

Defending God's Truth – Part 1 of 6

Answering the Challenges

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Since we live in a time when many are questioning the reliability of the Bible, it is important for us to have answers – not guesses, *but solid answers from the Word of God!*

This DVD has 11 parts: An introduction, 9 questions / statements, and a conclusion. After each part, we will pause to answer the questions on this study sheet. May God enable us to not only hear and write the answers, but to understand them and remember them *so that we can respond to the challenges of others with God's Holy Word!*

Introduction:

1. What percentage of 20-29-year-old evangelicals who attended church regularly when they were young children were still attending during college? ____%
2. Since public schools teach that evolution is true, *then they are also teaching that the Bible is not true!* If children are not equipped with solid answers, *then they will choose evolution over God's Word!*
3. Let's encourage children to ask questions; *then let's give them solid Bible answers!*
4. "Christian apologetics is the branch of Christianity that deals with answering any and all critics who oppose or question the _____ of _____."
5. ^{NIV} **1 Peter 3:15** "...in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone**

who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."

Challenge 1: Where did Cain get his wife?

6. When asked a question, what should be our *first* source? _____
7. "After Seth was born, Adam... had other sons and daughters." (Gen 5:4 NIV)
8. Cain married his _____!
9. Why was that okay long ago, but it's not okay today? _____

Challenge 2: How could the first three days of creation be literal if the sun wasn't created until day four?

10. Where do we get a year? The _____ going around the _____ once.
11. Where do we get a month? The _____ going around the _____ once.
12. Where do we get a week? The _____.
13. Where do we get a day? The rotation of the earth _____ on its axis.
14. Did God create light *before* or *after* He made the sun? _____
15. Do we need the sun to have a day? Y N

Challenge 3: How could Adam have named the animals in one day?

16. Did he have a whole day? Y N
17. ^{NIV} **Genesis 2:19** "...the LORD... brought [the animals] to the man to see what he would name them..." How did that save time? _____
18. Which animals did Adam name?

- a. All the animal species we have today.
- b. The various kinds of animals God created (from which the species have eventually come over the years).

19. Did Adam also name the fish and insects? Y N

Challenge 4: How could Noah fit all the animals on the ark?

20. Which animals were on the ark?
- a. All the animal species we have today.
 - b. The various kinds of animals God created (from which the species have eventually come over the years).
21. Regarding very large animals, like dinosaurs and elephants, which were most likely on the ark?
- a. Large, mature animals.
 - b. Small, immature animals.

Challenge 5: How could the Bible be real history since it was written by men?

22. To answer this challenge, what should be our first source? _____
23. Some of my favorite passages:
- a. Psalm 119:160 NAS: The Psalmist prayed: **“The sum [literally the “head,” “top,” “chief”] of Thy word is truth...”**
 - b. Proverbs 30:5 NIV: **“Every word of God is flawless...”**
 - c. John 17:17 NAU: Jesus prayed these words to God the Father in regard to His disciples: **“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.”**

- d. 2 Timothy 3:16 NAS: ¹⁶ **“All Scripture is inspired by God...”**
- e. 2 Peter 1:21 NIV: **“For prophecy [literally, the utterance of the prophet] never had its origin in the will of man [in other words, men did not decide what to say], but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”**

24. There are more than 24,000 partial and complete manuscript copies of the NT in existence today.
25. Regarding the OT, Jesus referred to it as reliable history (Matthew 12:3; 12:5; 19:4; 22:31; Mark 12:26).
26. The _____ _____ Scrolls point to the Bible’s accuracy.
27. The Bible is about ____% prophecy.
28. Jesus Himself fulfilled over _____ amazing and unlikely prophecies during His lifetime.
29. Over 25,000 archaeological sites in Biblical lands point to the accuracy of the details of the Bible; *an excellent example are the walls of Jericho!*
30. The Weld-Blundell Prism, which was written about 100 years before Abraham, includes this information which agrees with the Bible:
- a. A flood swept over the whole earth.
 - b. Ten kings with long life spans before the flood; then kings with shorter life spans after the flood.
 - c. Parallels to the genealogies in Genesis chapters 5 and 11.

Review

Challenge 1: Where did Cain get his wife?

1. Cain married his _____!

Challenge 2: How could the first three days of creation be literal if the sun wasn't created until day four?

2. We don't need the _____ to have a day!

Challenge 3: How could Adam have named the animals in one day?

3. The LORD b_____ the animals to him.
4. He named the various k_____, not all the species we have today.
5. He did not name the f_____ and i_____.

Challenge 4: How could Noah fit all the animals on the ark?

6. The ark included the various "kinds" of animals God created, not all the s_____ that eventually came from those kinds.

Challenge 5: How could the Bible be real history since it was written by men?

7. Choose one of the following, *then memorize it*:

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