

Interlocked Series

Lesson #02.3

August 1, 2023

Dean Bible Ministries

www.deanbibleministries.org

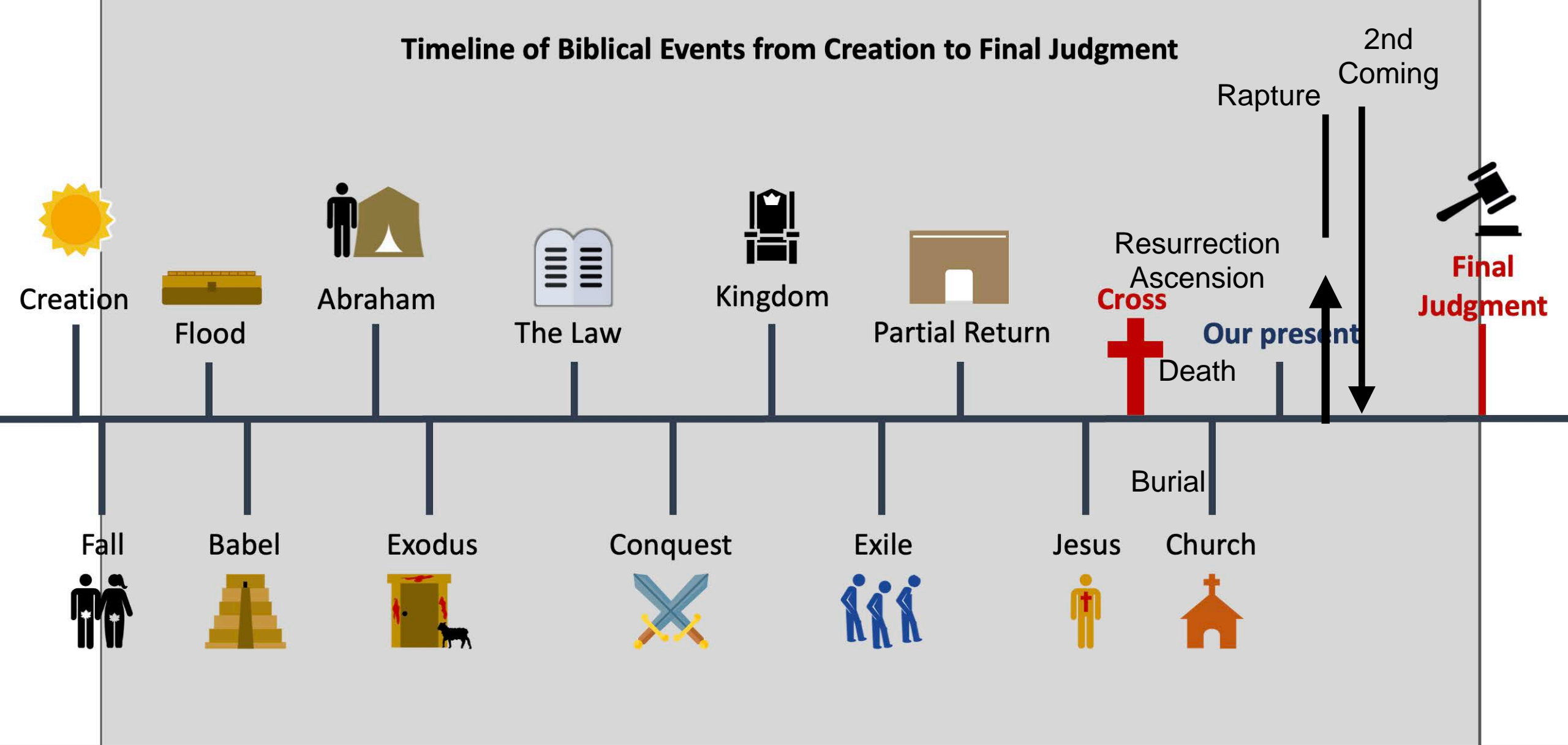
© 2023, Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr.

INTERLOCKED

Lesson 2 Part 3 Pagan Worldview Today!!

Lesson 2:
Pagan View of Origins

Timeline of Biblical Events from Creation to Final Judgment



Old Testament



Creation Flood Abraham Law Kingdom Partial
Fall Babel Exodus Conquest Exile Return

New Testament



Jesus's Birth Death Burial Resurrection Church Age Rapture 2nd Coming Messianic Kingdom

Old Testament

Creator-creature

Divine Institutions

Flood

Abraham

Law

Kingdom

Partial

Fall

Babel

Exodus

Conquest

Exile

Return

Spirit Beings: Angelic Revolt

New Testament

Jesus's
Birth

Death

Burial

Resurrection

Church Age

Rapture

2nd
Coming

Messianic
Kingdom

INTERLOCKED

CHILDREN'S

The Spirit Beings: Job 38:4–7

The Spirit Beings: Job 38:4-7

The Shining Star: Isa. 14:12–14;
Ezekiel 12–17a

**The Problem with the Shining Star: he
wanted to level up to be the Creator**
Isa. 14:12–14; Ezekiel 12–17a

Pagan View of Origins

Big Trouble in the Garden of Eden

A. Definitions

Satan the Serpent

B. Where did this pagan worldview
come from? When did it start?

Satan the Deceiver

Gen. 3:1–8

You won't die

You will be like God

C. What this pagan worldview looks like
today? P. 11

Adam and Eve believed Satan's lies
Ooops, it's not my fault

- 1. The focus of lesson one: God's Creation; Divine Institutions.**
- 2. Lesson 2 focuses on wrong views of creation**
 - Spirit Beings**
 - Shining Star's fall**
 - The Angelic Rebellion**
 - The Deception of Adam and Eve**
- 3. Lesson 2.2 helps to understand why there are so many wrong views of where they came from.**
- 4. Lesson 2.3 focuses on what this pagan worldview looks like today.**

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Difference

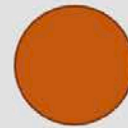
1st level

INFINITE PERSONAL CREATOR-GOD



2nd level

Creation event



nature, man



Divine Institutions

1. Responsible choice
2. Marriage: one man and one woman
3. The family



Summary of the Biblical Worldview

1. Creator-Creature Distinction

One God | Man | Nature (separate from each other)

2. Personal Sovereign God

3. Ultimate Authority: God

Summary of the Biblical Worldview

- **Yahweh God is the ultimate authority**
- **Yahweh God determines right and wrong**
- **Yahweh God created human beings in a specific way**

Satan's Attack Plan

- 1. He diminished *Yahweh* God by calling Him by only *Elohim*, this was a very sneaky way to attack the nature of God and imply He was just like the other angels.**
- 2. In the pagan worldview there is only chaos and chance.**

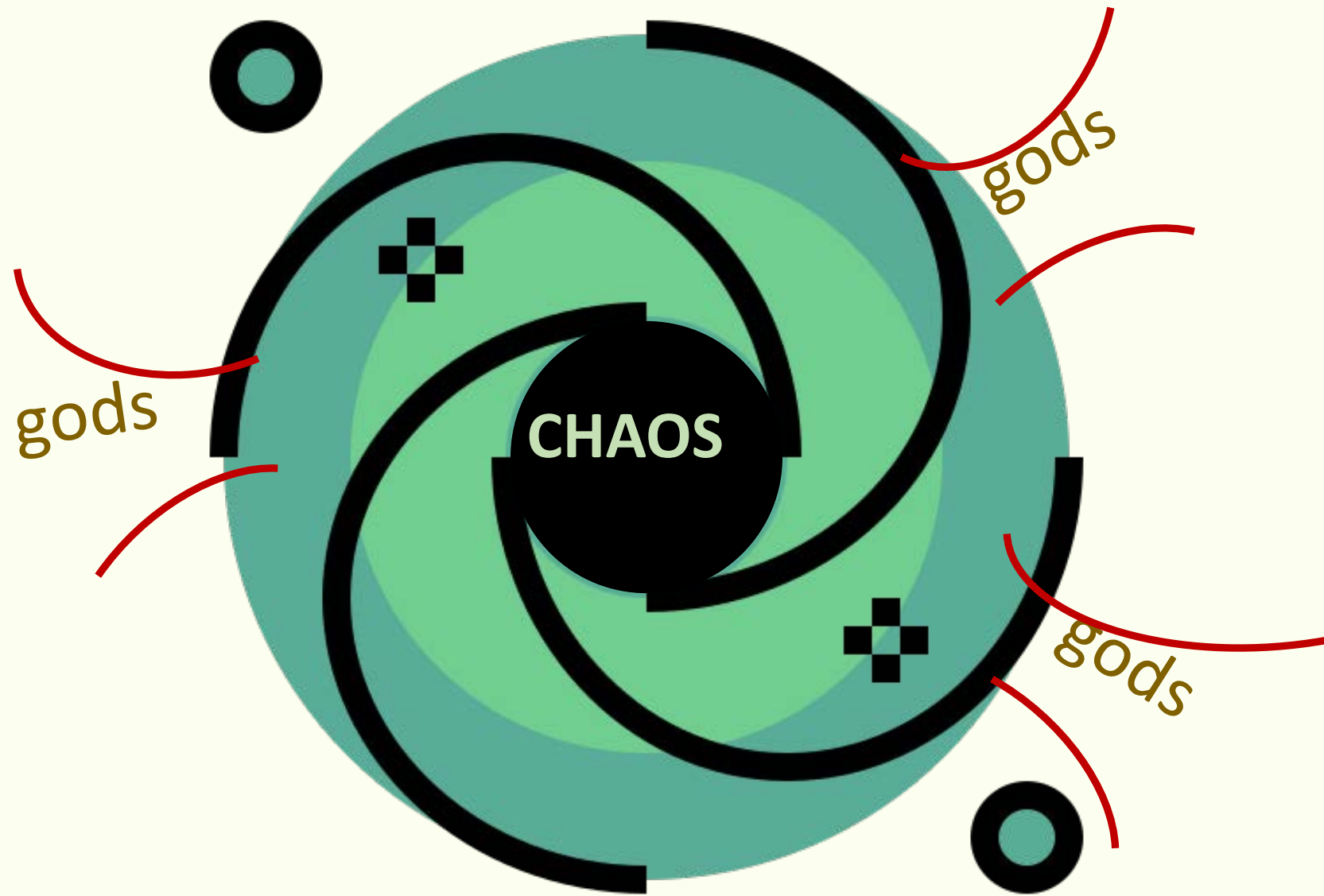
Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level CREATOR

2nd level Creature: what God created



The Shining Star
wanted to promote
himself to be God



Satan's Attack Plan

- 1. He diminished *Yahweh* God by calling Him by only *Elohim*, this was a very sneaky way to attack the nature of God and imply He was just like the other angels.**
- 2. In the pagan worldview there is only chaos and chance.**
- 3. In his appeal to Eve he made her think she was in a position to decide who was right and who was wrong.
The serpent ... or God?**

Summary of the Pagan (Non-Biblical) Worldview

1. Continuity of Being (a sliding scale of the “same stuff”)

gods—angels—humans—animals—plants—rocks

2. Ultimate reality: impersonal fate and random chance

3. Ultimate authority: self

Biblical Worldview

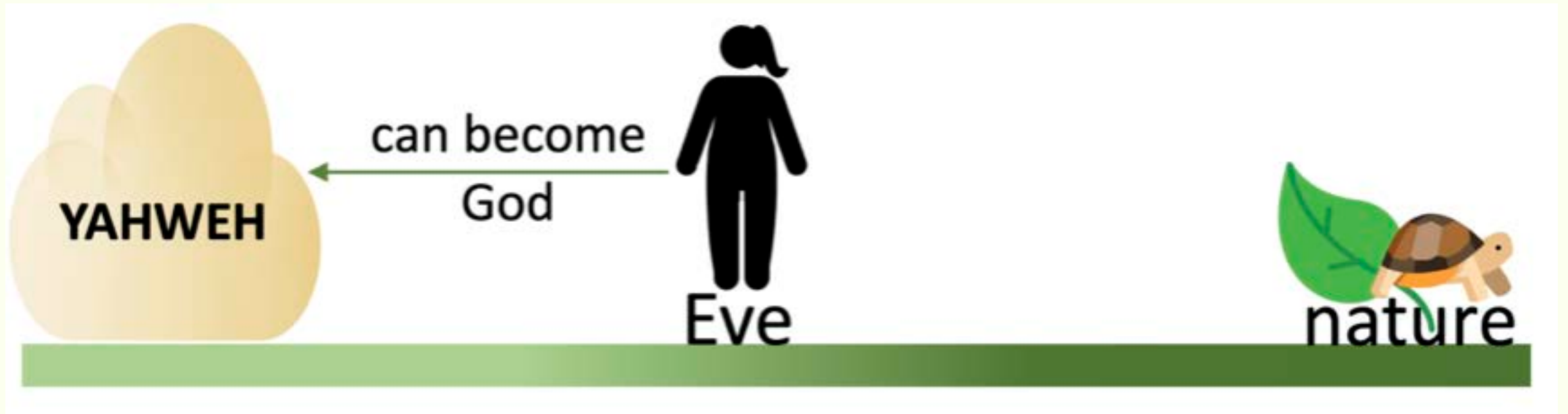
1. Creator-Creature Distinction
One God | Man | Nature
2. Personal Sovereign God
3. Ultimate Authority: God

Pagan Worldview

1. Continuity of Being (A scale)
gods _____ man _____ nature
2. Impersonal Fate and Chance
3. Ultimate Authority: Self

- 1. Satan was promising Eve she could be like God, she could go up the scale, level up from creature to Creator.**
- 2. The pagan worldview suggests man can move up the scale to be a god.**

Gen. 3:5, “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”



Gen. 3:6, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level

CREATOR

2nd level

Creature

The Shining Star
wanted to promote
himself to be God

The Shining Star
enticed and deceived
mankind that they
could be God

FAILED

III. Satan tricked Eve into thinking she had ultimate authority over her own life, not God: the idea of self being the ultimate authority.

B. Where did this pagan worldview come from?

- 1. Satan is the source of the pagan worldview.**
- 2. Satan deceived Eve into thinking she, too, could change who she was as a creature.**
- 3. Satan planted the idea, but Eve, and then Adam, freely chose. They used their ability to choose to choose wrongly.**

Choice #1

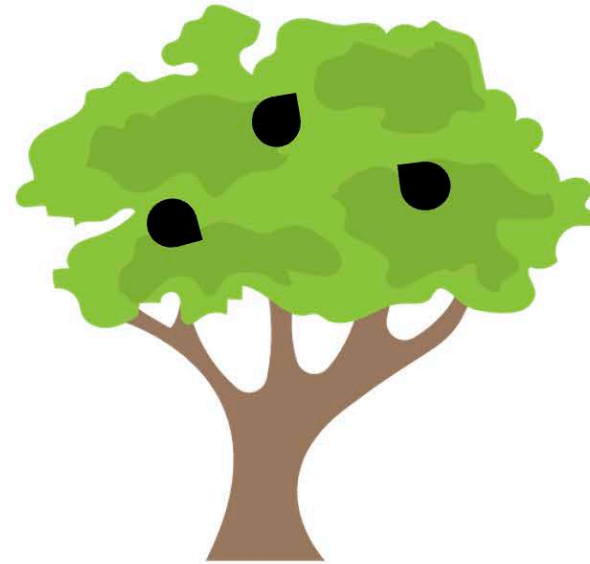
Ask God



All-knowing
Creator-God

Choice #2

Find out for themselves
independent of God



Tree of
the knowledge of
good and evil

What Does this Pagan Worldview Look Like Today?

1. Continuity of Being and Evolution

What is “science?”

SCIENCE



hypothesis

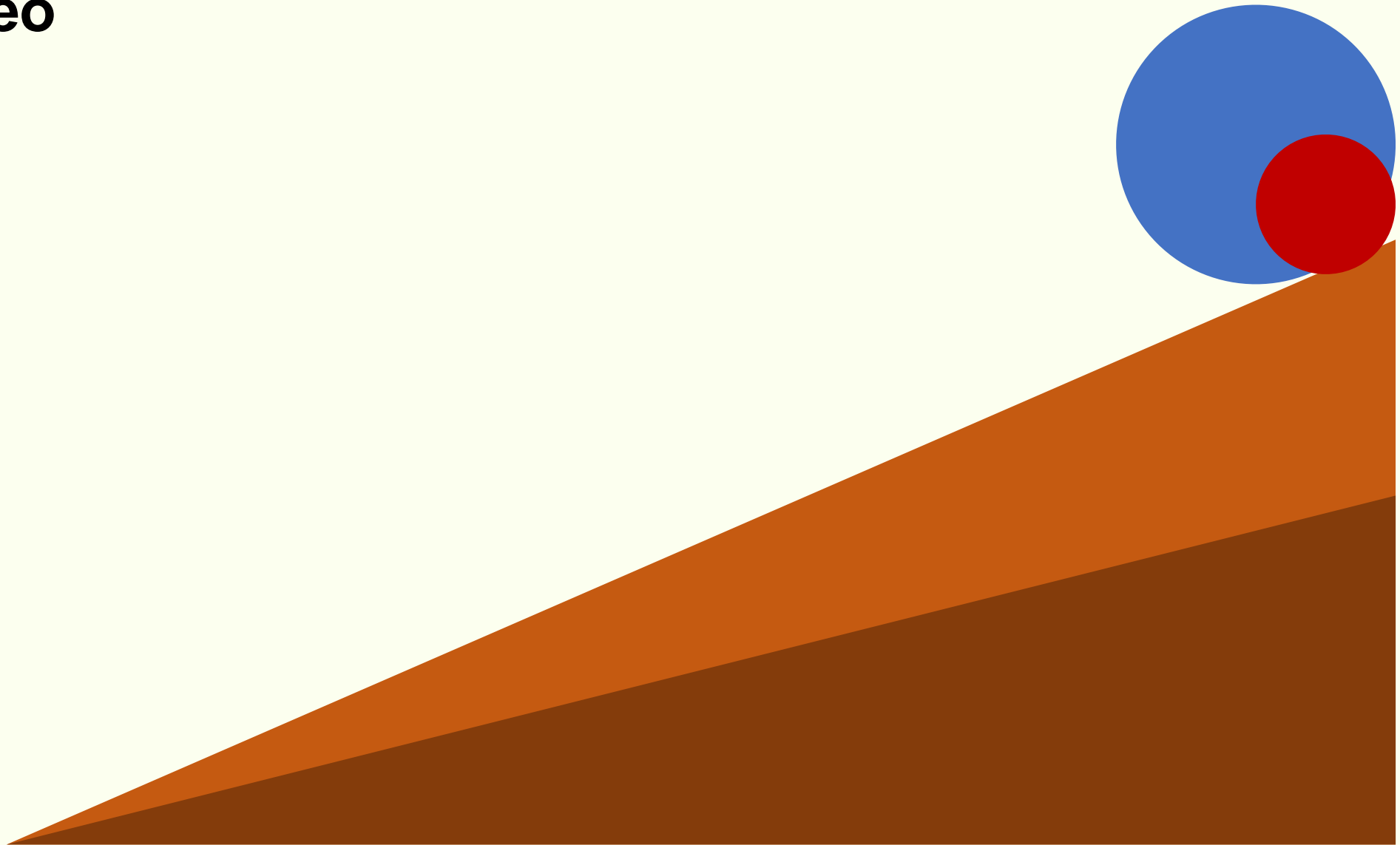


experiment



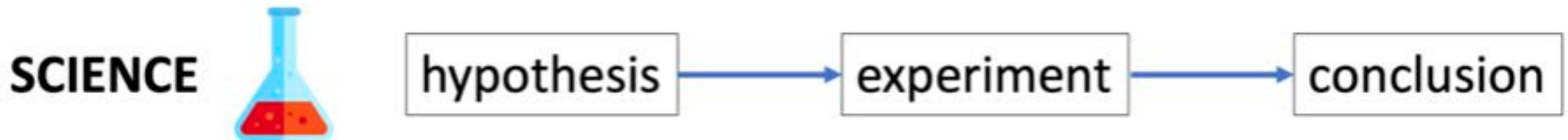
conclusion

Galileo



Evolution is only a *theory*. The *theory* of evolution:

- No one has ever observed it.
- No one can test it or repeat it in a laboratory.
- The use of scientific names only disguises the fact that it isn't science.
- Evolution does not follow the scientific method.
- Evolution claims life differs only in degrees.
- Evolution is *fake science*.



1. What is the impact of this continuity of being concept?

- **Two world wars**
- **The legalization of abortion**
- **The legalization of euthanasia (assisted suicide)**
- **Genocides (mass killings) in Germany, Armenia, Africa, Cambodia, Rwanda, Sudan, and other places**
- **Eugenics—the medical practice of improving the human race by selecting people with desirable traits and preventing those with undesirable traits from having children**

<p style="text-align: center;">Biblical Worldview</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creator-Creature Distinction One God Man Nature 2. Personal Sovereign God 3. Ultimate Authority: God 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pagan Worldview</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuity of Being (A scale) gods ——— man ——— nature 2. Impersonal Fate and Chance 3. Ultimate Authority: Self
<p style="text-align: center;">WHO AM I?</p> <p>I am a creature who is responsible to my Creator.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHO AM I?</p> <p>I am my own person, not accountable to anyone. I am alone in this sea of chaos.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WHAT IS TRUTH? HOW DO I KNOW?</p> <p>I look to my Creator, a person, for the truth. He is the source of all truth.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHAT IS TRUTH? HOW DO I KNOW?</p> <p>Truth is whatever I make it. I generate my own law.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?</p> <p>God defines what I do. God gives the rules. He gives my life meaning.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?</p> <p>I generate my own ethics. I do what is right in my own eyes.</p>

Creator-Creature Distinction

- 1. God is wholly separate from the universe He made.**
- 2. God is the Creator of all things.**
- 3. All things came into existence not because God transformed part of Himself into things, but He created something out of nothing by the power of His spoken word.**
- 4. The Bible teaches that there is a clear boundary between man, animals, and plants, and they procreate according to their own kinds. One will not become another. A rock will never be an animal and an animal will never be a man. A man will never become a god.**

Genesis 1:11 (Plants)

“Then God said, ‘Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.’ And that is what happened.” [NLT]

Gen. 1:11, “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth’; and it was so.” [NKJV]

Gen. 1:21, “So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.” [NLT]

Gen. 1:21, “So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” [NKJV]

Gen. 1:24, “Then God said, ‘Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.’ And that is what happened.” [NLT]

Gen. 1:24, “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind’; and it was so.” [NKJV]

Genesis 1:27 (Man)

**“So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.” [NLT]**

**Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the
image of God He created him; male and female He created
them.” [NKJV]**

Impersonal Fate and Chance

Luck

Karma

“The universe” was against me today!

Positive energy

Horoscope

The Force

God's Word, the Bible, tells us:

- 1. God is a person, capable of thought, reason, relationships, and choices.**
- 2. God controls everything ultimately, but also chooses to give human beings and angels limited choices.**

1 Chron. 29:11, “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.”

Isa. 46:8, “Remember this, and show yourselves men;
Recall to mind, O you transgressors.

Isa. 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am
God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like
Me,

Isa. 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from
ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My
counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’

Isa. 46:11, “Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man
who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I
have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed
it; I will also do it.”

Ultimate Authority—Self? No

Prov. 19:21, “You can make many plans, but the LORD’s purpose will prevail.”

Prov. 14:12 (16:25), “There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”

Satan is the arch-deceiver and he is always seeking to deceive us.

Job 1:6, “One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them.

Job 1:7, “ ‘Where have you come from?’ the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, ‘I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.’ ”

1 Pet. 5:8, “Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”