**Scientific Apologetics – Lesson 2**

**Exodus 20:11a** “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.”

**Genesis 9:11** “I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

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1. **Review Intelligent Design Arguments**
   1. Three areas of focus (Information Problem, Beginning of Universe, Fine Tuning)
   2. Review the problem that arises from “Inference to the best explanation” of scientific data.
2. **The Bible and Science**
   1. Operational/Experimental Science and Historical/Origins Science – are they the same?
   2. Operational/Experimental Science is perfectly consistent with the Bible and gives us technology
   3. Historical/Origins Science is influenced heavily by worldview assumptions
   4. Conclusion – Brilliant and accomplished scientists can be very wrong about the unseen past
   5. This distinction is disputed by evolutionists – Why?
3. **Our Apologetic Methodology**
   1. What does the Bible say about creation and the Flood?
   2. Will any old apologetic approach do?
   3. Bible and science apologetics options
   4. Avoid apologetics methods and strategies that ***change, subtract from, or add******to*** the Bible
   5. Believe God – (Abraham-like faith)
   6. Consistency (6-Day Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and a Consistent Biblical Worldview)
   7. G. Richard Bozarth quote
4. **Biblical Creation or Creation Science (YEC) Movement**
   1. Creationist methodology – start with the Bible as the framework and ultimate presuppositions.
   2. Some of the prominent organizations that promote YEC (AIG, ICR, CMI)
      1. Ken Ham is the definition of “scientific apologetics”
      2. Defending Scripture from the very first verse
      3. If a Flood took place, as described in the Bible, what would we expect to find on earth?
   3. Scientists behind the scenes (developing creationist models)
      1. **John Baumgardner**
         1. Background
         2. Global plate tectonics (catastrophic plate tectonics)
      2. **Kurt Wise**
         1. Background
         2. The Fossil Record
      3. **John Sanford**
         1. Background
         2. Genetic Entropy
5. **What are some good questions that you can bring up in a conversation?**

**Resources:**

*Answers In Genesis* website; *Institute for Creation Research* website; ICC Publications; Let’s Talk Creation Podcast

***Is Genesis History*** and ***Mountains After the Flood*** documentaries and lectures

**globalflood.org** (website and resources maintained by John Baumgardner)