

Debate Date: Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 PM, held at the University of Whitewater

Debate Topic: The Old Testament is Mainly Fiction, not Fact

Affirm: Dan Barker

Deny: Thomas Ross

How the time will go:

Brief introduction to the speakers

Presentation Times: 20/20 opening presentation

10/10 rebuttal/second presentation

5/5 cross examination

Short break (c. 10 min)

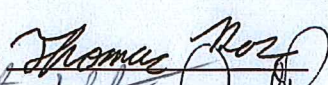
15/15 third presentation/rebuttal

5/5 concluding statement

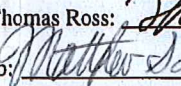
Questions from students for the rest of the time.

Signatures:

Dan Barker: 

Thomas Ross: 

SSA: 

Philosophy Club: 

Set Free: 

Misc. details: Questions from students should be submitted beforehand. Expressions of approval/disapproval by the audience (clapping, etc.) should be restrained until breaks between sections of the debate; the audience should stay quiet until breaks. There will be brief breaks between presentations. In terms of time to respond to student questions, the person who has the question addressed to him will have 1 minute to answer. The other person 30 seconds to respond to the question as well (if he wishes to do so). Questions should be evenly divided between the two debaters. Timekeeper(s) can make sure everyone stays on time and remind speakers when they have 5/3/1 minute left during the longer presentations. The moderator is to do things like passively make sure people stay on time, but is not to have the active role of determining the validity of arguments made or even if presenters stay on topic; the speakers can do this for themselves and point out if the other party is failing to do what he needs to do, with the audience as the judge of these matters. Presenters should also be allowed to use any visual aids, slides, etc. that they want to assist in the presentation. Visuals employed in the debate will be in accordance with UWW policies, legal copyright regulations, etc. Both sides will be allowed to have unedited and complete video of the entire debate and permission to do whatever they wish with that material (copy, distribute, give away, sell, edit sections of, combine with other debates or other material, leave unchanged in any way, etc.), with the sole exception of any action that would seek to infringe or prevent the other party from doing what he wishes with the material. Both sides and the organizations associated with them are allowed to offer for sale or give away whatever books or other material they wish to students attending the debate. The debate is one over the fictional or factual character of the vast general body of the Old Testament. That is, it is a debate over history/prophecy/archaeology/, not over creation/evolution and Genesis 1-11, prehistory, geology, or biology. Those would be worthwhile debates but they are for another time. The debate is held at the University of Whitewater, but the school's logo, etc. are not going to be present in the title or annotation of the footage. The University of Whitewater in its official capacity neither approves nor disapproves of any of the speech in the debate. Both speakers will act in accordance with the UWW code of conduct.