



- Humankind's status

- The method of creation
- Humankind's purpose and responsibility
- Sin and original sin
- Death
- Jesus

Creation Matters

1. As we read through Genesis 1, pick out any phrases that argue against evolution.

2. How do you know there is a Creator?

Hebrews 3:4 “For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.”

Psalms 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

3. Evaluate the following philosophical arguments for the existence of God as creator.

Ontological—Since we can conceive of a supreme being, he must exist. It's the thinking behind René Descartes' famous quote, “I think, therefore I am.”

Historical—Since all nations believe in a supreme being, he must exist.

Cosmological—Since the world exists, there must be a creator. Since everything has a cause, there must be a prime cause.

Teleological—Nature has a design, therefore there must be a designer.

Moral—Since people have morals, there must be a supreme author of morality.

3. How should we properly use these arguments?

4. How did God create the world and why do we believe it?

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Matthew 19:4-6 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

5. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, “We live by faith, not by sight.” That faith is created not by what we see but by what God says through his Word. Let’s try a little theological speculation! Why do you suppose God created Adam and Eve on day six? (On what day would you have created them if you were God?)

Group Discussion

- Agree/Disagree: We should use science to refute the theory of evolution.
- Theistic evolutionists claim that God created the world using evolution and that the days in the Genesis account are actually billions of years. Defend the 24-hour day of Genesis and point out the problems with trying to combine creation and the theory of evolution.