



- For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, . . .

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NKJV



# Challenges We Face



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Who today will be destroyed for this reason?

Matt. 13:14-15, 22, 23

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Is my family part of the problem or solution?

Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:4; 1 Tim. 6:20-21

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Is this church's teaching part of the problem or solution? Eph. 4:11-12

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- Culture

68-81% of Americans believe humans evolved over time (Pew Research Center 2018)

“Anything that we scientists can do to weaken the hold of religion should be done and may in the end be our greatest contribution to civilization.”

- Steven Weinberg, Nobel laureate in physics

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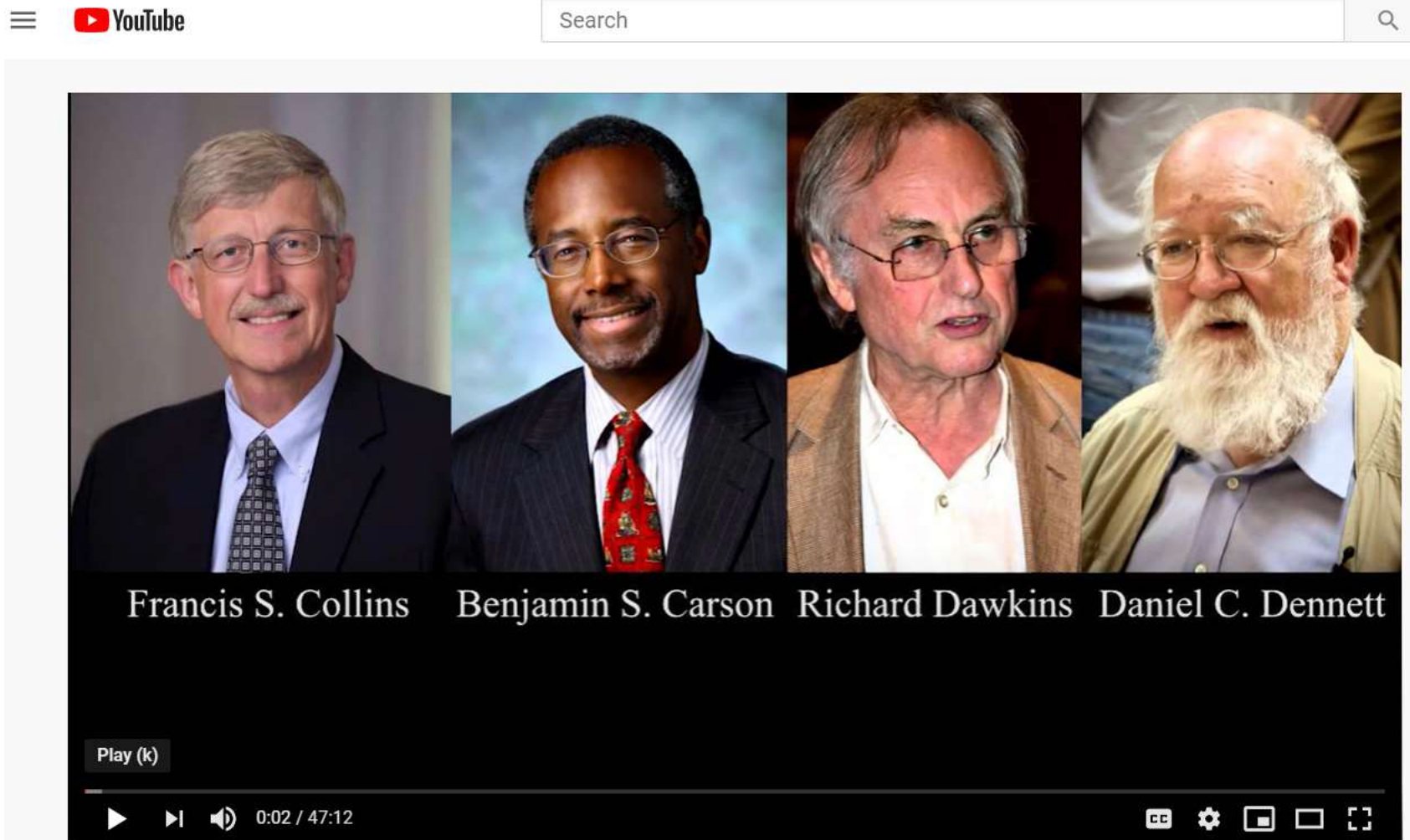
## Challenges We Face

- “Visible” people claiming to believe God and Bible but contradicting God and the Bible

*O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge-- by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.*

1 Timothy 6:20-21 NKJV

# “Science and Faith” on ABC (2006)



(Improved audio) Richard Dawkins, Ben Carson, Daniel Dennett and Francis Collins debate

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJMPnzyvw04](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJMPnzyvw04)



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*Science is one way of knowing,  
faith is another way of knowing...  
I'm a theistic evolutionist.*  
(around 14:00)

Matt. 19:4; Acts 3:21

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*you cannot prove the existence of God.  
Its something you have to feel...  
It's a feeling...we cannot identify  
the source of a feeling...  
I cannot explain it. I cannot prove it.  
My colleagues cannot prove theirs  
either. (near 33:00)*

Romans 1:20

# Mary Schweitzer, Paleontologist

- For her, science and religion represent two different ways of looking at the world; invoking the hand of God to explain natural phenomena breaks the rules of science. After all, she says, what God asks is faith, not evidence.

“If you have all this evidence and proof positive that God exists, you don’t need faith.

I think he kind of designed it so that we’d never be able to prove his existence. And I think that’s really cool.”

[www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/dinosaur-shocker-115306469/](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/dinosaur-shocker-115306469/)

Romans 1:20

# Ken Ham, *Answers in Genesis*

And the Bible says, “If you come to God believing that He is, He will reveal Himself to you,” and you will know. As Christians, we can say we know.

*Ham-Nye Debate* transcript , p342

[www.nlpg.com/media/static\\_downloads/scholarship/ham-nye-debate-transcript.pdf](http://www.nlpg.com/media/static_downloads/scholarship/ham-nye-debate-transcript.pdf)

But how will they believe? Romans 10:13

# John Clayton, *Does God Exist* magazine

- *Some are quite debatable, such as chapter seven which attempts to show that the long ages of people like Methuselah are within the realm of possibility.*  
(book review in “*Does God Exist*” Nov/Dec 2012)

So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died. Gen. 5:27, NKJV

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- *Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.*

Proverbs 25:19 NKJV

- Be careful what you believe

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## Challenges We Face

- *Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.*

Colossians 2:8 NKJV (1 Tim. 6:20-21)

1. not be ashamed of the gospel
2. be patient with others
3. guard against anything lacking sufficient evidence
4. point our children to the fear of the Lord first



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God



*I am the way, the truth, and the life*  
Turn to Christ Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10  
Return to Christ Acts 8:22; 1 Jn. 1:9  
Abide in Christ John 15:7

