



I. GENESIS 1:1 – 2:3

II. Origins

A. Two questions everyone asks at some point in their life: “where did I come from?” and “where did mankind come from?”

B. The book of Genesis has answers!

III. Me vs. Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy

A. What I was taught:

1- A _____ (think “big bang”) somehow aligned and compacted all the particles needed on earth to form life into a single point with infinite density and intense heat.

- 2- These particles of matter already existed before this big boom.
- 3- Multiple types of testing procedures of fossils were accurate to prove a reliable age assessment back _____ of years.
- 4- Evolution from one genus and species to another was common and _____ and _____ were the driving forces of evolution.
- 5- Evolution relied on processes that allowed increases in organization from the simple to the more complex, from non-life to life, from lower to higher life forms.

B. The problems I had:

- 1- Doesn't this violate the _____ law of thermodynamics?
- 2- How did information get added to the genetic DNA?
- 3- Where did the material for the "big bang" come from?
- 4- There are _____ missing links!
- 5- What about the flagellum problem?
- 6- Isn't death our _____ ?

IV. It is vitally important to know what you believe about Creation from Genesis.

A. Everything Scripture says about our salvation through Christ Jesus hinges on the literal truth of what Genesis chapters 1 through 3 teach about Adam's creation and fall.

1- If we don't take Genesis chapters 1 through 3 at face value as the divinely revealed history of creation, or if we see Genesis as merely "_____ " or "poetic" or "allegorical" or "mythical," then the Bible's explanation of how sin entered the world makes no sense.

2- And if we didn't fall in Adam, we cannot be _____ in Christ, because Christ's position as the head of the redeemed race exactly parallels Adam's position as the head of the fallen race (1 Cor. 15:22; Romans 5:18-19).

B. More and more Christians are allowing modern scientific theories to replace the Genesis account of creation.

1- _____ is now the dominant "religion" of our modern society; evolution has become its principal dogma.

2- Naturalism is the view that every law and every force of nature operating in the universe is natural rather than moral, spiritual, or supernatural. It rejects the very concept of a personal God and stands in opposition to all faith-based world-views, masquerading as scientifically proven facts. In fact, naturalists claim to be "non-religious."

3- But naturalism IS _____! The entire philosophy is built on a faith-based premise.

4- Science deals with what can be _____ and _____ by experimentation.

5- Naturalists look at the universe, see its greatness, and conclude nothing could possibly be greater.

6- Paul talked about this in Romans 1:20-22.

7- Naturalists have no _____.

C. The truth is, there was only One present at the Creation and He was the _____, and His words in Genesis are His first hand account.

1- DAY 1: God creates planet earth, followed by light. Then he separates light from darkness and gives names to both.

2- DAY 2: God creates the sky and divides the waters above from the water on earth.

3- DAY 3: God separates dry land from the seas and then creates plant life.

4- DAY 4: God creates the stars, sun, moon and other planets.

5- DAY 5: God creates fish and birds.

6- DAY 6: God creates land animals, and then finally mankind – directly, by His own hands.

7- DAY 7: God declares His work finished and rests.

D. Christians have different beliefs in this area. Here are three theories:

1- _____ - _____ Creation Theory

2- Progressive Creation Theory (also called _____ - _____ creation)

3- Evolutionary Creation Theory (also called _____ evolution)

E. Why did God create all of this?

1- God created humankind, the central object of God's creative purposes from the beginning:

a. to _____ Himself and make His name great, and to put His infinite value on display for the whole universe to see!

b. to _____ Him forever.

2- *"The unfolding of creation establishes a theater in which the great redemptive saga can be played out. Man is the main character. God's*

own Son even becomes a man at the climax of redemption's drama. This is the purpose for which the entire universe was created: so that God's grace, mercy, and compassion could be lavished on this creature whom God had created in His own image. In the end, the theater is destroyed. It is a profound and humbling thought." (John MacArthur)

3- Everything will eventually perish....

4- ...except the _____ and _____.