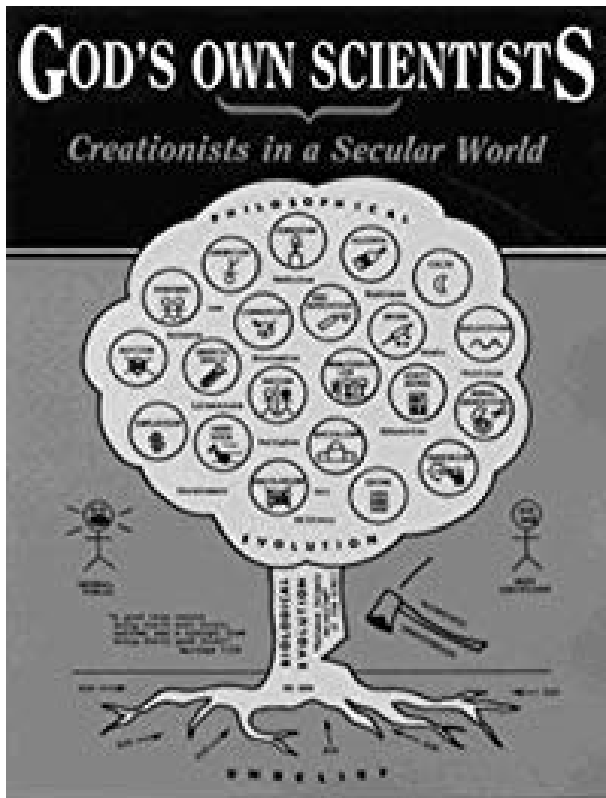


# God's Own Scientists: Creationists in a Secular World



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