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Biblical Creation

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Many people immediately begin to doubt the intelligence of a person who says he believes in biblical creation. In their minds, belief in the Bible, restricts a person's mind and keeps them from being able to understand science and the world around him. Many people think that it is impossible to be a Christian and a scientist. They think that science contradicts the Bible, and renders the Bible useless.

In reality the opposite is true. Science confirms the Bible. Every scientific topic that the Bible addresses, it does so with 100% accuracy. The one true God who wrote the Bible is the same God who created the entire universe and science. God cannot contradict Himself, nor can He lie (Heb. 6:18 & Titus 1:2). This is why there are brilliant Christian men who are scientists and creationists.

In order to properly understand the world, a person must believe the Bible and

understand that God created everything in 6 literal days. Let's look at four areas that biblical creation touches, in order to demonstrate the importance of biblical creation. Then we will conclude by examining six scientific evidences for creation by God.

Anticipations

For the creationist, the Bible is an entirely unique book, inspired and absolutely truthful. Therefore, this priceless manual is helpful whenever it touches on topics concerning the physical creation. In medicine, for example, the removal of blood from patients was a common practice during colonial times. However, written 2500 years earlier, Leviticus 17:11 gives the clear statement that "life is in the blood." Sometimes, science progress needs to "catch up" with biblical truth.

A second example concerns the dinosaurs. There has long been a mystery regarding these magnificent creatures. Their large footprints in hardened sediments are found in many locations worldwide, and especially in the western states. However, we seldom find any marks made by their tails dragging behind. Scientists long

wondered about this lack of expected marks left by their large tails. However, Job 40:17 tells us why these dinosaur “tail drags” are seldom found. Many dinosaurs held their tails horizontally in the air where they swayed side-to-side “like a cedar” without touching the ground. Newer reconstructions now show many dinosaurs with their tails held aloft for balance. There are dozens more such examples of valuable scientific “anticipations” found throughout Scripture.

Outreach

Francis Schaeffer pointed out decades ago the importance of creation in evangelism. The reason is that many people today have a dismal knowledge of the Bible. Furthermore, television, films, and scandals have given a totally false impression of authentic Christianity. In contrast, Genesis is an excellent starting point in explaining creation, the curse, and our responsibility before God. The message of hope that people desperately need to hear naturally begins with Genesis, where the world begins. In reaching out to the Gentiles of his day, the Apostle Paul began by describing the creation of the world (Acts 14:15, 17:24). He then built the Gospel message on this foundation.

Family Values

Certain teachers and professors are merciless in attacking the faith of students. And just as erosive is the nonstop evolutionary emphasis of the news, entertainment, nature programs, and natural history museums. For anyone who wants to

grow in Christian maturity, encouragement is desperately needed. Creation studies can provide a counterbalance to the secularism which surrounds us. Fortunately, there are many excellent creation-oriented books, seminars, and websites available today.

Society

Modern evolutionary thinking has moved far beyond the biology world. Today, Social Darwinists seek to reform society in some very disturbing directions. For example, selfishness is said to be no one’s fault or responsibility because the “reptile portion of our brain is territorial.” Thus we are programmed by our animal ancestry to be selfish and “cannot help it.” As another troubling example, it is said that violence and assault should be excused since we evolved by dominating other creatures in a natural “survival of the fittest” mentality. In refreshing contrast to these pathetic and dangerous ideas, creation thinking is surely essential to the future stability of families. Creation does indeed matter greatly in the classroom, in the science laboratory, and in our own homes.

This being the case, let’s briefly examine scientific evidence for creation. This list is by no means exhaustive, but it gives us a good starting point for discussion and further study.

Six Scientific Evidences for Creation.

1. The universe is governed by basic unchanging laws of gravity, motion, light, etc. These laws cannot somehow arise

slowly by mutation or natural selection. They have been established since the beginning of time. Each law bears testimony to a carefully planned creation.

2. The two most basic laws discovered in nature both involve energy. The first law states that energy is conserved or constant. Energy takes various forms but can be neither created nor destroyed. This law was established at the completion of the creation week when the Creator ceased the input of energy into the physical universe from his infinite reserves.

3. The second basic law describes unavoidable losses whenever energy is dealt with. The energy does not disappear but becomes unavailable. Stated more broadly, all things (including people!) wear out over time. Ultimately, death itself is part of this second law, which is clearly connected with the Fall of mankind in Genesis 3.

4. The fossil record does not reveal unlimited changes in living things over a vast time scale. Instead, the fossils show separate created categories of plants and animals, many now extinct. And very few fossils are forming today. The great majority resulted from the global deluge of Noah's day.

5. The origin of life remains a fundamental "unsolved mystery." None of the explanations for life's start, either from chemicals in the sea or from space, are convincing. Actually, scientists cannot agree on the natural origin of anything, whether difference between men and women and their

life, the moon, or stars. Meanwhile, creation ex nihilo, from nothing, remains as a refreshing alternative to endless speculation.

6. We are surrounded by incredible design in nature. Even in the fallen world we are surrounded by beauty, patterns, symmetry, and order. The current "Intelligent Design Movement" shows that complex items such as the eye or a living cell could never arise by chance. Romans 1:20 further reminds us that there is no valid excuse for disregarding this clear evidence of the Creator's work.

Each one of us must decide: will we believe God or will we believe men? Many men tell us that God had nothing to do with this universe, it all happened by chance. However, God declares that He was the one who created it all. The question is: Who will we believe?

Upcoming Events

(Mark Your Calendars!!)

Work Day - September 16

Brenn-field Ministry
September 17

Singspiration with Special
Guest: John Schmid
October 15

FUNNIES

On the first day of school, the kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers."

A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

I asked a friend of mine by phone what he was doing.

When he told me that he was working on 'Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel under a constrained environment', I was impressed.

In further conversation however, I learned that he was 'washing the dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.'

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was.

Grandma answered, "39 and holding."

Johnny thought about that for a while, and then asked, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

Student: "Sir, I have a complaint, I don't believe a deserve an F on this exam."

Teacher: "Neither do I, but it's the lowest grade I could give.."

~ A good pun is its own reword.

~The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

~ Acupuncture is a jab well done.

~ Energizer Bunny arrested; charged with battery

~ Show me a piano falling down a mine-shaft, and I'll show you A-flat minor.

~ What happens when the smog lifts from the city of Los Angeles?

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~ When I was at a baseball game, I saw a ball getting bigger and bigger, and I wondered, why is this happening?...and then it hit me.

A speaker was called upon to substitute for the regular speaker, who had failed to reach the dinner meeting because he was delayed in a snow storm. The speaker began by explaining the meaning of a substitute.

"If you break a window," he said, "and then place cardboard there instead, that is a substitute."

After the speech, a woman who had listened intently shook hands with him and, wishing to compliment him, said, "You were no substitute...you were a real pane!"