



Morningside Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

Title: God's Declaration of Creation

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Scripture Text: Genesis 1:1

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Today we kick off a new sermon series on the book of Genesis. The book of Genesis is the great book of beginnings in the Bible. Genesis permits us to view the beginning of a multitude of truths that shape our daily life: the creation of the universe and the planet Earth; the origins of plant and animal life; and the origins of human beings, marriage, families, nations, industry, artistic expression, religious ritual, prophecy, sin, law, crime, conflict, punishment, and death. Genesis is the first of five books that make up the Torah (the law). It begins where we begin, in the beginning. Let's take a look at the impact of [Genesis 1:1](#); "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth".

To accept [Gen. 1:1](#) is to accept the fact that God existed before creation, and that everything was created by Him. This perception is contrary to what is widely accepted in today's culture, the idea of evolution, the idea of 'spontaneous generation' and over billions of years we have eventually arrived where we are today. No acknowledgement of God. To accept God as creator of all things means admitting that He does exist and we are subject to Him as our creator. If God is rejected as Creator, then there are no rules. Everyone can live by 'their own truth' ([Judges 21:25](#)). Truth, morality, purpose, and life itself are relative terms and can be defined in whatever way is most convenient.

I. The Consequences of the Theory of Evolution

- The Value of Life
 - In creation, God created mankind in His own image, elevating him above all the rest of creation. With evolution, people are seen as the same value as a dog, chicken, tree, etc. To see commercials on television today, more money is spent to protect animals than people.
 - Describe the eventual outcome of the culture's perspective on the value of life (rooted in evolution).
 - How would you describe the value of life to a non-believer?
- Impact on Morality
 - In creation, as Creator, God defines morality. When people are seen as no different than a dog, they can have the morals of a dog.
 - Describe God's definition of morality.
 - How can the church practicing God's definition of morality impact a culture defined by evolution?



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II. The Contradictions in the Theory of Evolution

- The theory of evolution contradicts biology. Evolution is based on the premise that NOTHING + CHANCE = EVERYTHING.
 - The theory of evolution depends on the idea of “spontaneous generation” (life from non-living). Spontaneous generation was disproven by Louis Paster in 1860.
 - Dr. George Wald, Prof Emeritus of Biology at Harvard states “spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible”.
 - Life only comes from life.
- The theory of evolution contradicts the law of probability. Sir Fred Hoyle, one of the world’s leading astronomers and mathematicians states “the probability of life arising by chance is the same probability of throwing a 6 on dice 5 million consecutive times.”
- The theory of evolution contradicts the laws of physics. Evolution assumes a gradual upward progression of beings to be more complex beings. ‘Entropy’, the 2nd law of thermodynamics, is the idea that everything disintegrates over time. Greater time = greater chaos.
- The theory of evolution contradicts scripture. Evolution denies the existence of God. [Gen. 1:1](#) states everything came from God’s creation. Without God, there is no creation. Everyone has an innate awareness of the existence of God ([Rom. 1:18-21](#)).
- Based on these contradictions, which would you say requires more faith, believing that God is the creator or the theory of evolution?
- What would you say is the motive for people to believe in evolution?
- How could professing Christians who live in contradiction to God’s word contribute to a culture believing in a theory (evolution) which is full of contradictions?

III. God Defines Himself in Scripture

- God is Eternal ([Ps. 90:2](#), [Deut. 33:27](#), [Rom. 16:26](#))
- God is Creator. Man can make, but only God can create ([John 1:1-3](#)).
- To believe God is indeed the Creator, two conclusions are made:
 - You have an obligation to God as the created ([Is. 45:9](#))
 - God has a responsibility to us as the Creator. Just as a parent is responsible for taking care of their child, our heavenly Father is responsible for caring for us.
 - How well does your life show your obligation to Him?
 - How have you experienced Him being responsible for you ([1 Pet. 4:19](#))?

God has always been. As Creator, He has the big picture, both of time and space. We are limited in both. Are we going to trust in our limited perspective and understanding, or in the Creator of all, who has the big picture perspective?