

Hidden Cross

The Trinity in the First Commandment

Several people will make the claim that there is no proof for a Trinitarian God in the Old Testament. But there is even proof in the first of the Ten Commandments.

The first commandment states: I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods before me. Notice the three names for God: I am, the Lord, and God. Why does the first commandment start with three of God's names, unless it is a hint for a Trinitarian God?

Also, the Jews have a common traditional way of stating it differently: Hear oh Israel, the Lord our God, The Lord is one. That very statement declaring the oneness of God has three parts to it. Why else, except that God be three yet one?

Creation Product Reviews

Since next month starts with National Atheist's Day (April 1st), I will be putting together a special issue of review articles of some of the best creation materials I have ever seen. Expect that to be out in about a week or two.

No More Quiz

Due to a lack of interest from readers and a lack of time on my part, the quiz section has been temporarily removed. If you would like the quiz section brought back, please notify me of such, but at least this month's and next months will not have one. With my college schedule, my radio program, my weekly meeting, and all, I simply don't have the time to write the quiz. Thank you.

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Rules for a debate

The Sagadii, an apologetics and polemics group I run, has a small handbook that goes with membership. Part of the handbook deals with rules for debate. When in a debate, or doing apologetics, there are certain rules that one must follow. The following are 7 rules that should always be followed.

Rule 1 – Be courteous. Civility is sometimes the deciding factor. Losing your temper means losing the debate.

Rule 2 – Stand on firm ground. The Bible does not support science, because science is not the thing to be supported. The Bible is true regardless, but science corroborates it.

Rule 3 – Draw the line. Clearly identify your stand, and cut it from the opposition with biblical prejudice, separating even the smallest garbage away from it.

Rule 4 – Clear-cut opposing arguments. Find all opposing arguments you can, and hack at the root until it dies.

Rule 5 – Define terms clearly. Obfuscation was used by the devil in the Garden of Eden. It is step one to deception.

Rule 6 – Arm yourself. Memorize data, definitions, and verses, but do not neglect logic education, which can often be more crucial than any one bit of information.

Rule 7 – Plan everything. Know where you are starting, where you want to end up, how to get there, and possible problems you will have to overcome.

Evolutionary Evangelism

When evolutionists try to relate and spread their religious belief of evolution, they may try these statements to connect to the people of the respected religion:

Judaism

In the beginning time and chance created the heaven and the earth.

Christianity

For random chance so loved advancement, that it gave it's many begotten species, that whosoever would come after would perish, but have a greater value of life.

Islam

There is only one omnipotent chance, and Darwin is it's prophet.

Mormon

As bacteria are, man once was. As man is, bacteria shall become.

Evangelicalism

You've got an evolution-shaped hole in your head that only natural selection can fill.

Atheism

Brother! (Because evolutionists have no need to convert those already among their ranks.)

Timelines—Rome

When Rome began to control the many areas it would eventually reign, there were three things that happened that allowed Christianity to spread. First, it set up a network of highways that extended from one end of the known world to the other. Secondly, with Rome in power, the highways were safe, and there were no highway robberies during this time. Thirdly, it set up, wherever it went, a uniform language and culture, being that of

the Greeks. Using these things to their advantage, Christianity spread further and faster than any other religion in the history of the world.

Timelines—Abraham

Abraham was the founder of the religion. He did not worship other gods, and the gods he didn't take with him when he left were not his, but those of his family who did not worship the One True God.

Intelligence vs. Faith?

Many people have made the claim that more intelligent nations also tend to be more atheistic. The ultimate bottom line of the entire argument is that intelligent people tend to be more atheistic, therefore atheism is the religion of intellectualism, therefore belief in Christianity is merely a problem of education, not of the soul.

First, let me make a simple pair of statements. I am a Born-again Christian. I have an IQ of roughly 190.

IQ is both the rough guess at what your maximum capability is of comprehension as well as a measure of your speed in processing information. The average is 100, and 98% of people will have an IQ less than 132 (only 1 in 50 would have more than that). To go further, 99.99% of people will have an IQ less than 147 (so only 1 in 10,000 would have more than that). If you were able to calculate all of the way out to where I am, you would be getting to levels of 1 in one million, maybe even 1 in one billion. Let any atheist try to say that only stupid people are Christians to my face.

Second, I will now make the argument that it is not intelligence or intellectualism that causes people to become atheists, but that there is what is known as a confounding variable in the mix.

A confounding variable is a variable which cannot be isolated in and of itself. For example, Take the documentary “30 Days” about a man who ate McDonalds food for 30 days straight and documented how he changed. But one of the things he did not test was how much getting off his exercise plan would increase his weight. He talked about exercise (and if I remember correctly it even showed him in a gym beforehand). Since simply stopping exercise or reducing the amount of exercise can have an effect on weight gain, in that study, stopping his exercise became a confounding variable since it would have an effect on the weight but would not be calculated out in the end.

So, what is the confounding variable in this case? It's simple—pride.

In this day and age, intelligence is the most prized attribute. If you have it, you are told in school and home life that you are better than others without it. This builds up a level of pride, a level of ‘I am my own man’ inside intelligent people. Therefore, when they find out that God requires them to bow to him, to bend their knee, they refuse. This is not intelligence or intellectualism, it is not education or conditioning. It is a simple pride-filled response.

In the Roman empire, it would most likely have been combat skills or strategic skills (for commanders) that would have been the equal of modern day intellectualism.

But notice how the Centurion, one of the higher-ups in the Roman military, came to Jesus and asked for his child to be healed.

And remember how Naaman, with his skin disease, came to the prophet in Israel to have himself cured. When he was told to bob up and down in the Jordan 7 times, he

refused because of his pride, but then was convinced to do it. Read for yourself the story of Naaman in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Naaman at first refused, saying that there were better rivers in his home nation.

“Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.” But his servants spoke to him. “And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”

If an atheist will let loose their pride and their egoism, their self-centeredness and their self-righteousness, if they will humble themselves as Naaman, they too will see and believe.

Origin of Life Theories

When it comes to the origin of life on earth, there are several theories. In fact, there are so many theories that entire books could be written on all the different ones. However, there are 5 that I will discuss here: OEE, OEC, YEC, Panspermia, and Planted Outpost.

OEE (Old Earth Evolution) is the atheistic belief that life spontaneously generated itself due only to time and chance. However, this is impossible. For more, see my previous articles on Evolution (if you have deleted them, you can e-mail me a request and I can re-send them to you).

OEC (Old Earth Creation) is the squishy Christianity that attempts to squish evolution and creation together. Some of the heretical interpretations here include Long-Day creation (this is the belief that one of the days of Genesis represent thousands or even millions of years) as well as denial of the literal creation and literal flood.

YEC (Young Earth Creation) is the biblical view that the earth is less than 10,000 years old, closer to 6000 or 6500 years old. This is the view that I hold. If you want to know more about it, open up a Bible and read Genesis. Keep track of the geneology lines and calculate on your own the lengths of time in that one book. Then, if you want, you can search for longer and more in-depth timelines.

Panspermia is the foolish attempt by atheists and evolutionists to avoid the argument about and the impossibility of spontaneous generation (life appearing through time and chance from non-living molecules). The argument is that a meteor was produced somehow from a planet where life already existed, and that meteor crashed into earth carrying the seeds for life on it, planting them on earth. Then, evolution caused these planted organisms to advance. However, the question then simply becomes how did life begin on that planet? They will often repeat and claim panspermia. You now have an infinite regress, where you must say, “On planet X, the original planet, how did life begin there? Remember, this is the first planet, where panspermia is not an option. How did it start on the original planet?” Proponents of panspermia have to own up to the very problem they attempted to avoid, because their theory is even more ridiculous than Darwinian evolution.

Planted Outpost is one way of naming a group of theories involving aliens. One theory states that earth is perhaps the experimental field of an alien group, who seeded

life and are now observing us. Another one states that life was already on this planet from evolution, then aliens came and either genetically mutated that life to produce us or interbred with the monkey population to form human beings.

One theory goes so far as to say that the mythological Atlantis is actually the name we have given to these aliens and their nation state. That was their outpost on this planet. Anyone who believes this distinguished these aliens from other purported species or races of aliens by calling them atlanteans. Of course, this is foolishness, since UFO's and extra-terrestrials are not possible.

Think of some of the reports of abductions. Some state that their pregnancies are terminated without cause. Could demons do that? YES! Some abductees are coerced into having sexual relations with each other, despite the fact that they may be married to other people. Could demons do that? OF COURSE! That is what demons do! They try to tempt us!

Come on, people. You don't have to be a super-intellect like myself to figure this out. Aliens are a deception, as are all origin theories other than Biblical Creation.

Scriptural Interpretation

Genesis (complete book)

Level 4 – Historical

If you actually map out the years, you find out that the book of Genesis covers around 2239 years. With the possible exception of Revelations (since we don't know exactly when that book's prophecy will come true) Genesis covers more time chronologically than any other book. It may not be as long as the Psalms length-wise, but history-wise it beats out every single book.

If you go further and lay out all of the times that the Bible speaks of, you get between 6380 and 6530 for the age of the earth. I make the arbitrary decision to make 2000 AD = 6500 AM, just so it is easier to calculate (Anno Domini = The Year of our Lord; AM = The Year of the Earth. AM is almost always used to set up timelines for Biblical histories of the earth so that confusion can be avoided). Besides, it is well within that span, and we won't really know until we get to Heaven, and then we will get to see Jesus, so I don't think it will much matter how old the Earth is then.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
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Ianjuby.org
nbcowatonna.com
Livingdinosaurs.com
Omniology.com
Creationministries.org