

Genesis 1—Creation

Fellowship Chapel

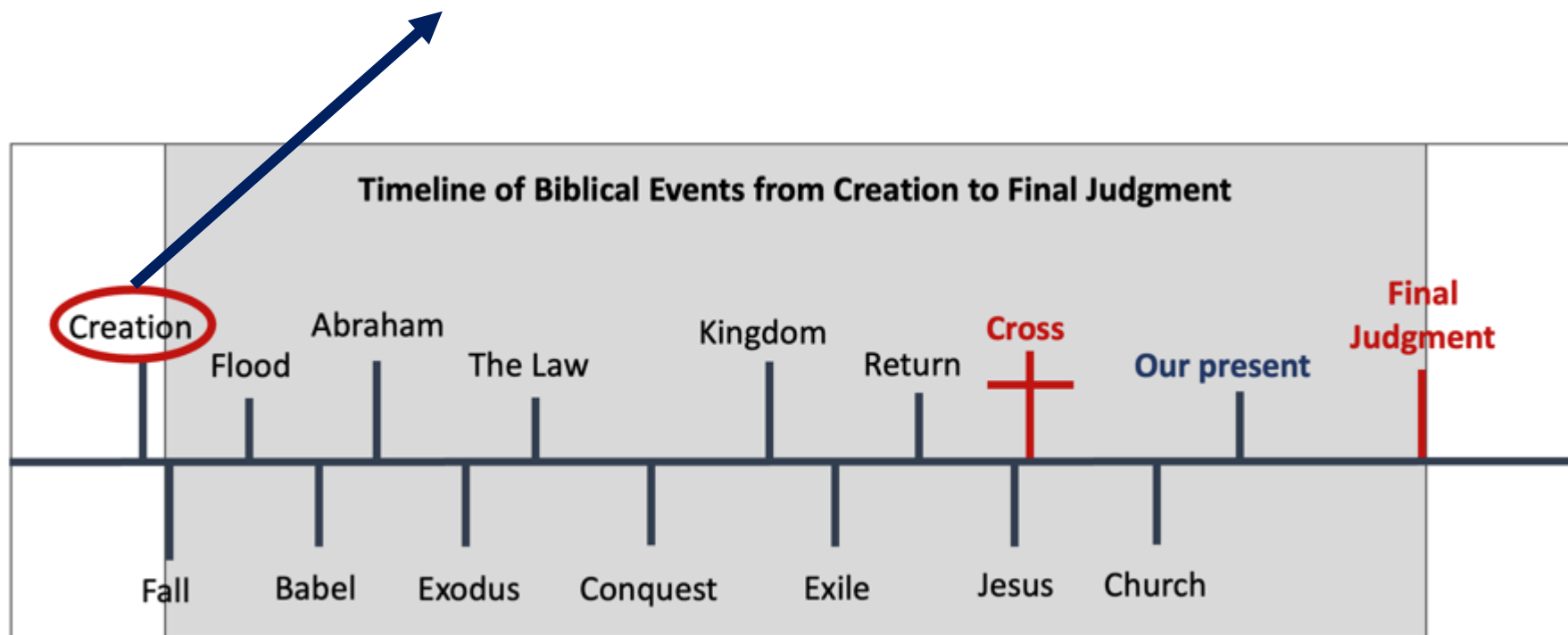
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Truth Events Clash with Pagan Culture

Age of the Earth not determinable by operational science

Creator/creature two existences not just one (Nature)

Everyone has a sense-of-deity so no excuse for unbelief



Genesis 1:1–1:2

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

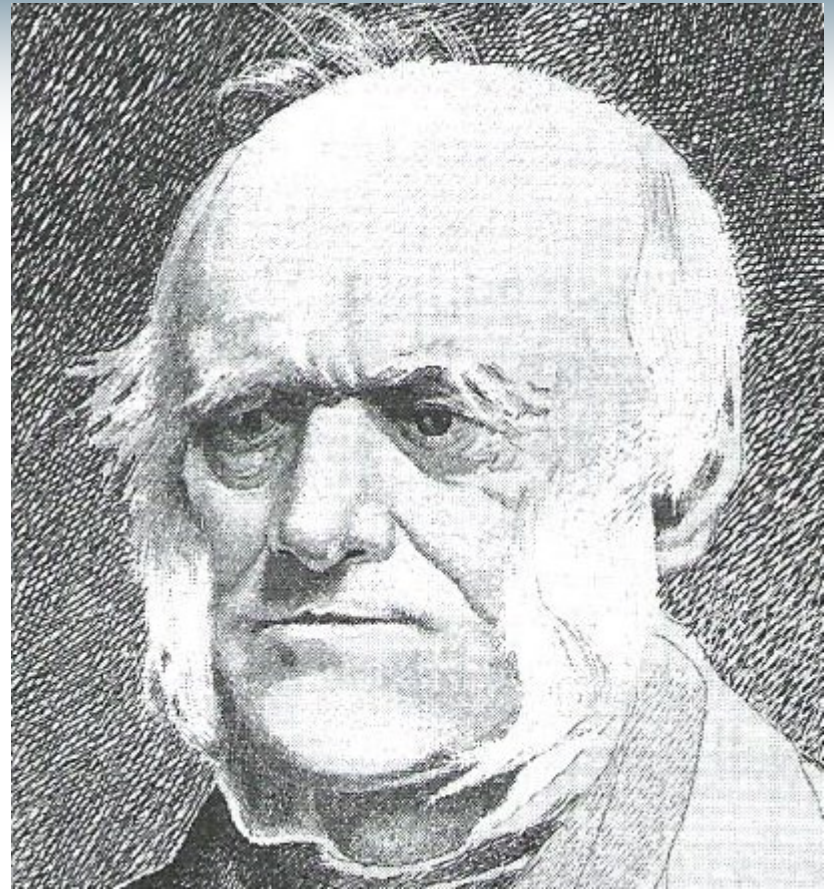
Charles Lyell (1797–1875)

“Old Fleming is frightened and thinks the age will not stand my anti-Mosaic conclusions.”

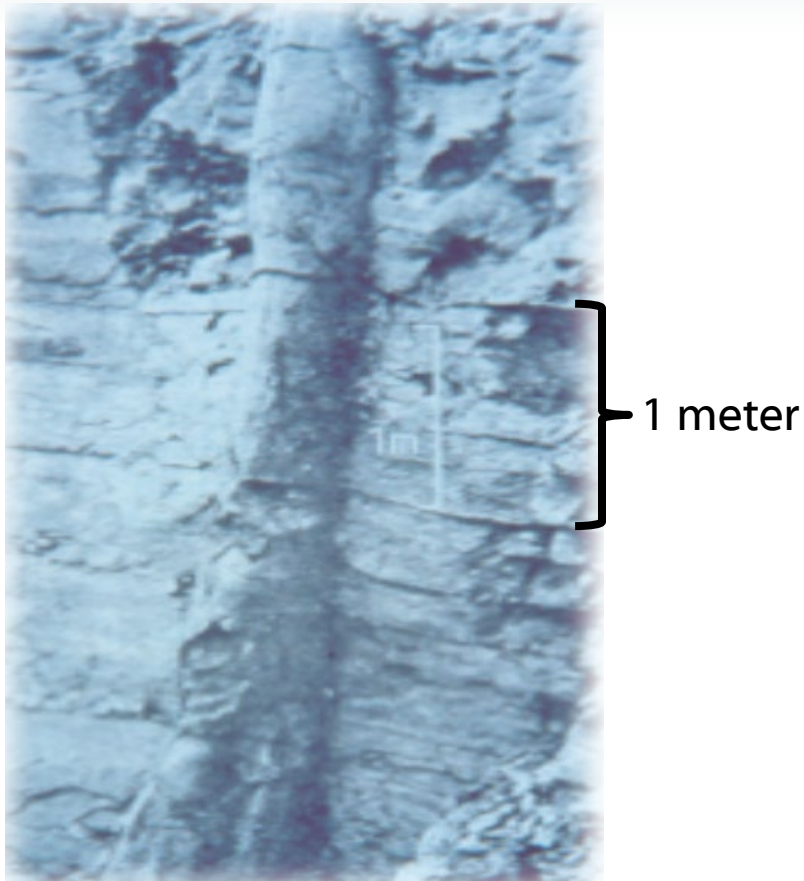
“If you don’t triumph over them but compliment the liberality and candor of the present age, the bishops and enlightened saints will join us.”

“The physical part of geological inquiry ought to be conducted as if the Scripture were not in existence.”

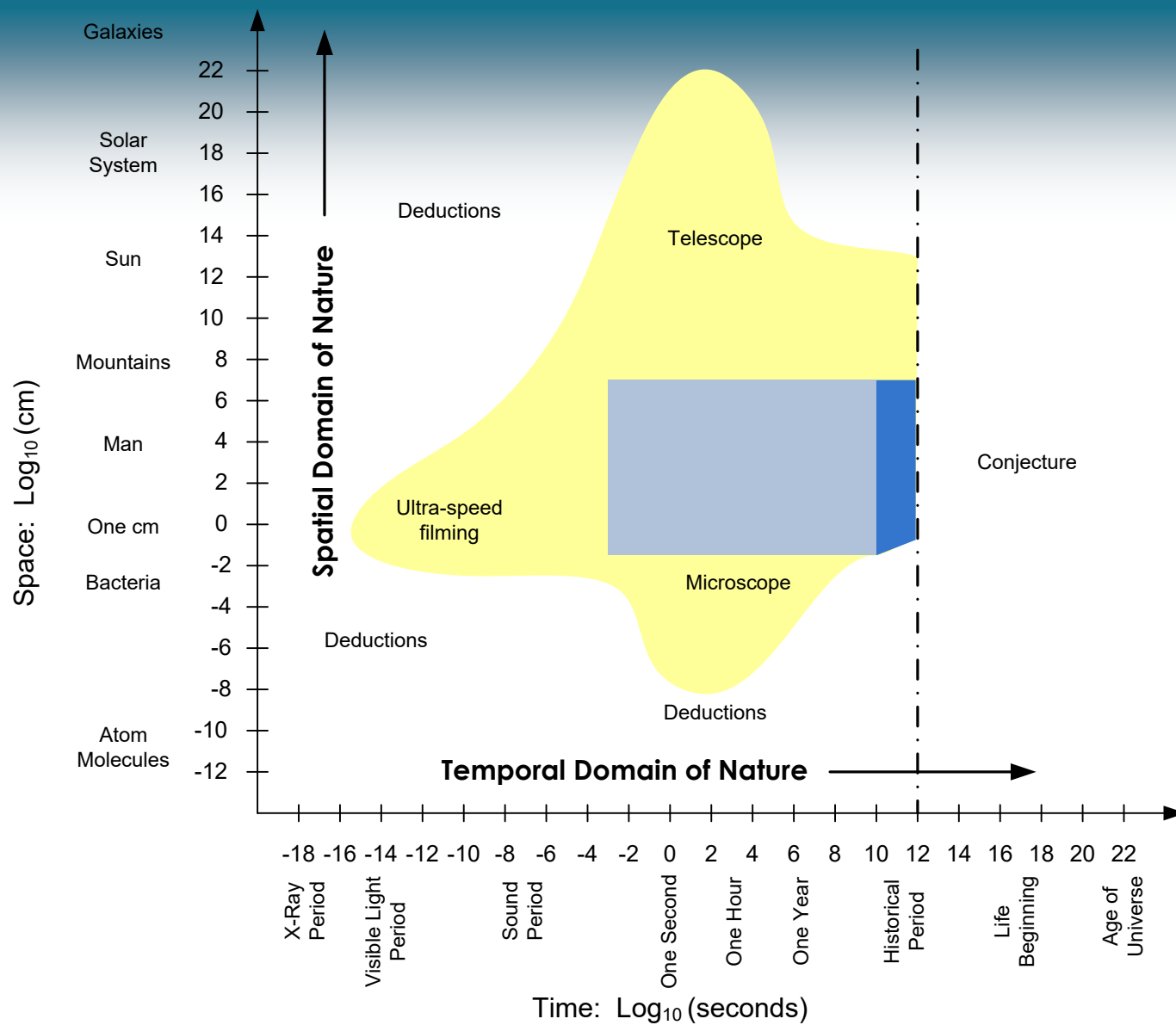
Terry Mortenson. *The Great Turning Point* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2004), 5-6.



Early Flood Geologists' Evidences



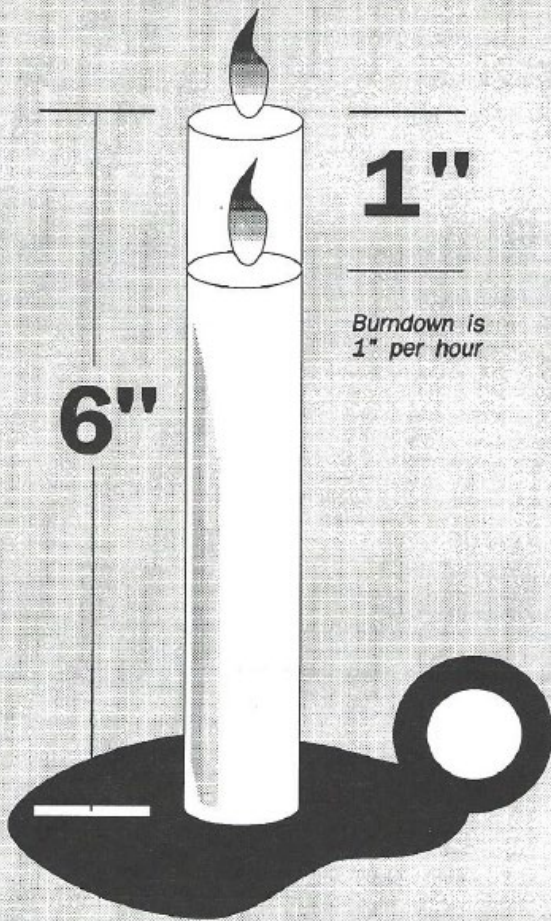
**Polystrata fossil tree trunk →
Rapid burial in
sedimentary strata**



A Candle "Clock"

THE BURNING CANDLE

When was the candle lit?



Starting
length
(in)

Burn
rate
(in/hr)

Burn
duration
(hr)

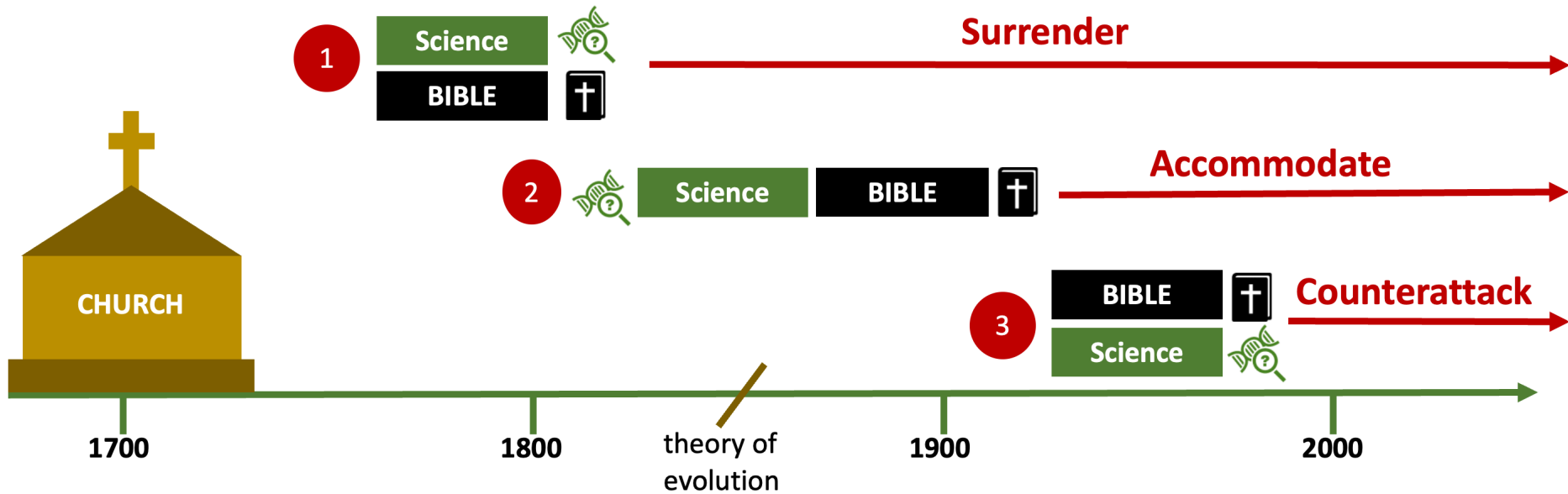
Measured
length
now (in)

$$L_o - [L/t] * T = L_m$$

Solving for burn duration...

$$\frac{[L_o - L_m]}{[L/t]} = T$$

Counterattack the Falsehoods



Failure of the Accommodation Strategy

If a global judgment in Gen. 1:2, then the Noahic flood must have been local, not global, or there were two global floods

- Geological strata similar all over the world and many are sedimentary → water deposited → one global flood**
- No Scriptural evidence of two global floods. 2 Pet. 3:4–6 must refer to the Noahic flood due to 1 Pet. 3:20 that clearly is the Noahic flood.**

Dr. Henry Morris on Methodology





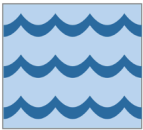






“It has long seemed anomalous to me, as a professional scientist and non-professional Bible reader, that the modern revival of literal biblical creationism has been led mostly by scientists rather than theologians.

“It is true that there are many good scientific evidences pointing to special creation, a young earth, and the global Flood. But the *compelling* and *definitive* evidences are biblical, not scientific. Science and the scientific method do support creation, but can never prove creation or disprove evolution. Nor can it determine the age of the earth or prove there was a worldwide deluge in the prehistoric past.

“The Bible is explicitly clear on these issues, however. There is not even a hint of evolution or the long ages implied by evolution in the Bible. Neither is there any biblical intimation that the Genesis Flood was a local flood ... One does not have to be a theologian or a Bible scholar to see this. It is quite evident to anyone who simply reads the Bible and believes it to be the inerrant Word of God.”(Emphasis original)

~Foreword in *Coming To Grips With Genesis*, ed. Terry Mortenson and Thane H Ury. (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2008), 5-6.

Six-Day Pattern

First 3 Days: Domains		Second 3 days: Occupants	
	 Domain of light and darkness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun for day Moon and stars for night 	 
	 Domain of sea and atmosphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish for sea Birds for atmosphere 	 
	Domain of land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals for land Man to rule fish, birds, animals 	 

Shall I Bow to My Creator?

- **YES!**

- ancient monotheism
- ancient Israel
- Bible
- fundamentalism

- **CREATOR/creature**

- God || divine counsel & angels
- man | nature
- everlasting distinctions

- **PERSONAL SOVEREIGN**

- ultimate responsibility

- **NO!**

- ancient myths
- eastern religions
- western philosophy
- modern theology

- **Continuity of Being**

- eternal cycles
- nature > gods > man
- transmutation / evolution

- **IMPERSONAL FATE & CHANCE**

- ultimate victimization

Fundamentalism vs. Modernism

“It is a mistake often made by educated persons who happen to have but little knowledge of historical theology, to suppose that fundamentalism is a new and strange form of thought. It is nothing of the kind; it is the partial and uneducated survival of a theology which was once universally held by the Church. . . . The fundamentalist may be wrong—I think he is—but it is we who have departed from the tradition, not he, and I am sorry for anyone who tries to argue with a fundamentalist on the basis of authority. The Bible and the corpus theologicum of the Church is on the fundamentalist side.”

~Kirsopp Lake, *The Religion of Yesterday and Tomorrow* (Boston: Houghton, 1926) 61.

Fundamentalism vs. Modernism

“Christianity according to Fundamentalism is one religion. Christianity according to Modernism is another religion. Which is the true religion is the question that is to be settled in all probability by our generation for future generations.

“The God of the Fundamentalist is one God; the God of the Modernist is another. The Christ of the Fundamentalist is one Christ; the Christ of Modernism is another. The Bible ... the Church, the Kingdom, the Salvation, the Consummation of all things—these are one thing to Fundamentalists and another thing to Modernists.”

~Christian Century, January 3, 1924

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Friedrich Nietzsche (1844–1900)

“When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from one’s feet. ... Christianity is a system, a whole view of things thought out together. By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole: nothing necessary remains in one’s hands. Christianity presupposes that man does not know, cannot know, what is good for him, what is evil: he believes in God, who alone knows it. Christian morality is a command; its origin is transcendent; it is beyond all criticism ... ; it has truth only if God is the truth—it stands or falls with faith in God.”

~Walter Kaufmann, translator, *The Portable Nietzsche* (New York: Penguin Group, 1954) 515f

Declaration of Independence (1776)

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness ...”

Universal “Sense of Deity”

Romans 1:19–20

“What can be known of God is manifest in them for God has shown it to them.

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes (GK: *aoratos*) are clearly seen (GK: *kathorao*), being understood from the things that are made, even His eternal power and divine nature, so they are without excuse.”

For Believers: Foundational Response to Our Creator—1 Peter 5:5–7

“... Be clothed with humility, for God ‘resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’

“Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He make exalt you in due time — casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you.

“Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.”