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INTRODUCTION

- You do not have to believe in a particular scientific theory or denounce a particular scientific theory to be a Christian. However, many doctrines will be affected by your _____ of the Bible and of scientific data.
- A good scientist will _____ be open to the idea of being proven wrong and that any idea should be considered worth studying.
- Try to be sure that when you are discussing difficult topics with people that you use _____ language and _____ your terms.
- Everyone has their own bias on a topic.
- Realize that the same information can be presented to two different people with two different _____ and that many different interpretations can arise.
- As Christians, it is important to realize that science _____, but God does not. All science, while it should be respected, comes second to the Word of God. If there seemingly exists a contradiction between science and God, err on the side of God.
- The Bible contains science, but it is not intended as a comprehensive _____.
- Also, remember what science can and cannot actually do. Science is observation. Interpretation of science is _____.
- Science is only possible through God. God made the universe with rules of reason and order. We can trust that these laws will not change because God is unchanging. Scientific reasoning relies on presuppositions that cannot be proven by science itself. Without being able to trust in our observations, science could not be true. _____ cannot prove science (Mal. 3:6; Gen. 8:22; Jas. 1:17; Jer. 33:25; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:3).

THE BEGINNING...

Science to be gleaned from these passages (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3):

1. The universe had a _____.
2. The universe did not exist in an infinite past (actual infinite vs theoretical).
3. God (Jesus – the Word) created all things, including _____.

Kalam Cosmological Argument (Dr. William Lane Craig)

1. Whatever begins to exist has a cause.
 2. The universe began to exist.
 3. Therefore, the universe has a cause.
- Whatever/whoever caused the universe must be _____ of the creation and not bound to the same parameters to which the creation is bound.
 - The cause must be uncaused (Exodus 3:14), timeless (Psalm 90:2), spaceless (1 Kings 8:27), immaterial (John 4:24), all-powerful (Jeremiah 32:17), and personal (1 John 4:8).

- _____ is the idea that the universe and life that we see on earth did not come about by random chance, but rather was the product of an “intelligent designer.”
- _____ or _____ is the idea that matter/energy is all that there is, that everything arises only from physical causes, and contrasts with intelligent design.
- Genesis 1:1-31 describes the creation story and how God designed and created all living things – plants, creatures of the waters, birds of the air, creatures of the earth, and finally... the crown of His creation, mankind.

Evolution

- Secular definition of _____ (origin of life): The idea that under certain conditions, simple organic compounds gave rise to more complex molecules, eventually leading to the formation of life under strictly natural processes.
- Secular definition of _____ (how life progresses): The idea that species can change over time, resulting in new species, through the process of natural selection, genetic drift, and mutation. Evolutionary biology assumes a universal common ancestor from which all life originated.
- Some Christians attempt to harmonize God creating and evolution continuing his creation – _____
- Microevolution – small changes over time from generation to generation. Typically used to explain _____ to an environment
- Macroevolution – a conglomeration of small changes that produce larger changes that ultimately result in large-scale differences between organisms that result in complete morphological and physiological changes forming new, or distinct, organisms. This is the “typical” definition that most people refer to when they say things like “I believe in evolution.”

Evidence for Intelligent Design

- We don't see things randomly popping into existence.
- We don't/can't observe the creation of the universe.
- Chemical processes tend towards entropy without energy input.
- DNA is an _____ code.
- Proteins, the machines of the cell, have specialized functions.
- For life to be possible, we need 4 things: nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids all working in concert.
- The universe is/seems to be _____ for life to be possible.
- Irreducible complexity of life
- The existence of our minds/consciousness
- Experiments designed to “simulate” origin of life always require input of the designer of the experiment in order to progress.
- Information is only ever observed to come from a _____.
- Information is not random, but rather _____.
- Information can be superficial, compound, or complex.
- Anyone can tell by simple intuition and observation what constitutes information and does not require extensive knowledge in science to judge...but we can be trained/biased to see it wrongly (Romans 1:20).

Proteins

- Proteins are the molecular machines and building blocks of the body.
- Proteins are what make feathers, hair, eyes, skin, blood, etc.
- For _____ structures, _____ functional proteins are necessary.
- For the theory of evolution from a universal common descent to be possible, new (novel) functional proteins are _____.
- For the theory of abiogenesis to be possible, new functional proteins are _____.
- So...you would need not 1 universe, not 1,000 universes, not 1,000,000 universes, not 1,000,000,000 universes....but 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 universes. That's 1 quintillion universes of bacteria, reproducing every second, with mutations that could code for a new protein, just to produce one single novel protein that has functionality... through pure random chance natural selection.....untenable.
- Genesis 1:24 “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind’”
- God created each _____ (Baramin) of living thing with the genetic information and variability necessary to create all the different proteins that each organism would need to function and adapt to its environment.
- When it seems a “new” protein arises, we always see that the information needed for the formation of this protein already existed and only needs to be regulated/optimized.

Why still cling to the theories?

- Some _____ backlash from peers (John 7:13; Matthew 26:69-75).
- Some are just too entrenched – staked their livelihood on it (John 12:42-43).
- Some ignore the evidence.
- Many just do not know or are kept in the dark.
- The most common reason not to abandon these theories, is a matter of the _____ – if the Bible is true, it means they must conform to God’s ways (2 Timothy 4:3-4; Matthew 13:14-15; Romans 1:18; John 5:40).

Good resources for Biblical views:

- Answers in Genesis (AIG)
- Institute for Creation Research (ICR)
- Discovery Institute
- Detectingdesign.com
- Genesis Apologetics
- Creation Ministries International
- Creation.com
- Cold-Case Christianity
- Jesusandscience.org