



# Origins Matter Short Course

This is an accelerated “boot camp” online program, surveying the basics of biblical creation apologetics. It combines reading lessons online with reviewing several DVDs, to unpack and digest many relevant Biblical and scientific truths about origins. The Origins Matter Short Course is not just academic; after a fast tour of the “big picture,” you are given a set of personal challenges, for applying these important truths to the real world of your own life (and the lives of others).

## Short Course Level 1

What kind of truth does the Bible provide? How reliable and how relevant is its information about our origins? How do we know that the Bible’s information is true? How does Biblical truth match (or otherwise compare to) the world of facts that can be learned by using the scientific method? These questions are the core of what is called “Biblical epistemology,” which this unit focuses on, comparing Biblical revelation truth with the knowledge we can gain by studying creation scientifically. In Level 1 (of ICR’s ORIGINS MATTER Short Course series), Biblical epistemology is analyzed with apologetics applications, within a multidisciplinary context. Also, special attention is given to why creation origins matter—including how our own origins are relevant to the trustworthiness and relevance of Genesis history, testing logic accuracy and assumptions, how to analyze creation evidences, and how to distinguish reliable proof from science fiction.

### STUDY MATERIALS NEEDED

- DVD set: **God of Wonders** (available from ICR)  
DVD: **What You Aren’t Being Told About Astronomy, volume 1** (available from ICR)  
DVD set: **Nuclear Strength Apologetics, Parts 1 & 2** (available from AiG)  
DVD: **The Indestructible Book** (produced by International Baptist Missions; available from AMAZON.COM & maybe also from *The Berean Call*)

## Short Course Level 2

Level 2 (in the ORIGINS MATTER Short Course series) builds upon Level 1. Topics covered include the creation apologetics of living creatures (including their origins and present-day dynamics), the Genesis Flood and its impact on Earth history (including fossil evidences), dinosaurs (including how dinosaur bones’ soft tissue proves that dinosaurs did not live millions of years ago), the age of the earth, and the age of the cosmos. The course concludes with personal applications, such as how God’s personal care for each of us is best appreciated within the context of what the Bible teaches about Christ’s linked roles as Creator and Redeemer.

## STUDY MATERIALS NEEDED

- DVD: **Mount St. Helens: Modern Day Evidence for the Worldwide Flood** (available from ICR)
- DVD: **What You Aren't Being Told About Astronomy, volume 2** (available from ICR)
- DVD: **Dragons or Dinosaurs?** (available from ICR)
- DVD set: **The Wonders of God's Creation**, volumes 1, 2, & 3 (produced by Moody/Questar)

**NOTE:** Depending on the consumer response to Units #1 and #2 we may develop more units, maybe sometime next year. IF, as, and when they occur, we will update the description by replacing it with an expanded version.

## Origins Matter Enrollment

Each Origins Matter Short Course is designed to be completed within approximately five weeks. All ICR courses are web-based and designed to be completed online. Course materials consist of study texts (online), DVDs, and tests. Grades are emailed to the student after each exam.

### Tuition and Fees

The enrollment fee for Level 1 or Level 2 is USD \$79.00 or USD \$149.00 for both (or \$158 if purchased separately). DVDs should be purchased separately.

You are responsible for providing your own computer and Internet access, per the Technical Requirements discussed below.

### Please read before enrolling

- Review the **Student Requirements**. These include Biblical, Educational and Technical Requirements you must meet to enroll.
- Review the **Student Agreement**. This is our agreement with you.

### How to Enroll

1. Please call Mary Smith at 800.337.0375 or 214.615.8322 with address and credit card information to enroll. An online application will be coming soon.

## Student Requirements

### Biblical Requirements

- Students are expected to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior ([Romans 10:9-10](#)).
- Students are expected to desire greater biblical knowledge and Christian maturity ([2 Peter 1:3-8](#))
- Students are expected to verify the course material through the Scriptures ([Acts 17:11](#)).

- Students are expected to develop a systematic understanding of biblical information ([Ecclesiastes 12:9-10](#), [Isaiah 28:9-10](#)).
- Students are expected to be honest—no plagiarism please! (i.e., students need to use quote marks and author attributions whenever quoting someone else’s words ([Romans 13:7](#)).

## Educational Requirements

- Students must have good reading, writing, and study skills, in order to understand and follow directions and course material, as well as to organize concepts and compose paragraphs to answer questions in exams. All materials are written in English.
- Students must be self-disciplined (and self-paced). Courses are completed in a self-paced format, so students must allot adequate time for each assignment.
- Students must have basic computer skills, including the ability to type, use a mouse, open and save documents, cut and paste text, use email and navigate the Internet using Internet Explorer.
- Students, by taking this program, are acknowledging that they are aware that ICR’s Origins Matter Short Course program adheres to [ICR’s tenets \(click here to view\)](#).

## Technical Requirements

- Students must have a Windows or Mac computer with access to the Internet.

## Student Agreement

In consideration for your enrollment fee, the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) will provide you with access to the Origins Matter educational program (Program). The Program includes an Internet-based distance education application, DVDs, and ICR’s online resources.

1. If you successfully complete the Program, you will receive a certificate (from ICR) denoting your successful completion of the Origins Matter program.

- The Program is not “graded” (i.e., your coursework is not assessed as A, B, C, D, etc.)
- The Program is not “college credit” coursework” (i.e., ICR does not grant accredited or unaccredited college credits for the Origins Matter program, so do not expect your coursework to “transfer” as college credit to some college or university.
- The Program does not grant associate, bachelor, master, or doctoral degrees. For information about other distance educational programs offered by ICR's School of Biblical Apologetics, visit [www.icr.edu/soba](http://www.icr.edu/soba).

2. Enrollment fees will be refunded, if you send by email to [msmith@icr.org](mailto:msmith@icr.org) a notice to withdraw from the program, as follows:

- All (100%) enrollment fees will be refunded if notice is sent within two (2) business days after your enrollment payment has been received.
- Half (50%) of the enrollment fees will be refunded if notice is sent within thirty (30) calendar days after your enrollment payment has been received.
- No enrollment fees will be refunded beyond thirty (30) calendar days after your enrollment payment has been received.

3. If your coursework indicates: a lack of good faith efforts to learn the Origins Matter program's lessons, or substantial abuse (such as obscenity, plagiarism, blasphemy, or other conduct inconsistent with the above-listed "student requirements"), ICR reserves the right to terminate your access to the Origins Matter Program.

4. American copyright law applies to the textual content of the Origins Matter program, so you agree to abide by American copyright laws (i.e., no infringement of ICR's copyrighted materials). Also, you agree to protect your username and password and not disclose it to anyone other than ICR staff.

5. By entering textual submissions in the Program, such as essay answers to exam questions, you are granting ICR permission to use selected parts of any textual submission (and to publish your first name and your occupation in connection with it), if ICR wants to quote from your submissions as an example of an online learner's answers. You must be the original author for all submissions that you enter. As noted before, you agree not to plagiarize another's textual work or to violate another's copyright rights.

6. During scheduled maintenance periods (usually this occurs weekly), the Program will be unavailable. In addition, there occasionally may be unscheduled service outages that occur without notice. These outages may be caused by problems with ICR systems, the public Internet, the student's connection to the Internet or by the student's computer. ICR will provide technical support advice by email ([msmith@icr.org](mailto:msmith@icr.org)) during ICR's business hours (Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM Central). For a "helpline" inquiry, please call 214-615-8322.

This agreement is subject to reasonable changes by ICR. Once you have paid for Unit, your fee for that unit will not be increased. Upon any changes (other than miniscule changes), you will be notified by the email address you have provided to ICR.

If your email address changes, after you are registered for this Program, please contact ICR's Registrar (Mary Smith) at 214-615-8322 or [msmith@icr.org](mailto:msmith@icr.org) (with your updated email address).

## **Origins Matter Support**

For further questions regarding our Creationist Worldview course, please contact ICR:

- by email at [msmith@icr.org](mailto:msmith@icr.org)
- by phone at 800.337.0375 or 214.615.8322

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