

Christian Framework Historical Development

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1957–1961)

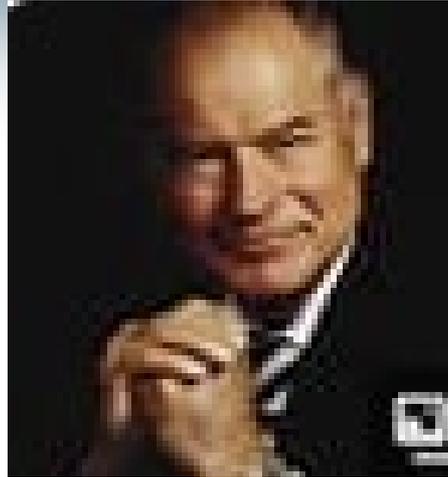


There were professors who *stood up against sloppy misuse of science*, e.g., engineering professor ridiculed evolutionary biologists

As President of campus United Christian Fellowship: *had to defend our evangelistic efforts on campus & fraternities against the chaplains* in Dean of Students Office multiple times



Bob Thieme (1960–1962)



Historical context of biblical history, not just “Bible stories”

Exact procedures to follow in the Christian life

Repetition in lessons

Dallas Theological Seminary (1964–1968)



*Biblical languages for
the exegesis of the text*

Dr. Waltke “History of
Israel” *linked biblical
stories to real history*

*Championed controversial speakers—
Henry Morris (*The Genesis Flood*),
Jay Adams (*Competent to Counsel*)*

Lubbock Bible Church (Texas Tech University 1969–1979)



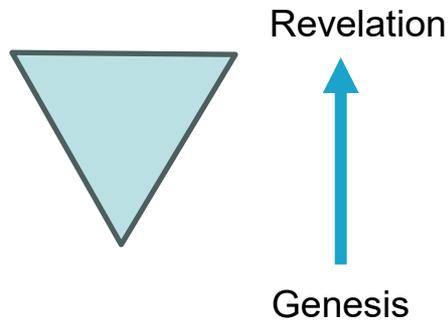
Certain faculty *undermined the faith of Christian students*

Encouraged students to take the offense not just the defense in evening lecture by liberal chaplain

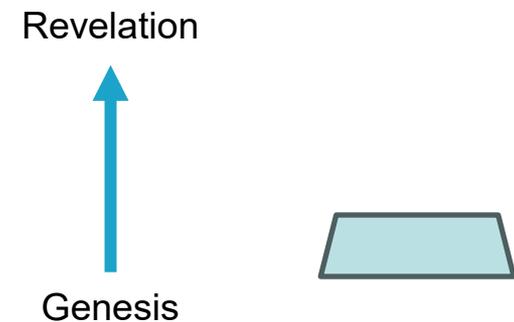
Emphasis on the *Creator/creature distinction*

Exposed Christian students to Francis Schaeffer's ministry

Genesis 1–11: The Foundation for All Future Revelation

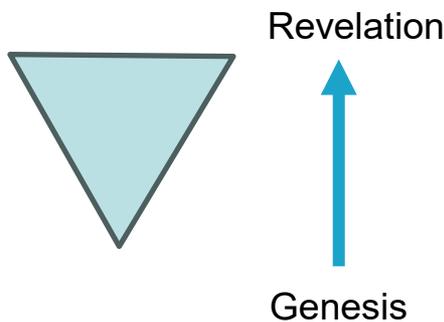


Expanding Amount of New
Revelation (Rv) from
Genesis to *Revelation*

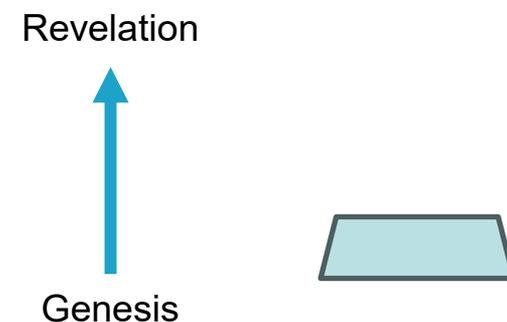


Decreasing Amount of
Foundational Revelation (Rv)
from *Genesis* to *Revelation*

US Army Job at Aberdeen Proving Ground (1973–2009)



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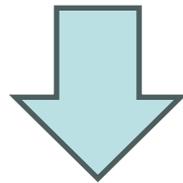
Job 38:3–8

“Prepare yourself like a strong man; I will question you, and you will answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or Who laid its cornerstone? When the morning stars sang together. And all the sons of God shouted for joy.”

God's "Show and Tell" Revelation

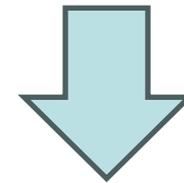
God's Rnv and Rv are part of His *same self consistent conversation*

God's "Show"
Non-Verbal Revelation
= Rnv



- Universal Sense of Deity
- Examples of God's "Engineering" & Mathematical Order
- Basis of Operational Science

God's "Tell"
Verbal Revelation = Rv



Basis of Personal Relationship of
God & Man
Basis of Contracts (covenants)

Reformation Triggers Rise of Modern Science

“The match that lights the fires of the Scientific Revolution (Bacon, Kepler, Newton) was the conviction that the biblical God had designed the universe in a rational and orderly fashion; in fact, so orderly that it could be described mathematically. *This fact of history at times mystifies and bewilders modern historians*”

~James Nickel, *Mathematics: Is God Silent?* p129

“This most beautiful system of sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being who governs all things as Lord overall and is wont to be called Lord God.”

~Newton, *The Principia*.

Presentations at APG of Weather and Warfare

George Washington's Continental Army escapes the British blockade of Long Island by a "*conveniently timed fog*" on the East River.

The Continental Army crosses the Delaware River and attacks the British mercenary Hessian soldiers guarding Trenton by a "*conveniently timed sleet storm*" with the wind blowing the sleet into the eyes of the British mercenaries.



CTS Christian Framework I & II (2013–2025)

Video of Framework Course at Dave Roseland's Preston City Church in 2013

Term Papers: Use the Framework to get insights into contemporary problems: deploy the Framework as the tool to study any subject of interest

Editor of CTS Journal *Pneumatikos* has selected two term papers to be published

J. Morgan Arnold, *“Let Us Build for Ourselves a City: A Biblical Look at the Correlation Between Secularism, Liberalism, and Urbanization in America”*

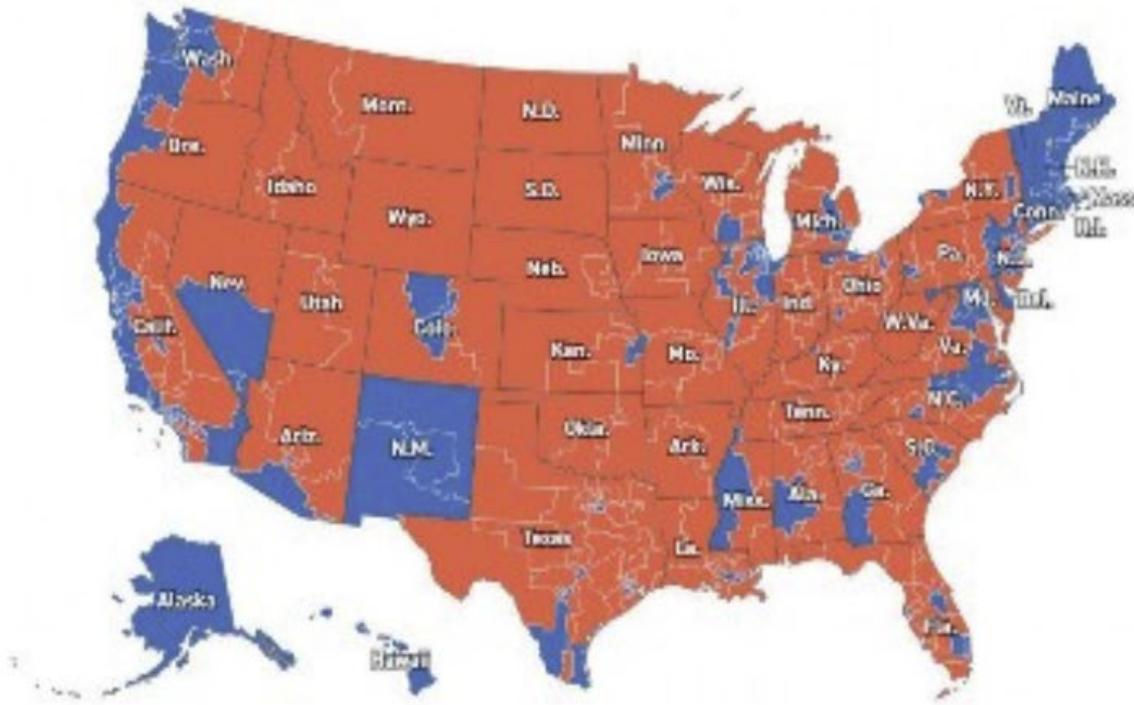


Figure 1. “House Election Results 2022: Live Map: Midterm Races by State.” POLITICO. Accessed December 26, 2022. <https://www.politico.com/2022-election/results/house/>.

Ryan Kwok, a CTS student from Singapore (who has to get up at 4am for class discussions!): “*The Worldview of Hinduism*”

C.S. Lewis once commented that Hinduism is the best well-thought-through paganism in the world. It, therefore, is *one of the most difficult challenges to Christian missionaries.*

WHAT the FRAMEWORK is NOT

It is ***not a substitute*** for theology
or exegesis

It is ***not a replacement*** for classical
Bible teaching.

(The Word of God is His Authoritative
Revelation in Every Area)

What the Framework IS

Francis Schaeffer: “One of the weaknesses of evangelical, orthodox Christianity—we have been proud in despising philosophy and the intellectual. Our theological students hardly ever relate their theology to philosophy. . . . Thus, men go out from the seminaries not knowing how to relate to it. It is not that they don’t know the answers, but my observation is that most men graduating from our theological seminaries do not know the questions.” *He Is There and He is Not Silent* 1972, page 4

What the Framework IS

Why the 60-year lapse by all the leaders of conservative theology that repeatedly tried to “adjust” their hermeneutic to fit historical geology. Never a thought to question the methodology of historical geology that calls itself “science” when it doesn’t follow the rigor of making careful observations, that characterize laboratory science. *See discussion by Ray Mondragon in his recent book: Science: Is God Shouting?*

An antidote to theological isolation that so restricts conversations with unbelieving friends.

Colossians 2:8–9

⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.