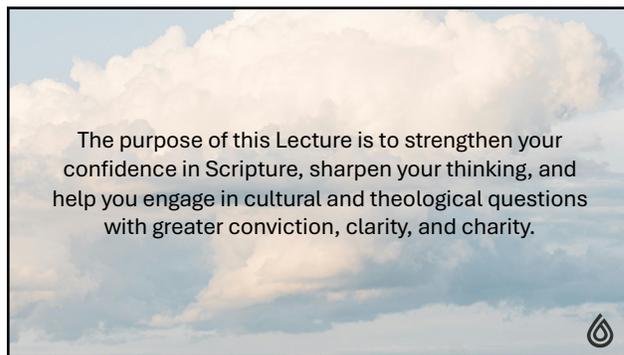




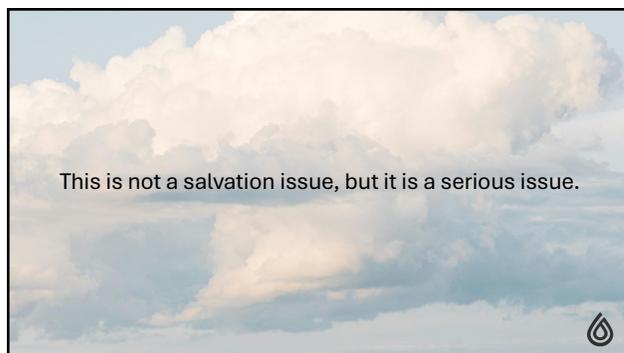
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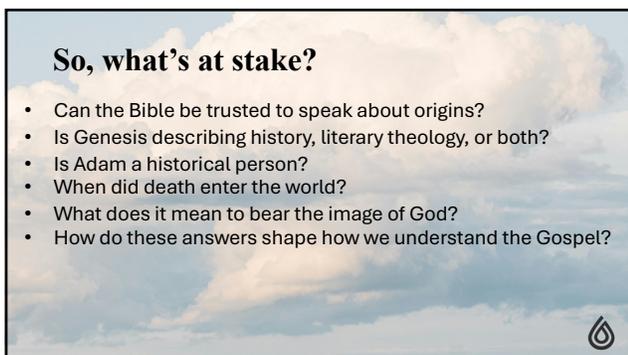
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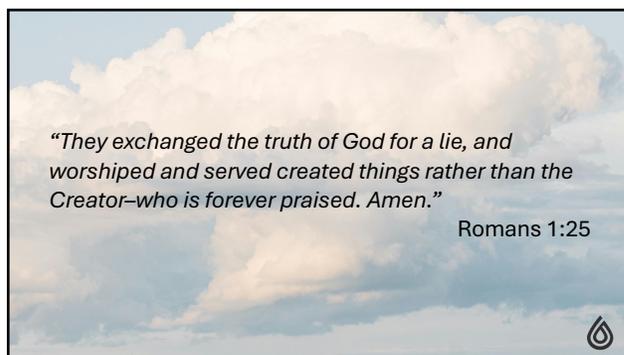
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Where Orthodox Christianity Stands United

- God is the Creator
- Humanity uniquely bears His image
- The world is fallen through sin
- We need redemption through Jesus



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As 17th century Theologian Rupertus Meldenius says,
“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”



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Creationism is the belief that the universe, earth, and all of life itself were created by the supernatural God. Mankind was made in His image.

Evolution is the scientific theory that life developed over billions of years from a common ancestor through genetic variation and natural selection. It can also be referred to as “common descent.”



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1. Scientific Evolution – Scientific Evolution generally holds that The Big Bang led to the evolutionary development of our known universe. While the universe began as an infinitely dense and hot singularity, it has developed through evolutionary mechanisms over billions of years.

2. Naturalistic Evolution – While this view agrees with the mechanisms, timeline, and results of Scientific Evolution, it goes a step further. Naturalism hold that all reality is material. Therefore, there is no soul, no spirit, or any type of metaphysical reality or dimension. And certainly, no God.



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Nietzsche wrote, *“You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.”*



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Charles Darwin wrote, *“Man in his arrogance thinks himself a great work, worthy the interposition of a great deity. More human and I believe true to consider him created from animals.”*



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Scientific Arguments for the Theory of Evolution

- Comparative Anatomy
- Vestigial Traits
- Fossil Record Succession
- Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Natural Selection



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Biblically minded Christians fully support the reality of microevolution. This means that within a species, animals develop over time advantageous traits to support their existence. This leads to adaptation within a species, but never the creation of a new species.



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There are no large-scale, inter-species transitions happening today.

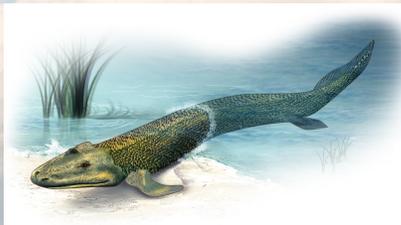


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Evolutionist Jeffrey Schwartz, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh acknowledged, *“It was and still is the case, that with the exception of Dobzhansky’s claim about a new species of fruit fly, the formation of a new species, by any mechanism, has never been observed.”*



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Tiktaalik



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Archaeopteryx



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We don't see the expanding of species within the fossil record but the narrowing of a species genetic potential.



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Cambrian Explosion



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Midford Wolpoff, a Paleoanthropologist from the University of Michigan, says, "*Neanderthals were a human population.*"



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Ian Tattersall of the American Museum of Natural History put it in his book *The Fossil Trail*, "*The hominid fossil record is notoriously patchy and incomplete... Different research can and do interpret the same fossils differently.*"



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Steve Jones acknowledged, "*We also share about 50% of our DNA with bananas, and that doesn't make us half bananas, either from the waist up or the waist down.*"

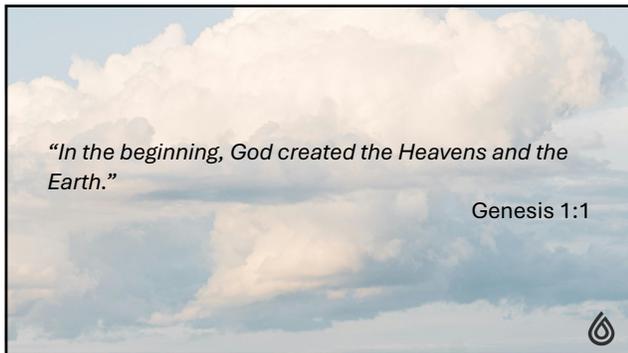


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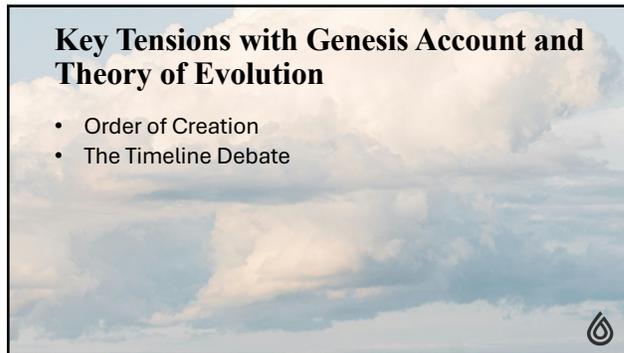
Dr. Sanford says, "*I was totally sold on evolution. It was my religion; it defined how I saw everything, it was my value system and my reason for being... I would not say that science let me to the Lord (which is the experience of some). Rather I would say Jesus opened my eyes to His creation – I was blind, and gradually I could see. It sounds simple, but it was a slow and painful process.*"



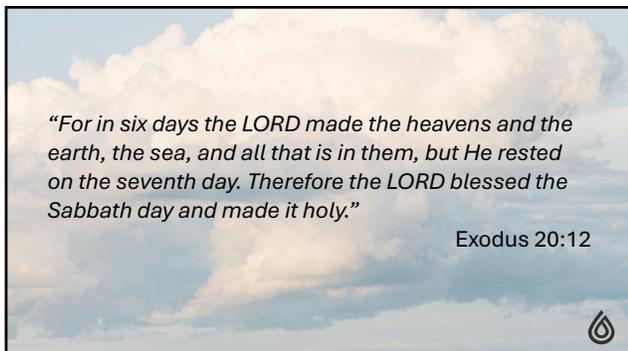
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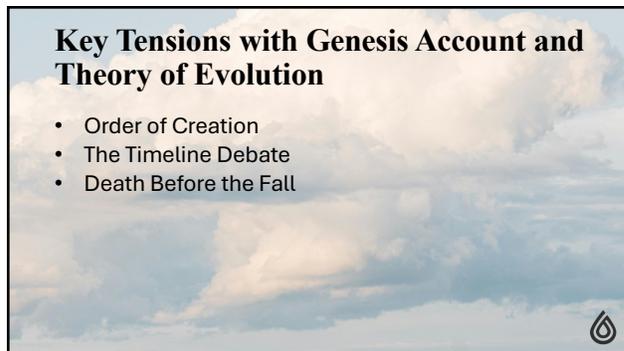
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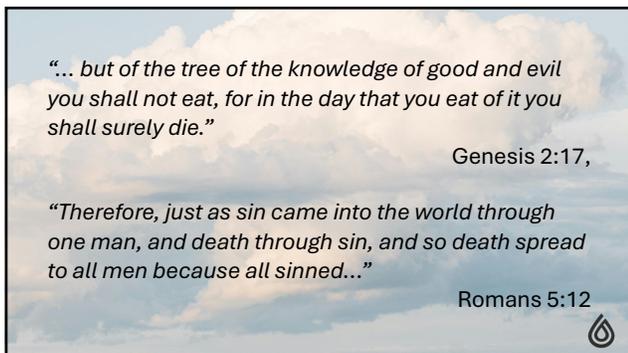
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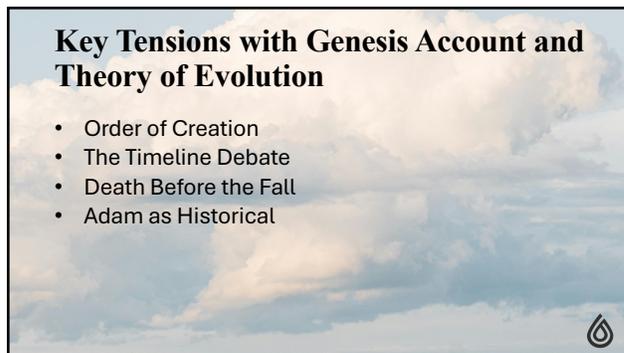
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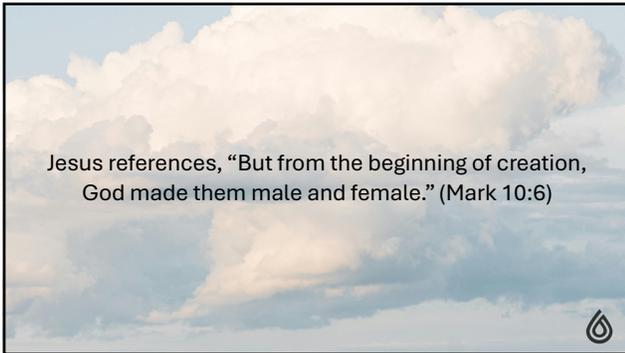
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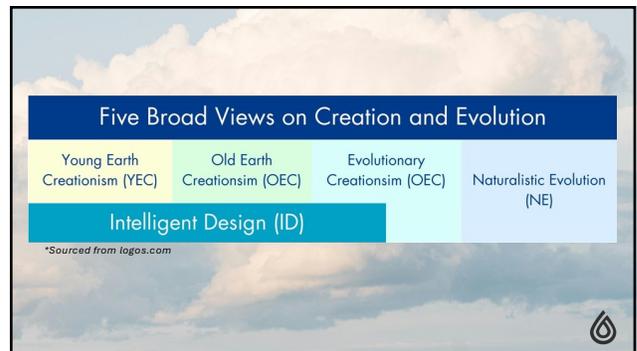


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	Young Earth Creationism	Old Earth Creationism	Theistic Evolution	Scientific Evolution	Naturalistic Evolution
Creator	God	God	God	N/A	None
View of Man	In God's Image	In God's Image	In God's Image	N/A	Just an Animal
Timing	6k-10k yrs old	~4.54 billions yrs	~4.54 billions yrs	~4.54 billions yrs	~4.54 billions yrs
Mechanism	God's Special Creation	God's Special Creation	God Initiated Evolution	Evolution	Evolution
Historical View	Traditional View	19 th Century	19 th Century	19 th Century	19 th Century
Adam & Eve?	Literal People	Literal People			
Flood?	Global Flood	Local flood	Symbolic	N/A	None
Sin?	Death from Fall	Death from Fall	Symbolic	N/A	No Sin
Days?	Literal 24-hour	"Period of time"	Symbolic	N/a	N/A

Christian Views

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- ### Why I Personally Land on This Creation View
1. Commitment to a Literal Reading of Genesis
 2. Coherence of the Whole Bible
 3. Global Flood
 4. Humility in the Mystery

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