
What about science and faith? Part 1

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.” – Matthew 24:35

1. **The inspired Bible**, written for our benefit, presents a **comprehensive worldview**. It reveals how everything began, what went wrong, why Christ alone redeems us from sin, how history will culminate, and what lies beyond in eternity. **Genesis forms** the foundation of this **framework**, setting the stage for all that follows, and its truth is affirmed throughout the rest of Scripture.
 - The 7 Cs: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation (Answers in Genesis). The first four are in Genesis 1-11.
 - Man's purpose: find God (repent and believe...walk accordingly)
2. **The dominant worldview is naturalism and evolution. Written by men, this belief system asserts how things came to be. There are rules:**
 - God is denied or avoided. No notion of oversight is permitted.
 - The primary 'process' is random chance. Complexity develops on its own.
 - Only observable processes are applicable. The result: an excessive amount of time (billions of years) due to the slight chance of anything self-developing.
 - It is a man-conceived history, from a 'singularity' to the Big Bang, to life, and then to complex life. No morality. No purpose. One direction. Death ends everything. Humans are the most advanced living thing. Life can start anywhere. 'We are made of stardust.'
 - It is a philosophy that requires faith but is taught alongside or in conjunction with fact. There is rarely an explanation of assumptions. The assertion: 'It must be, because we are here.'
3. **Experimental science affirms the Bible. Creation exhibits complexity in every sphere, affirming biblical details and God's power as Creator and Sustainer.**

Living things (cells to systems to processes to kinds); genetics; vegetation; Earth & solar system; details of the universe; existence and consistency of laws and ordinances; unique man
4. **History (using a biblical world view & forensic science) affirms the Bible:**
 - The eyewitness account from the reliable source: our Creator God.
 - Evidence of the Flood (topography, geology, and the widespread fossil record)
 - Evidence of the decline of man and patterns of sin. We are not getting better we are but worsening, even with education and assertions otherwise
 - Archaeology (still being uncovered) affirms biblical detail
 - Changed the lives of followers of Christ, and widespread opposition to believers and God

What are we to do? Believe the Bible. Walk accordingly. 2 Peter 3:5-7, 11

Resources

1. The free cell phone application. Type 'creation study helps' in the search window for apps for Android or iOS. For hard copies of the high school-level course, they can be purchased at the desk in the lobby. The overall resource: no equations; 60-lesson course; 10th-grade reading level; available in Spanish and English (for either app or books). For short videos on YouTube in the search window, type "creation study helps". Look for Roland/Faylene picture.
2. 3rd edition for Church leaders and pastors: list your name and email at the table with the books. A PDF file can be sent to you in two parts (main document and addenda). 80-page book plus 16-page addendum.
3. These sites are recommended: creation.com (a wonderful search engine with free use) and the excellent magazine at icr.org (Acts and Facts – free sign-up), as well as AiG.org (Answers in Genesis, The Ark Encounter). All three have books/DVDs.
4. For various books and authors that we use regularly, see the table

Honest Questions and a Short Answer

1. Couldn't God use the Big Bang? His answer is in Genesis 1 and 2. He did not.
2. Was the original creation really that good? God's answer is that it was "very good."
3. Six days of creation? Really? Genesis 1 and Exodus 20:11
4. Why do the books say we came from monkeys? Because they adhere to evolution/naturalism. God says He made man in his image (Genesis 1). Genesis 2 puts you in the scene to see what He does.
5. Are we so bad? Yes, because of sin. Are we that bad without Jesus? Yes. Genesis 6-8, John 3:19, and many others. It cannot be helped by what we do or claim. We need Jesus in our hearts.
6. Does God really like His creation? Absolutely. Read Gen 1, Gen 2, Job 36-41. The prophets/psalms also cite creation's splendor. He knows everything to the last detail. How can He do that? He is Mighty God.

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What about science and faith? Part 2

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