



SCIENCE &

SCRIPTURE

# INTRODUCTION

**I. Introduction**

**II. Assumptions**

**III. Hermeneutics**

**IV. Limitations**

**V. Major Issues**

# **ESSENCE**

- **God Is Creator**
- **God Is Revealer**



**Unity between  
True Science & Scripture**



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**A. Scripture Hermeneutics**

**B. Science Hermeneutics**

# ✧ **OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCE →**

Observations in **Present**

# ✧ **HISTORICAL SCIENCE →**

**Traces** of Past

✧ **DATA =**

Traces left by Event



✧ **HISTORICAL FACT =**

Data + **Interpretation**



# **SECULAR SCIENCE**

**Unchanging Laws  
of Nature**

**TRUTH**

**god &  
religion**

**opinion**

# **INTERPRETING CREATION**

## **1. Methodological Naturalism**

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

## **2. Biblical Worldview**

- a. Begin with Scripture**
- b. Avoid unbelieving worldview**
- c. Interpret physical data**



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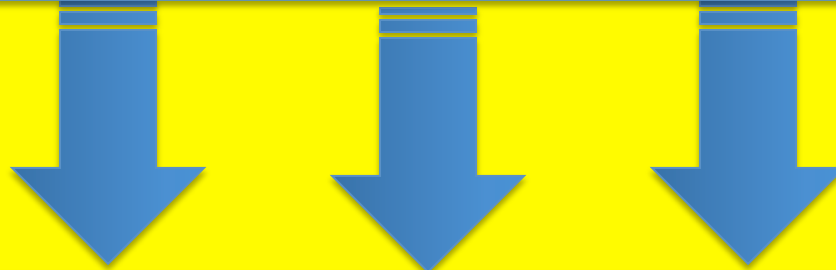
**D. Scripture Approach**

# **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**

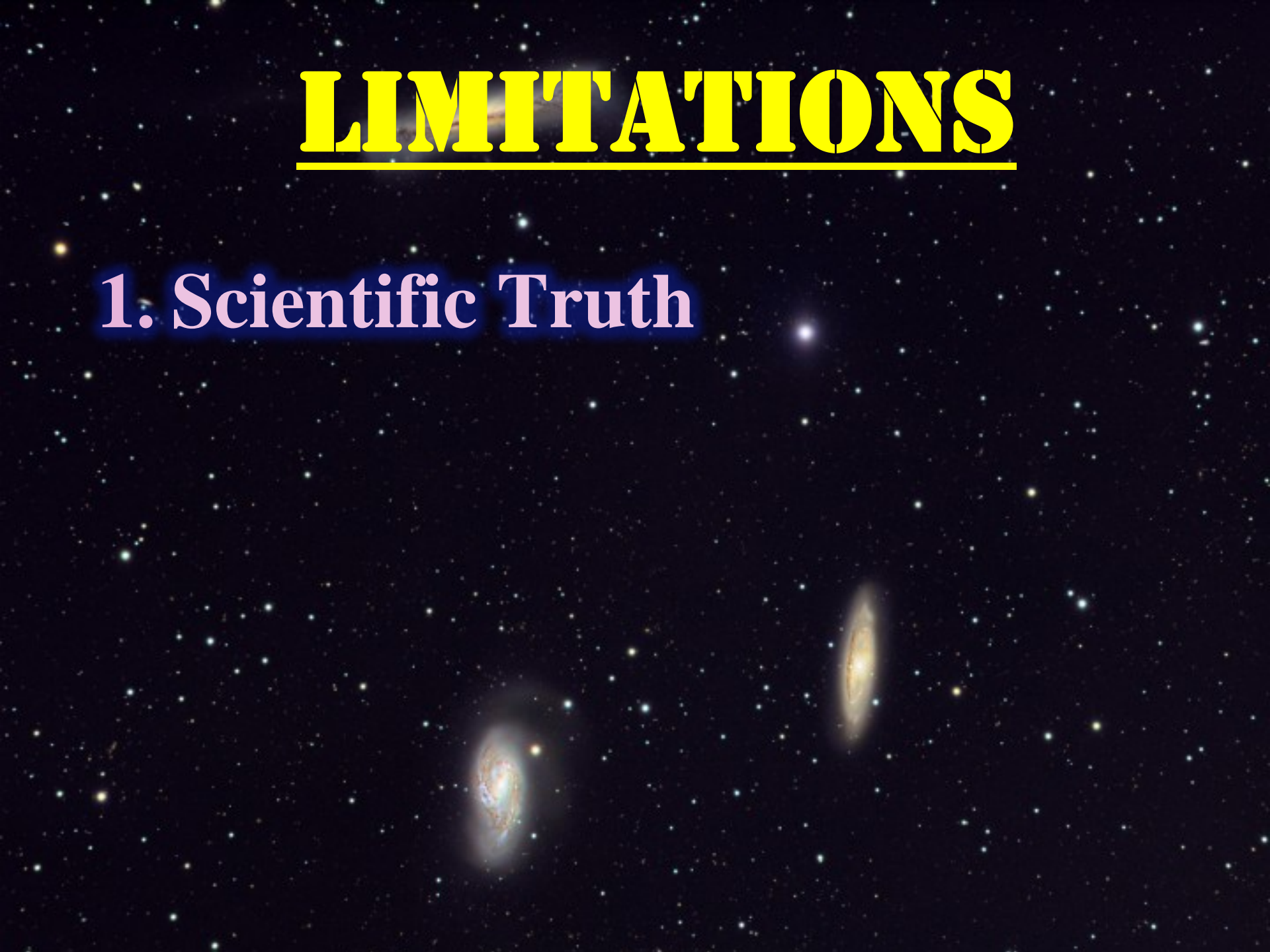


**Temporarily  
Constant &  
Dependent Creation**



# LIMITATIONS

## 1. Scientific Truth





# FINDING TRUTH

Scientific Truth

Objective

Present

Not Absolute

**“The concept of truth in science is thus quite special. It implies nothing eternal and absolute but only a high degree of confidence after adequate self-testing and self-correcting ...”**

**George G. Simpson**



# FINDING TRUTH

## Scientific Truth

Objective

Present

Not Absolute

Tentative

Consensus

**“In science consistency  
of data interpretation  
constitutes proof.”**

**D. Dye**

# **FINDING TRUTH**

## **Scientific Truth**

**Objective**

**Present**

**Not Absolute**

**Tentative**

**Consensus**

**From man**



# FINDING TRUTH

## Scientific Truth      Absolute Truth

Objective

Eternal

Present

Unchanging

Not Absolute

Unlimited

Tentative

Ultimate Reality

Consensus

Perfect

From man

Omniscient Source



# ABSOLUTE TRUTH

1. Father - "God is true"
2. Son - "I am ... truth"
3. HS - "Spirit of truth"
4. His Word - "... word is truth"
5. Gospel - "... truth of the  
gospel"





# **STARTING POINT**

- 1. Scientific Truth -  
Force Gen 1 into current science**
- 2. Absolute Truth -  
Scripture as framework**

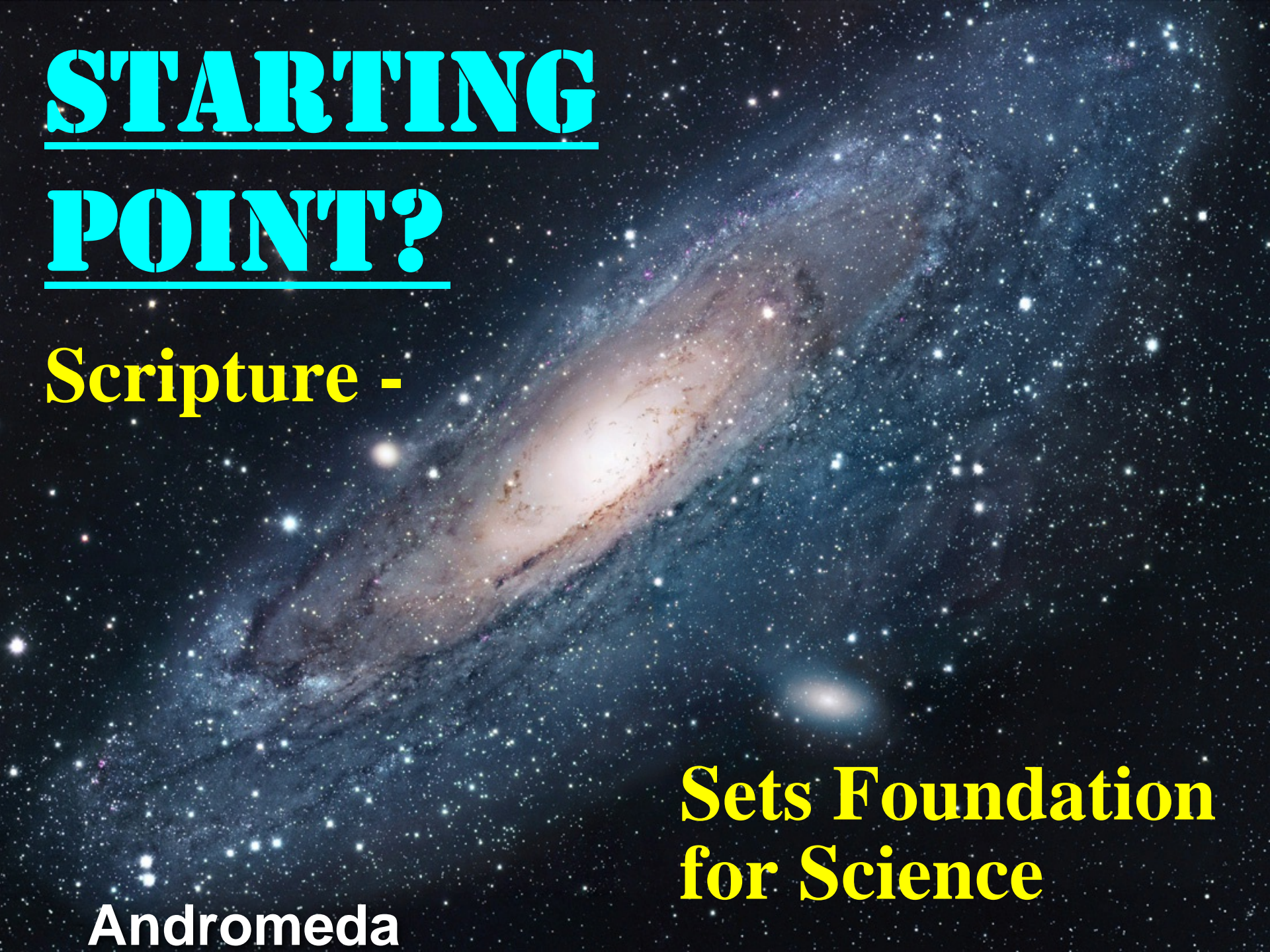


# **STARTING POINT?**

**Scripture -**

**Sets Foundation  
for Science**

**Andromeda**



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

**Job 38:4**

# 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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- 1. Scientific Truth**
- 2. Physically Observable**
- 3. Human Produced**

**... “The fact is that  
scientists are not really as  
objective & dispassionate in  
their work as they would like  
you to think.” ...**

**Boyce Rensberger**

# BEST SCIENTIST



➤ **Fallible**

# **DEPRAVITY**

✓ Dead

✓ In bondage

✓ Blind

✓ Enemies

✓ Lost

✓ Ignorant

✓ Evil

✓ Naked

✓ Unrighteous

✓ Helpless

✓ Defiled

✓ Unresponsive

✓ Darkened

✓ Condemned



# **BEST SCIENTIST**



- **Fallible**
- **Depraved**
- **Rebellious**
- **Darkened**
- **Biased**

# POLITICIZED SCIENCE

- ✓ Global Warming
- ✓ Nuclear Energy
- ✓ DDT
- ✓ Stem Cells
- ✓ Environmentalism
- ✓ Science Education



# **LIMITATIONS**

- 1. Scientific Truth**
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- 4. Present Processes**
- 5. Faith Assumptions**

# **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 1. Physical reality exists and is objectively observed**
- 2. Logic applies in scientific description of reality**
- 3. Some causality operates in reality**
- 4. A stable & predictable Universe**
- 5. Universe made by rational Creator**

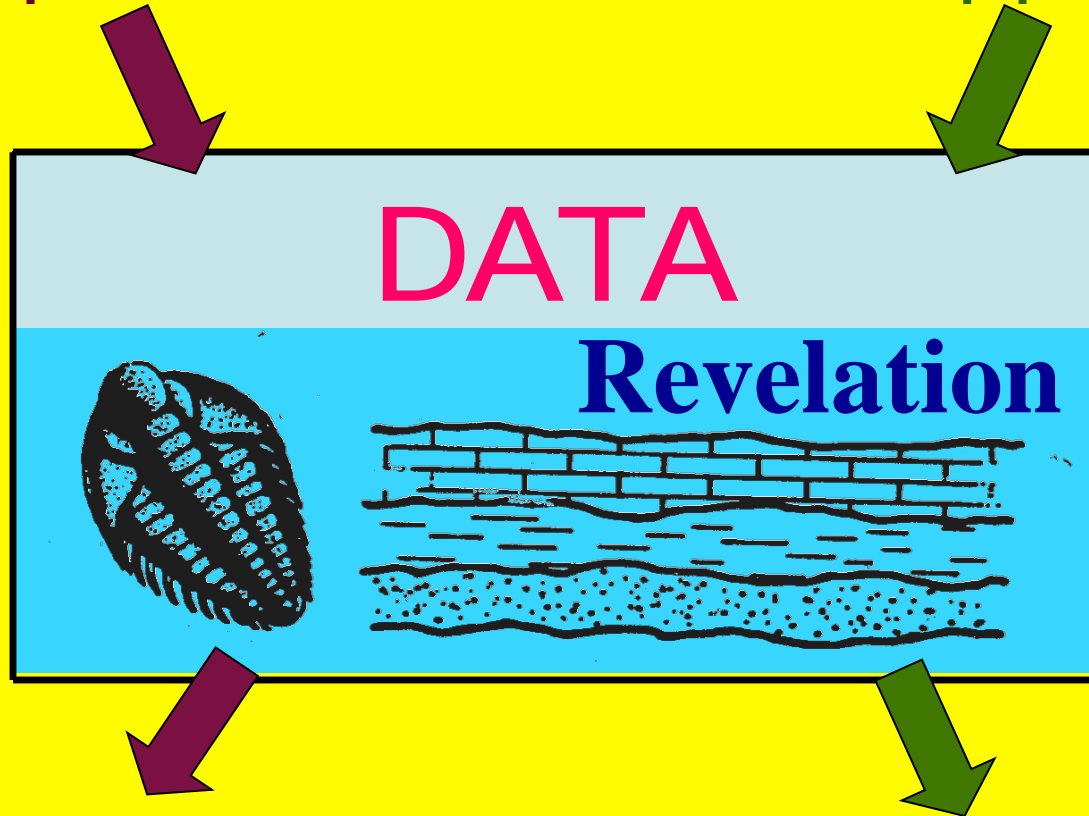


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- 6. Uncompleted**

Presupposition A

Presupposition B



Interpretation A

Interpretation B

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# CREATION VS. EVOLUTION



# FLOOD VS. HISTORICAL GEOLOGY





A composite image of Earth from space, showing a mix of modern and ancient features. The top half shows a modern view of Earth with blue oceans and white clouds. The bottom half shows an ancient, reddish-brown Earth with dark, swirling patterns representing early geological formations. The text "YOUNG VS. OLD EARTH" is overlaid in the top right corner.

# **YOUNG VS. OLD EARTH**



A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the middle ground, a long pier with several arched metal truss sections extends from the left towards the center. The water is dark blue with gentle ripples. The sky is a mix of soft orange and pale blue. In the far distance, low hills are visible under the twilight sky.

Sea of Galilee

**Like all thinking,  
understanding the natural  
realm involves a battle of  
WORLDVIEWS!!!**