
What about science and faith? Part 2

*“Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord...” from Isaiah 42:5-6a *** ‘But ask the animals, birds, earth, fish...they will teach you.’ Extracted from Job 12:7-10*

1. The biblical worldview says how things began, what happened, and how they will end. Men wrote the dominant worldview (naturalism or evolution) and deny God. Consideration of its assumptions is rarely discussed. Both are belief systems about origins. Naturalism is dominant worldwide.

2. Biblical reasons to believe Genesis include:

- a. Early Bible characters are mentioned as fact, and we are exhorted to have the same faith as they demonstrated. (Hebrews 11)
 - b. Noah and Lot show us that God is able to rescue the godly from trials. (2 Peter 2)
 - c. The coming of the Flood is similar to the coming of Christ – a surprise. (Matthew 24, 2 Peter 3)
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3. Evidence that shows the Flood and its aftermath.

- a. Layers of sedimentary rock worldwide (bent, folded, no erosion between layers)
 - b. Large canyons at continental shelves; continents that fit together
 - c. Widespread effects of receding waters (canyons, planation surfaces, sands)
 - d. Evidence of heavy volcanism in the past.
 - e. Catastrophic plate tectonics in a biblical world view.
 - f. Evidence of catastrophic plate movement.
 - g. Ice Age extent and boundaries.
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4. What about the dinosaurs? What happened?

- a. The bottleneck of population on the Ark led to hardship after the Flood.
- b. Job 40 and 41 are around the time of Abraham.
- c. Historical records of some dinosaurs surviving for centuries
- d. The demise of the largest: hardship and hunted for sport, food, or safety.

The other lessons from Genesis: He can keep us; the Flood parallels His return.

Resources

1. Creation.com, icr.org (Acts and Facts – free sign up), AiG.org (Answers in Genesis, The Ark Encounter).
2. See example books & handle the fossils – up front, after the service. Get our app or book. Sign up for the 3rd Edition.

Honest Questions and a Short Answer

1. Is radiometric dating reliable? Generally, it is not. Dating accuracy is affected by assumptions about worldview. On creation.com, search for 'Rate Study' for technical answers and tests of methods.
2. Don't the heavens take millions of years to form? No. See Genesis 1. Vegetation created on one day, birds and fish on another day, and living things on another day. God made and "stretched out" the heavens on the 4th day of creation. Their purpose: Psalm 19.
3. Can't we see the edge of the universe? No. We do see fully formed, mature galaxies as far as telescopes can see. Consider Psalm 147:4 and Isaiah 40:26
4. What about aliens? They will not find any. God created people (we are designed in His image), and He is calling for a people to Himself (his primary purpose on his specially designed habitat – earth). He came to redeem us from sin, died for us, and was raised. These things are a surety of our forgiveness of sins and our purposeful salvation. However, there are things alien to the human soul that are evil. Study the origin of evil in Genesis and other books. Satan and his demons are our enemies. Jesus delivered people regularly from demonic influence.

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