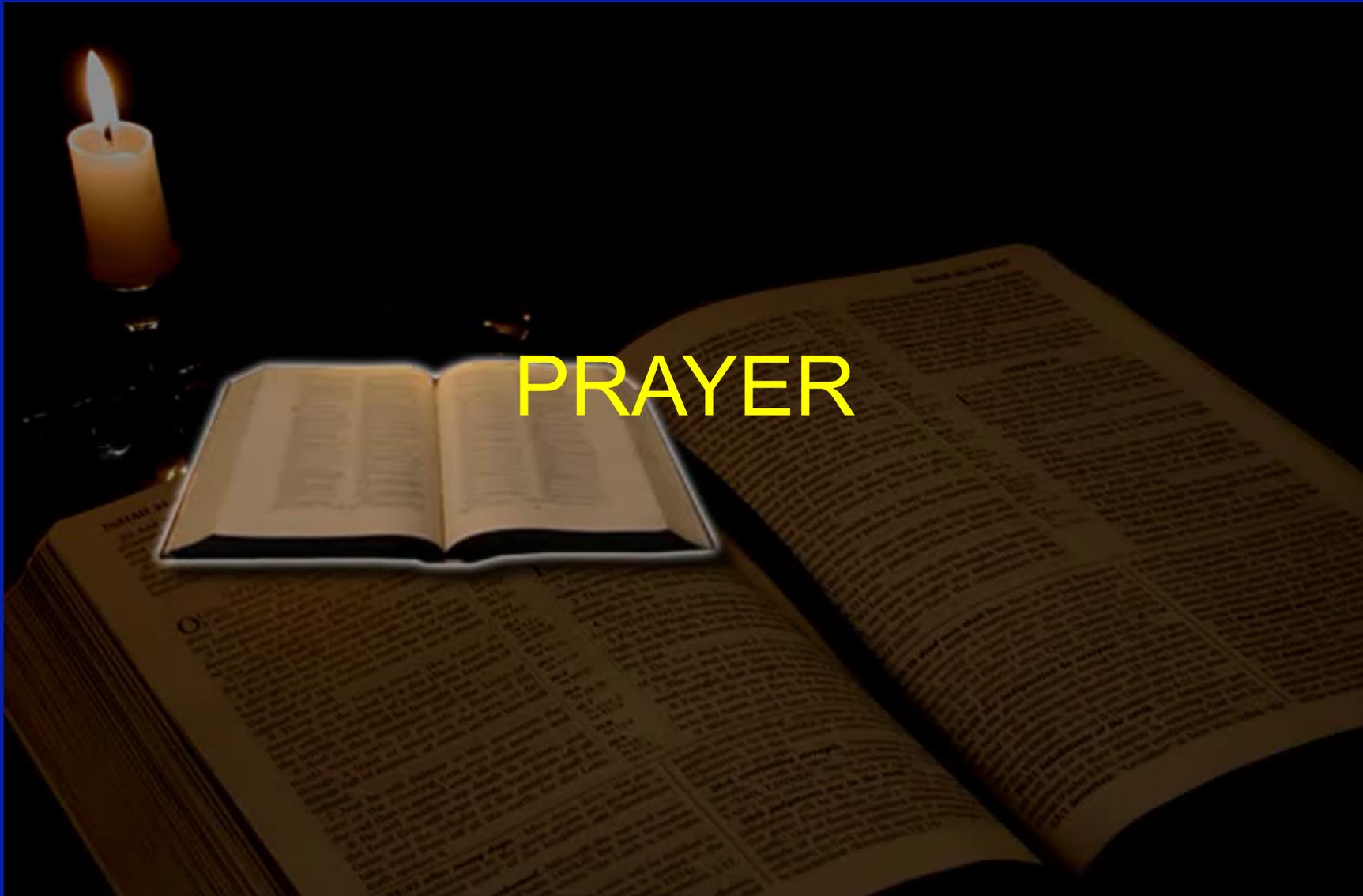
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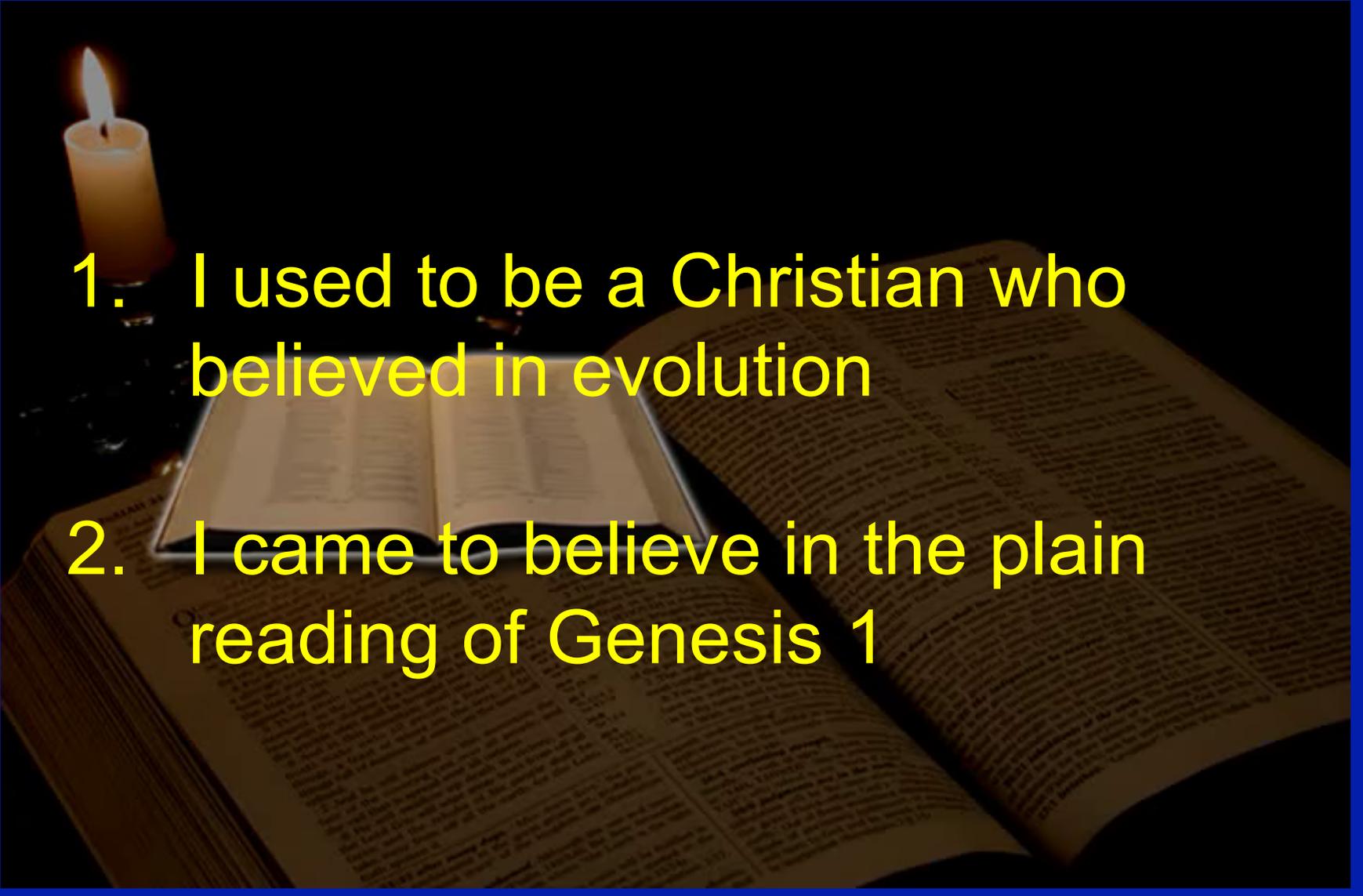
CREATION VS EVOLUTION



PRAYER

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TESTIMONY

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1. I used to be a Christian who believed in evolution

2. I came to believe in the plain reading of Genesis 1

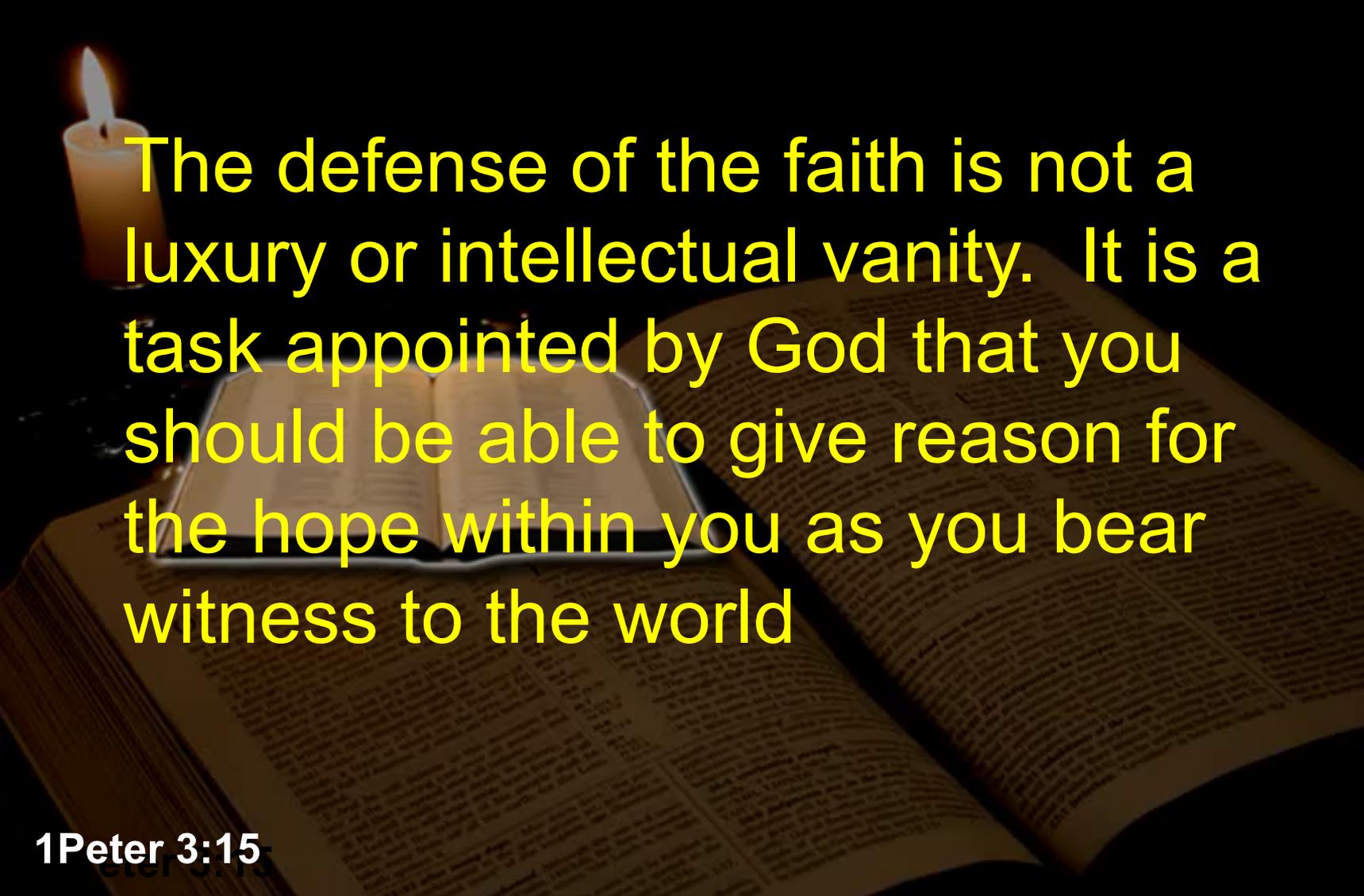
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Tenets of Christian Faith

1. The Great Commandment (MAT 22:35-40) – worship, obey and act

2. The Great Commission (MAT 28: 16-20) - evangelize

3. Defend the Faith (1PET 3:15) – basis for apologetics

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The defense of the faith is not a luxury or intellectual vanity. It is a task appointed by God that you should be able to give reason for the hope within you as you bear witness to the world

1Peter 3:15

Types of Apologetics



1. Historical Apologetics

2. Defense of Miracles

3. Prophetic Fulfillment

4. Philosophical Apologetics

5. Experiential Apologetics

6. Scientific / Creation Apologetics



Biblical Context

1. Creation

2. Fall

3. Flood

4. Tower of Babel

5. Exodus

6. Babylon

7. Christ's Ministry, Death and Resurrection

8. Babylon the Great

In the beginning
God created the
heaven and
the earth.

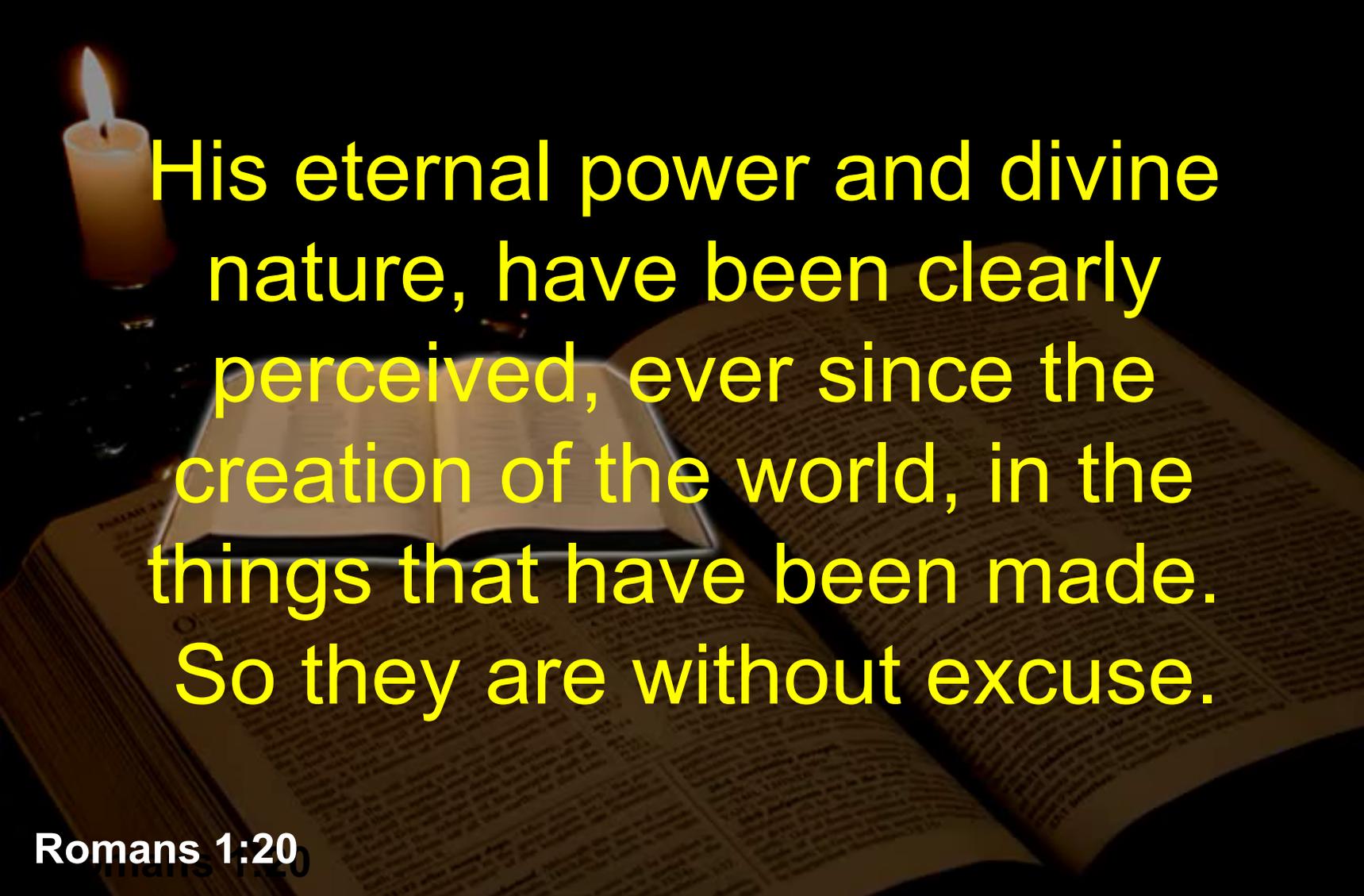
Genesis 1:1



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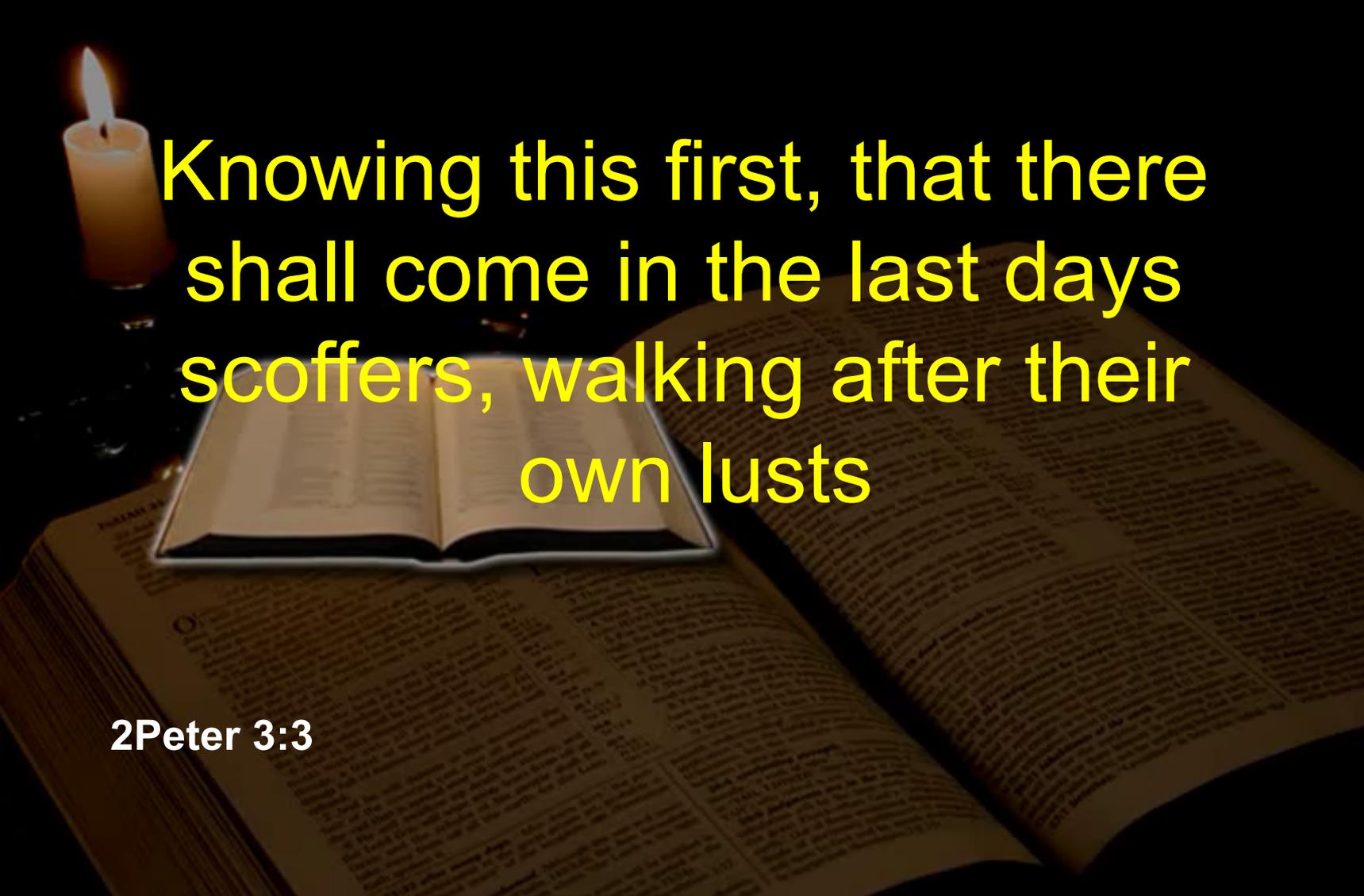
The heavens
declare the glory of
God; the skies
proclaim the work
of his hands

Ps 19

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His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

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Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts

2Peter 3:3

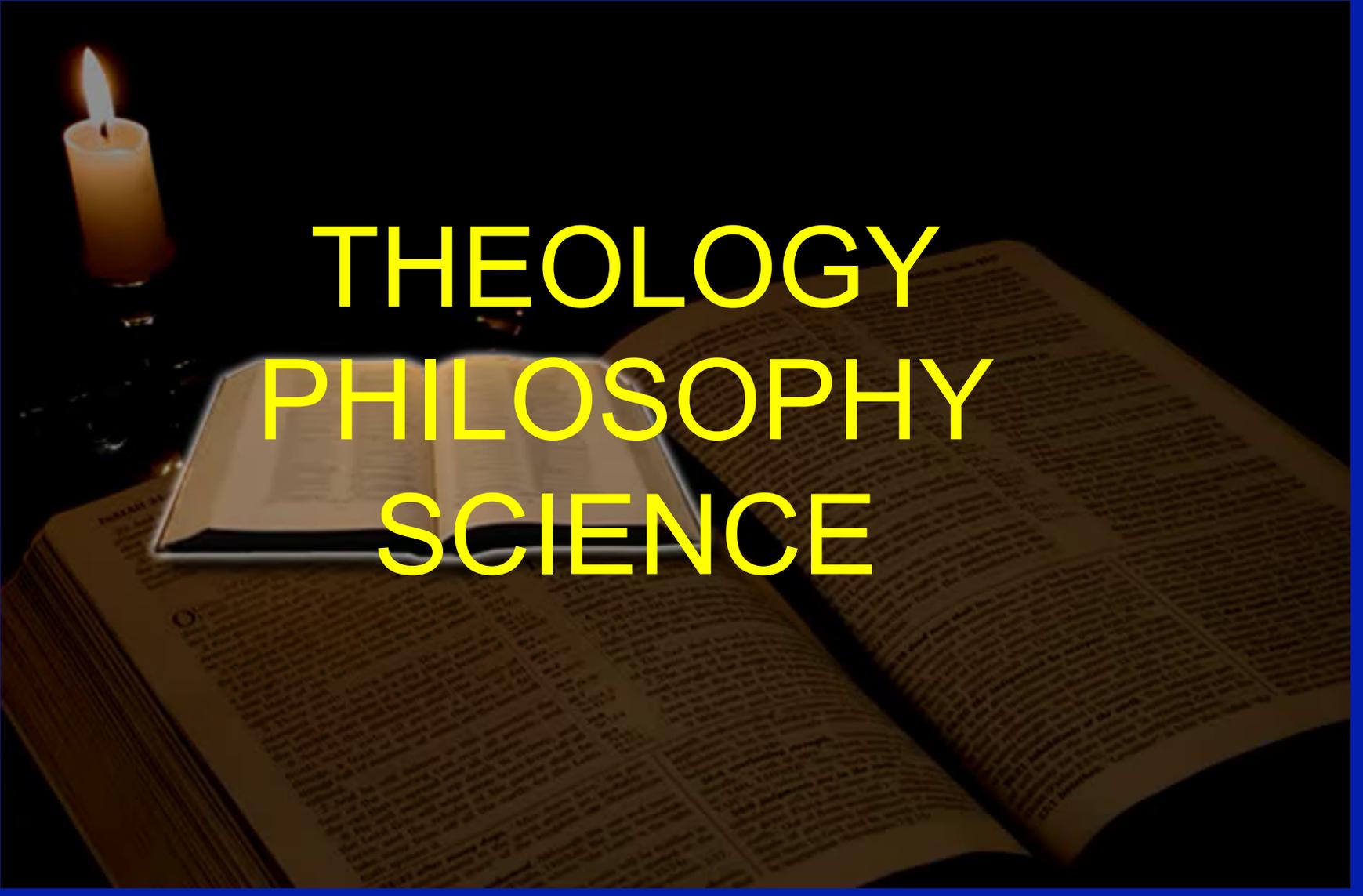
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GOALS

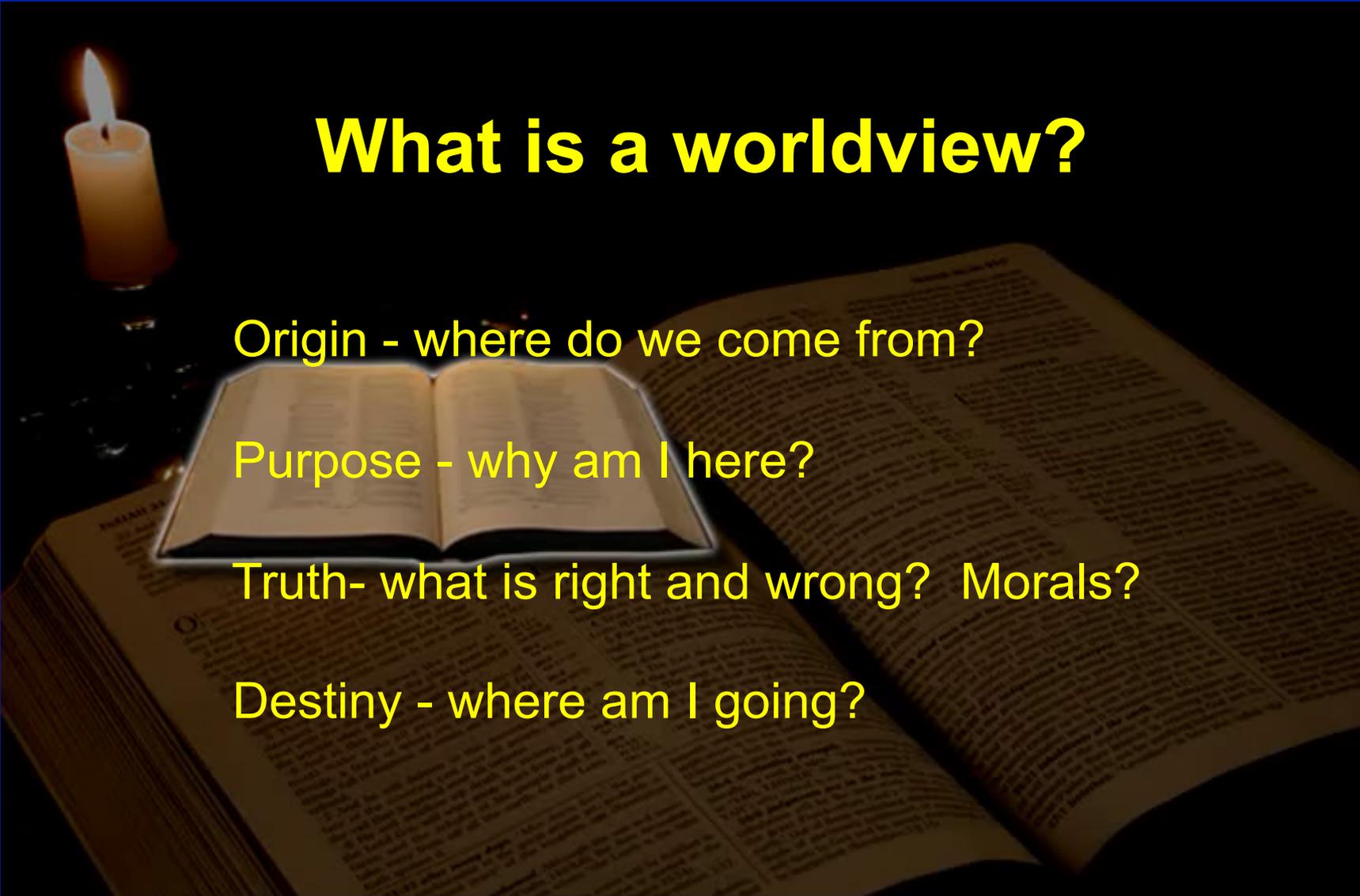
1. Why is Creation – Evolution important?

2. What is a World View?

3. What is Science?

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**THEOLOGY
PHILOSOPHY
SCIENCE**

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What is a worldview?

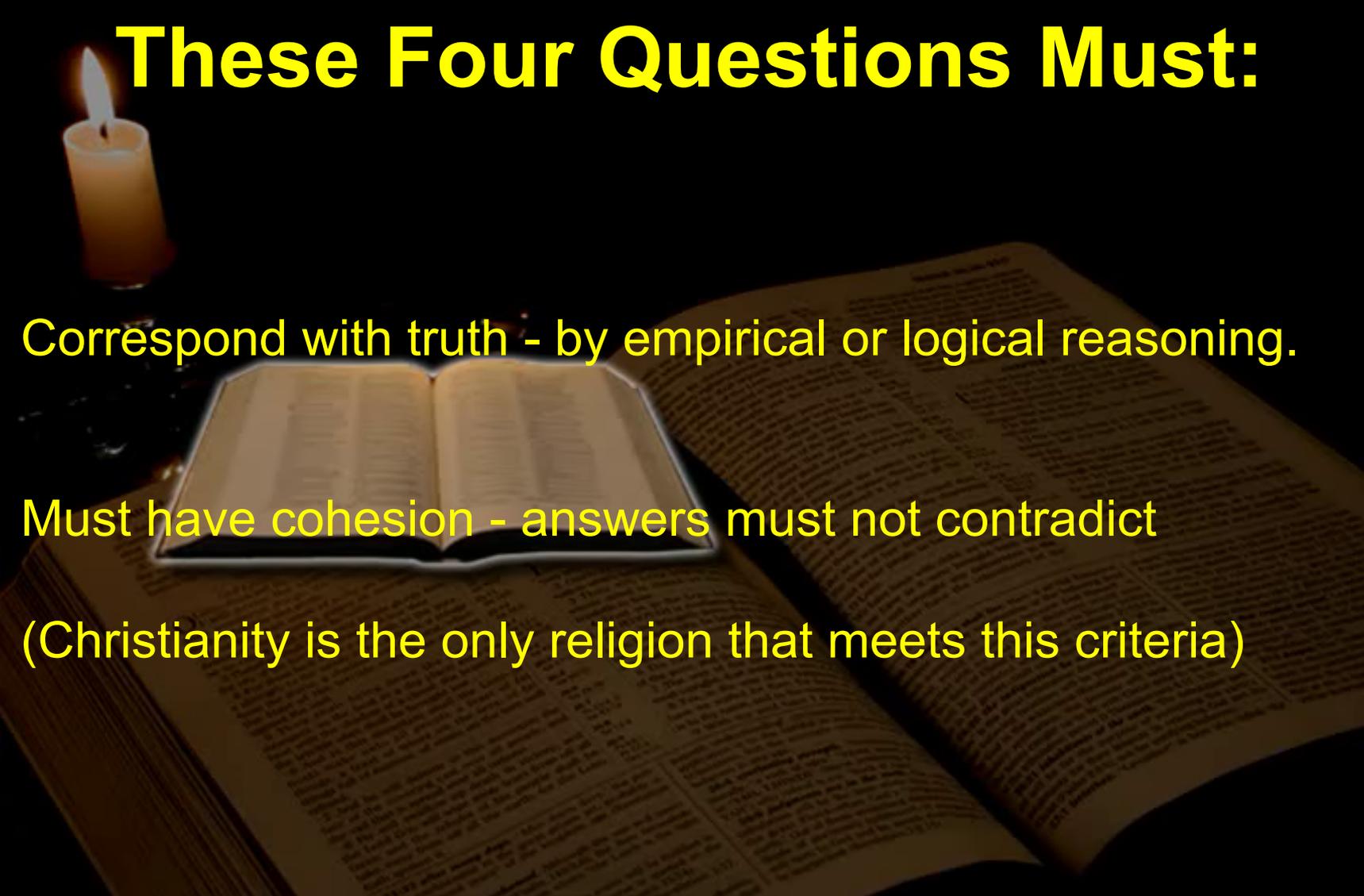
Origin - where do we come from?

Purpose - why am I here?

Truth- what is right and wrong? Morals?

Destiny - where am I going?

These Four Questions Must:

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Correspond with truth - by empirical or logical reasoning.

Must have cohesion - answers must not contradict

(Christianity is the only religion that meets this criteria)

ORIGIN

PURPOSE

TRUTH

DESTINY

Naturalism
Atheism

The material universe is all that exists and can be explained by natural law. The universe had a beginning and will have an end.

Man is the chance product of a biological process of evolution.

Truth is usually understood as scientific proof.
No objective morals exist.

Death

ORIGIN

PURPOSE

TRUTH

DESTINY

Pantheism

Hinduism

Buddhism

New Age

Only the spiritual dimension exists. All else is illusion. God is everything and is eternal.

Man is one with ultimate reality.

Thus man is spiritual, eternal, and impersonal.

Man's belief that he is an individual is illusion.

Truth is beyond all rational description.

Rational thought as it is understood in the West cannot show us reality. No distinction between good and evil.

Join with the Ultimate Reality

ORIGIN

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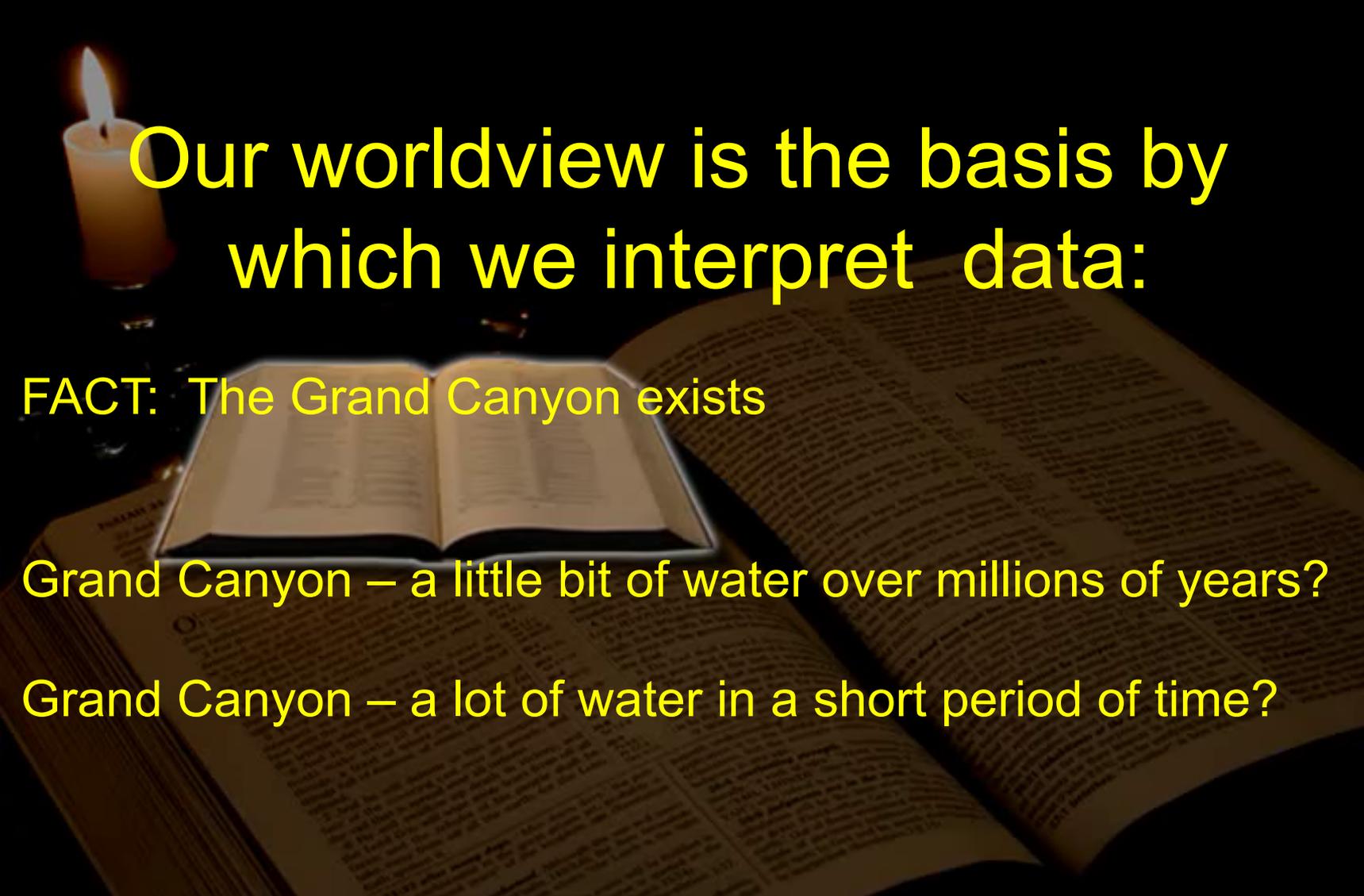
Theism
Christianity;
Islam;
Judaism

An infinite, personal God exists. He created a finite, material world. Reality is both material and spiritual. The universe had a beginning and will have an end.

Humankind is the unique creation of God. People were created "in the image of God." We are to know God.

Truth about God is known through revelation. Truth about the material world is gained via revelation and the five senses and rational thought. Morals are derived from God.

There will be a judgment.

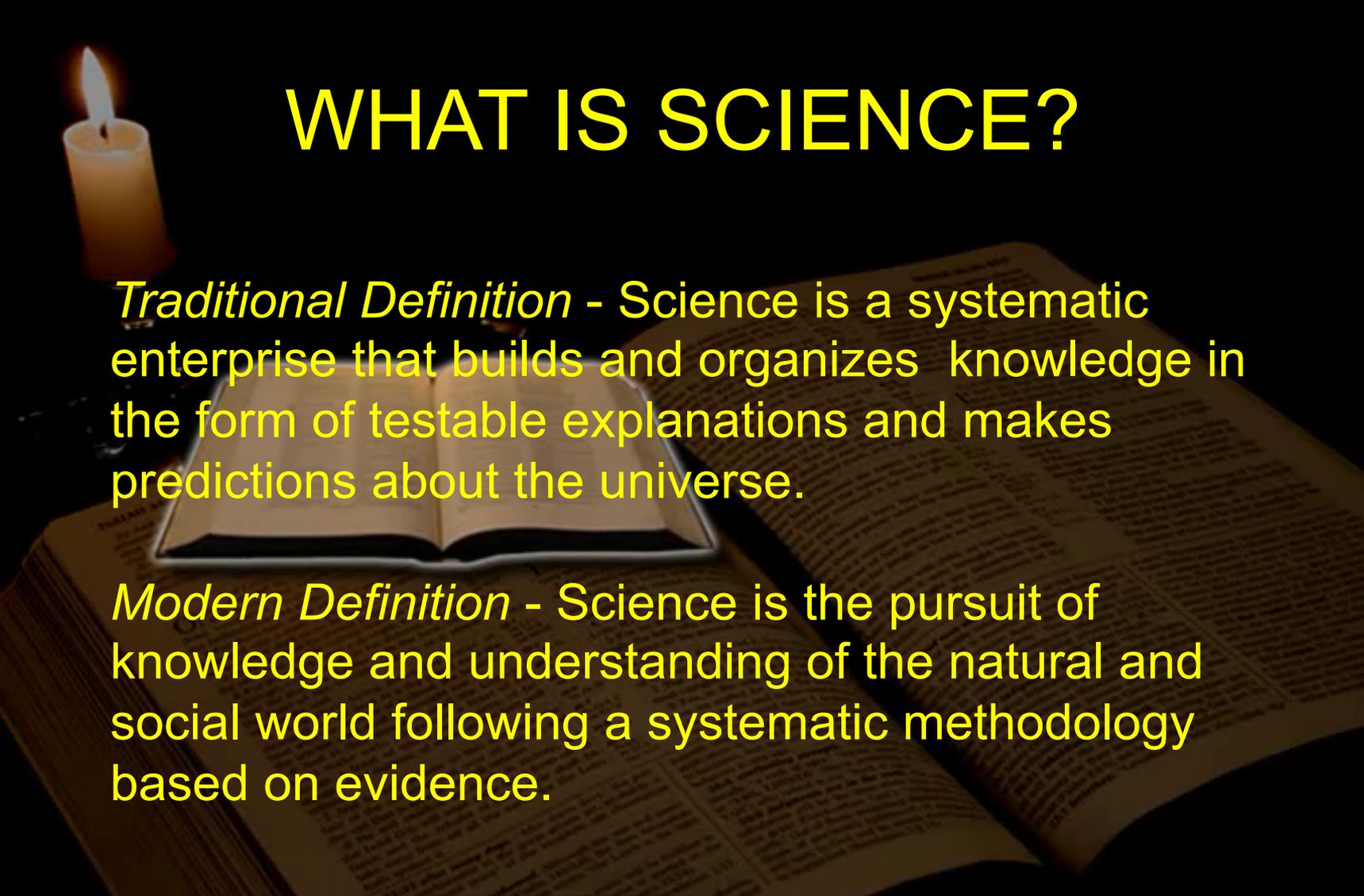
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Our worldview is the basis by
which we interpret data:

FACT: The Grand Canyon exists

Grand Canyon – a little bit of water over millions of years?

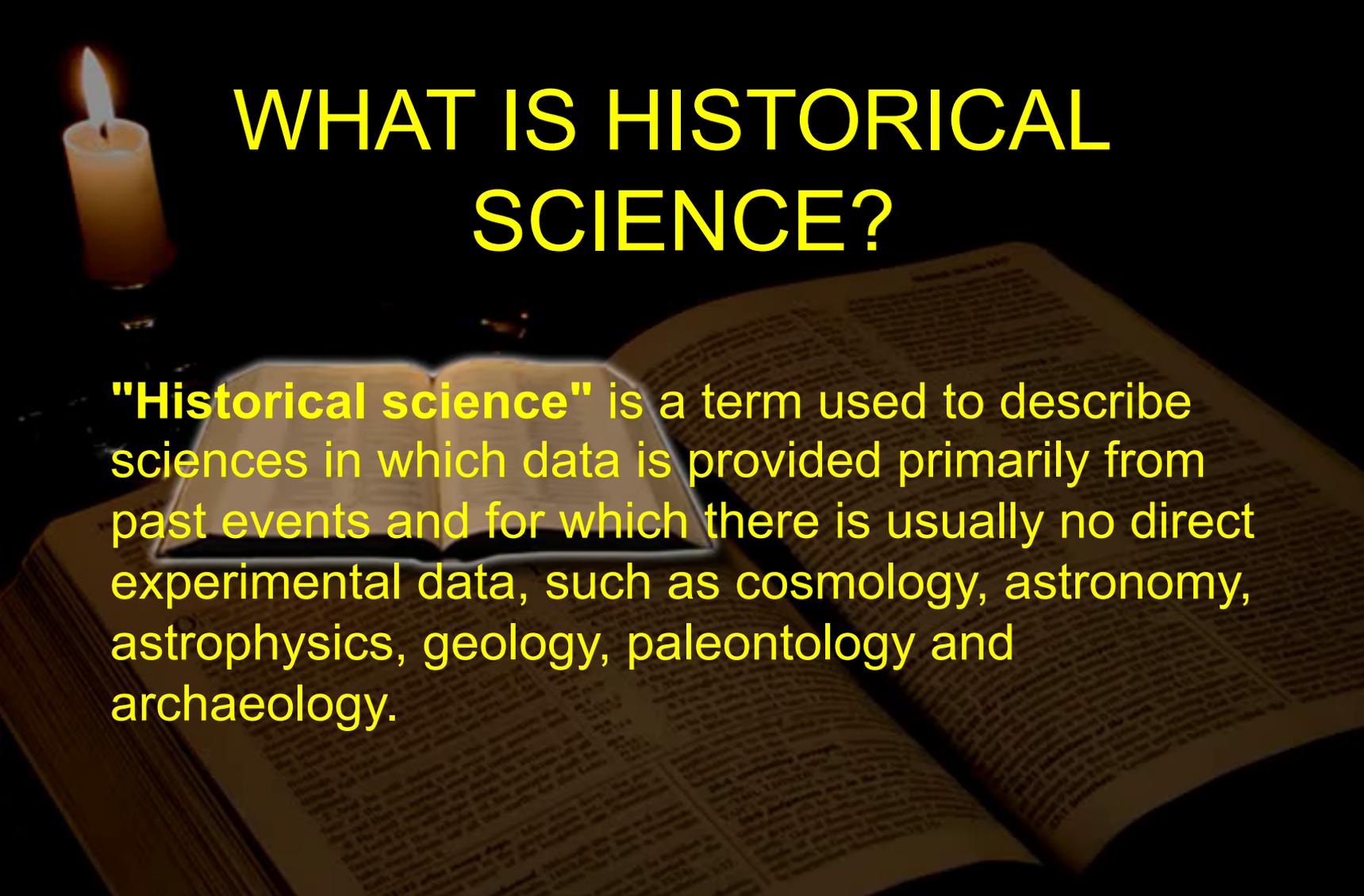
Grand Canyon – a lot of water in a short period of time?

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WHAT IS SCIENCE?

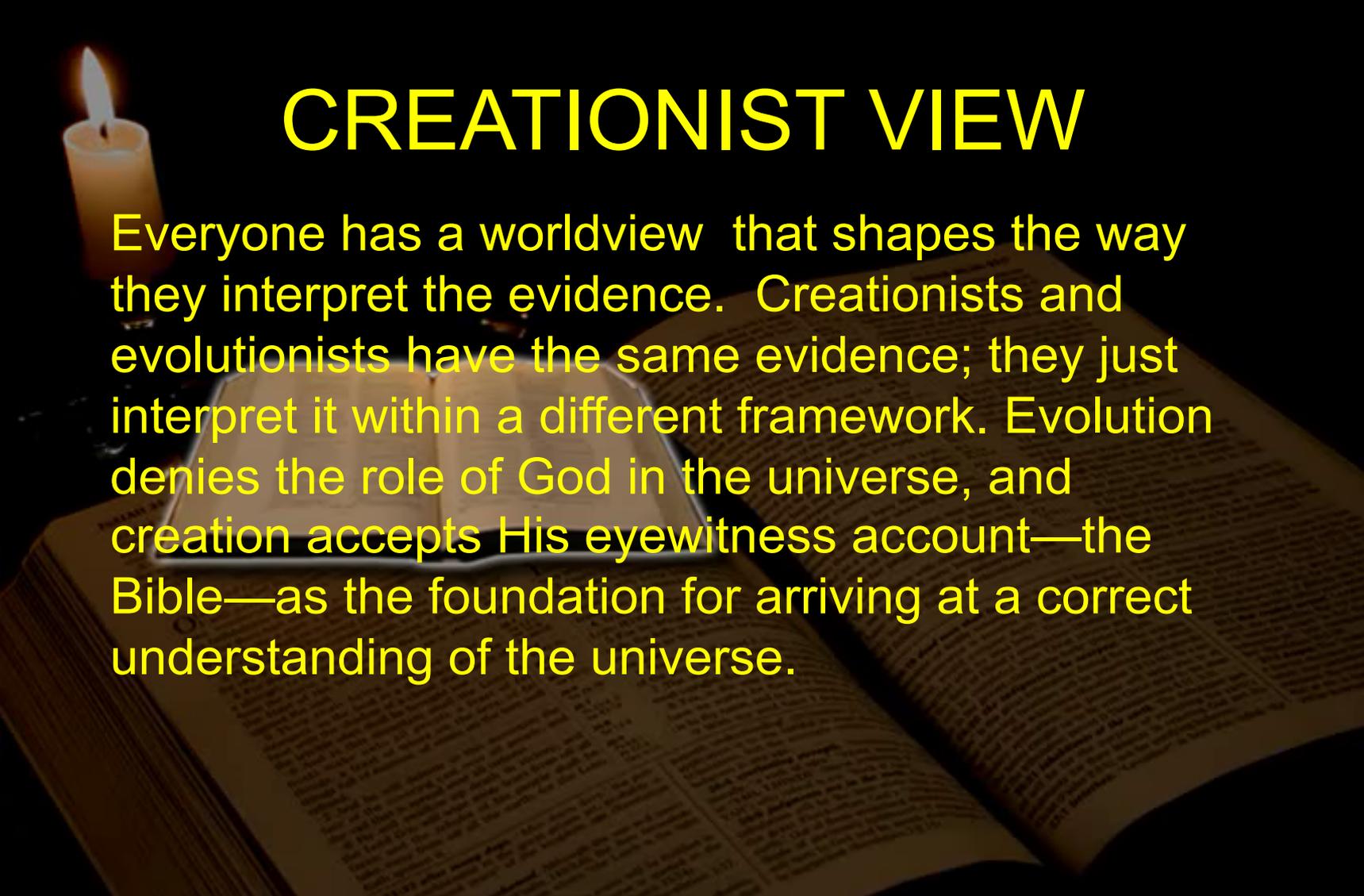
Traditional Definition - Science is a systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and makes predictions about the universe.

Modern Definition - Science is the pursuit of knowledge and understanding of the natural and social world following a systematic methodology based on evidence.

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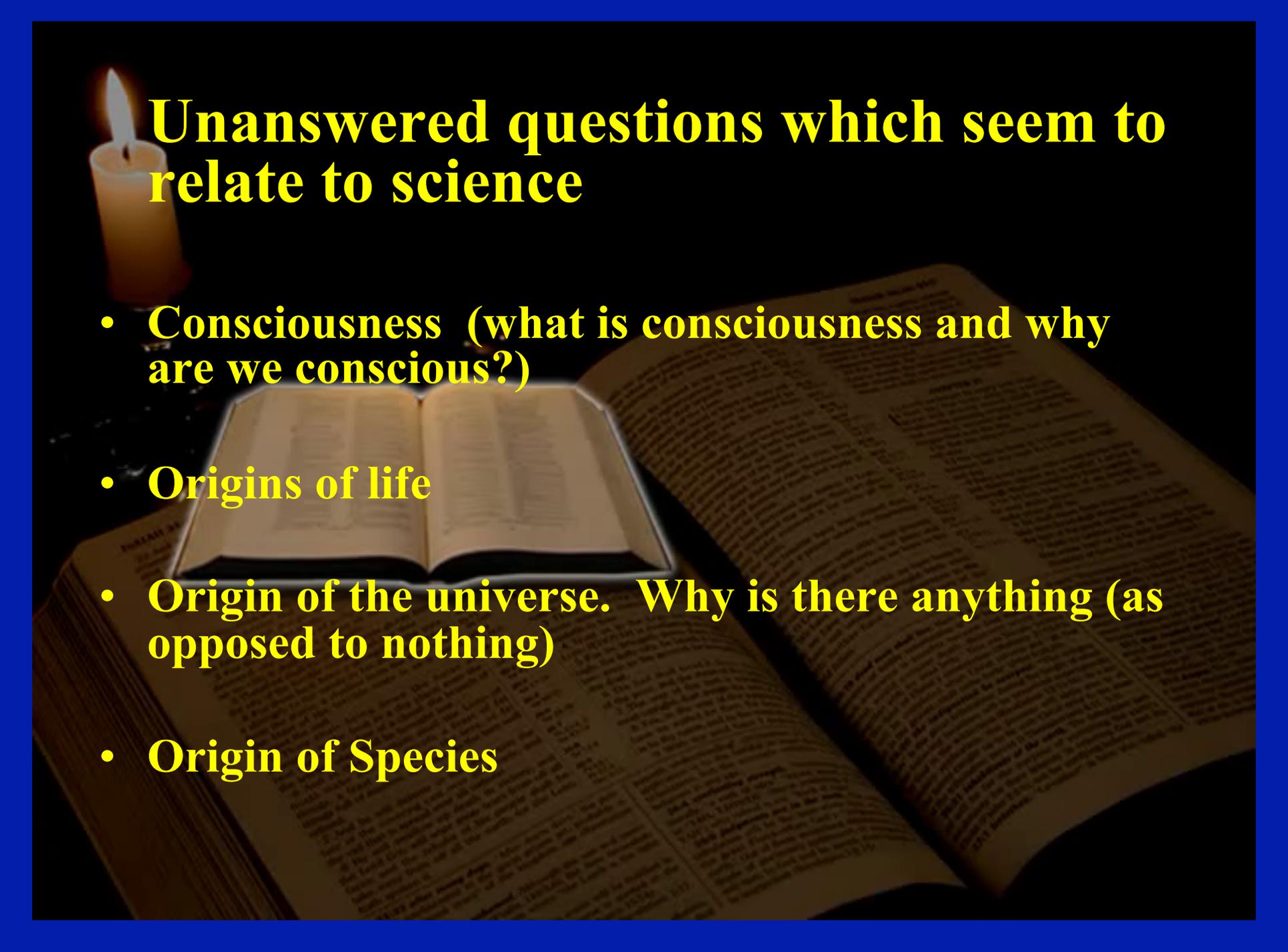
WHAT IS HISTORICAL SCIENCE?

"Historical science" is a term used to describe sciences in which data is provided primarily from past events and for which there is usually no direct experimental data, such as cosmology, astronomy, astrophysics, geology, paleontology and archaeology.

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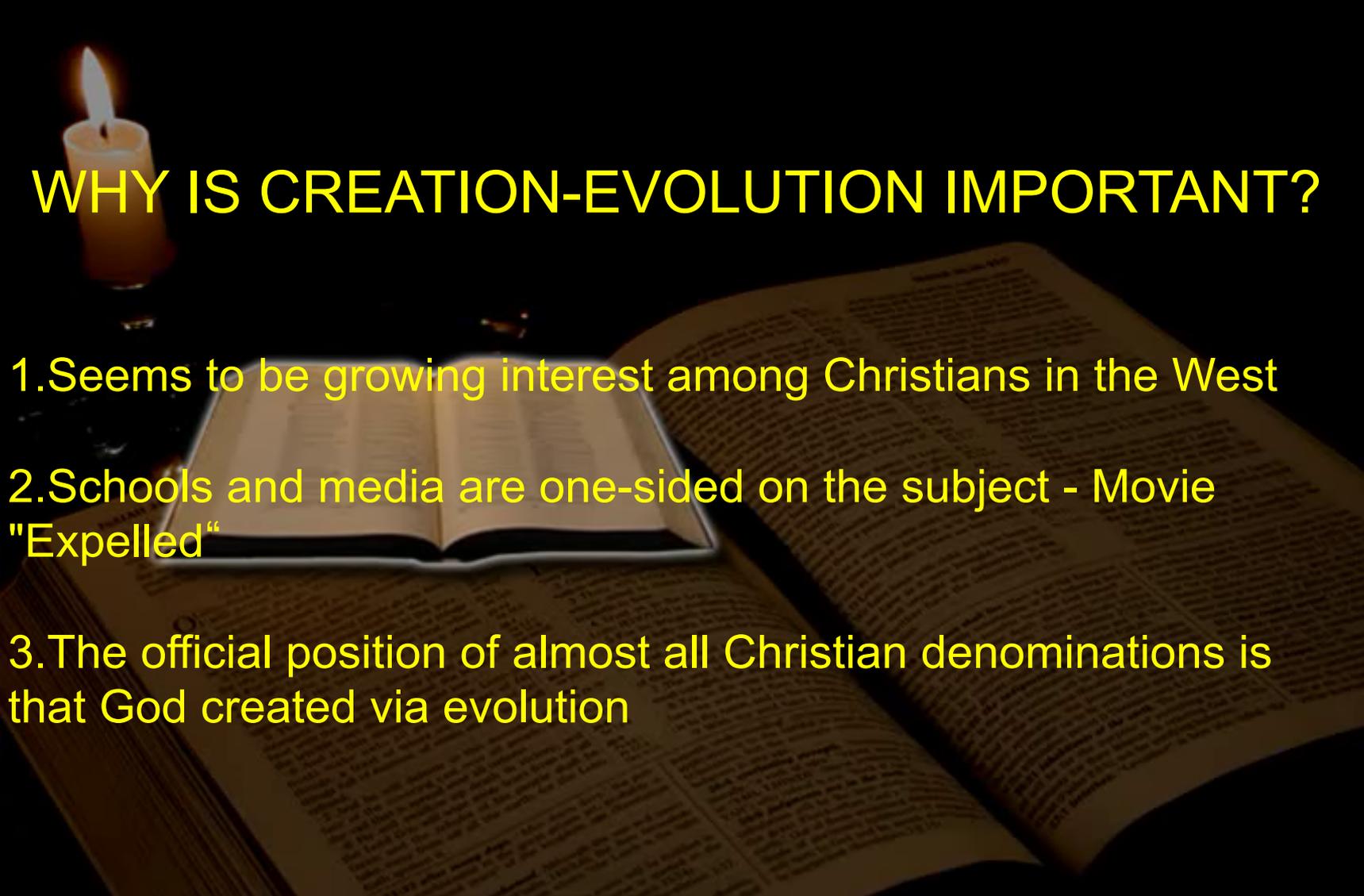
CREATIONIST VIEW

Everyone has a worldview that shapes the way they interpret the evidence. Creationists and evolutionists have the same evidence; they just interpret it within a different framework. Evolution denies the role of God in the universe, and creation accepts His eyewitness account—the Bible—as the foundation for arriving at a correct understanding of the universe.

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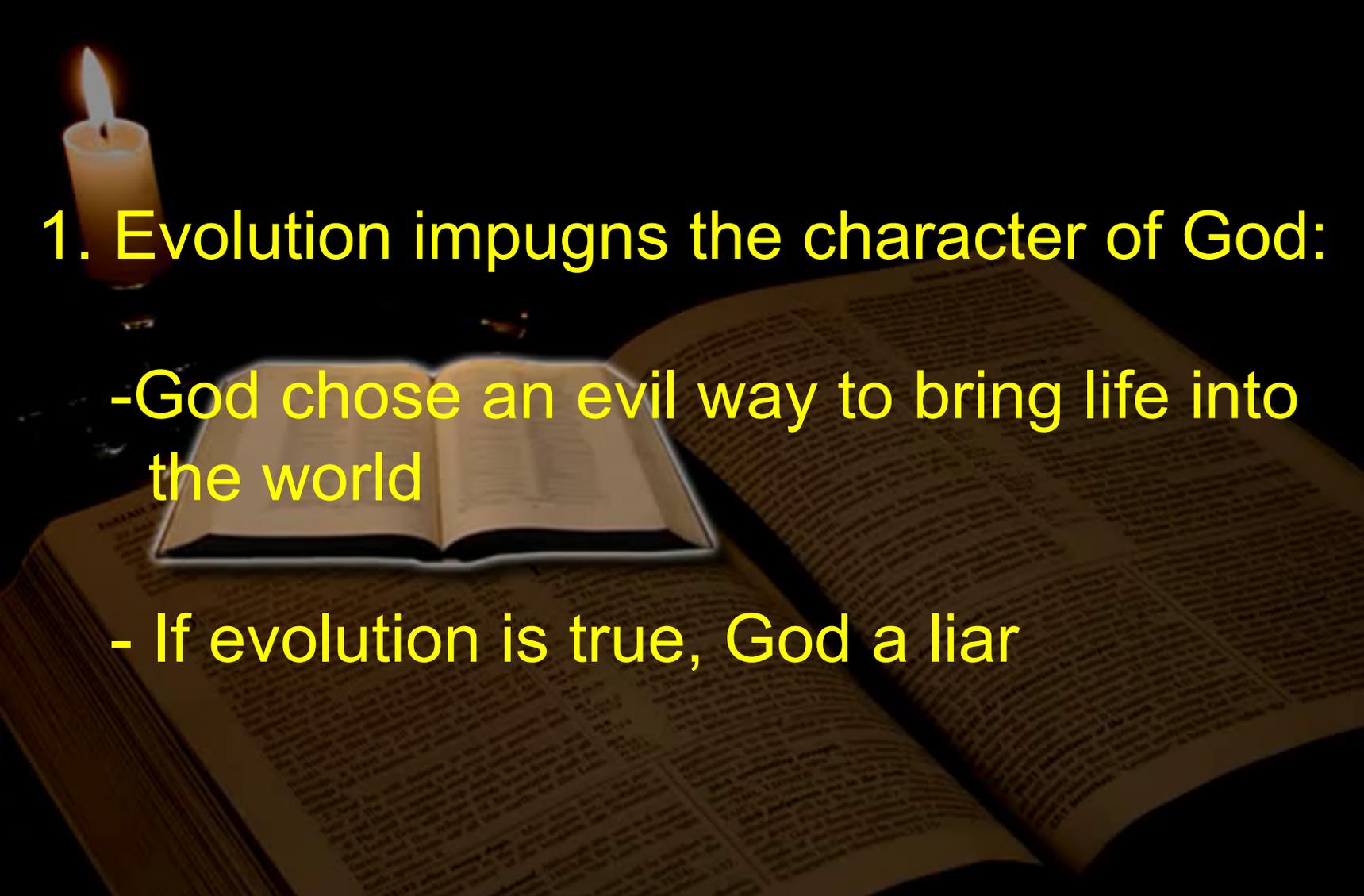
Unanswered questions which seem to relate to science

- **Consciousness (what is consciousness and why are we conscious?)**
- **Origins of life**
- **Origin of the universe. Why is there anything (as opposed to nothing)**
- **Origin of Species**

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WHY IS CREATION-EVOLUTION IMPORTANT?

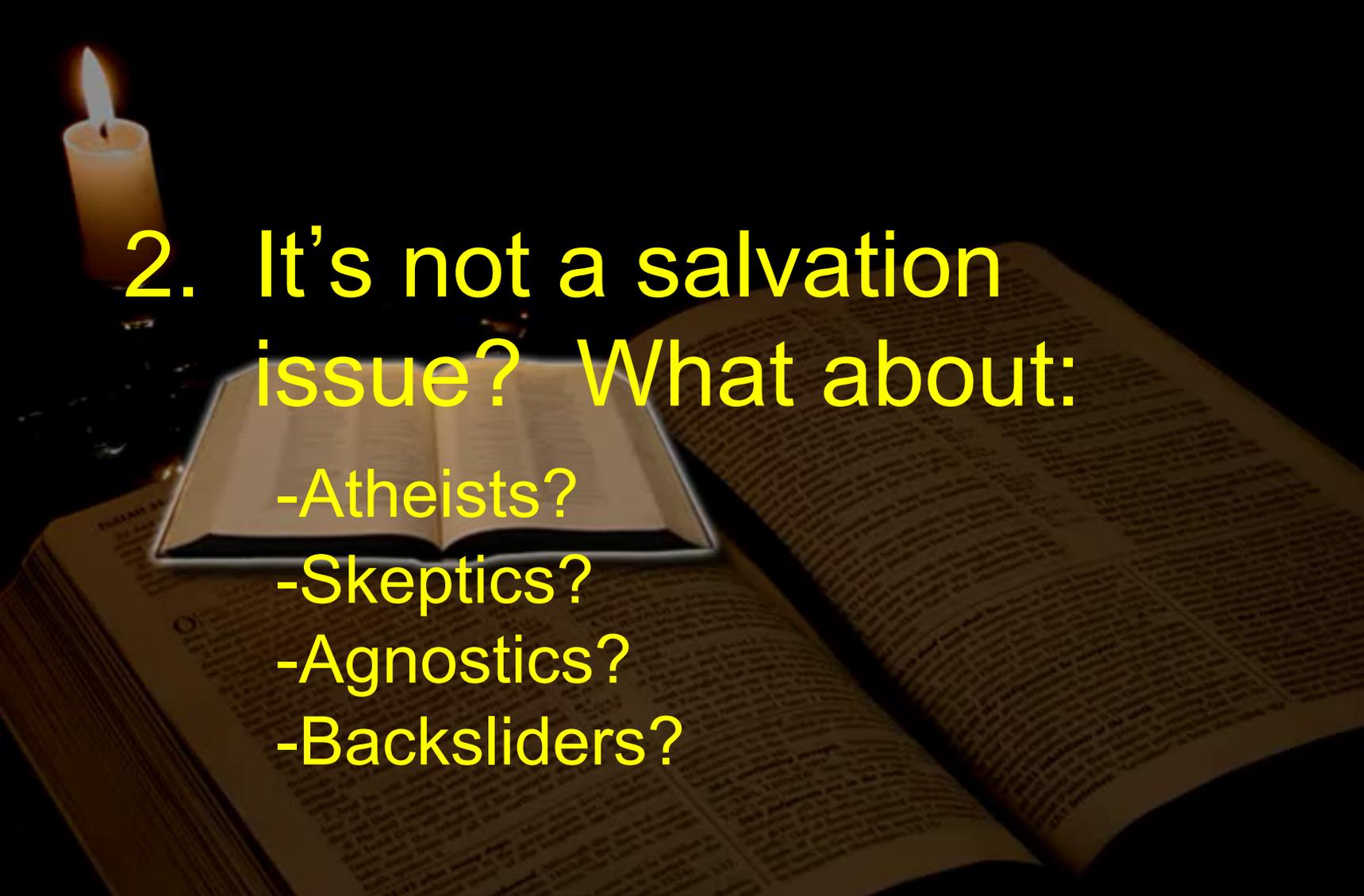
1. Seems to be growing interest among Christians in the West
2. Schools and media are one-sided on the subject - Movie "Expelled"
3. The official position of almost all Christian denominations is that God created via evolution

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1. Evolution impugns the character of God:

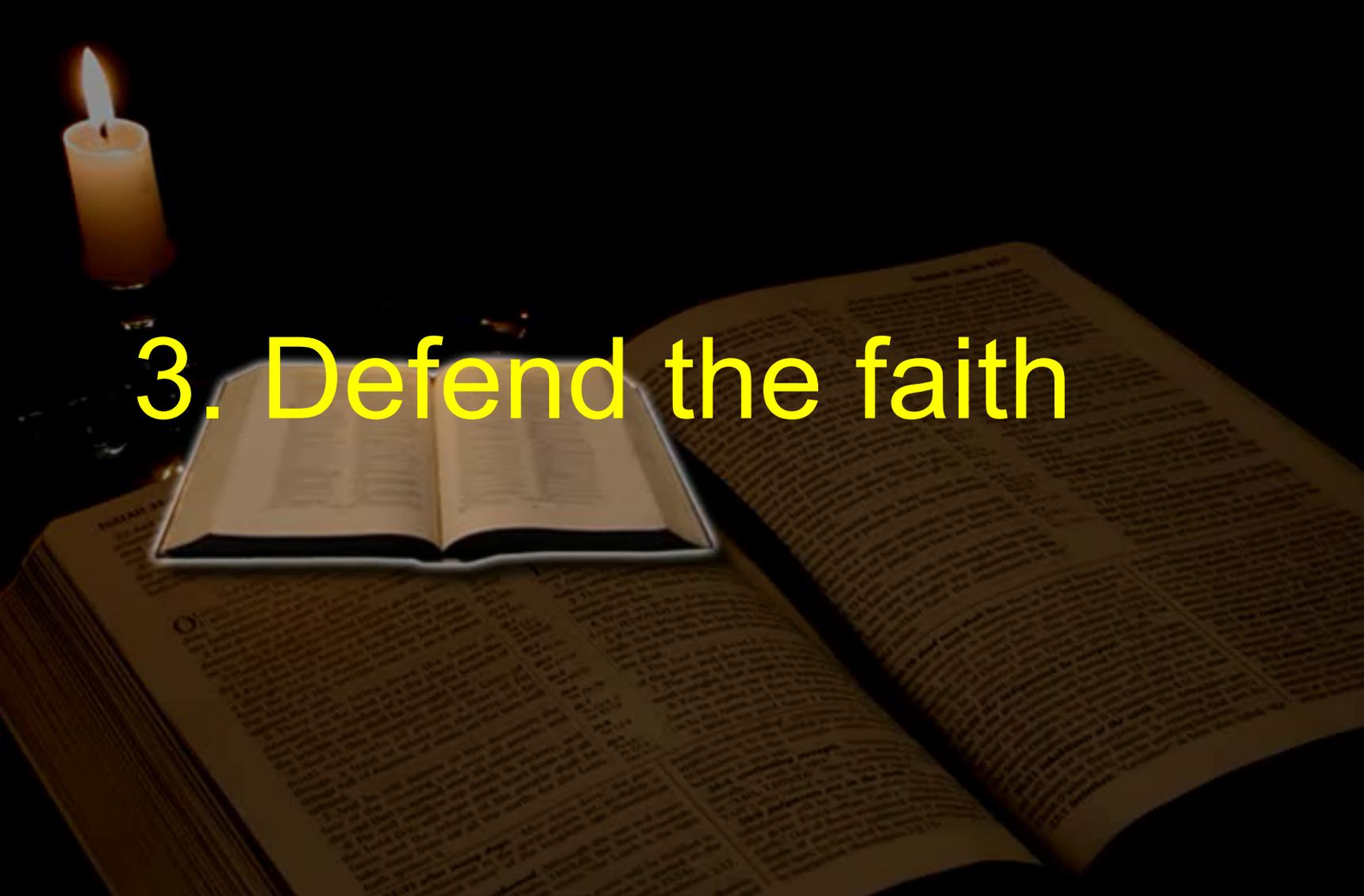
-God chose an evil way to bring life into the world

- If evolution is true, God a liar

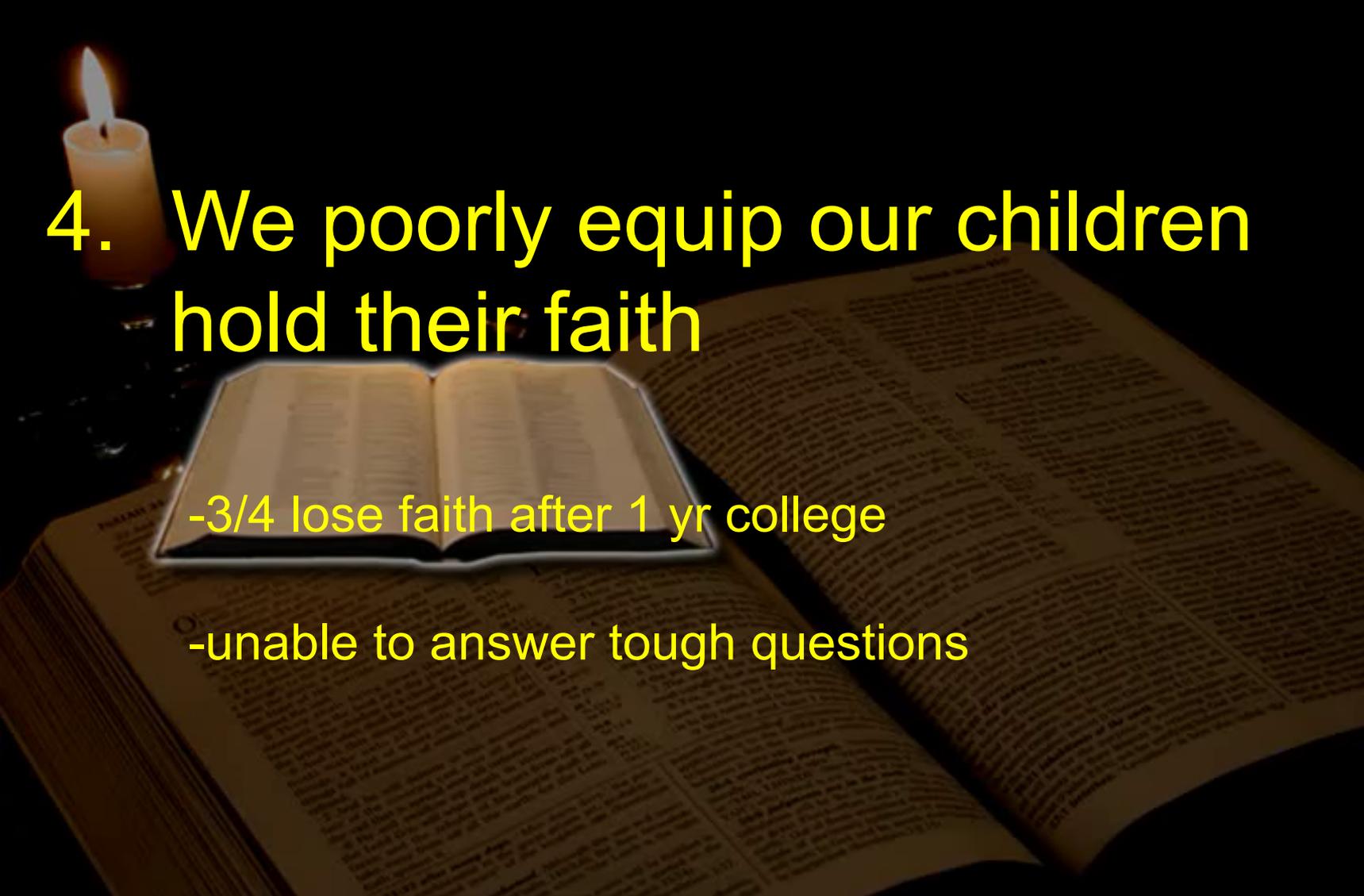
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2. It's not a salvation issue? What about:

- Atheists?
- Skeptics?
- Agnostics?
- Backsliders?

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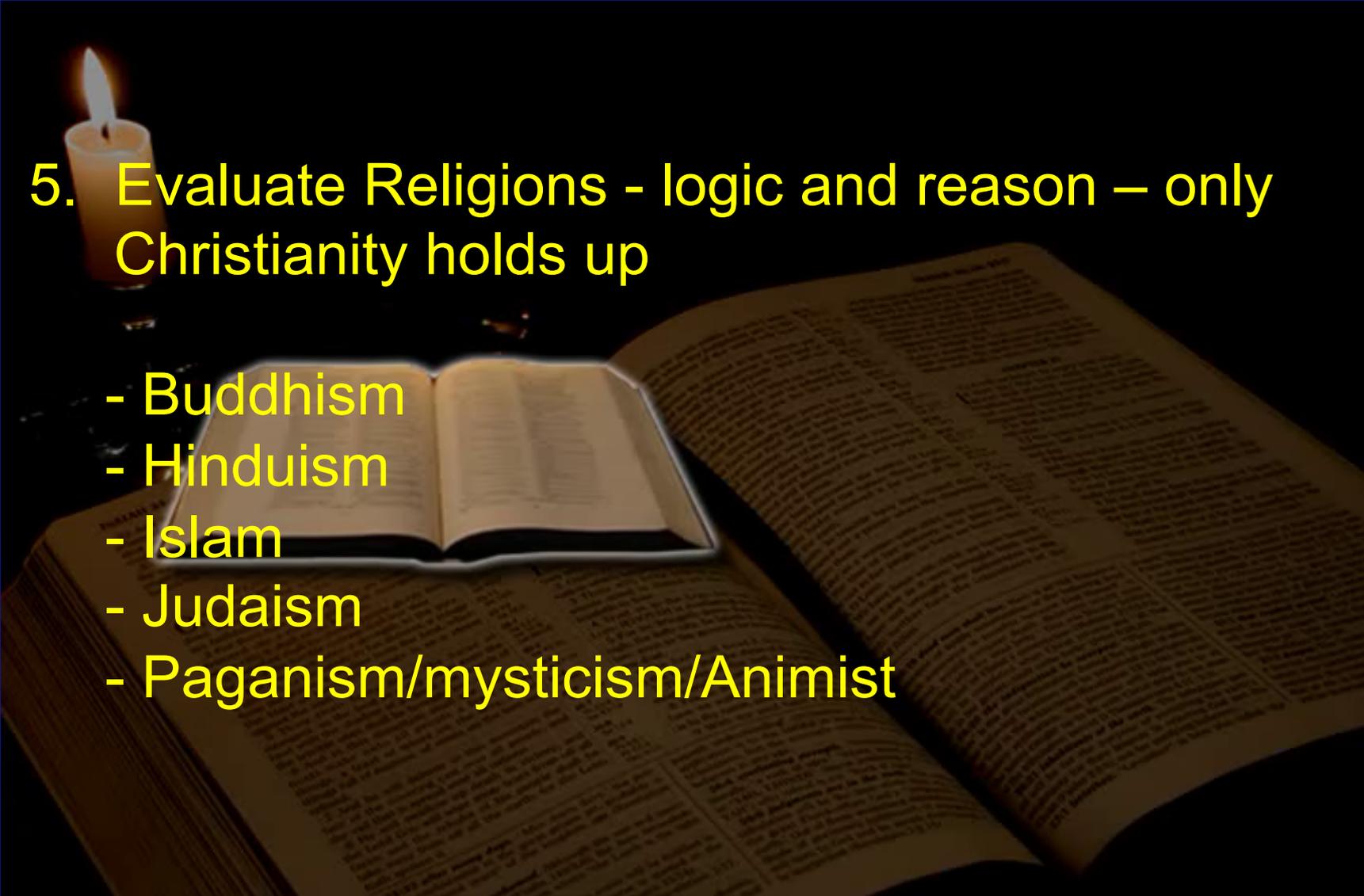
3. Defend the faith

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4. We poorly equip our children hold their faith

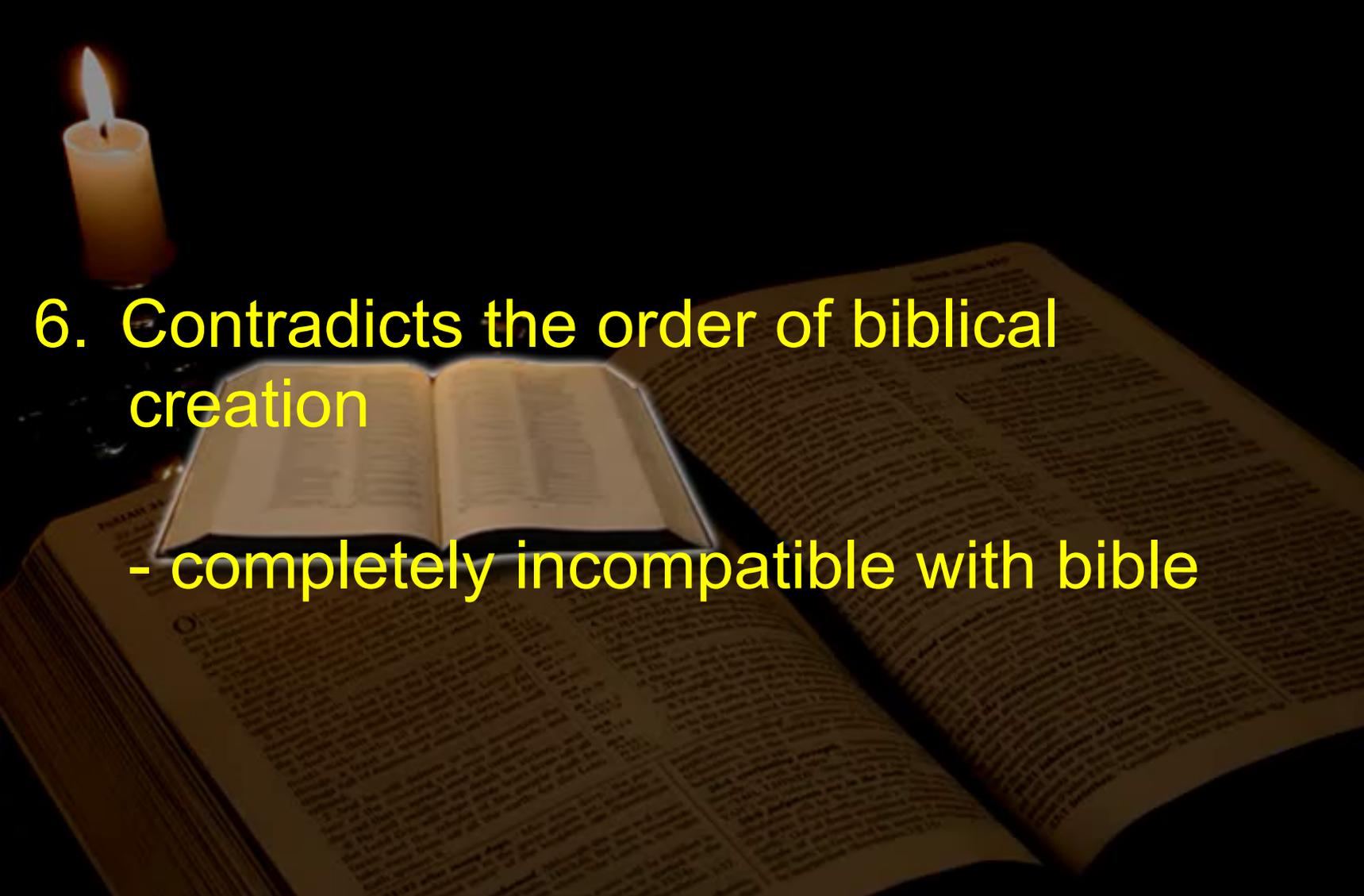
-3/4 lose faith after 1 yr college

-unable to answer tough questions

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5. Evaluate Religions - logic and reason – only Christianity holds up

- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Paganism/mysticism/Animist

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6. Contradicts the order of biblical creation

- completely incompatible with bible

Does the Bible match

Bible evolution? **Evolution**

- 1. Earth before sun
 - 2. Oceans before land
 - 3. Light before sun
 - 4. Land plants first
 - 5. Fruit trees before fish
 - 6. Fish before insects
- 1. Sun before earth
 - 2. Land before oceans
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Does the Bible match evolution?

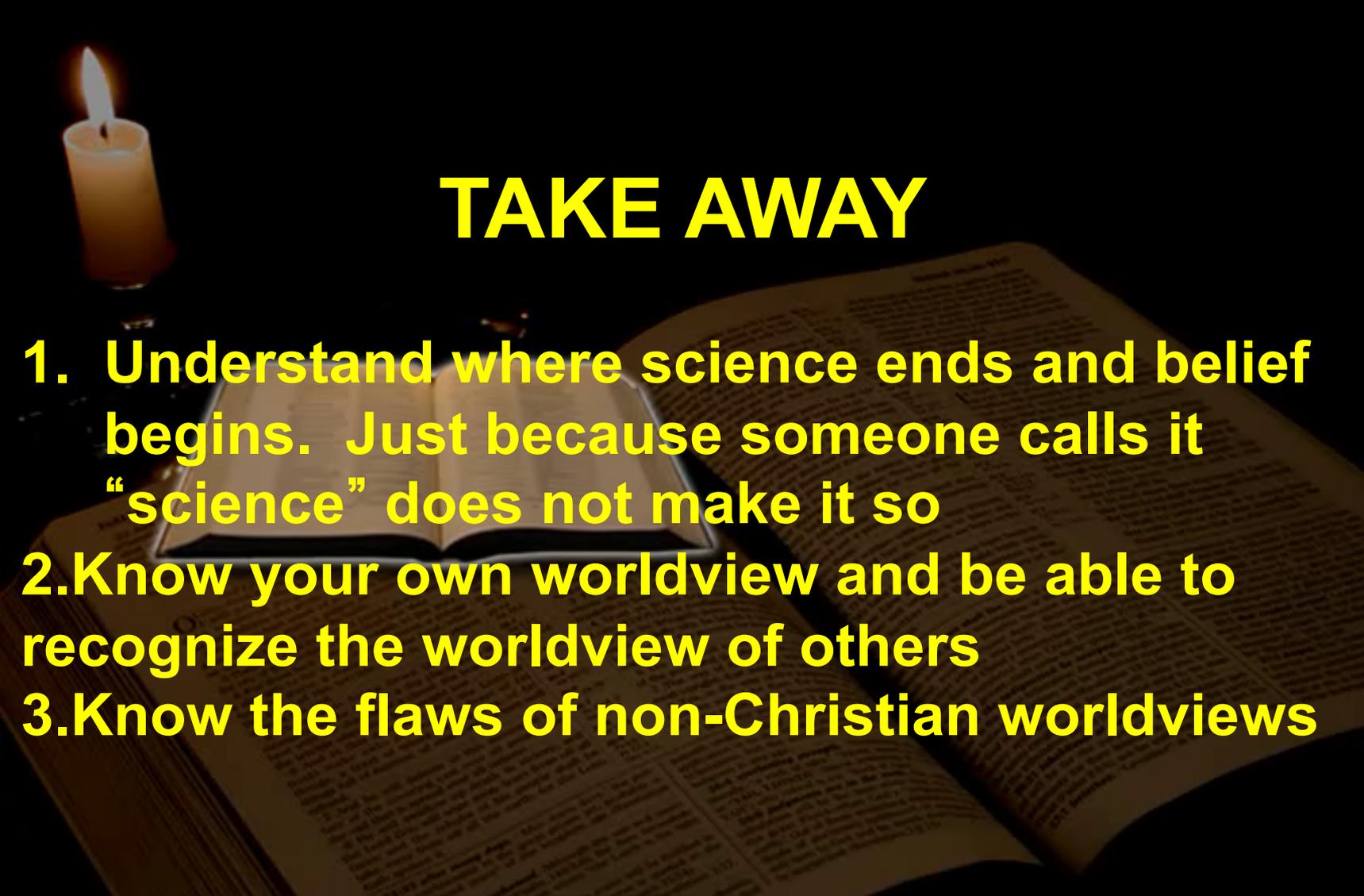
Bible

Evolution

- 7. Plants before sun
 - 8. Marine mammals before land mammals
 - 9. Birds before reptiles
 - 10. Atmosphere between two layers of water
 - 11. Man brought death into the world
 - 12. God created man
- 7. Sun before plants
 - 8. Land mammals before marine mammals
 - 9. Reptiles before birds
 - 10. Atmosphere above water
 - 11. Death brought man into the world
 - 12. Man created God

**“People are
more likely to
believe a **big lie**
than a small one.”**

—Adolph Hitler

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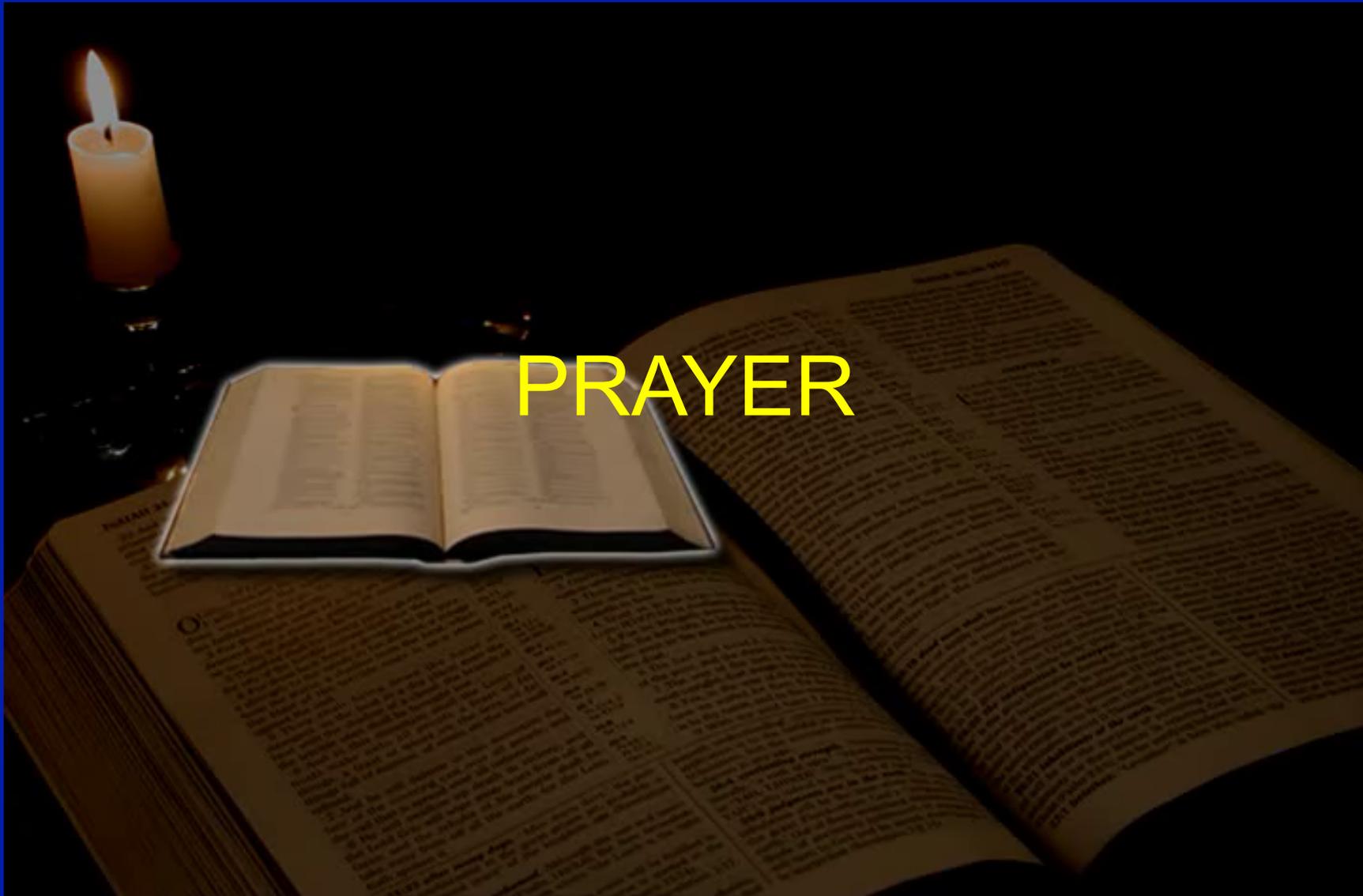
TAKE AWAY

- 1. Understand where science ends and belief begins. Just because someone calls it “science” does not make it so**
- 2. Know your own worldview and be able to recognize the worldview of others**
- 3. Know the flaws of non-Christian worldviews**



NEXT TOPIC

WHY EVOLUTION IS
IMPOSSIBLE



PRAYER