

# Discerning Truth in a Post Christian Culture

## Questions Requiring Special Treatment

Lesson 5, May 13, 2018

In the last two weeks we have examined two types of questions: those that can be answered by studying specific passages of Scripture, and those which are difficult and may be culturally influenced. Today we want to consider a type of question: for which there is no specific verse that deals with the question.

### I. Questions lacking specific Biblical answers:

- a) ***Assuming God created dinosaurs, did they roam with Adam & Eve? If they were vegetarians, was T-Rex a veggie eating animal? Why were they not saved from the flood? Were the fish saved?***
- b) ***Is God the Son the Member of the Trinity that is walking in the garden with Adam & Eve?***
- c) ***Where did Cain get his wife (only Cain and Abel are mentioned)?***
- d) ***Will babies and children be grown adults in heaven?***

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*All animals were originally vegetarian  
T-Rex is [was] an animal  
Therefore T-Rex was a vegetarian*

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### II. How do we respond to these types of questions?

- a) A certain philosophy of faith and revelation is required—  
God has told us what we need to know, He has not told everything there is to know.
- b) We may make logical deductions that do not contradict other passages of the Bible (if we analyze the implications of certain verses, what can we derive?):
  - 1) All animals were originally vegetarian; therefore T-Rex was a vegetarian animal (Genesis 1:29-30)
  - 2) All animals were created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, therefore dinosaurs coexisted with humans (Genesis 1:24-25). *What about carbon-14 dating and the sedimentary layers?*
    - a) *Carbon-14 probably had a different scintillation rate prior to the flood, if any at all*
    - b) *The sedimentary layers of the evolutionary development do not exist anywhere*
    - c) *Dinosaurs were likely the first to become extinct after the flood due to size*
  - 3) The physical manifestation of God among humans appears always to be the Son (Genesis 18; Genesis 32:24-32; Genesis 3:8)
  - 4) The Bible is completely silent on the status of babies & children in heaven (2 Samuel 12:22-23; Matthew 19:13-14)
  - 5) The Bible generally mentions only people who have significant roles; not everyone is mentioned in the Bible narratives. We may assume Adam & Eve had many other children. Obviously in the beginning of the human race brothers and sisters married and may have been separated by many years.
- c) There are many things before, and leading up to, the flood and up to the Tower of Babel that God has withheld from us. Most likely the reasons have to do with the horrible depravity of the human race, things which we are better off not knowing. (Deuteronomy 12:29-32; Genesis 6:1-7)