

Victory Faith Centre

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Modern versions attack Biblical creation

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The Word of God cannot have lies in it

“In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie**,
promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2)

“... **no lie** is of the truth” (1 John 2:21b)

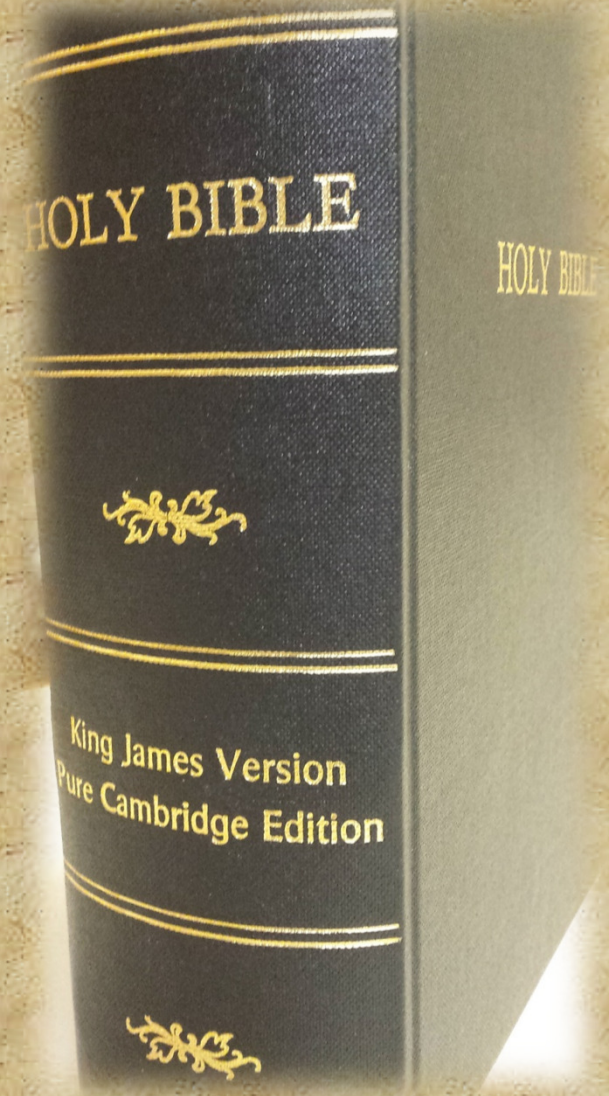
“... **let God be true**, but every man a liar ...” (Romans 3:4)



Foundation of error – “the spirit of error” (1 John 4:6)

The purity of God's Word

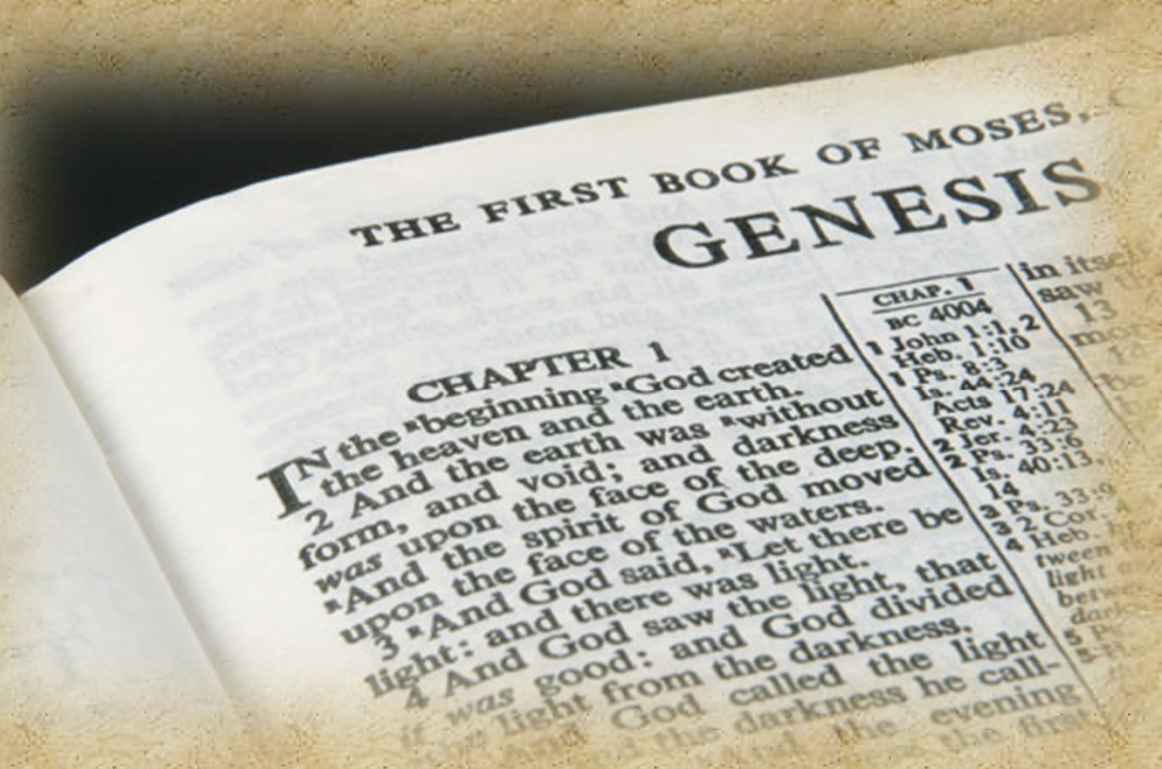
“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:5,6)



Truth from Genesis onwards

“Thy word is true
from the beginning”

(Psalm 119:160a)



CHAPTER 1		
1	IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.	John 1:1, 2
2	And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.	Heb. 1:10
3	And God said, "Let there be light: and there was light."	Ps. 8:3
4	And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.	Is. 44:24
5	And God called the light day, and the darkness he called night.	Acts 17:24
		Rev. 4:11
		2 Jer. 4:23
		2 Ps. 33:6
		Is. 40:13
		14
		3 Ps. 33:9
		3 2 Cor. 4
		4 Heb. 1:3
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		light and
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		5 Ps. 104:19
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Father of modern creationism

In 1961, Henry Morris co-authored *The Genesis Flood* with John C. Whitcomb.

Stephen Jay Gould, a famous evolutionist, called it “the founding document of the creationist movement”.

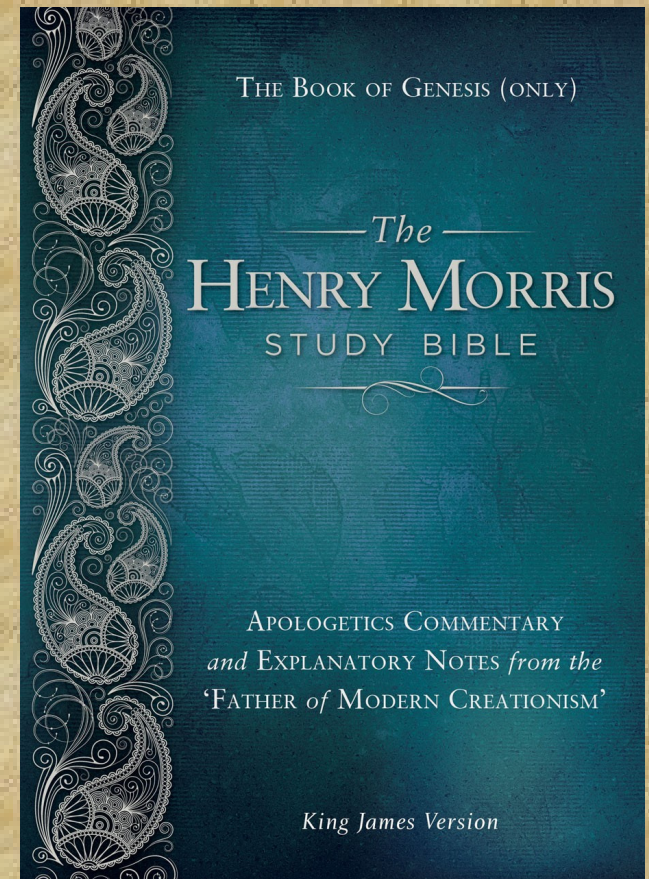
Henry Morris founded the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) in 1972.

He stood for the King James Bible as the only Bible to use.

Father of modern creationism

“I believe, therefore, after studying, teaching, and loving the Bible for over 55 years, that Christians—especially creationists!—need to hang on to their old King James Bibles as long as they live.”

(Henry M. Morris, Ph.D. 1996. *Should Creationists Abandon The King James Version?* ICR Acts & Facts. 25 (6))



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Should Creationists Abandon The King James Version?

by Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

Evidence for Creation

In this day when many Christians have started using one of the modern English translations of the Bible, abandoning the King James Version, it may be well to review a few of the reasons why many creationists still prefer the latter.

The King James Translators

One reason is that all the fifty or more translators who developed the King James Bible were godly men who believed implicitly in the inerrancy and full authority of Scripture and in the literal historicity of Genesis, with its record of six-day Creation and the worldwide Flood. This has not been true of many who have worked on the modern versions.

Furthermore, the King James translators (54 men altogether) were great scholars, as proficient in the Biblical languages as any who have come after them. They were familiar with the great body of manuscript evidence, as well as all the previous translations. They worked diligently on the project (assigned to them by King James) for over seven years (completed in 1611), with the result that the "Authorized" version eventually displaced all those that had gone before and has withstood the test of wide usage in all English-speaking countries ever since.

Modern versions and their attack on creation

There are 2 ways that modern versions attack Biblical creation:

- They undermine the authority of the Word of God as certainty and truth from which to preach.
- They undermine words defining Biblical creation.

The doctrine of the heavens undermined

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1, KJB)



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Genesis 1:1-5 describes what happened on the first day of creation. The ‘heaven’ of verse 1 is the spiritual heaven where God’s throne is located – see Psalm 11:4 and Exodus 20:11a – it was created on the first day.

One must be lying!

“And the Spirit of God
moved upon the face of
the waters.” (Genesis 1:2b, KJB)

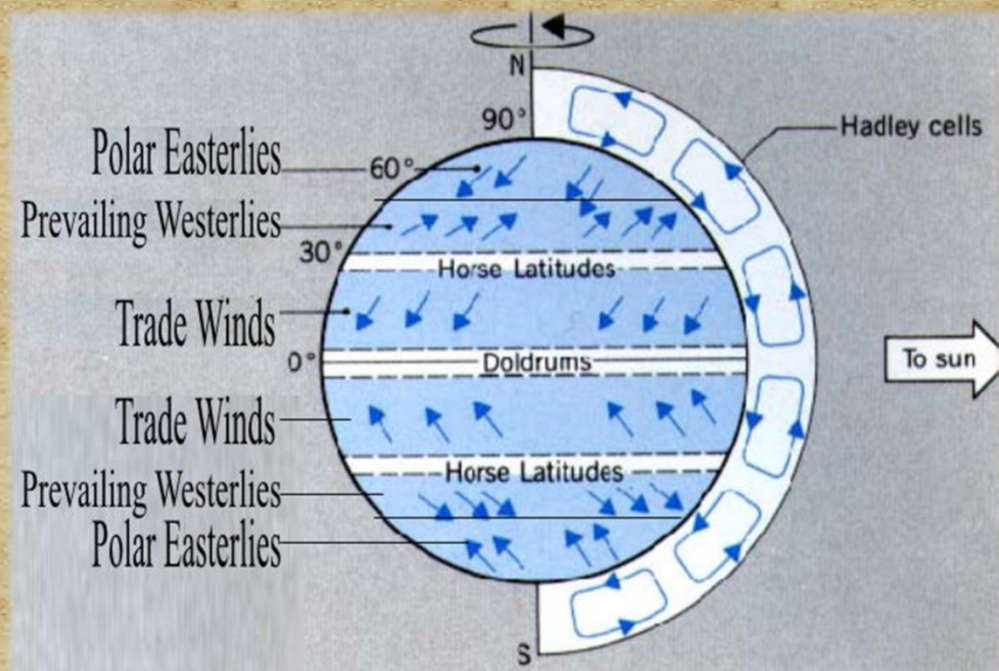


“and the Spirit of God was
hovering over the waters.”
(Genesis 1:2b, NIV)

Hover = “hang in the air, state of suspense”.
Synonyms are ‘hang’, ‘float over’, ‘linger’, ‘poise’.

The word 'firmament' in the King James Bible

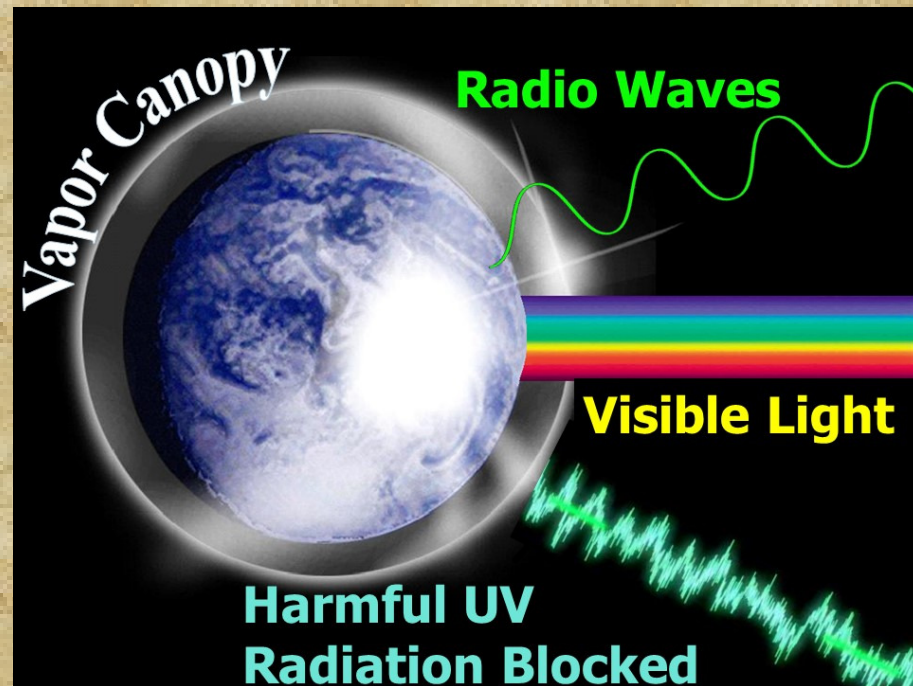
“And God made the **firmament**, and divided the waters which were under the **firmament** from the waters which were above the **firmament**: and it was so.” (Genesis 1:7)



Firmament implies firmness of structure with the Earth's atmosphere.

The word 'firmament' in the King James Bible

“And God called the **firmament** Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.” (Genesis 1:8)



There are 3 heavens (see 2 Corinthians 12:2). On the second day of creation the firmament called Heaven was created.

Modern versions replace 'firmament'

"And God calleth to the expanse 'Heavens;' and there is an evening, and there is a morning -- day second." (Genesis 1:8)

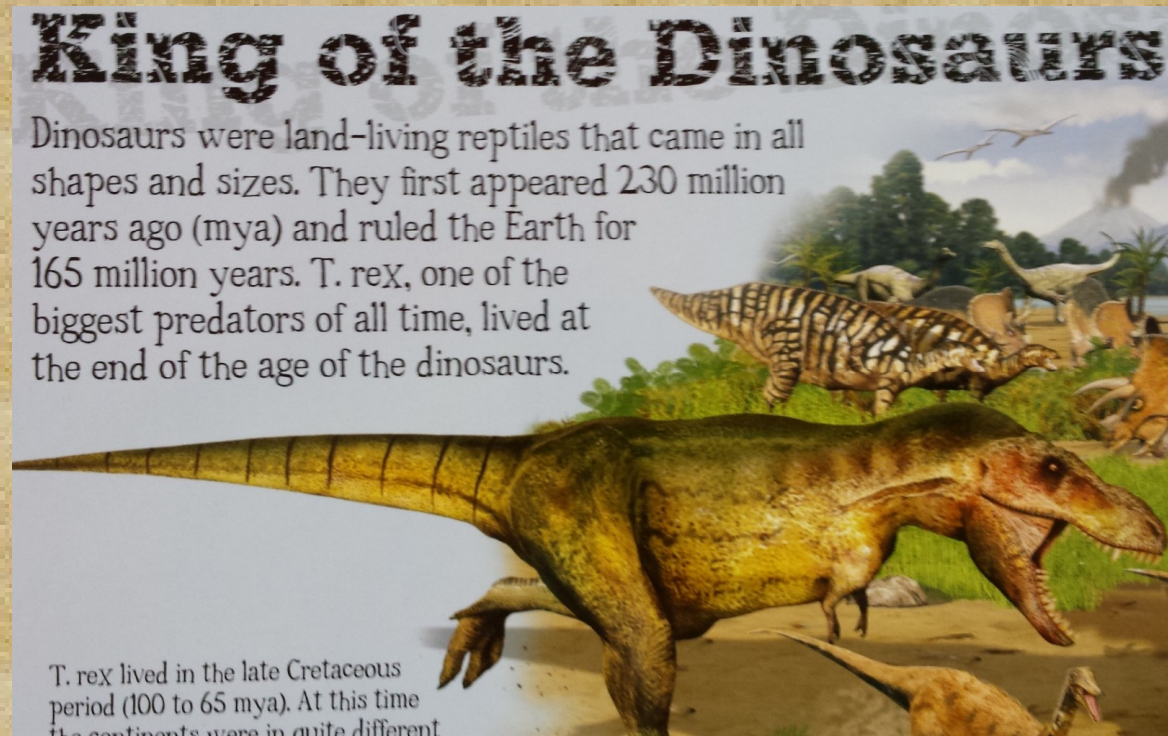
"God called the vault 'sky.' And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day." (Genesis 1:8, NIV)

Thus, modern versions destroy the doctrine of the 3 heavens and how they were created.

The world uses dinosaurs to back evolution

Evolutionary books*
target children with
the claim that Earth's
history has dinosaurs
evolving over millions
of years and that
fossils confirm this!

* Example from 'How to build a
T.Rex', 2016



“... science falsely so called” (1 Timothy 6:20)

The King James Bible and dragons

“Most of us are constantly bombarded with the idea that dinosaurs lived millions of years before people ... It is interesting to note that the word ‘dragon’ occurs a number of times in the Old Testament [of the King James Bible], and when you replace it with the word ‘dinosaur’, in most instances it seems to fit very nicely.” (Ken Ham, *Dinosaurs of Eden*, 2001, pp. 13,14)

The word 'dragon' in the King James Bible

Taken as a whole, we get clear information of what dragons were like and that they lived with man:

- Reptilian and poisonous (Deuteronomy 32:33).
- Active at night (Nehemiah 2:13; Job 30:29).
- Deadly creatures (Psalm 44:19; Psalm 91:13).



The word 'dragon' in the King James Bible

- Some dwelt in water or the sea (Psalm 74:13; Isaiah 27:1; Ezekiel 29:3).
- Many were large (Jeremiah 51:34).
- They dwelt in wastelands (Jeremiah 49:33; Malachi 1:3).



The word 'dragon' in the King James Bible

The proper Bible treats dragons as creatures that actually existed.

“Their wine is **the poison of dragons**, and the cruel venom of asps.” (Deuteronomy 32:33)

“And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be **an habitation of dragons**, and a court for owls.”

(Isaiah 34:13)

Dragons substituted in modern versions

“Their wine is the venom of serpents, the deadly poison of cobras.” (Deuteronomy 32:33, NIV)

“Thorns will overrun her citadels, nettles and brambles her strongholds. She will become a haunt for jackals, a home for owls.” (Isaiah 34:13, NIV)

It is **impossible** to use modern versions to present a Biblical view about dinosaurs.

Behemoth in the King James Bible

The King James Bible describes what seems to be a huge dinosaur.

“Behold now **behemoth**,
which I made with thee;
he eateth grass as an ox.”
(Job 40:15)



From: Ken Ham, *Dinosaurs for kids*, 2012, p. 48

Behemoth in the King James Bible

The King James Bible description of behemoth:

- “strength is in his loins” (vs 16)
- “He moveth his tail like a cedar” (vs 17)
- “his bones are like bars of iron” (vs 18)
- “He is the chief of the ways of God” (vs 19)
- “Surely the mountains bring him forth food” (vs 20)
- “Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.”
(vs 23)

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The nonsense of modern versions

“I created both you and the hippopotamus. It eats only grass like an ox, but look at the mighty muscles in its body and legs. Its tail is like a cedar tree, and its thighs are thick.” (Job 40:15-16, Contemporary English Version)

Does a hippopotamus have a tail like a cedar tree?

The nonsense of modern versions

Other modern versions keep 'behemoth' in Job 40:15 but then have doubt notes, such as the following for the NIV.

run,
she laughs at horse and rider.
19 "Do you give the horse his strength
or clothe his neck with a flowing
mane?

you.
15 "Look at the behemoth,^c
which I made along with you
and which feeds on grass like an ox.
16 What strength he has in his loins,

^a Or *his*; or *their* ^{b36} The meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain.

^{c15} Possibly the

hippopotamus or the elephant

One must be lying!

“Whether of them twain
did the will of his father?
They say unto him, The
first.” (Matthew 21:31a, KJB)



“Which of these two did
what their father wanted?”
“The second one,” they
replied.” (Matthew 21:31a,
Phillips)

That which is different cannot be the same.
Both cannot be the Word of God ...

A finishing word to think about ...

“I shall just go into the church and look at the Bible. If it’s some modern version, I shall go and ask the vicar, he’ll have a Bible, won’t he? The proper kind, I mean, Authorised Version.” (Agatha Christie, *By the Pricking of My Thumbs* [Tuppence character], 1968, p. 175)



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