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To a Seeker or Skeptic.

Well first off, it is best to find a little "known" ground before we take off on 15 different directions. So...

**Point one:** God. When a Christian speaks of God he is talking Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit. When all others talk of God they are talking: **Jewish:** God (solo still waiting for the Messiah and the Holy Spirit [called the Shekinah Glory in the Bible, has not been seen in Israel in thousands of years], **Moslems:** god (Allah), **Jehovah's Witness's:** god (Jehovah – only through the specific interpretation of Charles Russell Taze), **Hindus, Buddhists, New Age and Mormons:** god (themselves, on the road to enlightenment).

The major point is this: "Who is Jesus Christ". Why? Only he claims to be **God in Flesh and backed it up with a physical showing of that claim – His life.** He is the fulfillment of the Jewish Messiah, He is not the Moslem's lower prophet of Muhammad,. He is not the Jehovah's Witness's brother of Satan, He is not the Mormon's Prophet to the American Indians with a special revelation only to John Smith. He is not the Eastern Religions/New Age precursor to the way of enlightenment so that we can each become gods.
Therefore, Before a discussion on God can take place, the reality is you must discuss Jesus. What do you do with him? He claimed to be God in the Flesh, his name means "God with us", he is worshipped by 1.3 billion people on the Planet right now as God. Numbers of course don't make him God or the other 4.7 billion people would mean the "other gods would tip the scale and qualify their god.

So, The Bible declares who God is. History records who he is (16 pagan authors and one Jewish author wrote about Jesus). He has been written about more than any other person in the History of the world. If he was just an obscure carpenter from a town of 200 people in the middle-east – he would certainly have never been heard of again. Literally Billions of people have stated that their encounter with him changed their life irrevocably.

A famous lawyer named Frank Morrison 40 years ago decided to write a book called "Who Moved The Stone" disproving the resurrection by using the principals of Due Process and the Law. He figured that if he could disprove the resurrection he could bury Christianity. After much research trying to refute the Biblical narrative coupled with the historical evidence, he was converted. He states "There is no other way that it could happen."

So, we have historical evidence that some man lived 2,000 years ago – so what!

If the bible, is the vehicle God has chosen to reveal himself to the masses (he has revealed himself personally to billions – one on one). Than this book must go under scrutiny. Some say it was written by man.
Actually, while it was transcribed by man, it was dictated by God. Very similar to a court transcriber. They get it mostly word for word, yet a word out of place here and there is not that big a deal. We wouldn’t send a man to the electric chair because the transcriber put the word " the" in the wrong place, but many people want to do the exact same thing with God’s word because of a comma (especially when punctuation was NOT used in the original languages).

There are more original copies of the Bible than ANY OTHER BOOK in the world – over 24,000 copies. The closest secular book is Homer’s Iliad with 633 copies. Certainly more than enough to document what was really said. If God dictated, it any time spans between that events and their record are meaningless since God is outside of time it is always totally contemporary to him. The exception of course is the Gospels since they are intended to be eyewitness accounts (or a journalistic effort like Luke’s documenting what happened) (note: all the gospels were written within the time frame of the more than 10,000 witnesses to Jesus. The book of Matthew was written within 8 years! If we wrote a book today that stated that the Vietnam War never happened, we would be run out of town by a large group of Vietnam vets. The same is true of the Bible.

Why are time frames meaningless? Because if God is who he says he is, and he asks someone like say Moses to record the information about Genesis for us, he will be able to put enough details in the account to prove that it is dictated by God. God will use the same evidence a lawyer uses. If details are known only by the perpetrator or the witness's (depending on the trial) we introduce those as "facts in the case" known
only to this or that person. God does the same in the Bible by introducing events, scientific data, researchable archaeological evidence (after the fact) and a panorama of events out of the scope of humans but identifiable and quantifiable. God gives us evidence for his design in creation and documents details for us out of the realm of human experience when the events were written down. This proves he wrote it but doesn’t negate our exercise of faith to appropriate it into our lives.

What kind of evidence?

According to Dr. Gerald L. Schroeder (a scientist and orthodox Jew) in his book GENESIS AND THE BIG BANG, most scientists believe that the world is about 16 billion years old. By using Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity, he related scientists’ time table of 16 billion years divided to God’s time table and found that, by using the universal laws of physics, the earth could have been created in 5.8 days—almost exactly equal to the Genesis account!

Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity has been proven (by Nobel prize winning physicists Russell Hulse and Joseph Taylor) to be accurate within a trillionth percent precision\(^1\) (14 decimal places). Einstein’s theory is the most accurately tested theory in the history of science.

[First, this planet] turns out to be custom made for life. "When you realize that the laws of nature must be incredibly finely tuned to produce the universe we see, that conspires to plant the idea that the universe did not just
happen, but that there must be a purpose behind it.” Quoted from John Polkinghorne, Physicist at Cambridge University, and past President of Queens College, Cambridge, England. ²

The Bible declares that God made man out of the dust of the earth (Gen. 2:7). Researchers at NASA's Ames Research Center have confirmed that "EVERY single element found in the human body exists within the soil." The scientists concluded, "We are just beginning to learn. The Biblical scenario for the creation of life turns out to be not far off the mark."⁵

Adam and Eve have been proven by scientists to have been "the start of mankind genetically" -- even if they don't want to believe that God created them.

From: US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT 12/4/95

"Genetic Eve Gets A Genetic Adam"

"...Virtually all modern men (99.9% of them) are closely related genetically and share genes with one male ancestor. We are finding that humans have very, very shallow genetic roots which go back very recently to one ancestor. That indicates that there was an origin in a specific location on the globe and then spread out from there."

Note: this sounds very similar to the Genesis account.
Q. Does the BIBLE say that God created a FLAT EARTH? NO!

*Isaiah 40:22*

*He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.*

*(This is also found in Psalms)*

The word translated "circle" is "khug" in Hebrew (or "roundness"). After Isaiah wrote this, approximately 2200 years would pass before the world would know that the earth is round.

Columbus was a Bible scholar and he staked his life, reputation and total future on the truth of the Bible! He headed west despite the prevailing belief of his day that the world was flat. He did this *solely* because the Bible said the world was round!

**Where is the center of the earth?**

*Ezekiel 5:5*

*This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her.*

*(Why chop in half the European/Asia continent just to portray the USA in the center?)*

Q. What are the odds of man knowing that Jerusalem is the exact center of the world 5,000 years ago?

But God knew! He should, He created it. At the church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem there is a mark on the floor that actually marks
the "center of the earth". Ironically, it is halfway between the supposed tomb of Jesus and the place where His cross was supposed to have been.

**In Job 26:7 the Bible infers gravity.**

*Job 26:7*

_He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; He suspends the earth over nothing._

No one can explain gravity, where it comes from or why it works. How this mysterious "action at a distance" can keep the earth attached to the sun 93 million miles away is unknown. The best explanation is what the Bible says, i.e., *The earth is suspended on nothing.*

**Some other interesting notes:**

- Job 36: 27-28 speaks of the hydrological cycle, which was not confirmed until the 1600’s by Edward Haley (the scientist who discovered Haley’s comet). Job also states that there are fresh water springs in the middle of the ocean.

- II Kings 20:20, Hezekiah says he built a tunnel under Jerusalem to bring in water (711 BC). In 1880, archeologists discovered a 1700 foot tunnel hollowed out of sheer rock.

- Psalms 8:8: God says He formed the *"paths in the sea"*. Today we use those *"paths in the sea"* as our shipping lanes.

- Black holes in space are distributed in seven solar masses (seven is God's number of perfection). According to Yale University professor Charles Bailyn, "Seven solar masses seems to be some sort of magic number for these things...the size of Black Holes is too uniform to be a matter of chance."  

- Scientists have recently discovered evidence of a sudden shifting of the continents. This sudden shifting accounts for the incredible diversity of
the plant and animal life in regions that now are close to each other but in the past were far apart. By simply reading Genesis 10:25 and 32 they could have found the exact explanation:

**Genesis 10:25**

*Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his time the earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan.*

According to Strong's Concordance the name Peleg means earthquake in Hebrew.

**Genesis 10:32**

*These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood.*

**ARE DINOSAURS SPOKEN OF IN THE BIBLE?**

**Genesis 1:21**

*So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

In Gen. 1:21: the Hebrew word *turmine* is translated by the [KJV] scholars as "*great sea creatures*" because at the time of the King James translation no one had yet seen a complete dinosaur fossil. (Archaeology was not yet a science.) In actuality, the word *turmine* in
Hebrew means "land, sea monster or big reptile" (two out of three references to a large reptilian land dweller). The Biblical account states that dinosaurs and man lived, at least for part of the time, together.

\[\text{Job 40:15-19}\]

*Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword.*

**His tail is as big as a cedar tree.** All large animals today (elephant, hippopotamus, rhinoceros) all have small tails. This description in Job mostly closely resembles a plant-eating Behemoth or Dinosaur, called Diplodocus and Apatosaurus. Also note that God says the "Behemoth" was made along with Job (or man). The Bible says that man and dinosaur lived together, at least for a time. The book of Job is considered the oldest book in the Bible. \*Note: If the dinosaurs were extinct millions of years before man – how could a scientifically illiterate (by today’s standards) writer even know that they existed and describe what they looked like?*

**But what about Evolution? A few quick notes:**
Q. First, is evolution a religion? YES! Why?

Both Creationism and Evolution have to be believed because conclusive proof does not exist. If it cannot be unequivocally proven, you must believe it. Therefore, it is a "belief system." Ironically, God rather than avoid this dilemma, encourages faith because He is interested in a relationship with us -- not a religion!

What is it that makes two scientist’s look at the same information and one becomes an atheist while the other becomes a Creationist? Is it the issue of having to be accountable to a living God?

Evolution is the attempt by man to explain our origins WITHOUT the direction of God. As such it is diametrically opposed to Christianity! The bible is God’s explanation of the actual events of our origin as a direct result of God’s direction and intervention into this world.

Evolutionists have led us to believe that you are a mental invalid if you believe that God created the world.

The fact is:

"According to a study released last year, 40% of all American scientists believe in a personal God – not merely an ineffable power and presence in the world, but a deity to whom they can pray".6

According to eminent British astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle:

"... even if the whole universe consisted of organic soup from which life is made, the chance of producing the basic enzymes of life processes without intelligent direction would be
approximately one in 1 in 10......with 40,000 zeroes after it".7

"This mathematical impossibility is well known to geneticists, and yet nobody seems to want to blow the whistle decisively on the theory because of its grip on the educational system! You either have to believe the concepts, or you will be branded a heretic."8


"...the essential characteristic of DNA is its PERFECT REPLICATION of itself. Evolution could only occur through a DNA FAILURE, and it is absurd to imagine even evolving a single cell, much less the human brain, from a series of random and HARMFUL mistakes in the DNA."

Yet despite saying this; Monod does not believe in creation; he believes in evolution. Evolution is his religion! According to Sir Frederick Hoyle, the odds shown above is the equivalent of a tornado tearing through a junkyard and upon its exit a brand new 747 jet would be left in its wake, made from the random spare parts.

Besides evolution, we have three creation possibilities. Without an exhausting study on each one they can be summed as follows:
Note: If you are going to embrace an evolutionary view – which is the only other explanation, it is very important that before you do that, you investigate what the other possibilities are: Christianity and evolution are incompatible – however, time frames are more than likely NOT 6 literal 24 hour days!

**Divine Design**

God *designed* the earth using His own Laws of Thermal Dynamics and General Relativity. God took millions of years to create the world but in six distinctive time periods. God took a long time not because He had to, but because He wanted to. Looking ahead to the time of man, God began by creating a world that would eventually decay because he knew man would need things like coal and oil. God created bi-pedal (two legged, upright) species, which were "soulish" (like dogs and cats, exhibiting emotions) but had no eternal soul. The world shows tremendous evidence of complex design (like the human eye and reproductive system for example). If the natural world shows us design, then their must be a DESIGNER! The time span between related and similar species is too great to have any life make it through the process of evolving to a "better design". For instance, animals would starve to death waiting for the eye to evolve to the point of being able to see prey and than kill it. Macro-evolution (quantum leaps in evolution – new species) HAS NEVER BEEN observed. Micro-evolution occurs all the time - the diversity within a species (different breeds of dogs for example).

The world, as we know it and as science has so far proven, matches this scenario quite well. In fact, Hugh Ross (a world-renowned astrophysicist and the head of the "Reasons to Believe" Foundation)
estimates that science has, on average, over 28 new scientific discoveries per month that validate the Biblical perspective. If you are the scientific type, and want more complicated scientific answers (but written in everyday terms), please refer to his resources and web site at the end of this paper.

**Six Literal Days (Creation Science)**

Proponents of this position say God did it in six 24-hour periods. They base this on the very sparse amount of information given in the Genesis account. They make some very good points. First, God certainly could have done is in six literal days. Adam was created with age (he was not formed as a baby and then forced to grow up unattended to adult life) and therefore God certainly could have created mountain ranges, etc. with age. This position has one great flaw (which by no means disqualifies it). The major thrust of this position developed as a backlash to "higher criticism" and the teaching of evolution in the public school system. It is no surprise then that it proposes a very strong anti-evolutionary stance.

The major flaw is this: *Science has proven that the Ark could have carried no more than 30,000 pairs of land animals, but the fossil record indicates at least the existence of a half a billion such species, of which more than five billion exist on earth today. This is two million more than existed on the earth immediately after the flood. The very anti-evolutionary position that Creation Science wants to negate must actually be used to account for the rise of so many new species. Be aware that God could certainly have done it this way if He chose (for more information go to Creation Science Research Institute www.icr.org).*
(Italics above paraphrased from THE GENESIS ACCOUNT, Hugh Ross page 91-92)

The Gap Theory

Q. How many Floods were there? A. Quite possibly TWO, according to the Bible:

2 Peter 3:4-6

They will say, "Where is this 'coming' He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

This passage shows that the context of the Scripture is specifically about the creation of the world. The word destroyed above is apollumi, and in the original Greek means fully destroyed (everything died.) During Noah's flood only land dwellers died; the fish in the sea were spared as were the inhabitants of the Ark, so the life of this planet was not totally wiped out as it was in the flood that Peter tells about. Peter (the author of II Peter), having walked with Jesus, got this information from the Creator Himself.

apollumi, Greek 622, Strong's apollumi, ap-ol'-loo-mee; from Greek 575 (apo) and the base of Greek 3639 (olethros); to destroy fully (reflexive to perish, or lose), literal or figurative :- destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.
Note: The word in Genesis 1:1 that we translate in English to "In the beginning" is re'shiyth in Hebrew which actually means "first in Time or Order," not the Greek word arche, which is translated as "first of ALL Things," or commencement (that word is used to describe Jesus, The Messiah in John 1:1-5 ). So we see that the passage specifically is speaking about a world that was totally destroyed PRIOR to the commencement of time, as God calls it in Genesis 1:1.

re'shiyth, Hebrew 7225, Strong's re'shiyth, ray-sheeth'; from the same as Hebrew 7218 (ro'sh); the first, in place, time, order or rank (specifically a firstfruit) :- beginning, chief (-est), first (-fruits, part, time), principal thing.

arche, Greek 746, Strong's

arche, ar-khay'; from Greek 756 (archomai); (properly abstract) a commencement, or (concrete) chief (in various applications of order, time, place or rank) :- beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.

This fills in the information about the earth being formless and empty in the following passage and explains the gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 (in fact this is called "The Gap Theory").

Note: This reference to the Gap Theory from the discussion earlier on the creation account.
Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

According to 2 Peter 3:4-6, the "ancient world" was totally destroyed by a "deluge" or flood and everything in it and on it was utterly destroyed. Genesis 1:2 corroborates this by stating that the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

In fact, the word "the deep" in Genesis 1:2 above in Hebrew is ℰhom, which means an abyss or surging mass of water. There is a time frame of unknown years while: "... darkness covered the whole earth." In the absence of solar light and covered with water, the earth would have been in a deep freeze and, of course, the geological record bears this out. Scientists call this the Ice Age. Trapped in this ice are many animals of the ancient world (we call them prehistoric, which, actually, is a pretty good term), including mammoths, sabertooth tigers, etc. In fact, frozen carcasses of mammoths have been found with the grass they were eating still in their mouths.

ℰhowm, Hebrew 8415, Strong's ℰhowm, teh-home'; or ℰhom, teh-home'; (usually feminine) from Hebrew 1949 (huwm); an abyss (as a surging mass of water), especially the deep (the main sea or the subterranean water-supply) :- deep (place), depth.
God could have done several things to accomplish this darkness: He could have simply withheld solar light. Or He could have allowed a meteor to hit the earth and the cataclysmic effects of that collision and resulting dust cloud would have withheld solar light from the planet for quite a long time (scientists warn us today of the same thing or the fallout of a nuclear war would create nuclear winter). More than likely it was the latter.

It is very important to note that in the Genesis account God does not begin the creation process until Genesis 1:16, where God says He made the two great lights: the sun and the moon. Up to this point He simply says:

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\text{Let there be light}; \text{ Let there be firmament (atmosphere); Let the waters be gathered together; Let the earth bring forth grass, etc.}
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\textit{WHY?}

Because according to the Gap Theory, these already existed from the first creation process and only needed to continue on with their first created purpose.

Q. How long did it take God to create the earth?

2 Peter 3:8

\textit{But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.}
As we can see God’s time table can be very different than ours. Reality is, **WE JUST DON’T KNOW**. But, as we can see, the Bible gives us solid reasons to believe that the time frame may be longer than six 24-hour periods! **Contrary to secular teaching, the geological evidence once again validates the Biblical position.**

**Q. Does the Bible predict automobiles?** I think so.

> Nahum 2:4 *The chariots rage in the streets, They jostle one another in the broad roads; They seem like torches, They run like lightning.*

{A perfect illustration of a Porsche 911 in a traffic jam.}

**According to the Bible (Gen 3:14) , God punished the Serpent and took away his ability to walk.**  
"*Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.*"

From **US NEW & WORLD REPORT, Feb. 1997**  
"*Snakes Didn’t Always Slither* [Archaeologists have found]…"a 97 million year old fossil snake with small developed hind legs…[this] establishes once and for all that snakes used to be legged".

God then removes Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:23-24).

It is interesting to note that God sent Adam out to begin the process of cultivating the land (Gen. 3:23). Archeologists have discovered that the origin of agriculture took place in the hills of southeast Turkey. This
would be the exact location we would expect to find Adam setting up shop after leaving the Garden of Eden (The exact location of the Garden of Eden is given in the Bible in Gen. 2:13-14). In addition, the scientists who discovered the original wheat that was cultivated there have stated:

"We believe that the idea is so good--the idea of cultivating wild plants--that we think it might be one tribe of people." Said Manfred Heun: "I cannot prove it, but it is a possibility that one tribe or one family had the idea." 10

THE FLOOD

- In Genesis 6;9 God calls Noah a "righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked with God yet ...
- Noah: Noah has the distinction of being the first recorded person to get drunk in the Bible. (Gen. 9:21)
- Noah, living far from the ocean, built a boat with perfect seaworthy dimensions (450’ x 75’ x 45’ or 30x 5x 3), having never studied ocean travel (not that there was much then!) (Gen. 7:15-16)
- Every major group of people record the flood as part of the history of its own nation. In the Middle East region no less than 35 accounts are recorded, including Egypt and Mesopotamia; of these, only two fail to coincide exactly with the Bible!

Noah's Ark has been shown to be resting in the "Mountains of Ararat" (which means New Beginning), resting at 7,546 feet. The dimensions coincide exactly to the dimensions that God gave Noah. According to Salih Baryraktutan, head of Geology at Turkey's Ataturk University:

"It is a man-made structure and for sure, it is Noah's Ark. Radar imagery at about 82 feet
down … from the stern is so clear that you can count the floorboards between the walls. The Turkish Government has officially pronounced the site as the actual site of Noah’s Ark."m2

Be aware, however, that as you would expect, this find brings up tremendous controversy for those who do not want any type of Noah's Ark found (the above might even be a hoax). Due to it's remote location, the closing of the area by Turkey and the tremendous bandit activity in the area, it has proven to be a very difficult site to excavate. I believe this is God's divine protection. (In Search of Noah's Ark – PBS special also the report can be viewed at www.yfiles).

Note: In January 2003, the CIA released it's classified photos of the above.


One of the reasons that the people did not believe Noah was that it had never rained! The earth was watered by a terrarium effect, as well as underground river sources.

*Genesis 2:4-6*

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

When the Lord God made the earth and the heavens-- and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no
This helps explain several other key points:

- In a terrarium atmosphere most of the harmful UV light is filtered out. UV contributes greatly to aging and helps explain why men lived so long PRE-FLOOD.

- In a terrarium atmosphere, plants would grow at a very rapid pace, and would be abundant everywhere (including what is now desert, which the fossil record shows it to be a previously lush land, e.g., the Petrified Forest in Arizona).

- In order to get oil, you must have a sudden covering of dense, living material (hydrocarbons). Obviously, the flood would have done this. So we could literally be using pre-flood jungle to fuel our cars today.

- With the plant life (as they knew it) gone, no dinosaur could have lived after the flood except for the two species of dinosaurs Noah had in the Ark — a crocodile and an alligator.

GEN 11, THE TOWER OF BABEL
The Bible records three distinct times that man will try to become like God.

1. In the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:5)
2. At the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:4)
3. And again in the end times. (Note: Virtually all New Age philosophies and religious symbols in vogue today can be directly traced back to Babylon-start of the Mother Goddess/son religion.)

God's command to the survivors of the flood was:

*Genesis 9:1*

> Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth".

The survivors however quickly got other plans:

*Genesis 11:1-9*

> Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for
them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel--because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

In other words, they deliberately planned to disobey God and stay right where they were, so God created a guarantee (by changing their language) that they would carry out His plan.

In Mesopotamia, ancient towers have been unearthed called Ziggurats or "hill of heaven." A clay tablet unearthed at one says the following:

"The erection of this tower highly offended all the gods. In a night they threw down what man had built and impeded their progress. They were scattered abroad and their speech was strange." ARCHAEOLOGY TODAY Sept. 1989

Note the reference to clay tablet vs. a stone tablet and the very pronounced reference to the use of clay in Genesis 11, above.

So where do the different races, skin color, etc. come from?

Although not expressly stated in the Bible, I believe that this is where the different races began. Why? Science this time will give us the answer.

"The Tale Genes Tell" – Scientist’s now confirm that "99.99% of ALL HUMANS" share the same identical genetic
makeup. "Outward appearances tell us almost nothing about our roots ... the shapes of our noses, the color of our skins change with the climate." In other words, when God scattered them throughout the world, the natural physical changes that happen due to natural climatic forces took place.

Incredibly, God said that the Levites or Jewish priests were separated from the Jewish population at large. Until now we did not know just how separated. Scientist’s have discovered that out of all Jewish people, the DNA of the Cohanin or Jewish priestly bloodline is distinctively different than all other JEWS! 18

"The DNA of Cohanin – the Jewish priesthood whose duties are passed strictly from father to son - is genetically distinct from the rest of the Jewish population." 19

Numbers 2:33

The Levites, however, were not counted along with the other Israelites, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Numbers 3:12

"I have taken the Levites from among the Israelites in place of the first male offspring of every Israelite woman. The Levites are mine,

Numbers 8:14
In this way you are to **set the Levites apart** from the other Israelites, and the Levites will be mine.

**GOD RAISES UP MOSES**

Moses, a Jew raised in the Pharaoh's court, was a known murderer. (Exodus 2:1-12)

God supernaturally brings the nation of Israel out of Egypt by a series of plagues. These plagues culminated in the death of every first born son in Egypt of anyone who would not cover his doorpost with the blood of an innocent lamb. These ten plagues are not only recorded in the Bible, but also in the hieroglyphic writings on the walls in Egypt.22 (Ex. 7:14, 12:30)

By this time they are now estimated to be about 2.5 million "children of Abraham" who go up to cross the Red Sea (600,000 men, alone according to Ex. 12:37-39).

Napoleon records that he actually almost crossed the Red Sea on dry land during a windstorm. But when the wind subsided he almost drowned in the quick wash of the water back. Scientists have actually duplicated the parting of the Red Sea by using a scale model and blowing the pro-rated equivalent of a 40 mile per hour wind across it. The rush of the water back was calculated to be 15 feet per second.23

*(For a fascinating new discovery regarding the archaeological finding of what appears to be the remnants of Pharaoh's army, go to www.serveonline.com.)*

According to archaeology, Jericho's walls all fell **out**, not **in**, as would be true if an army pushed them down. (See Ancient Prophecies TV show aired April 1994; also New York Times Service 2/25/90. *"Study Backs Biblical Story Of Jericho".*
A personal note: I find it extremely interesting that Jesus said in Luke 19:40; "I tell you," he replied, "if they [the people praising Jesus as their King] keep quiet, the stones will cry out." That is exactly what has happened. During the last part of the eighteenth century and the early part of the nineteenth century, a wave of "higher criticism" prevailed. Essentially, we stopped praising Jesus as our Lord and archaeology grew very popular. Archaeology initially was perceived as the way to debunk the Bible. New scientific discoveries would once and for all prove the inaccuracies in the Bible. Today, truly the "stones have cried out" as the study of archaeology continues to give further credence to the Bible.

And this is just the Old Testament:
In the New Testament we have the literal fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies in Jesus. Using only the very clear prophecies about Jesus – born in Bethlehem, riding into Jerusalem on a colt (exactly to the day by the way). The odds of one man fulfilling these prophecies by random chance are: 1 in 480 Billion x 1 billion x 1 trillion!
There are 8,352 verses of Prophecy in the Bible – 31% of the total is TELLING THE FUTURE! – There is no prophecy in ANY other Holy Book in existence!!! 2/3rds of these prophecies have come true. Additionally, NOT ONE ERROR HAS EVER BEEN DOCUMENTED IN THE BIBLE. That is not to say that all have come to pass or that we
have all the answers because we don’t (and besides if we did we wouldn’t need to exercise faith ... would we).

How about God telling us the EXACT day that Israel would become a nation again 1400 years before it happened? What about God telling us the EXACT day that Israel would regain control of Jerusalem 1400 years before it happened? Astronomical odds! No, God has eliminated the possibility of random chance by making it humanely impossible to view the evidence and not accept it as truth. God makes it a blatant choice accept it or simply reject it. But it is a choice.

Point two: Many people want to use other Christians as the measuring stick for all of Christianity. That allows them to point to things like ... well they drink, or get drunk. Or they had an abortion ... Blah , blah, blah. Reality is that you can find great and poor examples in every group, so behavior has nothing to do with it. There are great Buddhists and terrible Christians. The reality is that many people claiming to be Christians are not. They go to church, do good stuff, but are not Christians.

The rubber meets the road at this juncture. If many people who claim to be Christians aren’t .... What qualifies a person? ONLY a belief in Jesus Christ as Savior (this is who he says he is). The bible declares that the demons believe in Jesus, so believing in Jesus is not the criteria or the demons would be saved.

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.
Saying "good Christians" believe in evolution, or drinking or not drinking or homosexuality or whatever, is an irrelevant point. A Christian is one who believes in the Jesus in the Bible, that he is Lord of the universe and most importantly Lord of their life. The reason the demons are not Christians are that while Jesus makes them shudder, he is not the Lord of their life!

God also does not want anyone to come to him based on blind faith. He demands that you categorically make an informed decision. Since we are born separated from God as a result of Adam and Eve’s sin (they were sinners so they made little baby sinners), we are all sinners. God has made a way (Jesus paid the penalty for sin which the Bible says is death so that we don’t have to pay it.

_Romans 6:23_

_for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord._

He simply asks that you accept it. No hoop jumping etc.. By the way, a non-decision is still a decision. It is a decision to stay EXACTLY where you are – SEPARATED FROM GOD. If you die in this condition or Jesus returns...you will get your wish. You will be separated from God. Using Christians to measure Christianity is like using Bill Clinton to measure USA politics.

**Point three:** It comes down to this. Jesus is either who he said he was or he is a stark raving lunatic. Those are the choices. Now IF Christianity or more correctly a **relationship with God** is possible, that it truly is the way to heaven and that God has made every effort to intervene in your
life (this letter is an intervention into your life). Then this would certainly be the **ABSOLUTE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION ANYONE WOULD EVER HAVE TO MAKE**. If that is the case it warrants serious research. The evidence is there. We will spend 16-20+ years preparing for our career, yet we won’t take 20-30 hours to research if God is who he says he is. I cannot make this happen – I had to do my own research. But I DID IT.

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**DON’T MISS THIS BOOK!!!!!**

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- See Red Sea Crossing at www.serveonline.com
Joseph’s tomb is at www.christiananswers.net (awesome resource site)
www.achorstone.com
www.concentric.net
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