



# Foundational Doctrines Questionnaire

## THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

1. Do you hold and insist that the inspiration of Scripture means that the Biblical texts as originally written were free of *any* human influence (were in effect a word-for-word dictation from God)?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

2. Do you hold and insist that the Biblical texts as originally written, though in the style of the human author and influenced by his background, upbringing and experience, were nevertheless exactly what God intended to be communicated to man?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

3. Do you hold that the Biblical texts, as originally written, may have communicated human weaknesses, cultural influences and effects which were thus not all 'inspired' in the sense of being what God really wanted to be written?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

4. Do you hold and insist that the Biblical texts as originally written, allowing for the proper and appropriate use of metaphor, poetic devices, parable, figures of speech, 'language of appearance' and the like, were free of *any* error or falsehood, or anything which would inevitably mislead?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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5. Do you hold that the Bible as originally written *may* have been inclusive of some human error, owing to the more limited knowledge of people at the time it was written, or to the absorption of information from the myths and legends of surrounding cultures?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

6. Would you hold and insist that, at the time the dead body of Jesus Christ was lying in the tomb, a video camera, if trained on the scene and technically able to capture events regardless of how quickly they occurred, would then have recorded this body vacating the grave clothes without human assistance?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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7. Do you hold and insist that, even if one had knowledge of all possibilities, the physical remains of the dead Jesus Christ could never have been accessible to anyone after His recorded Resurrection, because this event was actual and physical, as was his Ascension?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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## THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

8. Do you hold and insist that Jesus Christ really did feed a crowd of thousands from only five loaves and two fishes?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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9. If the answer to Q.8 was 'Yes', do you agree that this means He had to create new, complex matter (e.g. dead fish-meat) in a brief time, contrary to all known processes of natural law?

- Yes
- No, don't agree

10. Do you hold and insist that Jesus literally and actually did walk on water, with no ledge or other physical means of supporting his weight, that it was not 'as if' he did so, but that he really did defy/overcome/control the normal natural law (gravity)?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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## GENESIS

11. Do you hold and insist that the entire human race of today is descended from one man and woman, Adam and Eve?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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12. Do you hold and insist that no other humans or human-like creatures (e.g. soulless men) were living at the time Adam and Eve were created?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

13. Do you hold and insist that Eve was really created directly from a part of Adam's side?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

14. (a). Do you hold and insist that Adam's body was created directly from the dust, in a miraculous fashion, not requiring a long timespan and with no intermediate stages — in other words, contrary to 'natural law'?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

(b) Do you hold that there will be a literal, actual future bodily resurrection of believers from the dead, implying a miraculous reassembling or recreating of long-decayed, burnt or scattered components of their long-dead remains, not according to 'natural law'?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

15. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 appears to link the Resurrection from physical death of Jesus Christ with the entry of *physical* death brought in by Adam's sin. Do you hold and insist that the physical death of mankind entered the world only after Adam sinned?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

16. Do you hold and insist that the entire world will be one day restored/renewed/restituted/recreated, howsoever that may occur, to a state in which there will be no more death, struggle and bloodshed?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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17. Do you hold that there were millions of years of death, struggle and bloodshed (as represented by the standard interpretation of dead creatures in fossil-bearing sedimentary layers around the globe) before man (including Adam) appeared on the Earth?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

18. Do you hold and insist that the Curse consequent to Adam's sin affected not only man but the whole of the physical creation? (Romans 8)

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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19. Do you hold and insist that the waters of the Genesis Flood of Noah flooded the entire globe?

- Yes
- No, we generally/definitely hold otherwise
- We would generally hold this, but would not see it as binding on all of our staff and co-workers.
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20. Would you regard it as mandatory for your staff and co-workers to be convinced that the original creation was 'very good' with no death or struggle before Adam sinned? (That is, no overt bloodshed and violence among humans or animals such as lions hunting antelopes, for example — leaving out the question of bacteria and insects for the moment.)

- Yes
- No

21. If the answer to Q. 20 was 'No', is it acceptable for someone in your organization to hold/teach that the Fall of Adam could have been spiritual and not have affected the whole world?

- Yes, it is acceptable
- No, it is not acceptable
- Possibly acceptable

22. What is your overall position on the 'days' in Genesis chapter 1?

- Ordinary earth-rotation days, with an evening and a morning
- Long periods of time
- Unsure
- We accommodate a range of differing views on this among staff.

23. How do you accommodate the vast difference in the time since Creation, deduced from a straightforward reading of Scripture (apparently thousands of years, not billions, even if there are gaps in the genealogies) and the age of the Earth held by the majority today?

- Encourage scepticism about the conclusions of fallen mankind and teach a recent Creation
- Hold that the days could have been long ages
- Hold to a possible 'gap' between the first two verses of Genesis
- Hold that it is an issue of secondary importance, with many different answers
- Hold that it is important, but has more than one answer which would be acceptable to us

24. If one of your staff or co-workers believed that it was possible that man's physical body could have descended from animal ancestors, would this be a matter of concern for you?

- Yes
- No
- Possibly

25. If the answer to Q. 24 was 'Yes' or 'Possibly', would you allow anyone in your organization to teach, in a role where they could be seen as representing your organization, that this was a possible option for Christians?

- Yes
- Yes, though concerned
- No
- Possibly

Thank you for your cooperation.

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