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HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Welcome to 'Genesis Unplugged'. You will enjoy jogging through Genesis as we look at the great issues of life and how they relate to God as Creator and the fact of His creation.

This study guide goes with the 6 part video series, 'Genesis Unplugged'. Play each part of this one and a half hour video until you reach the end of the section (usually 12 - 15 minutes long). A verse or question will appear on the screen followed by the instruction 'pause here when using the study guide'. Pause your video player at this place and enjoy the challenging questions in the study guide.

Each portion of the guide starts with the question that finishes the video segment. There are far more questions in each section than you would do in a normal study session. This is intentional and gives you room to choose questions you might wish to pursue.

We've also included an interesting general section on science and the Bible with questions on Creation/Evolution. You might like to discuss one of these with each section of the study guide. May the Lord lead you as you seek His mind on His creation to His glory and honour.

GENESIS UNPLUGGED

(Part 1) GOD SAYS WHAT?

1. In John 5: 46-47, Jesus stated that anyone who rejects what Moses wrote would reject Jesus Christ. Why should this happen?
2. What books did Moses write?
3. Did Moses write anything about evolution?
4. How do the 10 Commandments differ from every other portion of the Bible? (Exodus 31:18)
5. Does the 7 day week come from:
(a) Politics? (b) Astronomy? (c) Religion?
6. Could the 6 days of Creation be any length of time, or were they six ordinary days such as you and I know them?
7. How does God command us to divide our time between work and rest? (Exodus 20: 8-11)
8. If the police force can be persuaded to work a 10 day week, followed by 4 days off, what do you predict their attitude would eventually be to:
(a) Abortion? (b) Euthanasia? (c) Infanticide?
9. If you rob a native parrot's nest in Australia and break the eggs, you can be fined up to \$5000. Yet an abortion costs only \$500 and is refundable on government health care. What are the beliefs of a government that would make such a legislation?
10. Is suicide wrong? Why?
11. What is God's attitude to murder? (Exodus 20:13)
12. What is God's attitude to capital punishment? (Genesis 9:6)
13. The first instruction concerning society punishing a murderer is given to Noah (Genesis 9:6). It was to be implemented in the world to all of his descendants after the flood. However, the first murder was committed by Adam's son, Cain (Genesis 4:1-15), and yet God spared him. Is there any inconsistency here?
14. Which US presidents have been evolutionists?
15. What did they believe about abortion / suicide / euthanasia?
16. Does the Bible teach that there should be legal penalties for performing an abortion?

17. How is the commandment about not stealing (Exodus 20:15), related to God's instruction to Adam after sin came, that he would have to earn his living by the sweat of his brow? (Genesis 3:17)

18. Where is the Protestant work ethic derived from?

19. Recently a sign appeared in plant nursery shops advising that laws had been passed preventing bare rooted native plants from being sold to the public since the public did not know how to keep them alive. What has the government just made illegal? What value have they just given to these plants? What do you think their rationale would be?

20. Do fisherman have the right to remove seals from their fishing grounds? (Genesis 1:27-28)

21. Does man have the right to chop down a tree? (Genesis 1:27-28)

22. What does the Bible have to say about tattoos, body piercing, and other body disfigurement? (Deuteronomy 14:1, 2; Joshua 7:15) What do you think the reason for God's attitude is

23. A pilot started a new company to spread the ashes of cremated people across the USA. He has called his company 'You fry em, we fly em'. Apart from minor problems like having Aunt Bertha sometimes fly back through the window and up his nose, the company is thriving. What does the Bible have to say about the increasingly popular process of cremation or burning bodies to ash after death?

24. Where in the Bible is the first birth control implemented and why?

25. What's the difference between birth control and abortion to an evolutionist?

26. Because Creation is true, what's the difference between birth control and abortion?

27. The USA was built on the belief that "All men were created with certain inalienable rights". Can a democracy function, if evolution is taught as a fact in the educational institutions?

28. Can a democratic system work when the bulk of a population has no knowledge of God's revealed truth?

29. Does the Creator God accept democratic decisions about what he says is right or wrong?

30. What is sin? (1 John 3:4; John 1:17)

31. How does evolution undermine God's definition of sin?

(Part 2) YOUR BEST FAMILY

1. What reason does Paul give for male leadership in the church? (1 Timothy 2:12-14) Is his reason based on culture?

2. Would you accept Paul's reasoning if you believed in evolution?

3. The New Testament instructs women who are married to non-Christians to set an example by quiet godliness and not preach to their husbands about Christ. (1 Peter 3:1,2) Is this consistent with the Bible's teaching about the roles of men and women?
4. According to the Theory of evolution, should man or woman be the head of the house?
5. The apostle Peter (1 Peter 3:1-6) tells women even if they're married to non-Christians to follow the example of Sarah who called her husband Abraham, 'Lord'. How does this apply to modern marriages?
6. Since God has appointed men to be in charge of the teaching and preaching (1 Timothy 2:12-14) in the Church, is there anything that the women can be in charge of teaching? Or shouldn't they teach at all? (Titus 2:3-5)
7. God's penalty for the rape of a married woman was more severe than the penalty for the rape of a single woman. (Deuteronomy 22:13-30) Why do you think this was so?
8. Malachi 2:14 - 16 tells us that God hates divorce. Why does He?
9. What is God's attitude to fornication (premarital sex)? (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Acts 15:19-20)
10. What does the Bible say is God's attitude towards polygamy? Does it differ from His attitude to adultery? If so, why?
11. According to evolution, do children have equal rights with parents?
12. According to evolution, where do children get their rights from?
13. What does the Bible say God instructed the people of Israel to do about
 - (a) Premarital Sex?
 - (b) Bestiality?
14. Is 'falling in love' the Bible's basis for marriage (Matthew 19:4-7)?
15. A leading politician recently stated: "The family is man's best invention for keeping society stable". True or False?
16. According to one science magazine, modern married couples divorce after about 3 years because that's the longest time two gorillas can tolerate each other. What assumption about the history of life are they making?
17. Many Psychologists use animal studies to decide what is natural human behaviour - what is the philosophy behind this practice?
18. Where should counsellors from Family law courts and government departments get their rules for family issues?.

(Part 3) THE BOTTOM LINE

1. The Psalmist wrote, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do". (Psalm 11:3) What is the answer to his question?
2. Why has evolution had such a devastating effect on people's confidence in the Bible over the past 100 years?
3. Do evolutionists have any reason not to indulge in cloning and genetic engineering experiments?
4. Can evolutionists logically argue human life has no intrinsic value?
5. If an evolutionist is being consistent, does man have rights?
6. Which of the following are not discussed in Genesis 1 - 11?
 - a) The Origin of Man
 - b) The Origin of Sin
 - c) The Origin of Nations
 - d) The Origin of languages
 - e) The Origin of Sex
 - f) The Origin of Marriage
 - g) The Origin of Government
 - h) The Origin of the Solar System
 - i) The Origin of the Universe
 - j) The Origin of Tomatoes
 - k) The Origin of Aliens
 - l) The Origin of AIDs
7. Huxley and many other Social Engineers in England during the last century saw Darwin's Theory as a way out from under the thumb of the Victorian Policeman (by which they meant the laws of the Church). Were they right?
8. What do the words, good/evil mean:
 - (a) to an evolutionist?
 - (b) to a Christian?
9. Who is Christ? (John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16-17, Hebrews 1:1-2)
10. What is the connection between the Gospel (John 3:16), the Law (John 1:17) and Creation (John 1:1-3)?

(Part 4) BODY LANGUAGE.

1. Are nudists trying to re enter Eden without wanting to admit their sins need to be covered?
2. Since God made Adam and Eve naked (Genesis 2:25), is the human body good or bad?
3. Rev Turner stated in the Seattle Times: "What difference does it make to religion whether God made man out of the earth immediately or by gradual process?" What is the answer to his question?
4. The Apostle Peter stated we must "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). Should a Christian believe things by blind faith?
5. How could the Antichrist use the theory of evolution to promote lawlessness?

6. Why did God give us clothes? (Genesis 2:25 - 3:21)
7. How would a Christian decide what is good fashion?
8. Does God approve of topless swimwear?
9. How has evolution helped promote the increase in pornography?
10. What is wrong with magazines that display the naked bodies of men or women?
11. Does the Bible say we will wear clothes in Heaven? If so, why?
12. What definition would God have for sexual perversion? (Genesis 4:1-7)
13. The Bible says Abel offered a sacrifice of an animal to God (Genesis 4:1-7) and his offering was accepted. How do you think Abel would have known that an animal sacrifice may have been acceptable to God? The New Testament regards Abel as a righteous man and a prophet (Hebrews 11:4). In what way was Abel's sacrifice prophetic of what was to come both for the people of Israel, and in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ?
14. During communion we commemorate the shedding of Christ's blood. In what way might this be connected to how Adam and Eve were spared from death when God judged their sin? (Genesis 3:1-21)
15. How does sin affect the way men view women?

(Part 5) ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES

1. The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:25-28 about those "Who did not like to retain God in their knowledge, so God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." List the sins that show up in such people.
2. How can you leave God out of your knowledge?
3. What are the social consequences of leaving God out of your knowledge?
4. How can you include God in your knowledge?
5. What instructions did God give the people of Israel for dealing with homosexuals (and lesbians)? (Leviticus 20:13)
6. What instructions did God give the Corinthian Christians for dealing with homosexuals? (2 Corinthians 6:9-10)
7. Does God discriminate against:
 - a) Homosexuals / Lesbians?
 - b) Thieves?
 - c) Murderers?

8. Is the following statement one that a Christian employer should make - "we are an equal opportunity employer, who does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or sexual preference"? Explain your reasoning.
9. Do gay whales have any less rights than straight whales to an evolutionist?
10. Is the order of events in Genesis the same as the order of events in the theory of Evolution? If not, how do they differ?
11. What is wrong with the belief that God used evolution to create?
12. What right does God have to tell us we are wrong?
13. Hitler, Stalin and Mao all accepted some form of evolutionism. What result did this have on their attitude to their fellow man?
14. Does any government have the authority to make laws claiming something is right when God says it is wrong?
15. Is a Christian under obligation to obey a wrong law?
16. Is the church under obligation to obey a wrong law?

(Part 6) REACHING OTHERS

1. Paul states in 2 Corinthians 11:3 that the Gospel is, "a stumbling block to the Jews but to the Greeks it is foolishness". Why the difference?
2. Why did Jesus have to die? Why couldn't God just forgive and forget?
3. What is the Gospel?
4. Does the New Age, with its belief in reincarnation, have a solution to the problem of death?
5. According to the theory of evolution is there a solution to the problem of death?
6. What is the real history of Death? (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:22-23)
7. Were Adam and Eve originally vegetarians?
8. When was man first allowed to eat meat? (Genesis 9:1-5) Why?
9. What is one thing man is not allowed to eat? (Genesis 9:1-5; Acts 15:19-20)
10. What modern foods have blood in them? Should you eat them?
11. Was Jesus a vegetarian
 - a) Before the crucifixion?
 - b) After the resurrection?

12. How would your methods differ when you share the gospel with:

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| a) an Evolutionist, | b) a New Ager, | c) a Buddhist, |
| d) a Moslem, | e) an Agnostic, | f) an Atheist, |
| g) a person of a different race, | | h) a Jehovah's Witness? |
| l) a dying person, | j) a cripple | |

13. What do Luke 16:31 and John 5:46-47 have to say about the effect of the theory of evolution on people hearing the gospel?

14. How would you "rebuild the foundations" of the truth of Creation?

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| (a) If you are a church leader? | (b) If you are a politician? |
| (c) If you are a public school teacher? | |
| (d) If you are a Sunday School teacher? | |

(Part 7) GENERAL QUESTIONS ON CREATION/EVOLUTION

1. Is or was there any such thing as primitive man?

2. Are any cave men mentioned in the Bible?

3. Name some Prehistoric animals.

4. Are Dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible?

5. How did Australian animals get to Noah to be on the ark?

6. Who invented 'survival of the fittest'?

7. Is survival of the fittest something that results from evolution, or did God create creatures to be fit so they would survive?

8. Is Natural Selection the same as evolution?

9. Does God's statement that He made creatures "after their kind" allow for any evolution? (Genesis 1)

10. Does the fact that the majority of cultures have flood legends similar to Noah's story suggest:

- a) the Bible is true?
- b) Evolution is true?
- c) God made many Adams of different colours?

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