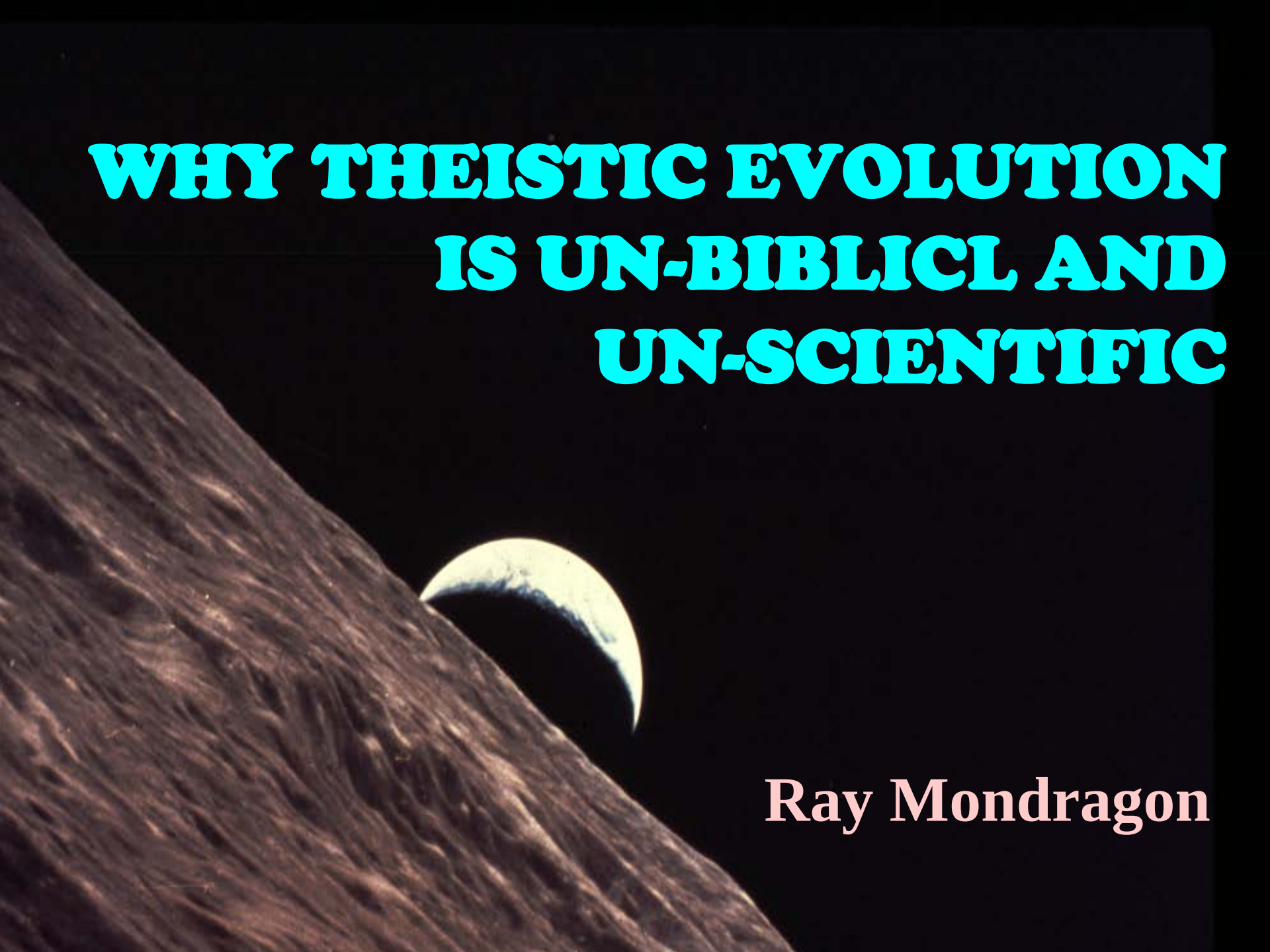

WHY THEISTIC EVOLUTION IS UN-BIBLICL AND UN-SCIENTIFIC

Ray Mondragon

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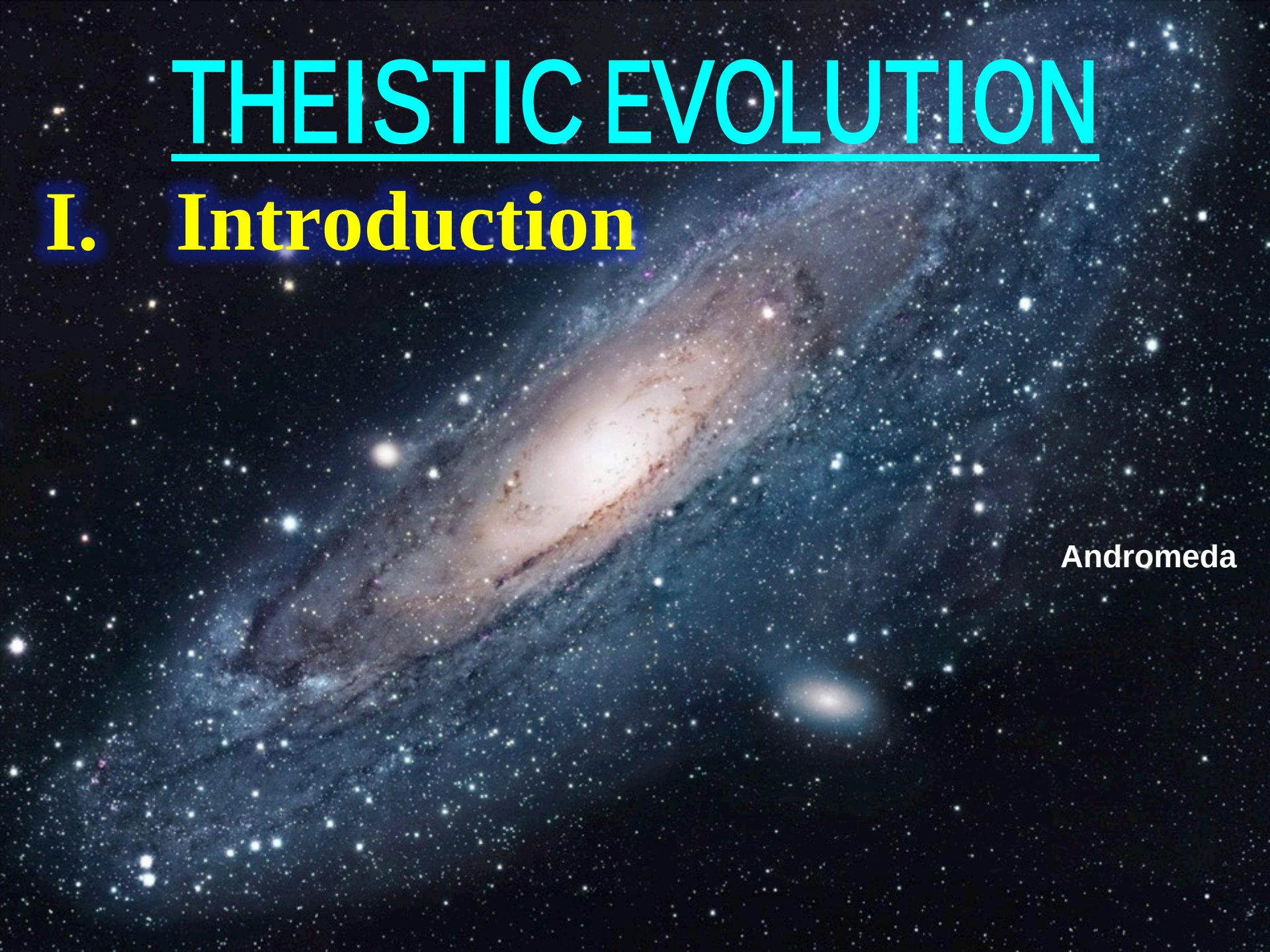

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IMPORTANCE

- Naturalistic Evolutionists - minority
- Literal Interp. of Gen 1-11 - tiny minority
- Accommodating Views - vast majority

HISTORY

- Before 1700s - ~biblical worldview
- Hume (~1770) - attacks design
- Hutton (1795) - principle of uniformity
- Lyell (1830) - uniformitarianism
- Darwin (1860) - natural selection
- Theologians - no answers
- 1961 - Morris & Whitcomb

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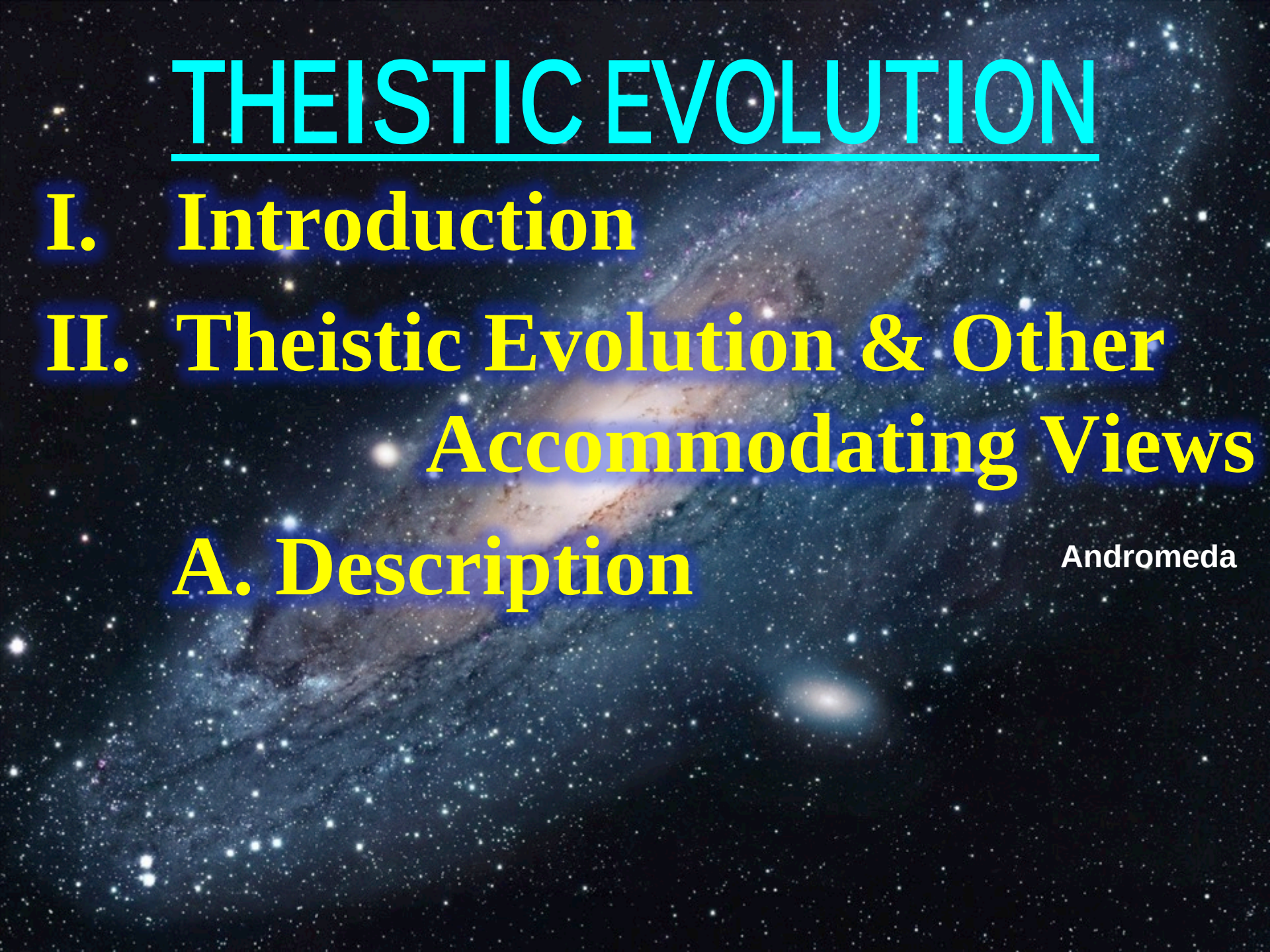


THEISTIC EVOLUTION

God used Processes of Evolution to Create every Living Thing

Evolution =

Matter + Mutations +
Natural Selection + Time

Theistic Evolution =

Matter + Mutations +
Natural Selection + Time
+ God

“It seems that evolution is the general way in which God chooses to work, & it fills me with wonder that the whole of the universe & the whole of life were encapsulated in the very first concentration of matter & energy... If life emerged from a primeval soup then God was the master Chef.”

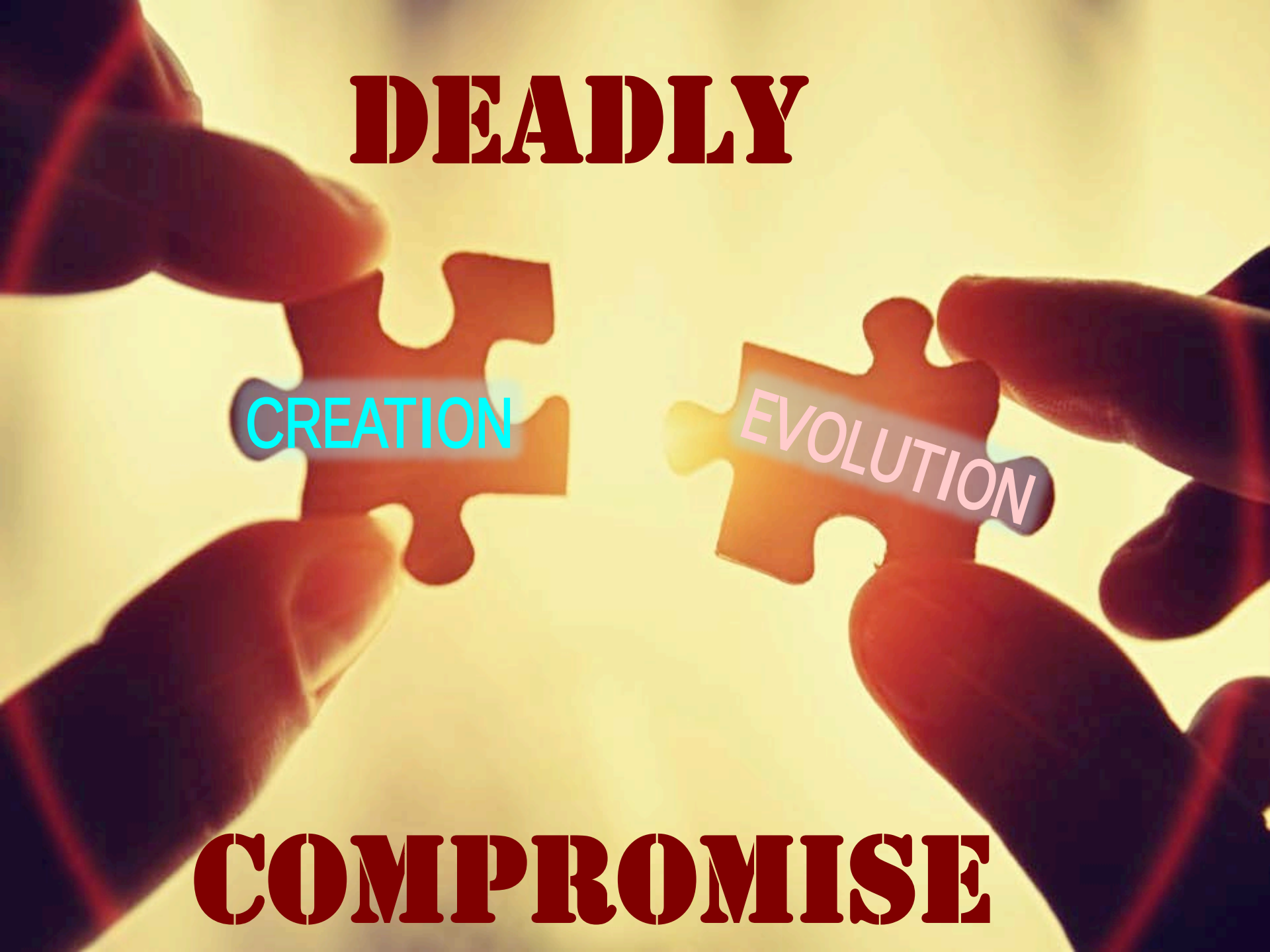
C. Humphreys

“I believe that God has so generously gifted the creation with the capabilities for self-organization and transformation that an unbroken line of evolutionary development from nonliving matter to the full array of existing life-forms is not only possible but has in fact taken place.”

Howard van Till

“On the general hypothesis of evolution, as applied to the organic world, I have nothing to say, except that, within certain limits, it seems to me extremely probable, & supported by a large body of evidence.”

James Orr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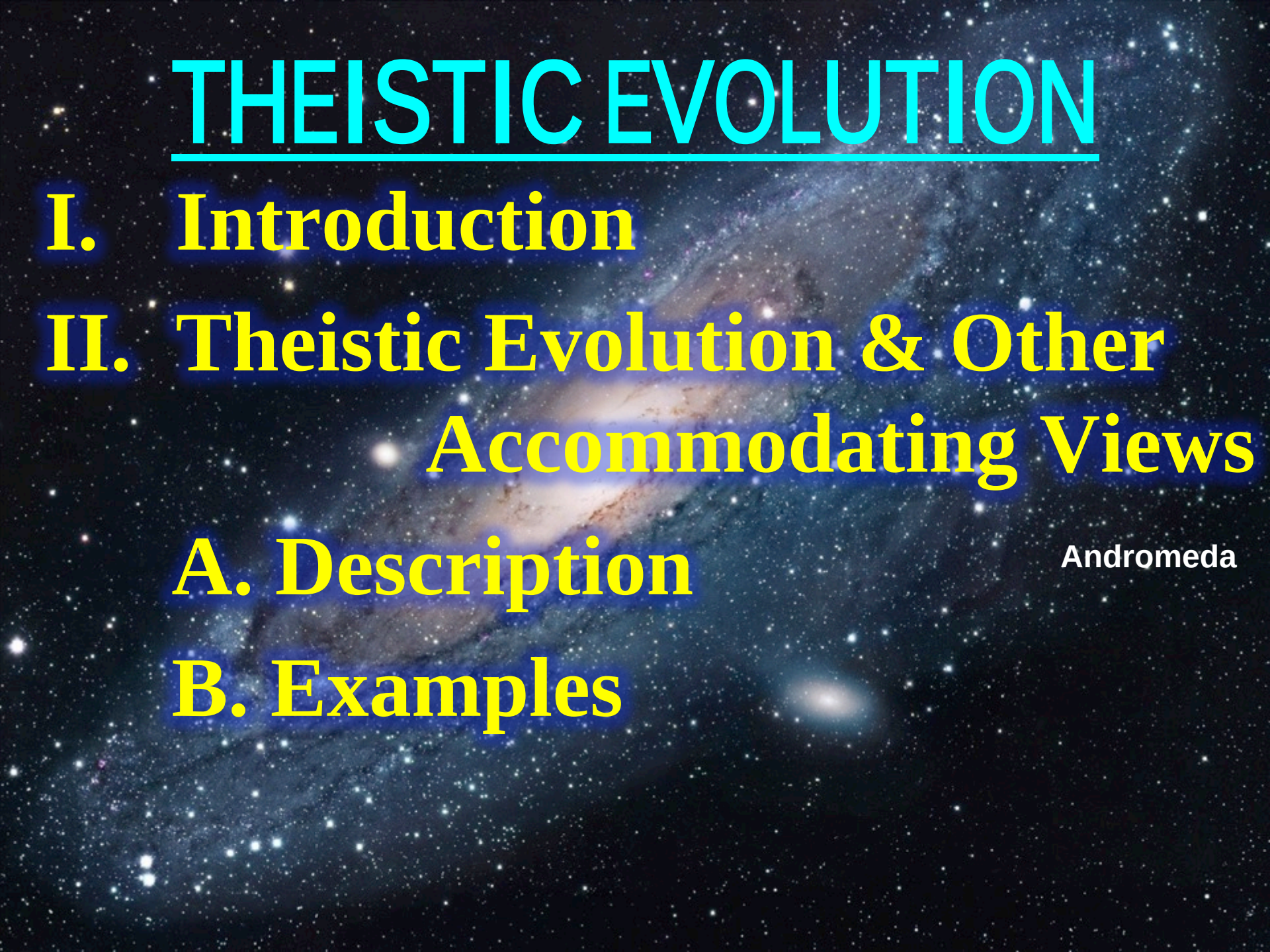

CHARACTERISTICS

1. God as ultimate Creator
2. Darwinian evolution & naturalism accepted
3. Principle of modern scientific theory imposed
4. Non-literal hermeneutic utilized
5. Old earth theory accepted
6. Non-universal flood accepted
7. Exegetical accuracy lacking

ACCOMMADATING VIEWS

- **Progressive Creation** - **interjections**

“The hypothesis that God has increased the complexity of life on earth by successive creations of new life forms over billions of years while miraculously changing the earth to accommodate the new life.”

Hugh Ross

PROGRESSIVE CREATION

God occasionally injected acts of creation

1. **Imposes evolution & other theories**
2. **Eisegesis & reinterpretation**
3. **Recent & novel**

ACCOMMADATING VIEWS

- **Progressive Creation - interjections**
- **Framework Hypothesis - genre**

“… advocates of the framework interpretation argue that the six days are not literal days but frames arranged into two panels. They provide a literary structure in which the creative activity of God is topically narrated ... The complete seven-day framework is a metaphorical appropriation of lower-register language denoting an upper-register temporal reality.”

Lee Irons

ELEMENTS

- Figurative framework - frames
- Real events - non-literal elements
- Historical events - non-sequential
- Accommodates - deep time

FRAMEWORK HYPOTHESIS

Literary structure narrating topically & theologically creative activity of God

1. **Historicity evidence**
2. **Exegetical details**
3. **Clarity of Scripture**

ACCOMMADATING VIEWS

- **Progressive Creation** - **interjections**
- **Framework Hypothesis** - **genre**
- **Gap Theory** - **Gen 1:1-2 gap**

GAP THEORY

Large Time Gap between Gen 1:1 and 1:2

1. **Accepts Evolution**
2. **Ignores Geological Issues**
3. **Grammatical problems**

ACCOMMADATING VIEWS

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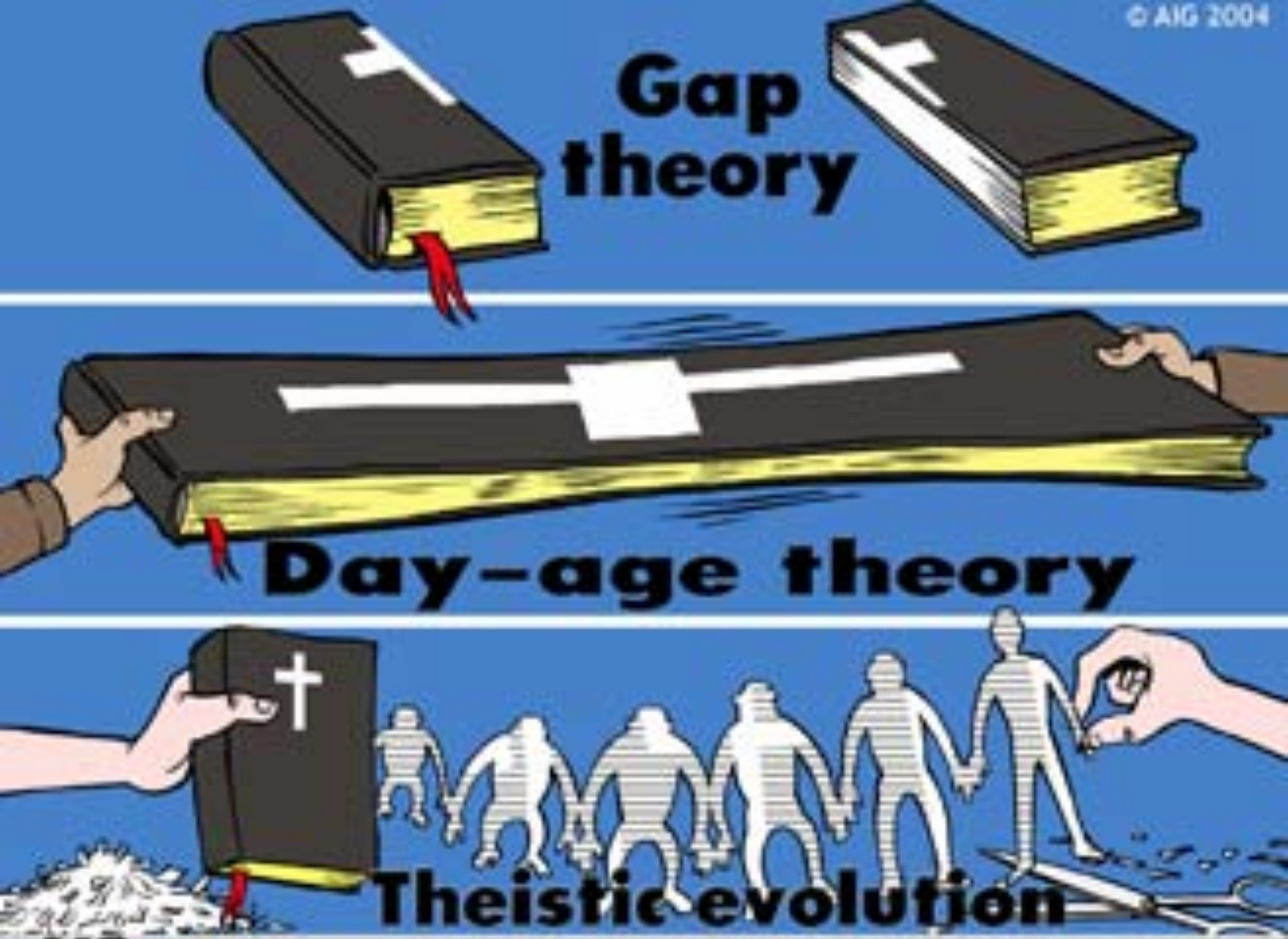
- **Day Age Theory** - **geological ages**

DAY AGE THEORY

Each Day of Creation is a Geologic Age

1. **Misuse of term "Day"**
2. **Does not solve Geological Issues**
3. **Misinterprets 2Pet 3:8**



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- **Other Views**

DAYS OF REVELATION

God Reveals His Creation in 6 Days

1. Accepts Evolution
2. Ignores Geological Issues
3. Not Supported by Scripture

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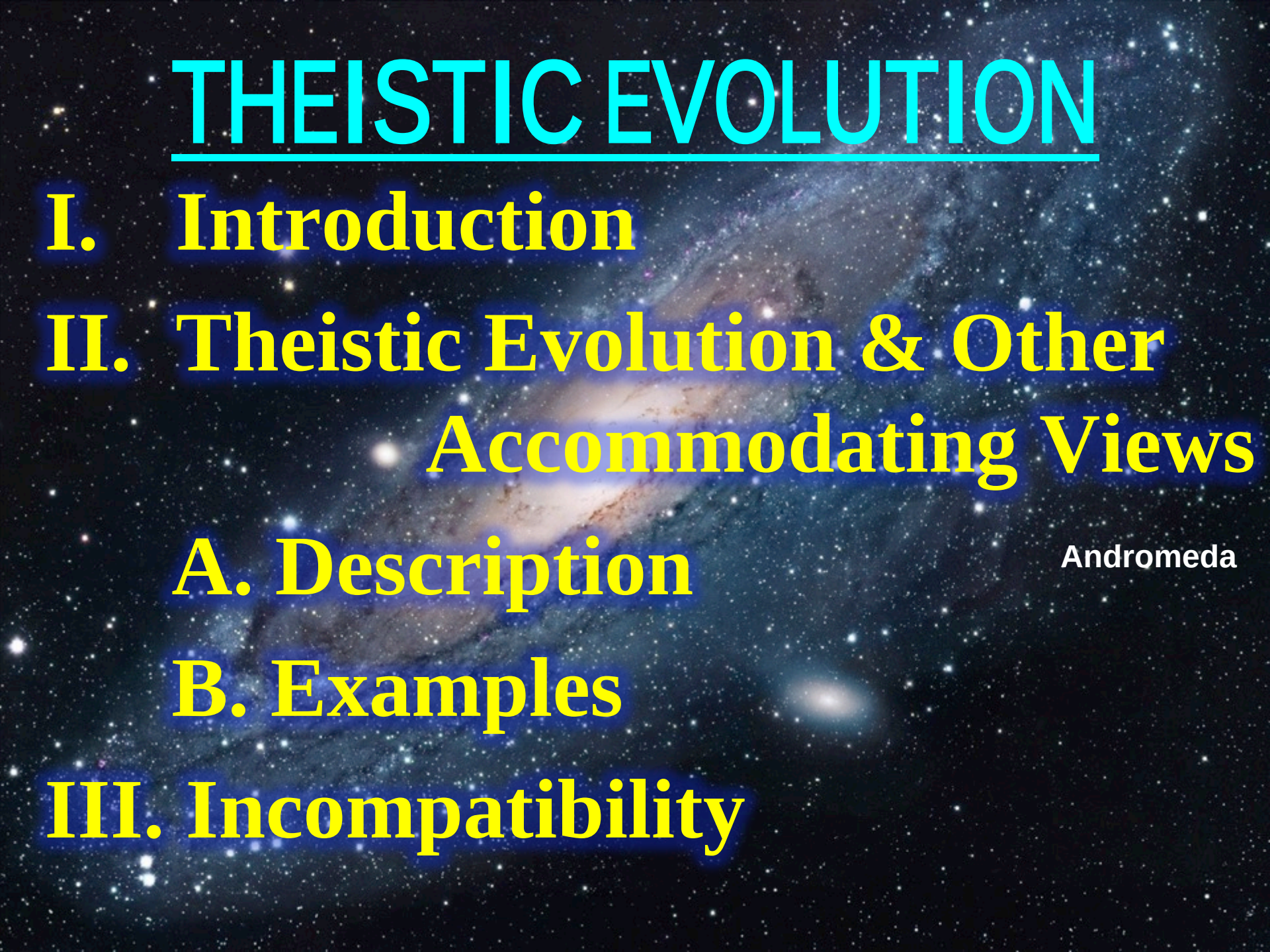

Deadly Combination

INCOMPATIBILITY

1. **Philosophical Intolerance**

INCOMPATIBILITY

- **Diametrically opposed**
- **Cannot both be true**

Self-organization by chance

vs. Intelligent design

“... it is impossible to believe simultaneously in 2 opposing theories explaining the same set of phenomena.”

Ernst Mayr

“Theistic evolution then is a contradiction in terms. To maintain that evolution can be theistic is as inconsistent as to claim that falsehood can be true.”

AA Higley

HUMANISM CREATIONISM

- Atheism
- Rationalism
- Naturalism
- Evolutionism
- Uniformitarianism
- Fatalism

- Theism
- Revelation
- Supernaturalism
- Creationism
- Catastrophism
- Design

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N Pearcy

INCOMPATIBILITY

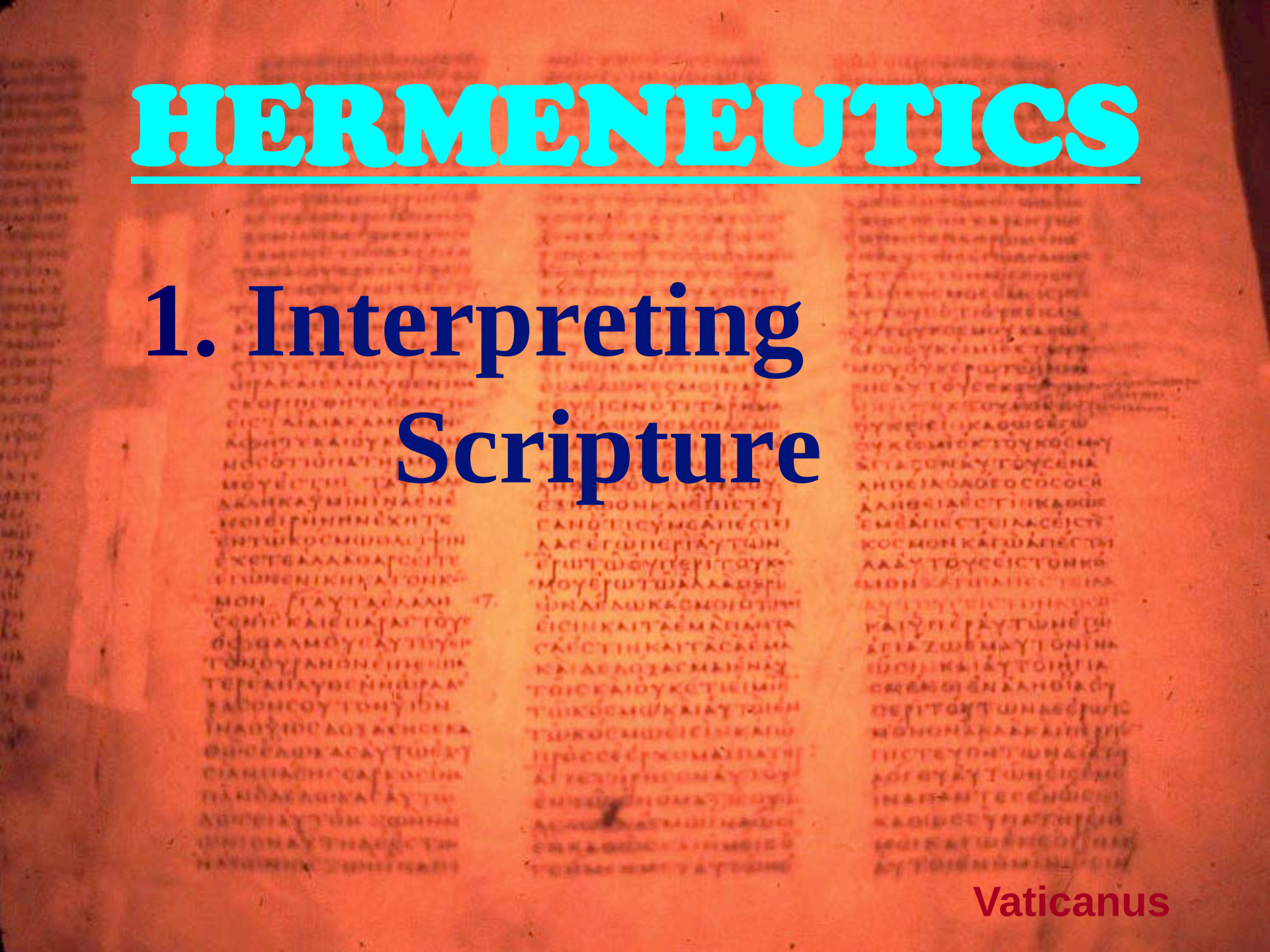
1. Philosophical Intolerance
2. Hermeneutical Inadequacy

OPTIONS

1. Grammatical-Historical-Contextual = Literal
2. All Accommodating Approaches - Non-literal

HERMENEUTICS

1. Interpreting Scripture



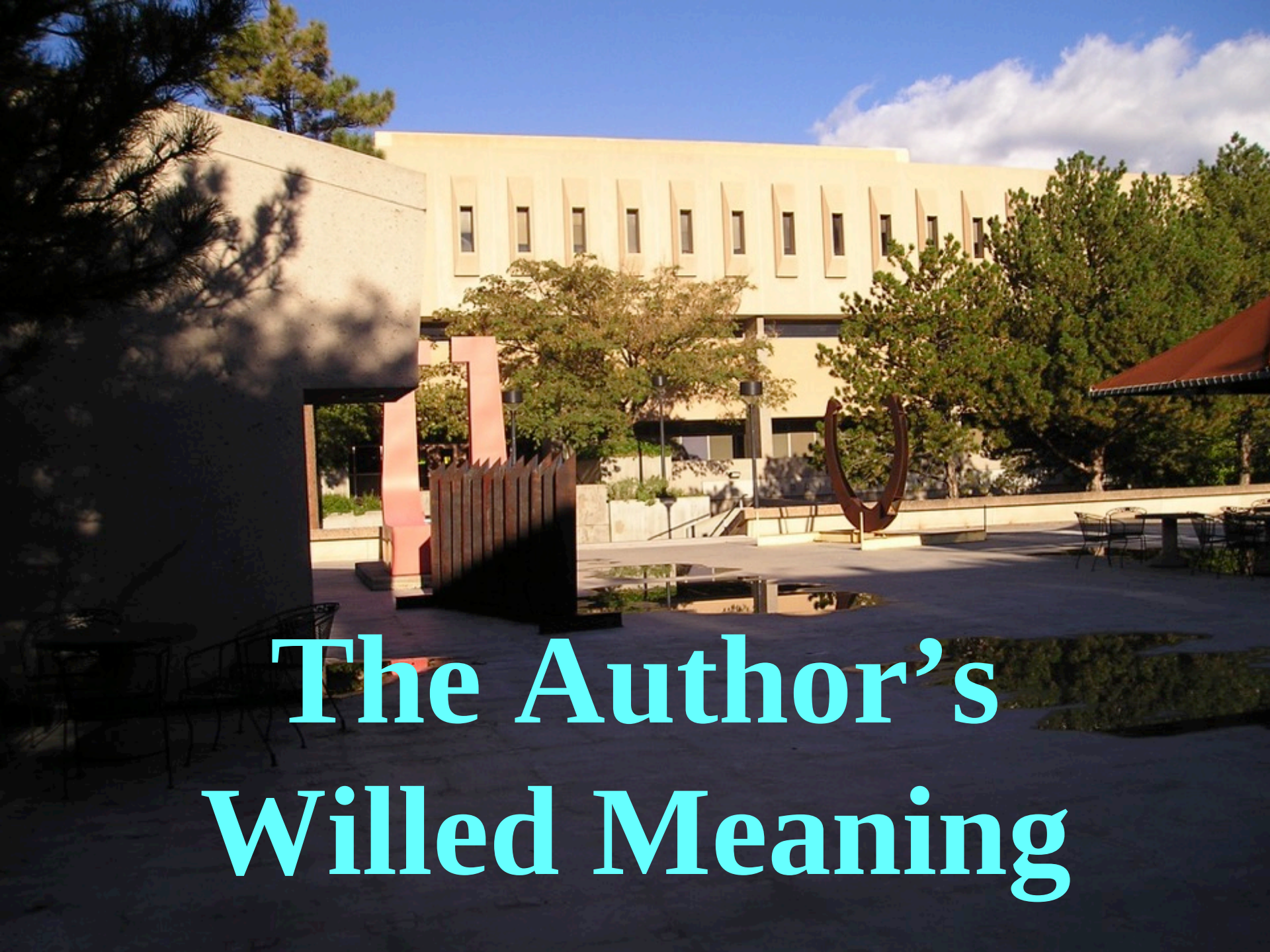
Vaticanus

DETERMINE MEANING:

- Laws of Grammar
- Facts of History
- Framework of Context

“.... 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



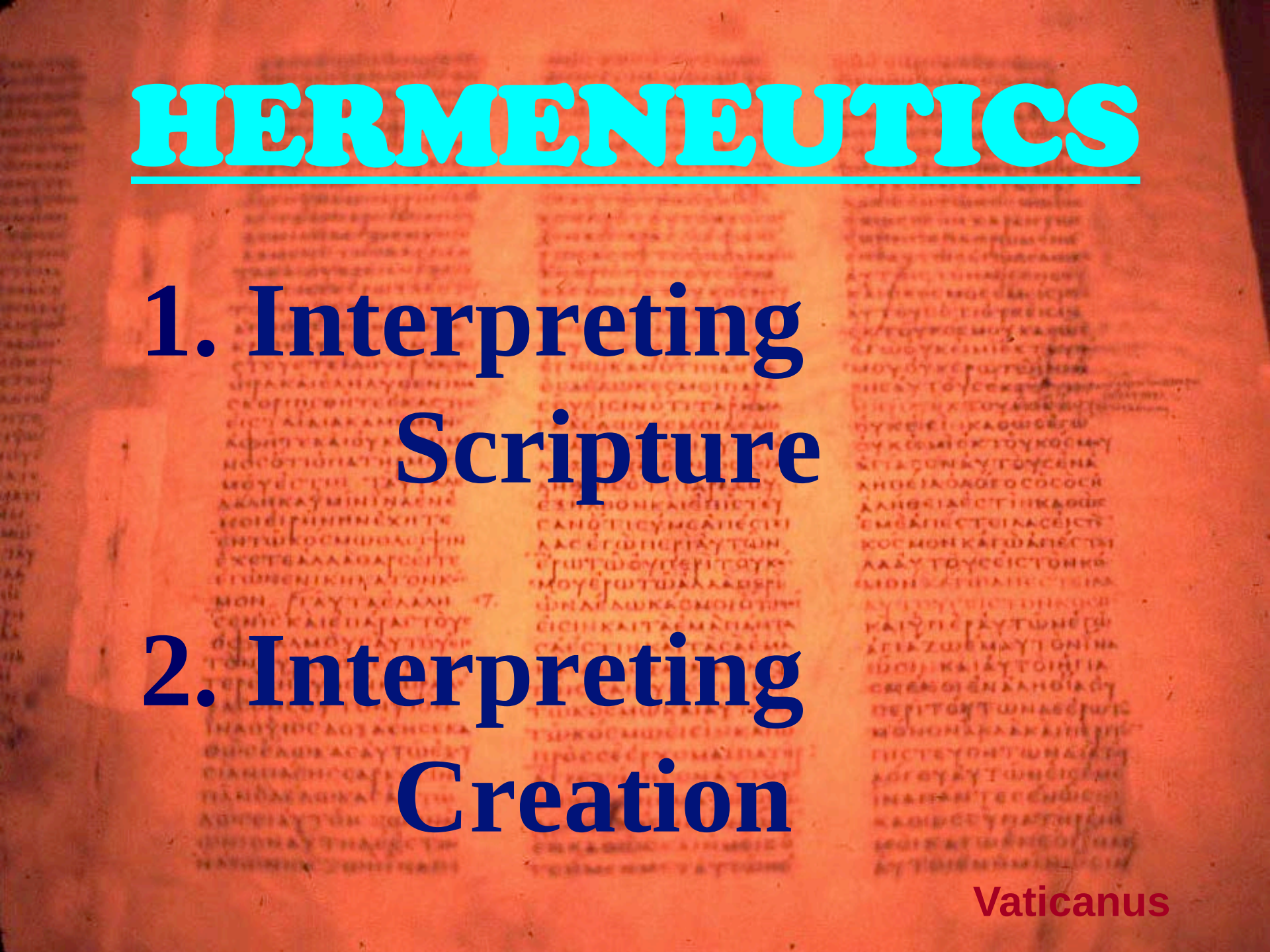
The Author's Willed Meaning

“While theistic evolutionists concede that there are differences between this theory and the grammatical-historical theological interpretation of the Bible, they adopt either a harmonization (concordist approach) or a reinterpretation of Scripture (functionalist approach), in the light of modern ‘science,’ in an attempt to achieve compatibility.”

David Lane

HERMENEUTICS

1. Interpreting Scripture
2. Interpreting Creation



Interpreting Creation

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

EISEGESIS

'Reading into'

Genesis 1

3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
4And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.
5God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

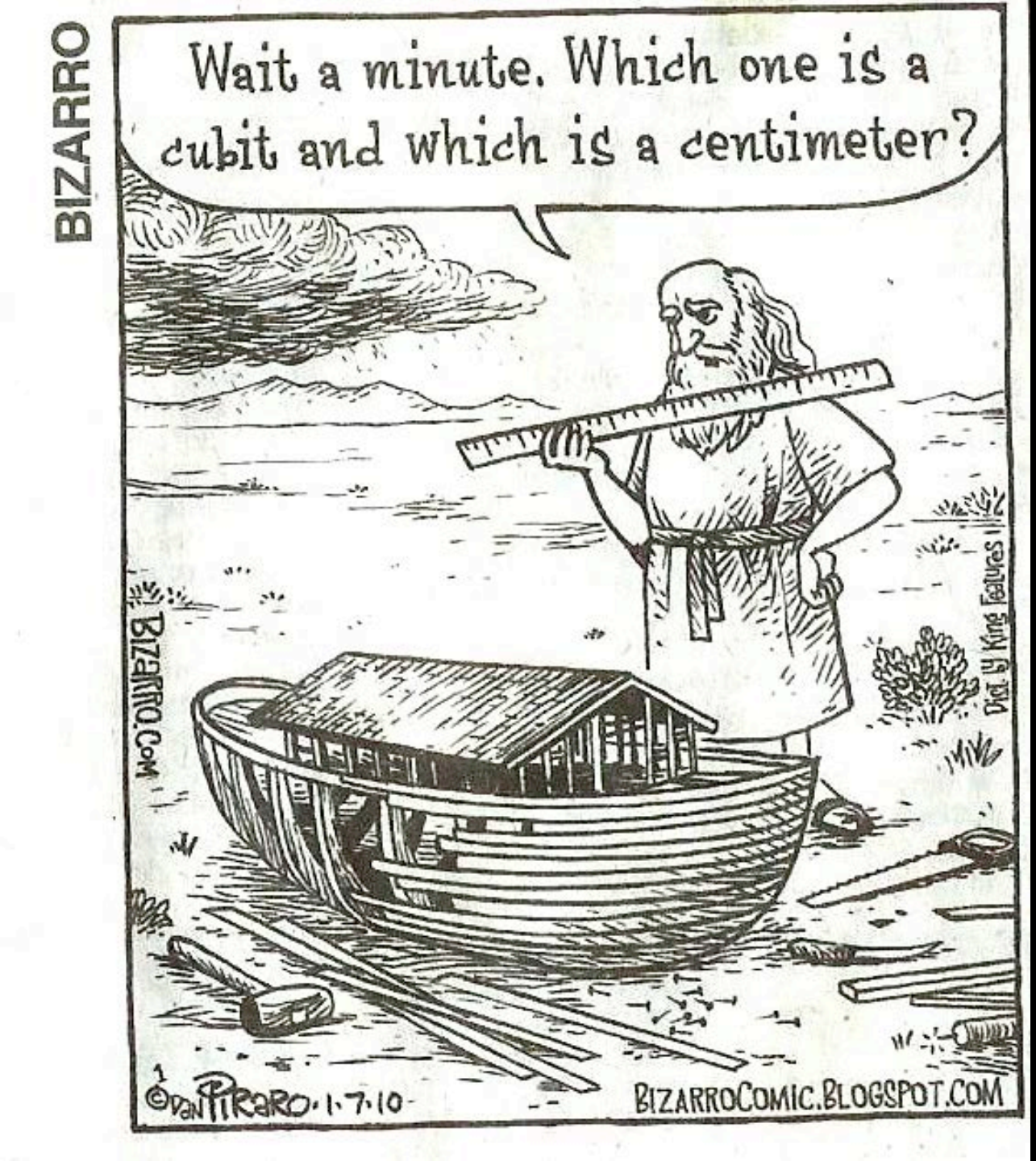
YOM really means "long ages"

eisegesis (n., pl.) eis·e·ge·sis

1. an interpretation, esp. of Scripture, that expresses the interpreter's own ideas, bias, or the like, rather than the meaning of the text.

The Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary

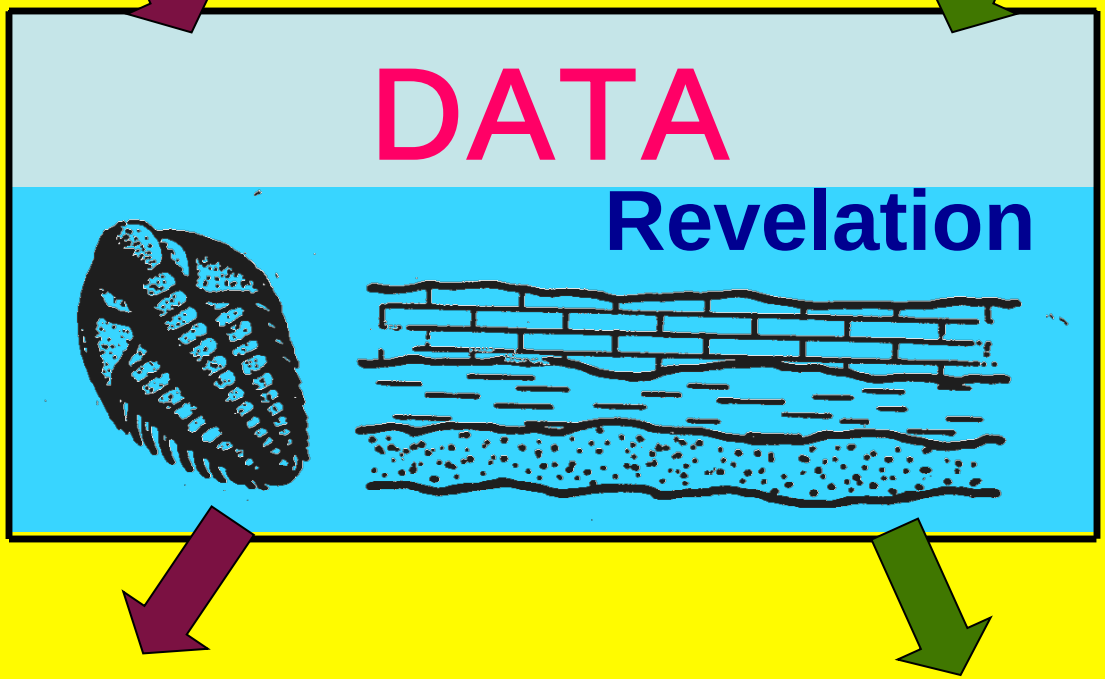

Scripture
Science Theory



Exegetical details are important

Presupposition A

Presupposition B



Interpretation A

Interpretation B

Interpreting Creation

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

TRUTH

- Science - changes, incomplete, partial, tentative, imperfect, done by sinful, depraved people

- Scripture - unchanging, perfect, complete, free from imperfection, unlimited, eternal, ultimate reality

INCOMPATIBILITY

1. **Philosophical Intolerance**
2. **Hermeneutical Inadequacy**
3. **Biblical Inconsistency**

ACCOMMODATION

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

INCOMPATIBILITY

1. Philosophical Intolerance
2. Hermeneutical Inadequacy
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4. Theological Indefensibility

THEOLOGY

- Theology Proper
- Bibliology
- Christology
- Anthropology

INCOMPATIBILITY

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4. Theological Indefensibility
5. Scientific Insufficiency

ESSENCE

- God Is Creator
- God Is Revealer

Unity between

True Science & Scripture

CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

THE MYTH OF EVOLUTION

"Ultimately the Darwinian theory of evolution is no more nor less than the great cosmogenic myth of the 20th century."

Michael Denton

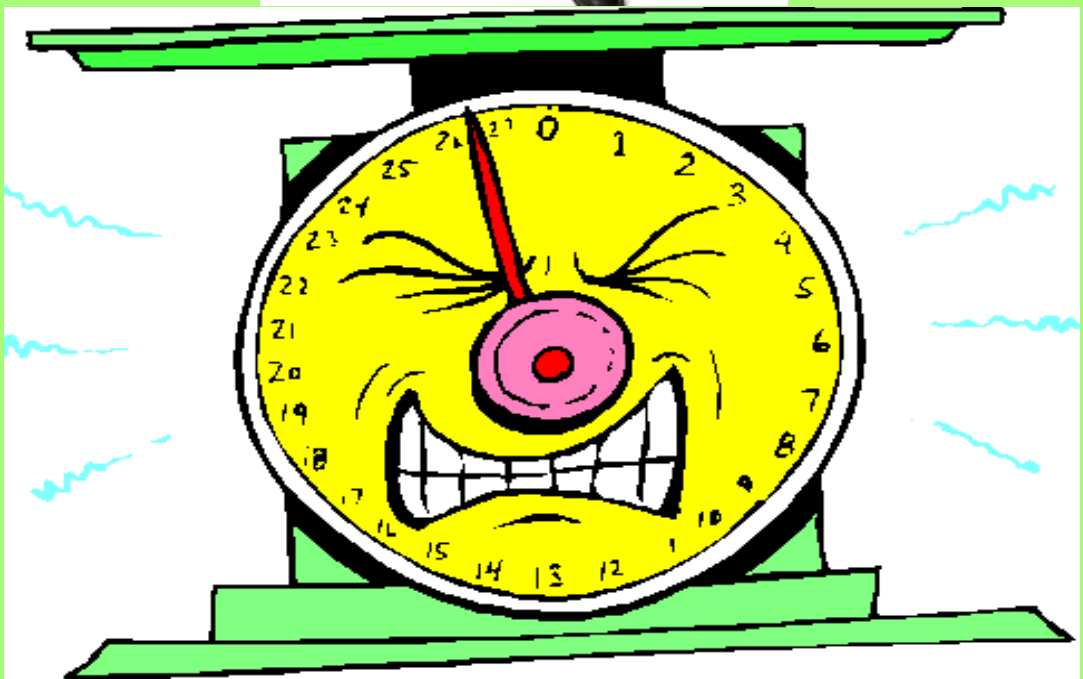
FLOOD VS. HISTORICAL GEOLOGY


YOUNG VS.
OLD EARTH

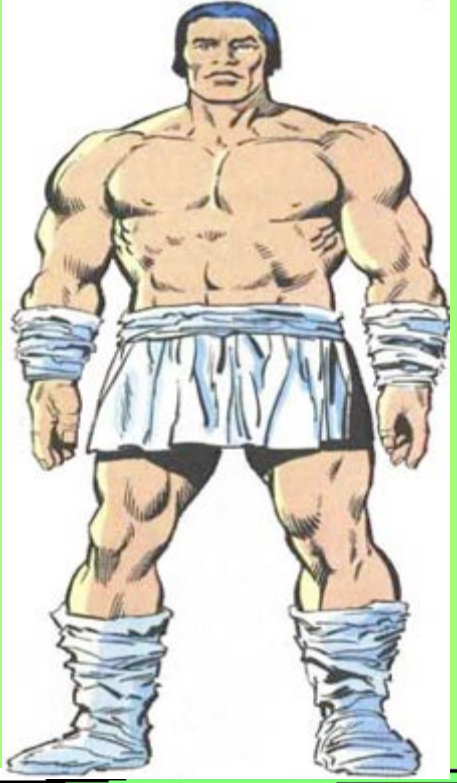
Old Earth Evidence =

10%

(Dr Russ Humphries)



Young Earth Evidence =



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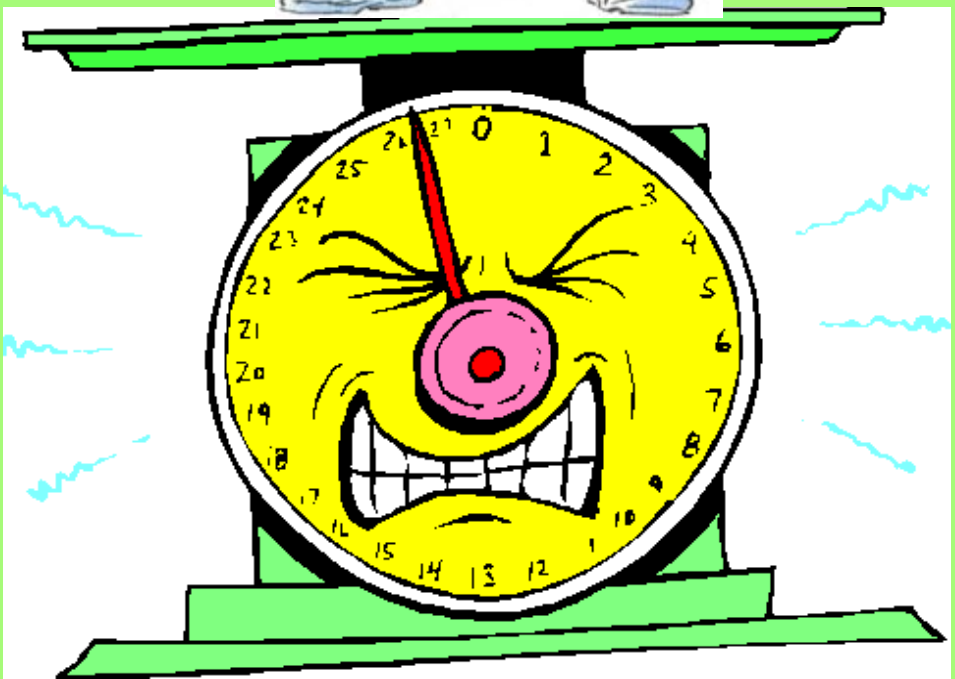

CONCLUSION

Evolution & deep time -> Bad

Pure Milk of Word -> Very Good

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, since you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created!”

Rev 4:11