

Creation according to Scripture and science

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“Suggestions for learning”

- Try to read more than one source.....

- If the pieces of the puzzle don't fit with your theory, maybe you have the wrong theory.....

Your “theory” needs to address
two questions.

- 1. What?

- 2. Why?

My hardest year in college

- So many things during my first year in college didn't make sense.

Why wasn't the cafeteria open on Sunday evening?
Where was the pizza line?
Did the music have to be that loud?

- Was **Genesis 1:1** true when it stated "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*" or had science actually figured out that actually what happened was a sequence of random events and, therefore, no God existed???

What does "created" mean?

- The Hebrew word "*bara*" meant to make something out of nothing
- Examples include **Genesis 1:1** (the universe), **Genesis 1:27** (man and woman) and **Psalms 89:12** (north and south)

- It's important to understand the cultural context.....

Hebrew "created"

- **Isaiah 45:12** "I made (*asah*) the earth and created (*bara*) man upon it

- **Isaiah 45:18** "For this is what the Lord says – the Creator (*bara*) of the heavens, the God who formed (*yasar*) the earth and made (*asah*) it, the One who established (*kun*) it (He did not create (*bara*) it to be a wasteland, but formed (*yasar*) it to be inhabited"

How does science say the universe started?

- In 1965 scientists were studying something called cosmic microwave background (CMB). They thought this was the afterglow of a really big explosion. Hence, the term Big Bang Theory was born.

What was their theory?

- Nothing existed
- Then a quantum fluctuation happened
- Then a really big explosion
- The afterglow of the explosion called cosmic microwave background
- A period of dark ages
- The first stars appear & are expanding

What is a quantum fluctuation?

- A short lived variation in the amount of energy at a point in space occurring as a result of the uncertainty principle which allows the law of conservation of energy to be temporarily violated and very short-lived particles to be spontaneously created and annihilated.....

What is the law of conservation of energy?

- My Gen. Chem. class taught that the first law of thermodynamics stated that “energy cannot be created or destroyed”
- I didn’t understand how absolutely nothing could explode, create a cosmic microwave background, and then the universe existed.
- Even if that theory answered the “what” question, it didn’t address the “why” question.....more on that later.

How was the Earth’s location & size determined?

- **Genesis 1:17** *“God placed them in the expanse of the sky to provide light on Earth, to rule the day and the night”*
- Now a scientific theory: Imagine really big rocks randomly zipping around in space.....

I also took zoology my freshman year.....

- If I only had a nickel for every time I heard “evolution is a fact”.....

Why are “theories” repeated so often as “facts”?

- Successful Advertising by Thomas Smith, written in 1885, coined a concept called “*effective frequency*”
- How many times does the average person need to hear something before they start following or believing what was said?

What does the Bible say about man’s origin?

- **Genesis 1:27** “So God created (*bara*) man in his own image; He created them in the image of God; He created them male and female.”

The complexity of a human being

- Suppose for a moment that early on, there was an eye, a kidney and a red blood cell floating about in this early goo.....

Does science address how those fully functioning organs came into existence?

Does science explain how those organs work together to make a person?

Even if those organs are present, does that make a functioning person?

What does the Bible say about a creatures "evolving"?

- **Genesis 1:24**, "Then God said, let the Earth produce living creatures according to their kinds."

Notice the phrase "according to their kinds"

DNA

- A human cell has 3 billion base pairs
- Imagine a primordial soup where random pairs of 4 chemicals come together in an exact sequence involving 3 billion random chances
- Where did those chemicals come from in the first place? Which came first, the DNA or the DNA polymerase (is this the chicken or the egg question)?

What did Darwin note in his "*Origin of the Species*"?

- Evolution is defined as a gradual process in which something changes into a different and usually more complex or better form

My professors taught that the second law of thermodynamics stated that the entropy of any isolated system always increases.

What about rock layers and fossils?

- What does the Bible say?
- **Genesis 1:2** *“Now the Earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths”*
- **Genesis 1:9** *Then God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.”*

The summer I worked for an oil company

- Paleontology



How do scientists date the age of a things?

- **K+** / **argon dating** - a chemical that is changes 0.0053% in 100,000 years
- **C 14 dating** - your body has 3.08 kBq of C14. You lose half that every 5,730 years.

What did Darwin himself say?

- A quote from his book:

“Why, if species have descended from other species by fine graduations, do we not see innumerable transitional forms?”

Why do people try to eliminate God?

- Ahab and Jezebel moment in **1 Kings 18**.....who is the most powerful?
- Herod the tetrarch in **Matthew 14**....who is accountable for their actions?
- **Matthew 2:16** moment....WHY GOD?

Back to the “what” and the “why”?

- **Genesis 1:1** *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*
- What was created?
- Why was it created?
- **Genesis 1:31** *“God saw all that He had made, and it was very good indeed.”*
