him as Creator**