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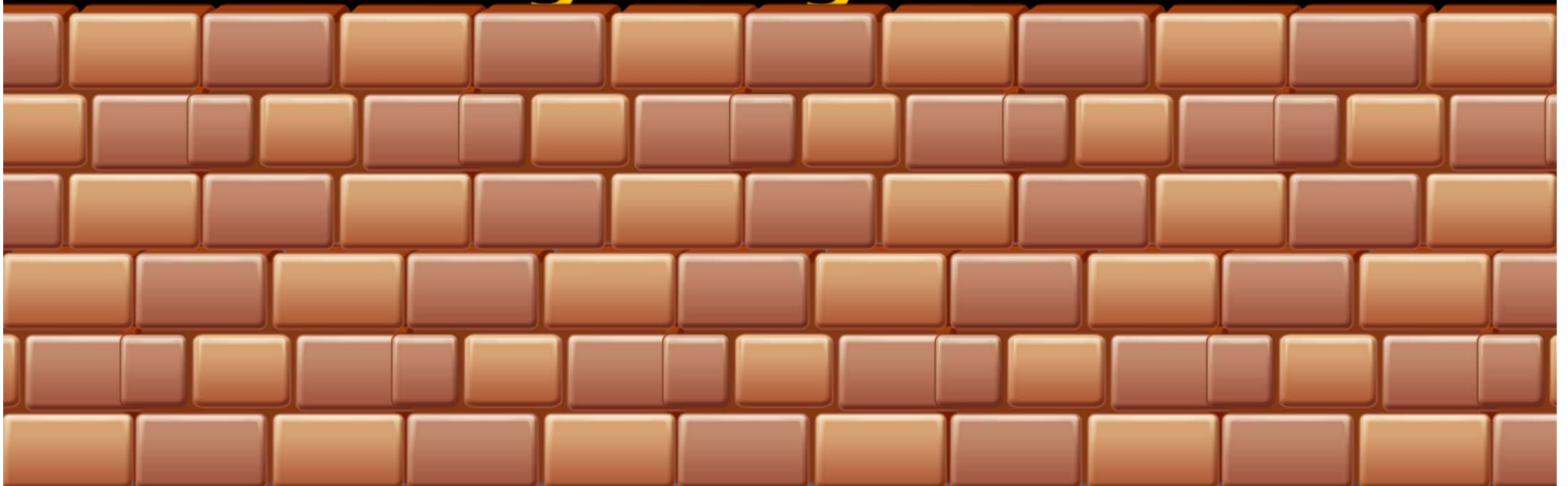
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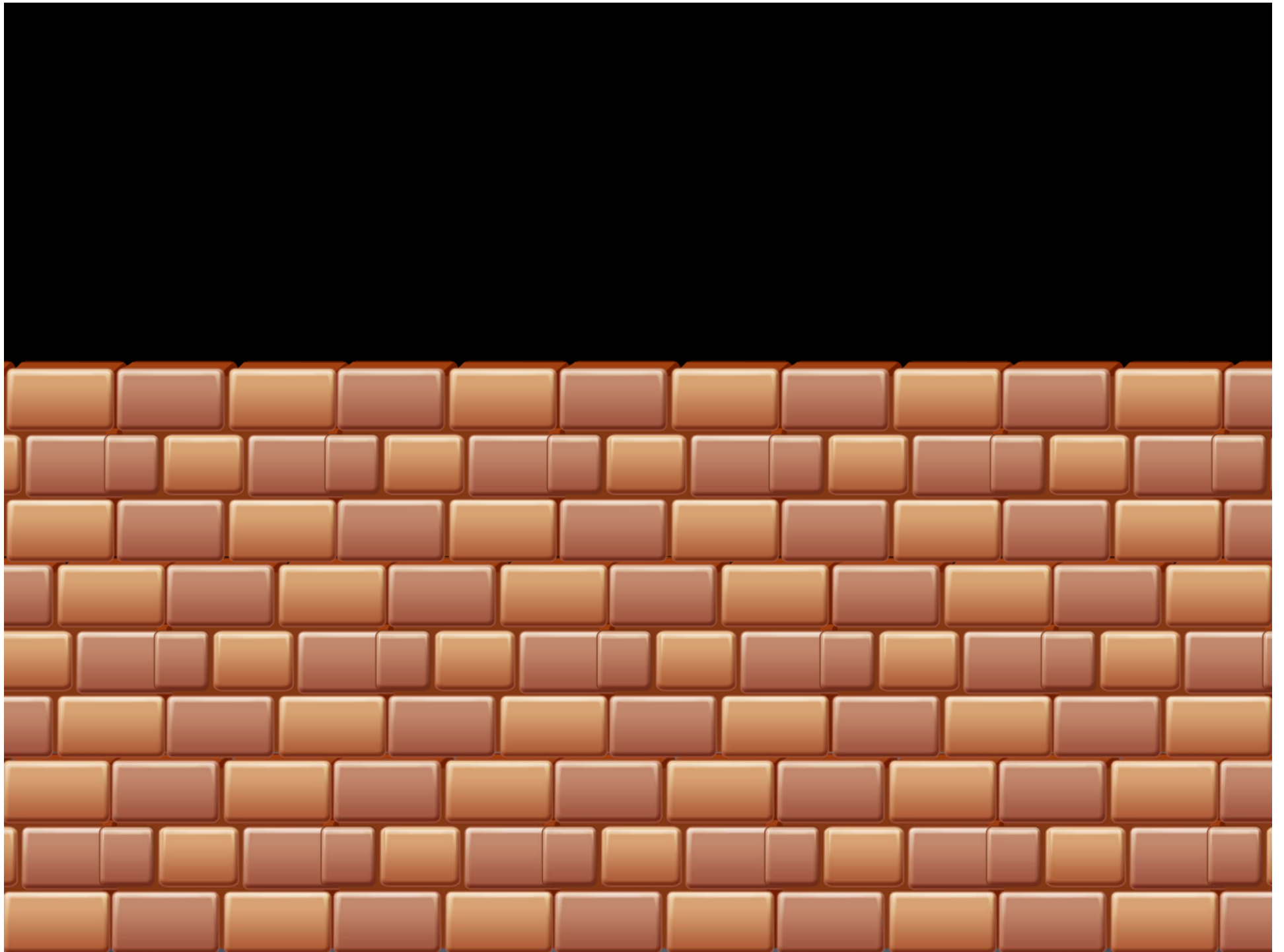


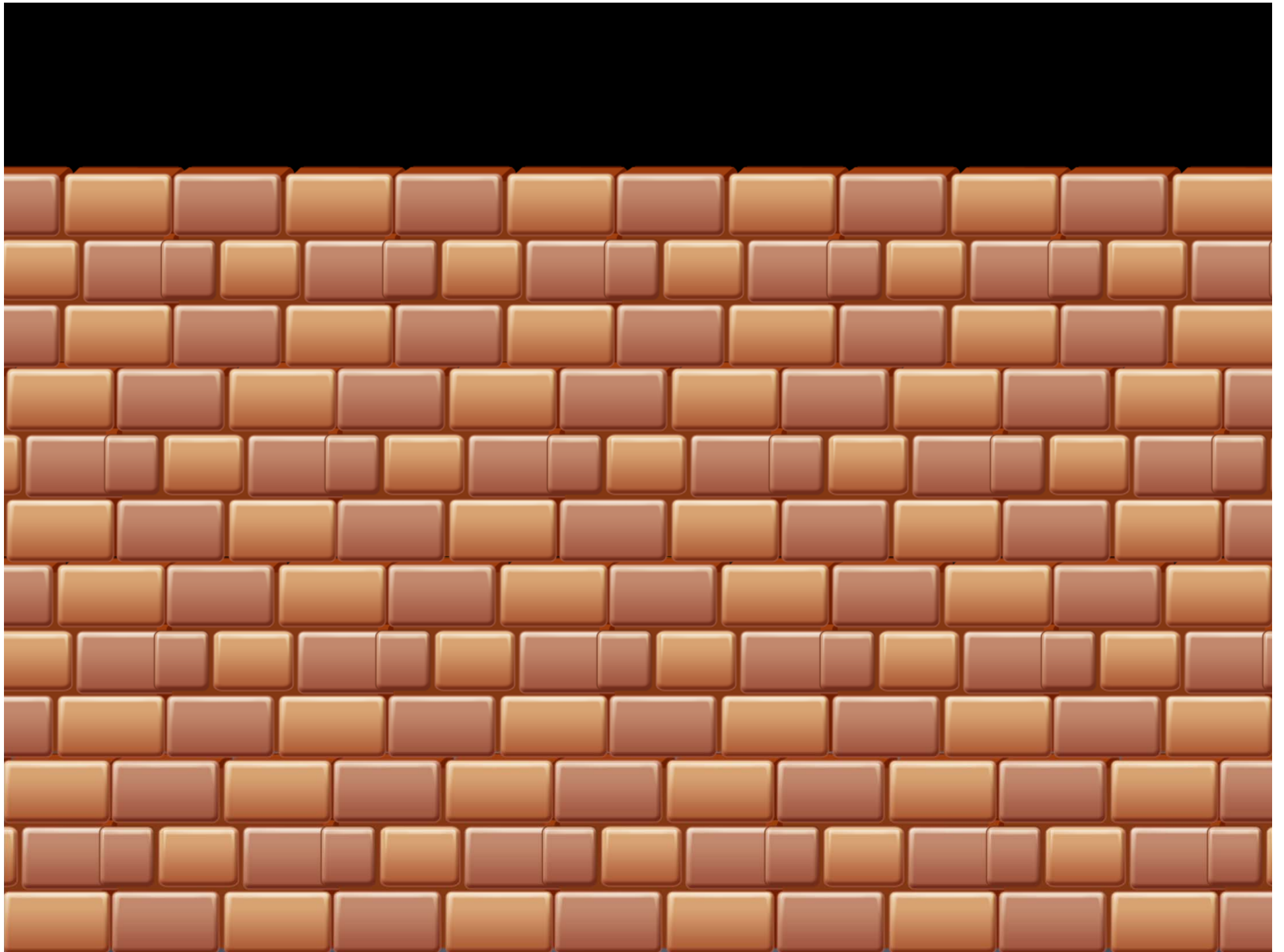
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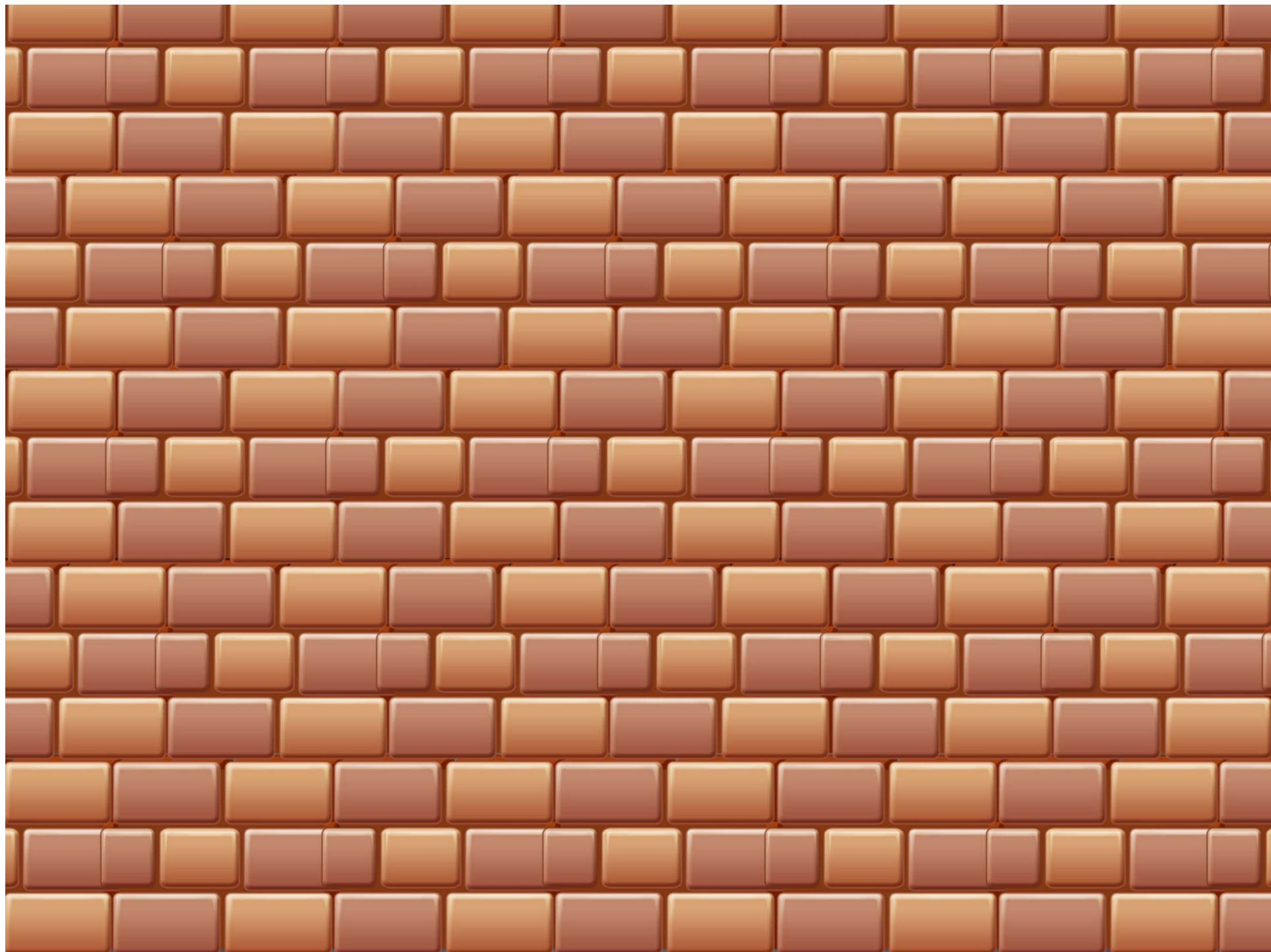
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In the Beginning....









1 Corinthians 3:10-13

- Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: **Jesus Christ**. Take particular care in picking out your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out.

Worldview

- Your basic beliefs and way you look at the world.
- Forms how you interpret what you see, hear and experience.

Worldview

BIBLE (LITERAL)

- God's Word is True and Correct.
- God is good, purposeful, orderly, and made His universe to be explored.
- God created you in His image. You have intrinsic value.
- Science is a great tool for viewing God's creation, but can't tell us more than God can.

SCIENCE (NATURAL)

- Science is True and Correct.
- God may or may not exist, but I can't test Him, so He must not be part of Science.
- You came about by random chance. You are special, but not necessarily valuable.
- The Bible is one of many tools for teaching us about how we should act, but it doesn't tell us about Science.

Science

OBSERVATIONAL

- Question, Hypothesis, Test, Conclusion
- Same conclusion each time we test.
- E.g., boiling point of water.

HISTORICAL

- Sciences in which data is provided primarily from past events and for which there is usually no direct experimental data.
- Choices are made as to which documents to use. (Worldview)
- E.g., Layout of Mission San Rafael drawn 70 years later from memory.

Worldview

BIBLE (LITERAL)

- Miracles are God intervening in natural laws.
- God can change His laws as He sees fit.
- The Fall is bringing about a worse species.
- Time is irrelevant to an eternal being.

SCIENCE (NATURAL)

- Natural laws cannot be interrupted.
- Assume laws work today as they always have.
- Evolution is bringing about a better species.
- Lots of time makes unlikely things more possible.

My Worldview

- BIBLE (LITERAL)
 - I see God's Word is True and Correct.
 - The Bible tells me why and how God did what He did.
 - Science tells me lots about God creation.
- This is the worldview I will speak from. It's not the only choice. I believe it is more consistent with the historical and scientific evidence on hand.

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Scientific Evidence for Creation:

The Order is All Messed Up!

Genesis 1:1

- In the beginning...
- God
- created
- the heavens and the earth.



God is NOT Alone – The Trinity

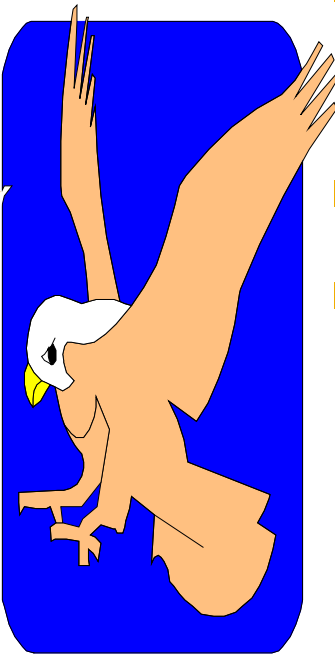
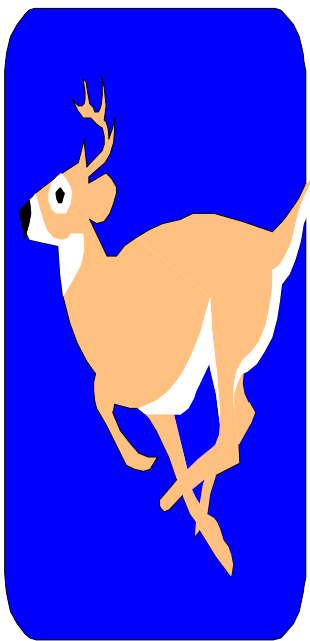
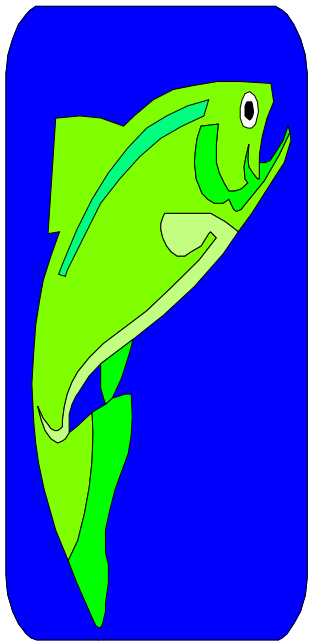
- In the beginning God created
- Father
- The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters
- Holy Spirit
- And God said, “Let there be light.”
- Jesus
 - Why did He use words?
 - John 1:1-3, 14

A World To Be Formed



- DAY 1 – LIGHT
- DAY 2 – SKY, WATER
- DAY 3 – EARTH

An Earth To Be Filled



- DAY 4 - SUN, MOON, STARS
- DAY 5 - BIRDS, FISH
- DAY 6 - ANIMALS, MAN

Did He really mean a day?

- Number and “day” for Moses
- 24 hours, Exodus and Jesus’ Interpretation
- Gaps?
- Where? Fossils.
- Theoretical Physics?
- Possible, but difficult.

What about the Order?

- Not as in your textbooks
- Stars come after the earth
- Birds before animals
- Could it be...?

If the plain sense makes sense,
seek no other sense.



Good and Very Good!

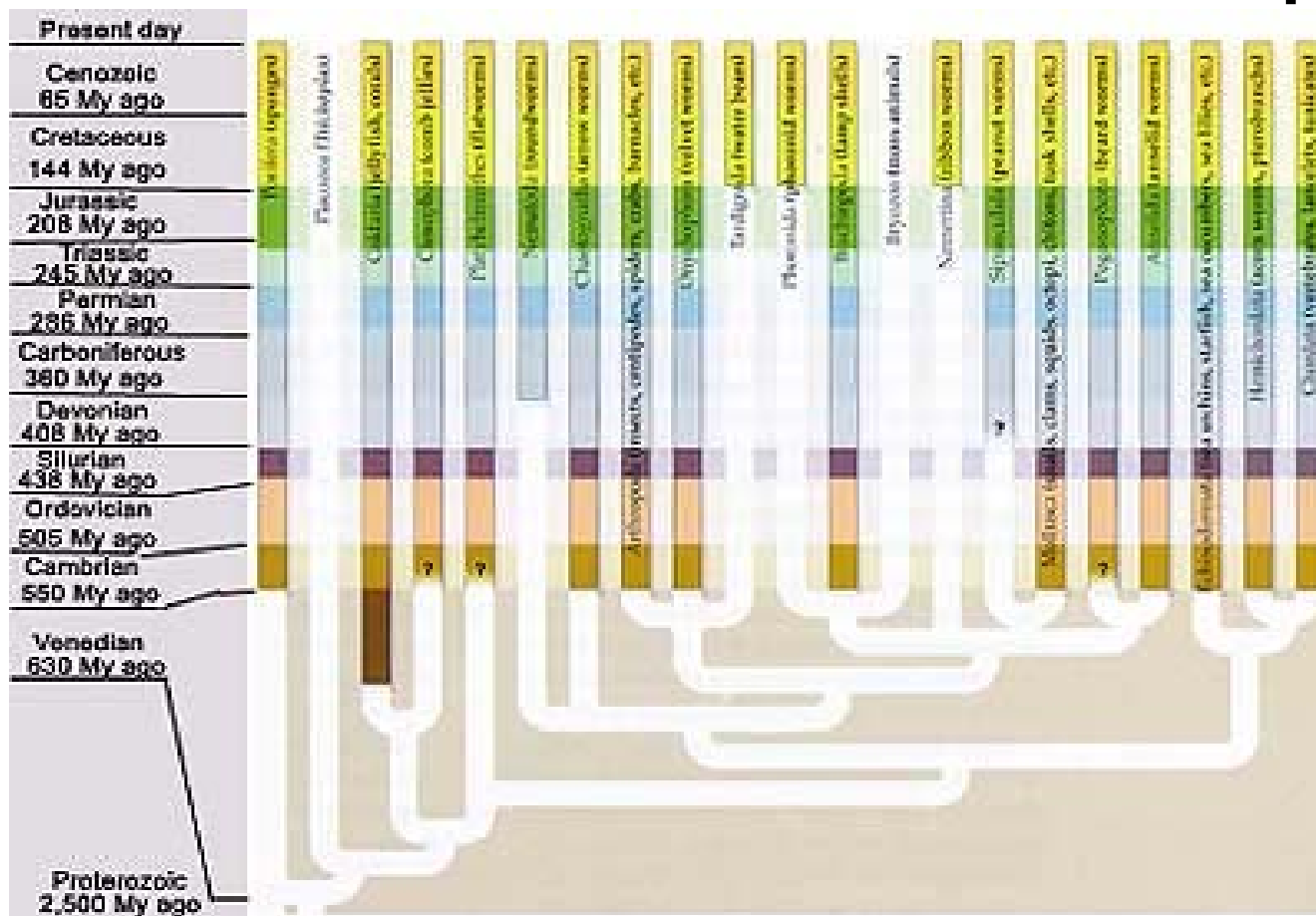
- 5 times God pronounces His work and creation to be good
- Finally: 1:31 Exceedingly Good

- Was He just saying that?



How 'bout some evidence?

■ Fossils



■ Cambrian Explosion

■ Could it be a massive flood?

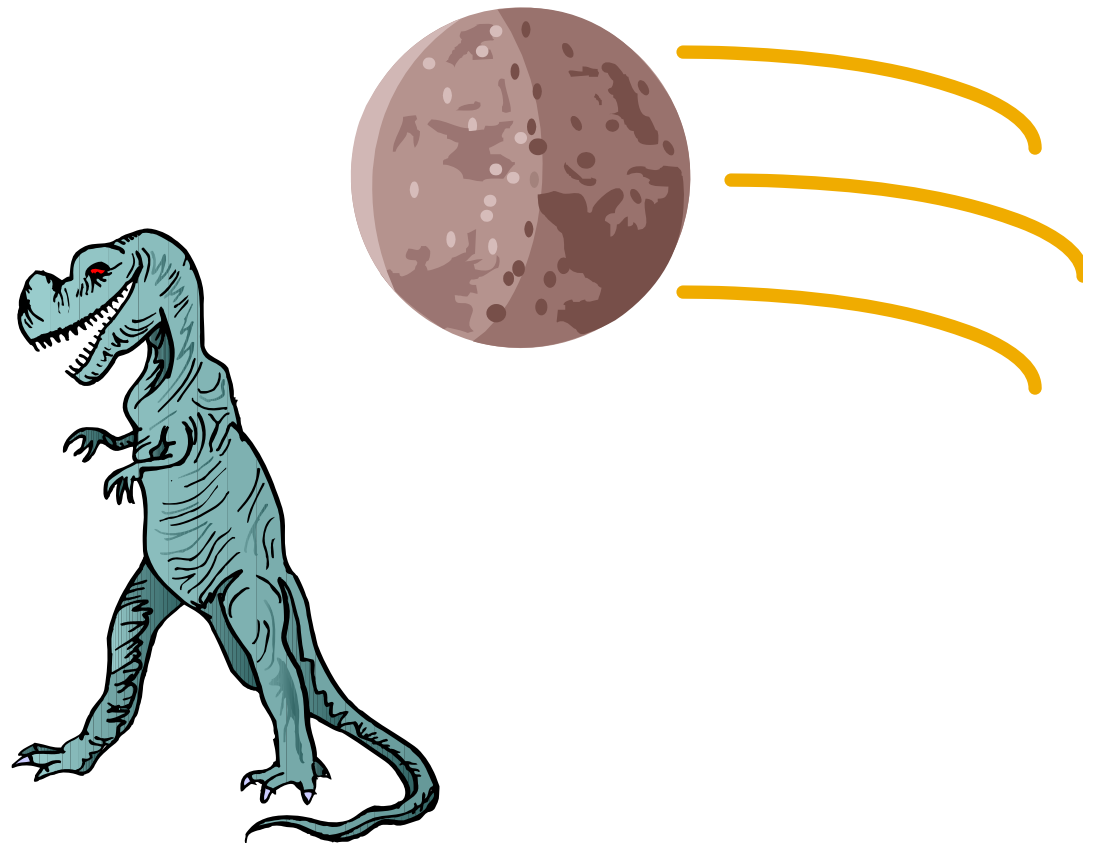
How 'bout some evidence?

- **Petrified Wood Formation**
 - Tropical Forest
 - Massive Flood
 - Instant Burial
 - Rock seeps into wet tissue
 - Over 200 Myears
- **Biblical Timeline**
Streeeeeeetched Out



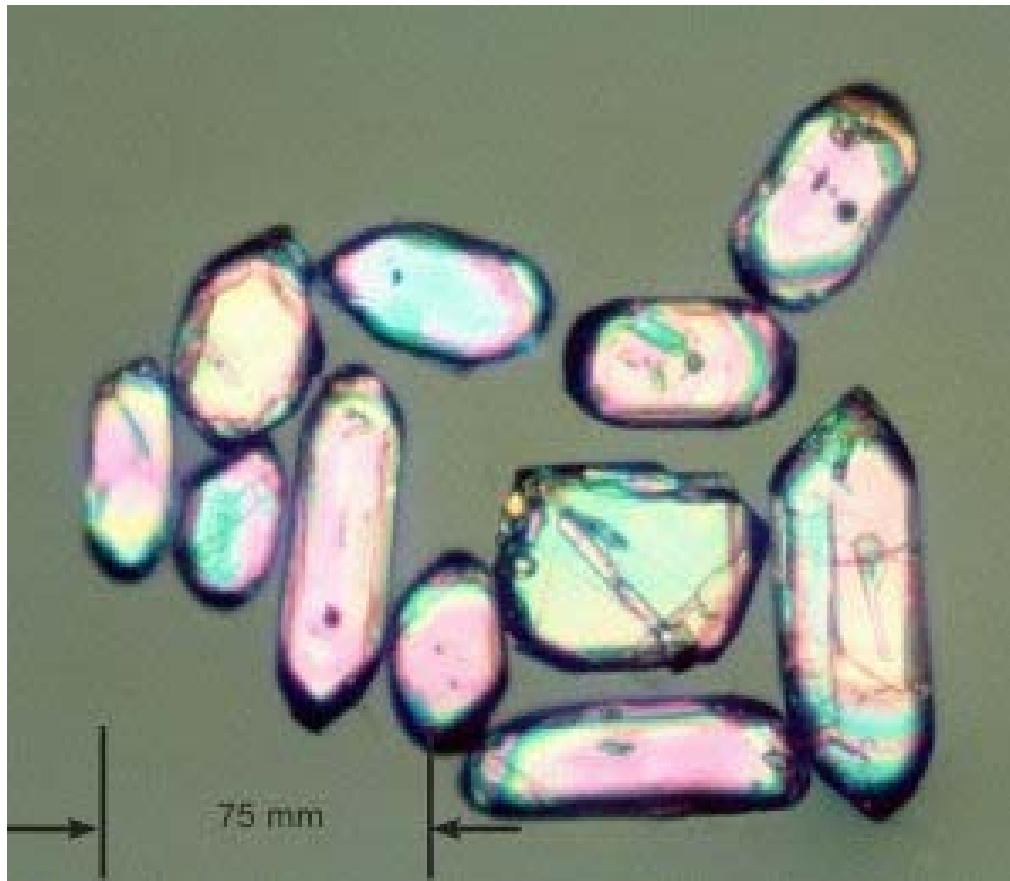
How 'bout some evidence?

- Comets
 - Should be used up!
- Lunar Recession
 - Hard on the Tall Dinosaurs



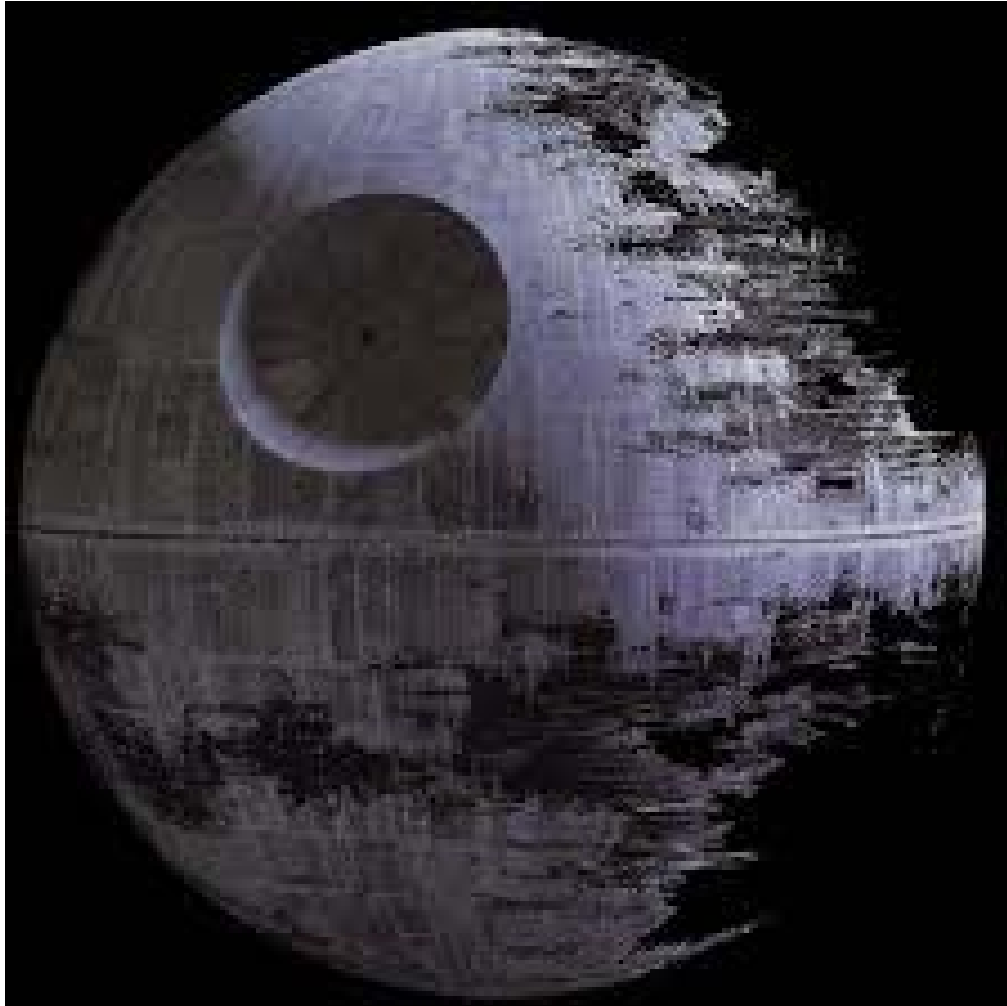
Answersingenesis.org Search: Young Earth Evidence

How 'bout some evidence?



- Helium halos in radioactive Zircon crystals.
- Must be 4000 to 14000 years old!

How 'bout some evidence?



- **Death!**
- **Did it come from sin? Or is it a necessary part of the world?**

So what?!?

- **Worldview is a choice.**
 - Show Biblical Worldview is plausible, scientific, and consistent.
 - Difficult because of historical problem.
 - Only God was there.
 - Difficult because of the bias around us. It means when we discuss with most people, we are talking a **completely different language**.
 - It sets how we view evidence, truth, relationships, and life.