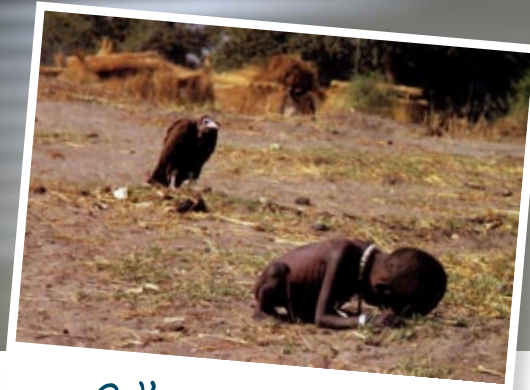


10 questions to ask at a Basics Night



God's mysterious ways

1. Why are there contradictions in the Bible?
2. Why does the Revival Fellowship preach tongues as a sign if Jesus stipulated that no signs would be given except the resurrection? (Matthew 12:38-40, Mark 8:12-13) Are tongues for a sign or not? (1 Corinthians 14:22)
3. Why do transitional/intermediate species appear in the fossil record if the Bible repeatedly says species are to reproduce after their own kind? (Genesis 1)
4. Why does God approve so much immorality in the Bible that today we find repulsive? E.g. why do both Testaments endorse genocide, animal torture and slavery? If society has moved on since then how is Jesus the same yesterday, today and for ever? (Hebrews 13:8)
5. Why don't the promises of prayer in the Bible align with reality? (E.g. Matthew 7:7, John 14:13, John 15:16)
6. Why is God's only outward and mandatory sign of salvation a well documented (a) learned behaviour that (b) historically pre-dates Christianity?
7. If answered prayer is credited to God, and unanswered prayer to 'bad faith' – how does one avoid making self-fulfilling "selective observations"?
8. Why is the Bible of 400 CE and the Bible today different by dozens of chapters and thousands of parts? Which Bible is the Word of God? And why does man edit it? Why are there conflicting salvation messages in God's only book?
9. Why are the observations of the natural world documented in the Bible so similar to the author's pagan contemporaries at that time? Why is there so much anti-science in the Bible?
 - e.g. talking donkeys/snakes
 - flat-disc Earth held up by pillars
 - cross-breeding of men/angels
 - incorrect value of Pi
 - fire-breathing dragon in Job
 - sky made of 'molten-mirror'
 - the Sun [not Earth] 'standing still'
 - raining frogs, floating ax-head, etc
10. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross if people in the Old Testament were saved by their works? In any case, why did God have to sacrifice Himself to make Himself happy with His own creation?