

**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

# APPROACHES

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

**A polemic against worldviews**

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A. Assumptions

B. Attacks

C. Approaches

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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### D. Hermeneutics

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**

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  - b. Attempts to harmonize text**

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### **D. Hermeneutics**

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- 2. Science Hermeneutics**
- 3. Secular Science**

# **SECULAR SCIENCE**

**Unchanging Laws  
of Nature**

**TRUTH**

**god &  
religion**

**opinion**

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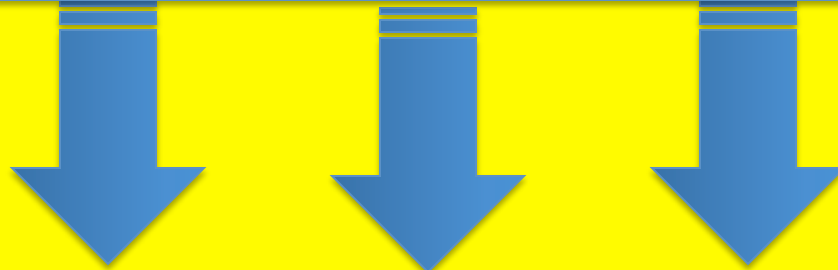
4. Scripture Approach

# 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**

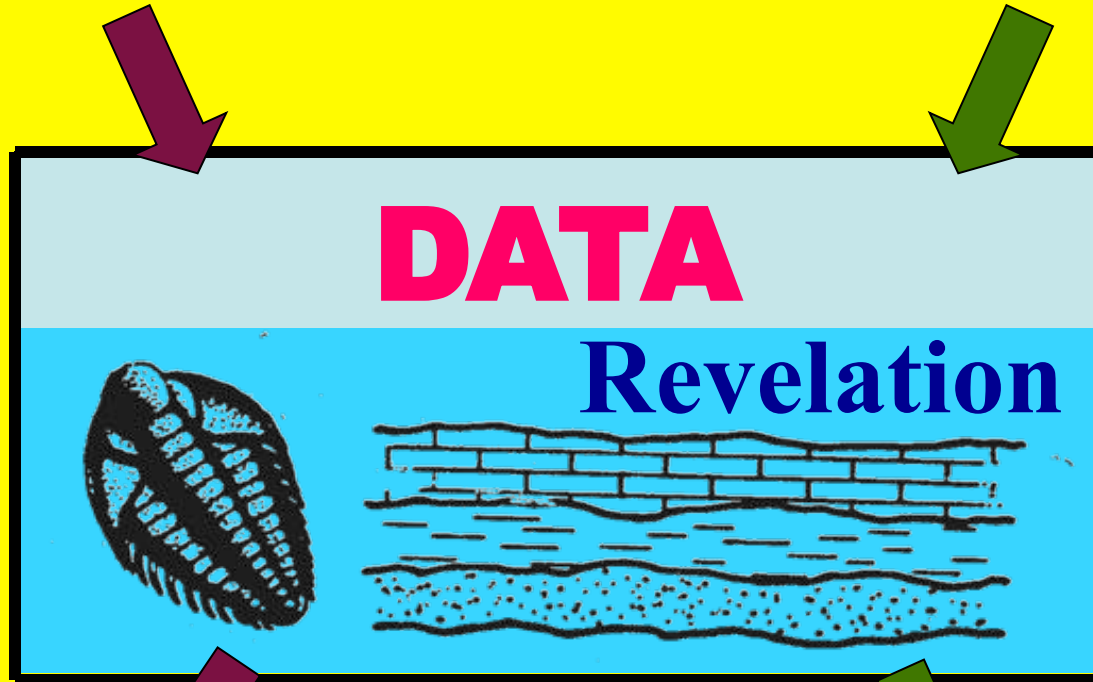
- 1. Methodological Naturalism**
  - a. Imposes naturalistic theory**
  - b. Attempts to harmonize text**
- 2. Biblical Worldview**
  - a. Begin with Scripture**
  - b. Avoid unbelieving worldview**
  - c. Interpret physical data**

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

**Job 38:4**

**Presupposition A**

**Presupposition B**



**Interpretation A**

**Interpretation B**