

Creation: Where Did We Come From? (Genesis 1:1-2)

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subject: God the Creator

object: Acknowledge and worship the Creator God

I. The Evidence for God as Creator

A. The Biblical evidence

- Bible clearly declares God as Creator- either right or wrong- refutes all other alternatives
- pantheism- sum of all is God God existed before creation
- polytheism- clearly one God in Genesis 1:1
- dualism- idea of 2 gods- one good & one evil no power equal or opposite of God (Satan a created being- Genesis 3:1)
- atheism/ evolution/ naturalism- assumes natural processes and uniformity *bara vs asah*

B. Evidence besides the Bible

- some might not believe the Bible- does other evidence support creation

- “For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse” Romans 1:20

1. The Earth & the Universe bear witness of intelligent design

a. Life & the universe had a definite beginning and therefore a cause

- evolution can't explain first cell, redshifting

b. The Planet Earth is finely tuned for the existence of life

- Nitrogen to Oxygen ratio in the atmosphere changes > 2%
- rate at which earth spins on its axis changes by > 2%
- gravitational pull of planet changes by 1-2%
- any slight change in the ratio of land to water on the planet

2. fossil evidence supports creation

- no transitional life forms (neanderthals, Lucy just could be extinct species)

3. microbiology supports creation

- 1950s- DNA was a game change- Irreducible complexity
- “*By irreducibly complex I mean a single system composed of several well-matched, interacting parts that contribute to the basic function, wherein the removal of any one of the parts causes the system to effectively cease functioning.*” -
Micahel Behe (American Biochemist)

- Behe's example of a mouse trap- can't evolve from something less complex

4. physics supports creation

- Newton's Laws- credited to Newton but wasn't his work alone
- Law of Conservation of Energy (1st law of thermodynamics)- fixed energy closed system- universe had a beginning, outside force had to put energy there
- Law of Entropy- order to chaos (evolution of complex organisms would violate)

5. questioning *The Origin of Species*

- History of Darwin, *HMS Beagle*, Galapagos Finches and natural selection
- 1858 published *Origin of Species* (nearly 100 years before discovery of DNA)
- Science deals with observable- scientific community remains divided/ unsure
- ***“Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it only because the only alternative is special creation, and that is unthinkable” -Sir Arthur Keith (Scottish anatomist and anthropologist, 1866-1955)***
- not knocking evolution- just believe there are better theories out there

6. strong force

- opposites attract (Whitney experience) yet nucleus of atoms remains intact
- **“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together” Colossians 1:17 (ESV)**

7. flood geology

- disclaimer re. old earth creationists
- Mt St. Helens disaster creates geologic strata- catastrophic event could account for scientific anomalies such as misplaced fossils.

II. The Response to God as Creator

A. You were created for relationship with God

- After Genesis 1 & 2 no more talk about creation & focus on relationship between humanity and God- *more* important

B. You are called to acknowledge God as Creator

- Revisit Romans 1:20

1. Worship is the right response (Romans 1:20-25)

- God distinct and above all other creation- worthy of worship more than any created thing!
- Read Romans 1:21-25 (separate page)- lie that God doesn't exist- ensures worship of creation and a shortchanging on joy (more powerful than any apologetic evidence)

2. Awe of Jesus and the Gospel (Psalm 8:3-4)

- Read Psalm 8:3-4 (separate page)
- Consider scale of universe- God above us but also among us

- ***“In the Christian view, the ultimate evidence for the existence of God is Jesus Christ. If there is a God, we characters in his play have to hope that he put some information about himself in the play. But Christians believe he did more than give us information. He wrote himself into the play as the main character in history, when Jesus was born in a manger and rose from the dead.” - Tim Keller (Christian Pastor & Author of “Reason for God”***