

## Defending God's Truth – Part 2 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!*

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!*

#### Challenge 6: Evolution is science and the Bible is just a book about religion.

1. Actually, the Bible talks about:
  - a. A \_\_\_\_\_: "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth..." (Isaiah 40:22 NIV)
  - b. M \_\_\_\_\_ Science: Leviticus chapters 11 and 18.
  - c. P \_\_\_\_\_: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." (Romans 8:22 NIV)
  - d. B \_\_\_\_\_: Genesis 1:11 and 24 tells us about God making the various "kinds" – plants, trees, birds, fish, animals, people.
2. What is the source of all life?
  - a. A common ancestor.
  - b. The various kinds God made.
3. Using *observable* and *repeatable* science, which can be proven to be the source of all life?

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#### Challenge 7: Carbon-14 dating proves fossils are older than 6,000 years.

4. What makes people question the Bible the most? It's teaching that the earth is less than \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
5. All living things have carbon-14 in them because they eat it and breathe it all the time.
6. Over time some nitrogen atoms in living things change to carbon-14 atoms; then they eventually change back to nitrogen atoms.
7. Based on the half-life of carbon-14, scientists estimate that 80,000 years after a living things dies, it would no longer have any measurable carbon-14. Therefore:
  - a. If something dead has carbon-14, it must be *less* than \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
  - b. If something dead has NO carbon-14, it must be *more* than \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
8. Regarding coal and diamonds, which come from organic material and are said to be hundreds of thousands to millions of years old, do they contain any measurable carbon-14? Y N

### Challenge 8: Where did all the water go after the Genesis flood?

9. "...all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered." (Genesis 7:19 NIV)
  - a. We believe the mountains were lower when they were covered by the flood in Noah's time; we also have very good scientific evidence of rapid uplift of the mountains.
  - b. There are seashells on the top of virtually every mountain in the world.
10. "The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down..." (Genesis 8:3 NIV)
11. "The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them." (Psalm 104:8 ESV)
12. "To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth." (Isaiah 54:9 NIV)
13. So where are all the waters from the Genesis flood? In the \_\_\_\_\_!

### Challenge 9: The Bible is outdated.

14. "The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8 NAS)
15. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." (Matthew 24:35 NIV)

### Conclusion:

16. In today's world:
  - a. Christianity, marriage, and human life are under assault!

- b. Most youth are learning not to trust God's Word!
- c. Some people are seeking answers!

### 17. Therefore:

- a. <sup>NIV</sup> **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..."
- b. <sup>NIV</sup> **2 Timothy 2:15** "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."
- c. <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 28:19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

# Review

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**Challenge 8: Where did all the water go after the Genesis flood?**

3. The waters from the Genesis flood are in the \_\_\_\_\_!

**Challenge 9: The Bible is outdated.**

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