

Why I am Involved in Biblical Creation



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Introduction

Psalm 33:1–9 (NASB95)

- 1 Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright.
- 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
- 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.



Overall Objective

THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE OF A SIX-DAY CREATION
AND THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD AS REAL **HISTORY** IS
AN **ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE** OF SCRIPTURE WITH
PRACTICAL PRESENT-DAY IMPLICATIONS FOR
BELIEVERS IN CHRIST



Goals

Increase our confidence in the clarity and accuracy of God's Word.

Discover the importance of embracing a Biblical Creation worldview.

Acknowledge the implications living Biblically in this present age.



Why is Creation so Important?

Is the Correct understanding of a SIX-DAY
CREATION AND THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD real
history and an essential doctrine of Scripture?





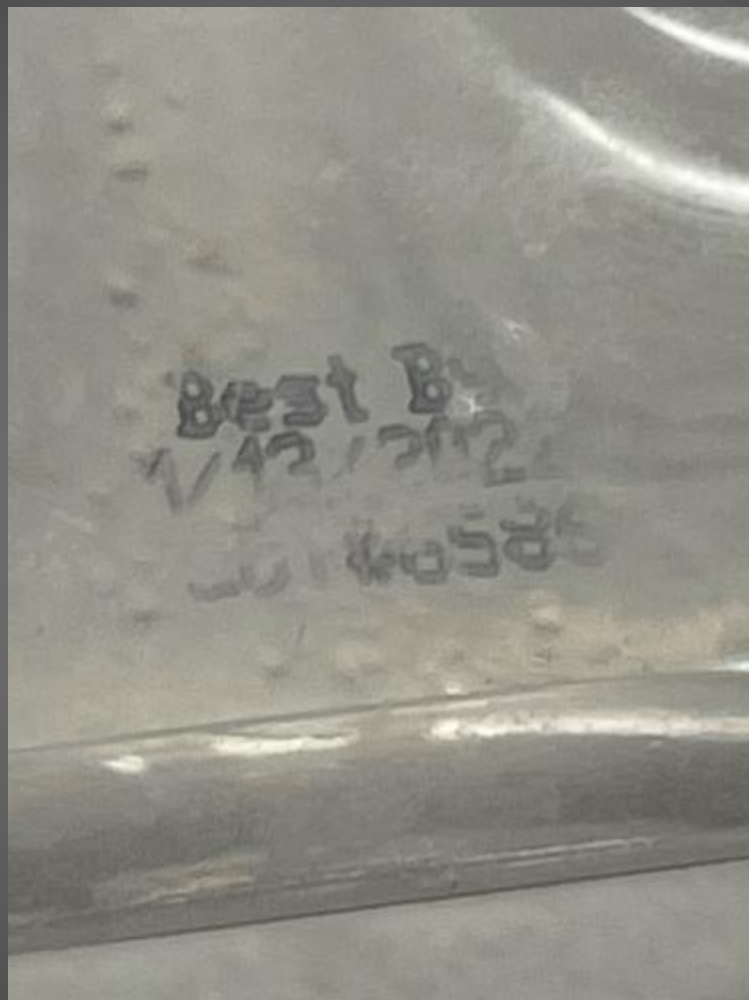
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Passages:

- Genesis 1
- Exodus 20
- Psalm 19
- Psalm 33
- Psalm 104
- Hebrews 11:3
- 2 Peter 3
- Revelation 4

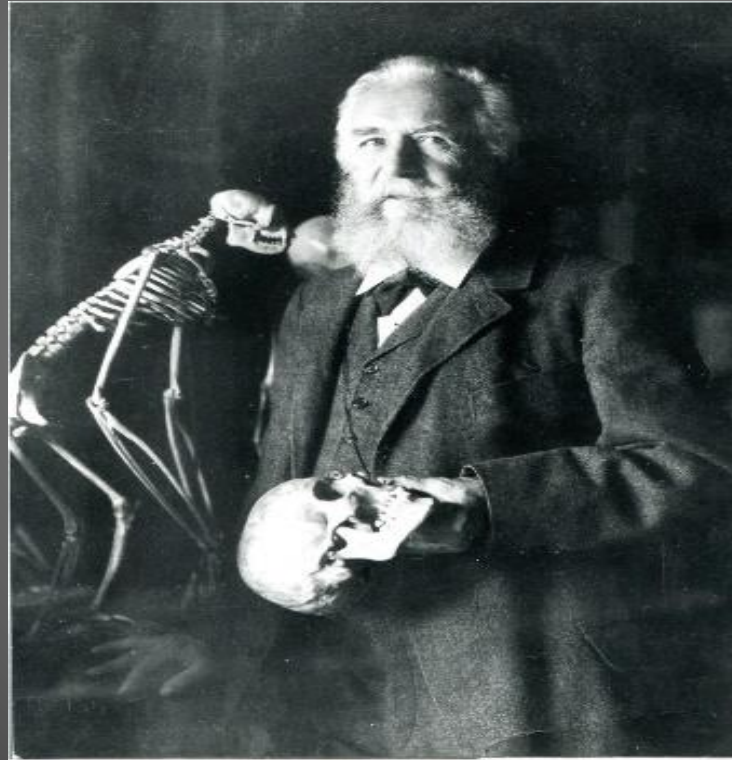


Questions?

- What Biblical Creation Is Not
- What Biblical Creation Is
- Is Biblical Creation an Essential/Historical?
- What the Bible says about Creation
- Implications



Dr. Ernest Haeckel



Ernest Haeckel, atheist

“Our science of evolution won its greatest triumph when, at the beginning of the twentieth century, its powerful opponents, the Churches, became reconciled to it, and endeavored to bring their dogmas into line with it.”

1906, *Last Word on Evolution*



What Biblical Creation Is Not:

1) Nature's Substitute for The Creator



Ayala, F.J. 2007. Darwin's greatest discovery: Design without designer. *PNAS*, 104:8567– 8573.

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Darwin's greatest discovery

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Darwin's greatest contribution to science is that he completed the Copernican Revolution by drawing out for biology the notion of nature as a system of matter in motion governed by natural laws. With Darwin's discovery of natural selection, the origin and adaptations of organisms were brought into the realm of science. The adaptive features of organisms could now be explained, like the



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that is creative, although not conscious.



Greg Graffin. Darwin was a punk.
Scientific American. Oct 1, 2010.

“The trick is: How do you talk about natural selection without implying the rigidity of law? We use it as almost an active participant, almost like a god. In fact, you could substitute the word “god” for “natural selection” in a lot of evolutionary writings, and you’d think you were listening to a theologian. It’s a routine we know doesn’t exist, but we teach it anyway: genetic mutation and some active force choose the most favorable one.”



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Definition of Natural Selection:

“Can we doubt that individuals having any **advantage**, however slight, over others, would have the **best chance of surviving** and of procreating their kind? On the other hand, we may feel sure that any variation in the least degree injurious would be **rightly destroyed**?

This **preservation** of favorable variations and the **rejection** of injurious variations, I call **Natural Selection.**”

Darwin: “Origin of Species,” Pages 63-64.



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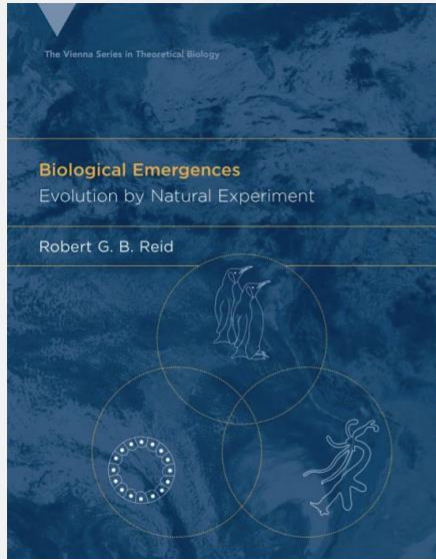
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Bottom Line: Biblical Creation is not another name for Natural Selection So, what is Natural Selection ... or ...

“Theistic Selectionism?”

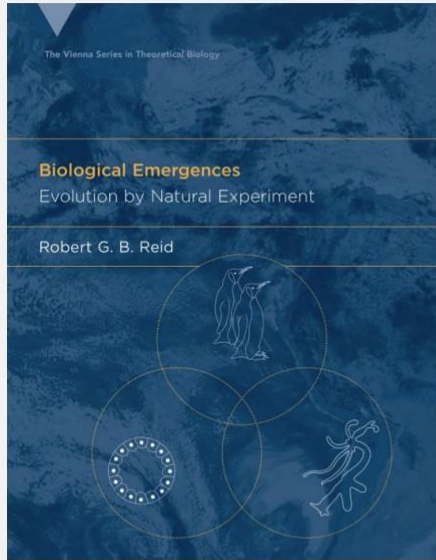




“Little wonder creationists find it [selectionism] such an easy mark. But they and selectionists have this in common: faith in the efficacy of a creative mechanism that has no material reality.”

Robert G. B. Reid. 2007. *Biological Emergences: Evolution by Natural Experiment*. MIT Press, 393.





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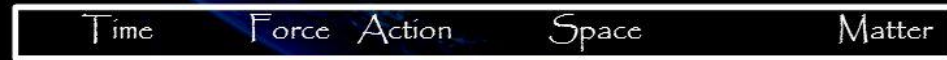
Herbert Spencer



GENESIS AND THE CATEGORIES OF REALITY

Evolutionist Herbert Spencer said all of reality was made up of five components:

1. Time
2. Force
3. Action
4. Space
5. Matter



"In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the earth."
~ Genesis 1:1



Trinity in Creation

The Work of Creation wasn't distributed

-- Each person of the Trinity acted in concert with the other two Persons

God the **Father is the Source/Orders**

(1 Cor 8:6)

God the **Son is the Means/Creates (John 1:1-3)**

God the **Holy Spirit is the Agent/Confirms**

(Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Jn. 15:26)



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Pure Clear Reading

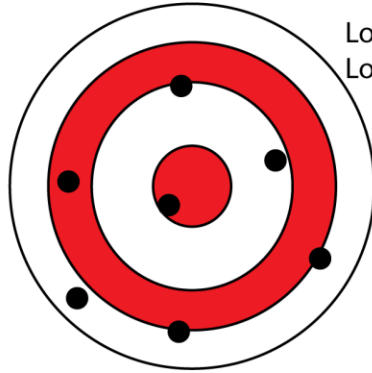


The Bible and Clarity

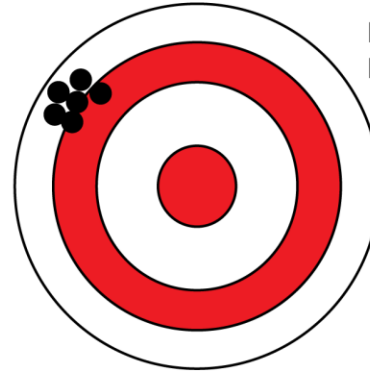
“Those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed, for salvation, are so **clearly** propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.”

“**Perspicuity**”

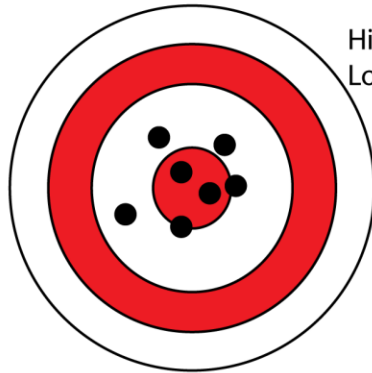




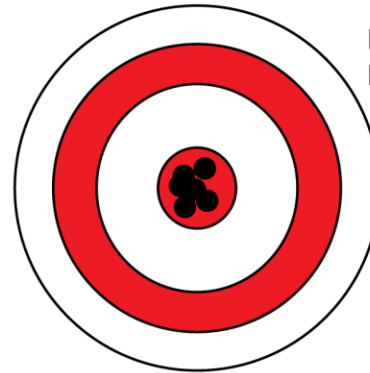
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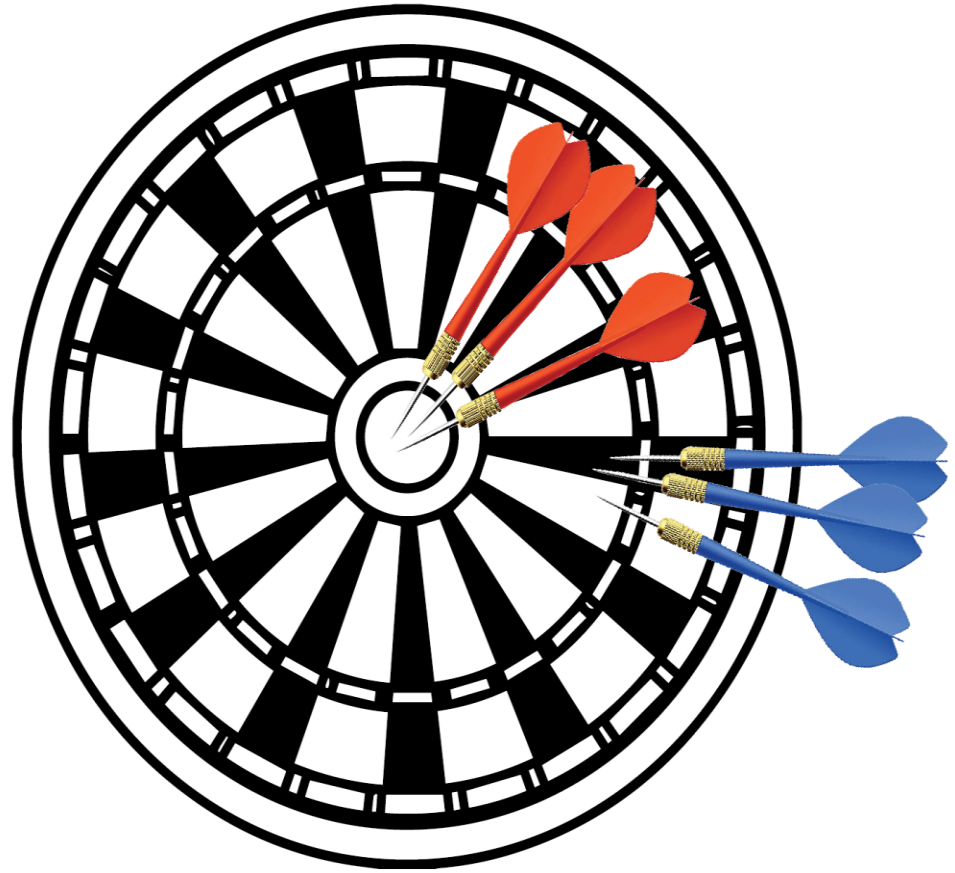


Accuracy vs. Precision

Assume the object is
to hit the bullseye.

The **blue dart** is **precise**,
but *not* **accurate**.

The **red dart** is both
precise *and* **accurate**.



Genesis 1

- 1 vs. 5 So the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 2 vs. 8 So the evening and the morning were the second day.
- 3 vs. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.
- 4 vs. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
- 5 vs. 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- 6 vs. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.



Compromised Reading



Days – Literal Days

“When it comes to interpreting what is meant with the days of Genesis 1, it should be stated at the outset that as far as the Hebrew text and language, as well as the larger context of Scripture, are concerned, there is nothing to suggest that these days were anything other than literal days....

But grammatically, textually, and contextually speaking, it is difficult to evade the force of the text as simply referring to a day as the term is customarily used. Indeed, on this point there is near unanimity among current scholars.

(Dr. Cornelis Van Dam, In the Beginning, Page, 111)



Uses of “Days” in Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ “Remember the **sabbath day**, to keep it holy. ⁹ **Six days** you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the **seventh day** is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. ¹¹ For in **six days** the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the **seventh day**; therefore the LORD blessed the **sabbath day** and made it holy.



Day – With a Number

“Whenever the word for “day” is modified by a ordinal number it **ALWAYS** refers to a literal “day” and not a long intermediate period of time.

Commentators, both liberal and conservative, agree!”

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God spoke the creation into existence (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6,9; Isaiah 45:8, 12, 18; Acts 17:24; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 11:3)

“There was nothing, and then there was something”



Introduction:

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- **Is Biblical Creation an Essential Doctrine and Historical?**
- Implications



What is an Evangelical?

D. M. Lloyd-Jones



Historicity of the Old Testament

“We have to insist upon a belief in the literal truth and historicity of the miracles of the Old and the New Testament, because there are people who say that they can still subscribe to our general statement about the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, who increasingly are denying the **historicity** of many of the **Old Testament miracles**, and indeed are trying to explain away some of the New Testament miracles in terms of science or psychology.”



Bible and Science – Two Authorities?

“They are saying that there are, as it were, two great authorities and **two means of revelation**: one of them is **scripture** and the other is **nature**. These, they say, are complementary, they are collateral, and so you go to the **Scriptures for matters concerning your soul**, but you do not go to them to seek **God’s other revelation of Himself in nature.**”
“For that, you go to science.”



Bible and Science

“Today there are men who say, oh yes, we believe in the Bible and its supreme authority in matters of religion, but, **of course, we don't go to the Bible for science**; we go to it for help for our souls, for salvation and help and instruction in the way to live the Christian life.”

We must assert the historicity of these manifestations of the supernatural.”

“We must believe the history of the Bible as well as its didactic teaching (when it refers to science). **Failure here is always an indication of a departure from the true evangelical position.**”



Other Bible Passages

Psalms 90:2

"Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."

Isaiah 44:24

"Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone"

Isaiah 45:7

"The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these."

Mark 13:19

"Since the beginning of the creation which God Created"

Matthew 19:4

"He who made them at the beginning"

John 1:1-2

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."

Acts 17:24-26

"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation"



2 Peter 3

1 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

2 that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,

4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

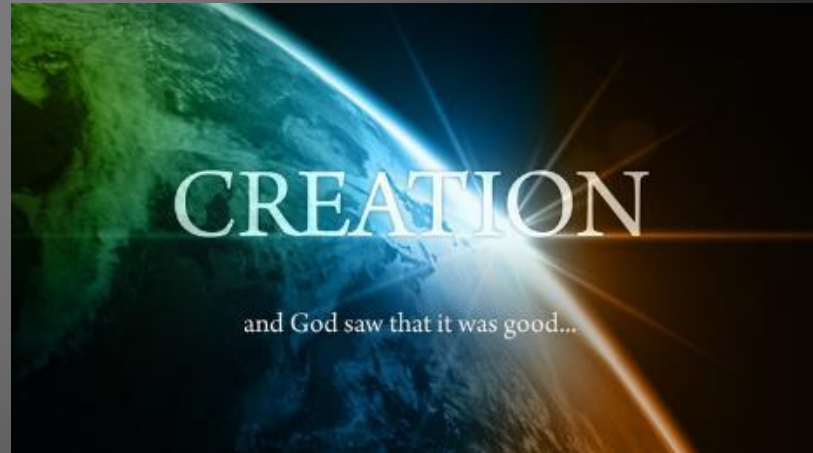
5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,

6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.



Implications:

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- **Immediate Implications**



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- 3) We believe creation and the other miraculous events in the Bible because of faith. Hebrews 11:3



James Webb Telescope

