

Be the Second Man



By Your Name

Proverbs 18:17

In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right, until someone comes forward and cross-examines.

The Conspiracy

The Conspirator

Found around the house!

- 1 Peter 5:8
 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
 - John 10:10
 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
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James 1:14

but each person is tempted
when they are dragged
away by their own evil
desire and enticed.

The Battlefield

- We seek to sooth the burn of the conscience
 - 2 Peter 2
 - False teachers appeal to the lustful desires of the sinful human nature... like a pig seeking the cool mud.
- The Conspirator is ready with an answer
 - He is the first man
 - He offers the house made of straw
 - But this allows us to compromise with, and excuse sin



worldview

A person in a white jacket and dark pants is pulling a thick rope on a boat deck. Another person is visible in the background. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an overcast day or a shaded area.

: a comprehensive conception or apprehension of the world especially from a specific standpoint

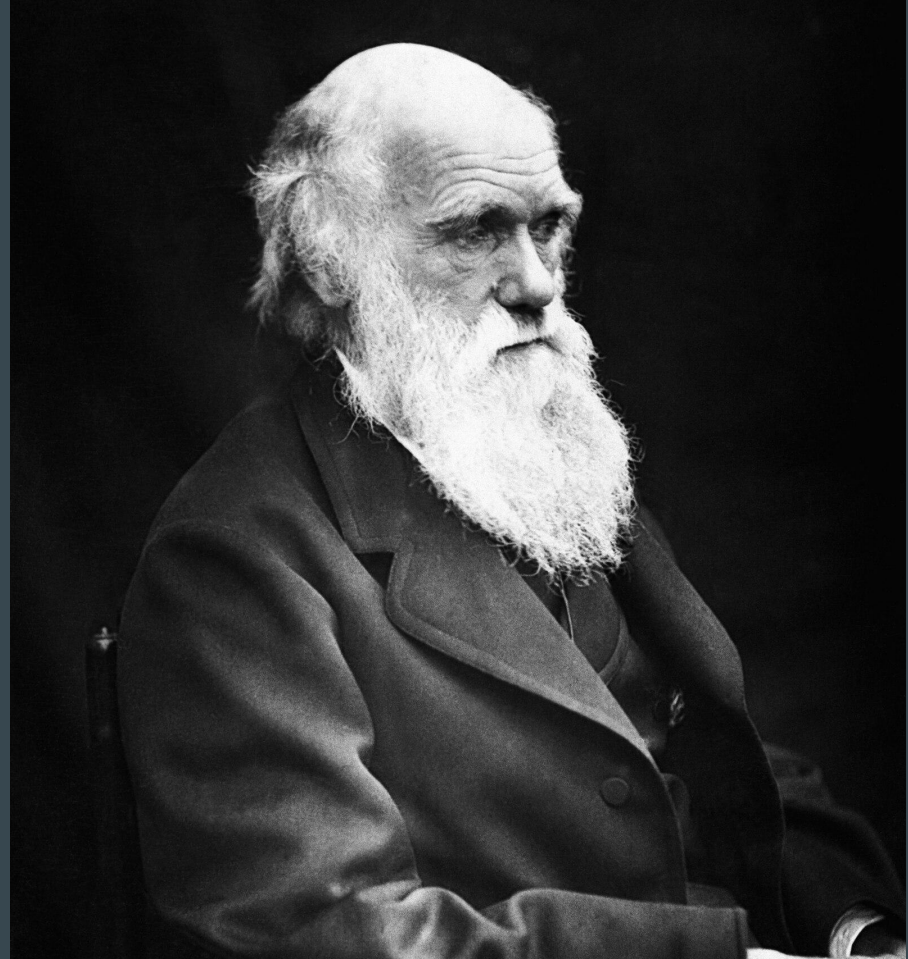
Where we start
and the line to which we hold
Changes where we land in our
conclusions

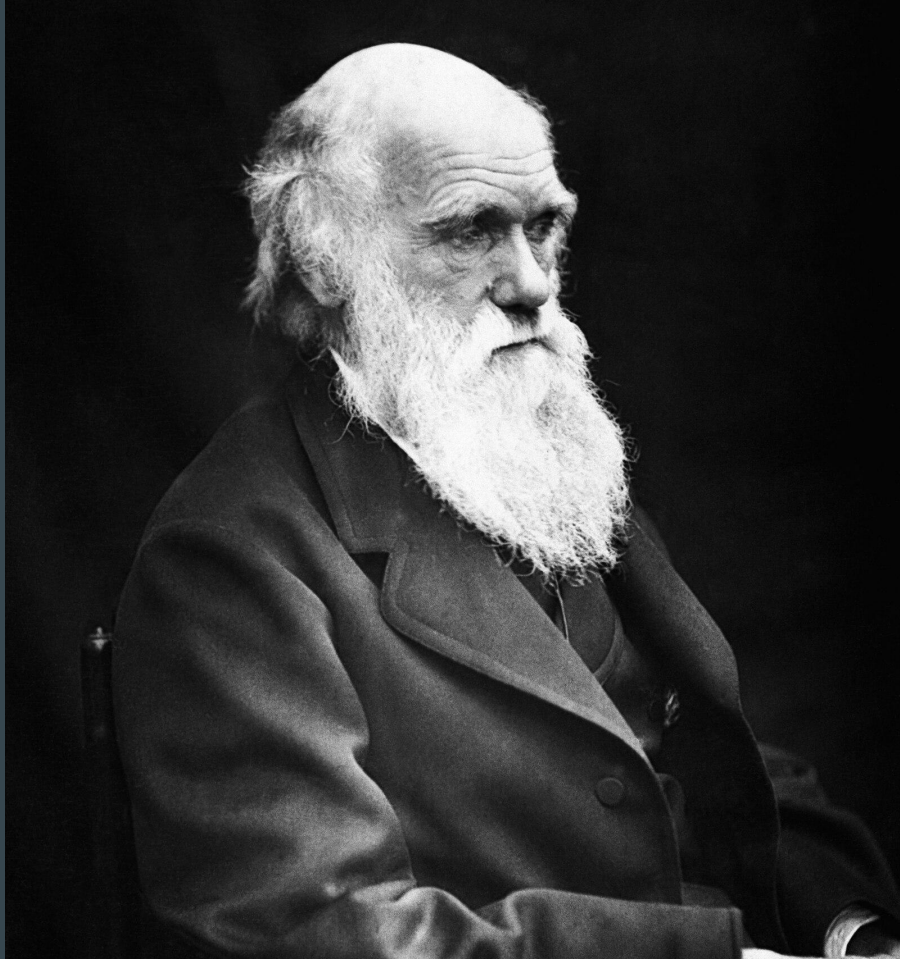
**“The way we see the world
can change the world”**

-How Now Shall We Live: Chuck Colson

Evolution

- Darwin's Work
 - Evolution
 - The Theory of Evolution
 - The Origin of the Species
 - On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life
- “the white races—especially the Europeans—were evolutionarily more advanced than the black races” ([nih.gov](https://www.nih.gov))
- Expose the devil's lies for the shallow pools they are.
 - Louis Pasteur — 'A bit of science distances one from God, but much science nears one to Him.'



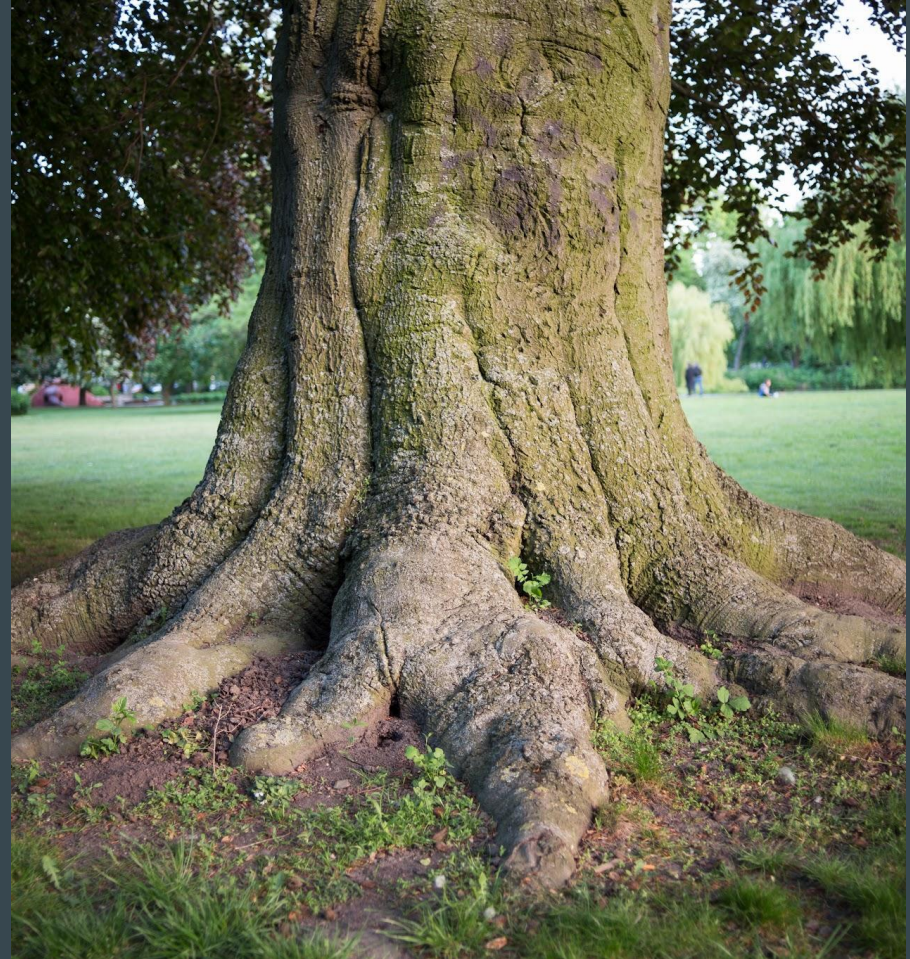


Evolution

- “Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed”:
Ben Stein
 - Fossil Record should be full of evidence, but it’s not.
- “How Now Shall We Live”: Chuck Colson
 - The Miller-Urey experiment showed the need for a creator.
 - Microevolution (adaptation) is not macroevolution
- Lee Strobel
 - “The Case for a Creator”
- Answers in Genesis
 - Everything

The Improbability of Scripture

- The Bible is 66 books written by more than 40 authors over 1500ys...
 - It was transcribed countless times, by countless people
 - It was edited to form the now recognized canon
- Dr. Bart Ehrman (Professor & Scholar)
 - Pseudonyms
 - Pauls name and changing mind
 - Contradictions
 - Some gospel details are the same and some differ
 - Luke the Liar
 - The lack of census consensus
 - 5000 manuscripts ALL erroneous
 - Pesky scribes (Jn 7:53 & Mark 16:9)
 - Revelation was just another “apocalypse”
 - like a political cartoon
 - “...If he went to the trouble of inspiring the text, why didn't he go to the trouble of preserving the text? Why did he allow scribes to change it”





The Improbability of Scripture

- Pseudonyms a culturally irrelevant detail
- Contradictions tell a fuller story
- Copied poorly
 - 1 Corinth 1:27
- Luke the Liar
 - The lack of census consensus*
- 5000 manuscripts ALL erroneous by themselves...
 - Imagine a crime...
- Revelation: scriptural prophecies dual fulfillment: Short-term / Long-term*
- Also... God is not a big fan of boxes, seems more a paradox kinda god.
 - Mercy - Justice
 - Love - Hate
- James 1:22
 - Jesus didn't physically write the bible, and we don't have the original manuscripts, and that's not really how any of this works anyway.
 - To this day, the gospel is shared by word!
 - Whether using a clumsy scribe or totality of manuscripts The Word is as God intends it.
 - This is not His greatest trick!

God writes on the hearts of men

and paints with all creation

- 2 Corinthians 3:1-3
 - ...You are a letter from Christ ... not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
 - Ecclesiastes 3:11
 - He has also set eternity in the human heart
 - Romans 2:15
 - They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts
 - Romans 1:20
 - For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen
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What's left?

- God's not real
- Carbon Dating
- Billions of years
- God is Bad
- How do you know Jesus is the real god
- Christians are bad
- No proof God exists
- Scapegoat for being mean, racist, misogynistic, etc
- Just a comfort blanket
- Just a control mechanism
- Just for dumb people
- Etc
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Conclusion

- Romans 3:4
 - “...Let God be true, and every man a liar...”
 - These are flashes in a pan, they have no substance.
- Psalms 34:8
 - “Taste and see that the Lord is good..”
- Ephesians 4:15
 - “Instead, speaking the truth in love...”
 - The equation of Mind + Heart (understanding + believing) is critical in Christianity
 - Rom 10:9-10
- 1 Peter 3:15
 - “...be prepared to give an answer...”