<u>Clash of the Worldviews</u>



Man's worldview vs a Christian's worldview.

Tess and I enjoy listening to Ken Ham's talks about the importance of knowing and believing the Book of Genesis. He says it's the very foundation of the Christian worldview.

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The woke, leftist, liberal, atheist, secular worldview is based on the word of man. A true Christian worldview is based on the written Word of God, the Bible.

What is a worldview? The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines worldview as a comprehensive conception or apprehension of the world especially from a specific standpoint. In other words, our worldview determines how we interpret what we see and hear. For example, a person who believes in evolution looks at the Grand Canyon and sees millions of years of erosion by the Colorado River. A person who believes in the Genesis account of Creation looks at the Grand Canyon and sees one of the results of the Great Flood of Genesis chapter 7.

The foundational doctrines of the Word of God are in all in Genesis chapters 1 to 11. A Christian's worldview should be based on what Genesis 1 to 11 has to say.

What Ken Ham has to say about the importance of Genesis chapters 1-11:

Genesis 1 to 11 is the foundation for the rest of the Bible for our worldview as a Christian, for all doctrine for the Gospel, for everything you know. I find a lot of churches today are more interested in Revelation than they are in Genesis.

Revelation is not the foundation for the rest of the Bible, Genesis 1 to 11 is. Revelation is not the foundation for all your doctrine, Genesis 1 to 11 is.

Christians who don't know or appreciate the Book of Genesis do not have a strong foundation to refute the lies and popular falsehoods of the secular worldview. If the Book of Genesis is a bunch of fables as many academics claim it to be, why did Jesus Himself often refer to it? Jesus referred to the great flood of Noah of Genesis chapters 6-8.

Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before **the flood** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,...

Jesus quoted from Genesis when He referred to gender as binary and marriage as a union between a man and his wife.

Matthew 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

The first three chapters of the Book of Genesis are especially important. They refute the false ideologies that the left, American Democrats, and liberals are trying to shove down the throats of the world.

- 1. God, not the big bang, created time, space and matter: Genesis 1:1 In the beginning (time) God created the heaven (space) and the earth.
- 2. God, not random material processes, created all living things: Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. Genesis 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the

moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind:

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

- 3. Man was created in the image of God. Mankind is therefore not in the same class as animals: Genesis 1:27a So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him;
- 4. Gender is not a social construct, it's a creation of God. Gender is binary, not a spectrum, only male and female: Genesis 1:27b ... male and female created He them.
- 5. God makes the rules of life. Breaking God's rules results in death and the reason why death is in the world. Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree

of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

6. God created woman from man and ordained marriage to be between people of the opposite sex, a man and a woman. There is no same sex marriage in the Bible.

Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

- 7. Satan's first tactic is to get us to doubt God's Word: Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden.
- 8. Satan is a liar and deceiver. Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
- 9. Satan uses the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (knowledge and wisdom) to cause Eve to sin. Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
- 10. Rather than confess his sin and ask God for forgiveness, Adam blames his wife.

Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

11. Eve also doesn't take responsibility for her action and blames the serpent. Mankind has been passing the buck for their failures on others ever since.

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

- 12. Disobedience to God's commandment is the reason why human childbirth is so hard for the woman. Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
- 13. There is only one race of people on earth, the human race. What is called "race" today is a social construct based on Darwinism. A more accurate term is ethnic groups. The human race today are all the children of Noah's three sons.

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Genesis 9:19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread. (Overspread with people!)

14. Sin is coming short of God's righteousness. Morality is not relative. God, not man, sets the standard of righteousness: Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door...

Part of Ken Ham's message is one cannot truly understand the Gospel without knowing and believing in what the Book of Genesis teaches. The Japanese heard of the story of Adam and Eve and the temptation of Satan in the Garden of Eden, but they don't understand the significance of it as it applies to them. I would often tell the Japanese if they know and understand the first three chapters of the Book of Genesis, they will know more about the meaning of life than most university professors in the world.

We first learn of the concept of sin from Genesis chapter 3. There is no specific word for "sin" in the Japanese language! The word for sin in the Japanese Bible is *tsumi* [], but it's doesn't have the nuance of a moral crime of breaking God's commandment. It just means "crime." Calling a person a sinner in Japanese is the same as calling someone a criminal! How did I get around that? I had to define exactly what sin is to a Japanese or Buddhist person. For example, murder is a crime in both man's and God's eyes. Strong hatred toward a person, however, is not a crime according to man's laws, but it is a serious crime and sin in the eyes of God according to the Bible.

1 John 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

There's a lot more I could add to this Bible class but I think this may be sufficient for you to get the point that belief in the Book of Genesis is foundational for our faith. It's not contrary to true science at all! Genesis 1:1 confirms Einstein's Space-Time Continuum theory. There ARE scientists today who accept all of the Book of Genesis as truth.

I hope this inspires you to listen to Ken Ham's talk!