

# EXCURSUS: CREATION AND EVOLUTION

## Outline

- A. Interpretation of Genesis 1
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    - (a) Literal Interpretation
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    - (f) Literary Framework Interpretation
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- B. Concord with Evolutionary Biological Theories
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  - 5. Theological Synthesis
    - (a) Scientific Considerations
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