

WHY CREATION MATTERS

DEBATING AUTHORITY AND ASSUMPTIONS

*"Thy word is true from the beginning:
and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."*

~ Psalm 119:160

1. False Debates

- a. When arguments are about the wrong thing; arguing is unprofitable – Prov 26:4-5
 - i. Dispensationalism is not about the rapture; Healing is not about God's power
- b. All creationists seen as anti-scientific; all evolutionists seen as atheists-both wrong
 - i. There are scientists who believe the Bible, and evolutionists that are Christians
- c. Not God vs. Atheism – evolution doesn't mean no God; it means the Bible is wrong
- d. Not Bible vs. Science – a false choice; Bible = God sees; Science = man sees 1Co 1:14
 - i. Conflict between Bible /science is not a problem(e.g. miracles, spiritual, future)
 - ii. Science cannot tell us many things; the Bible does not tell us all things
- e. Not *even* Creation vs. Evolution – 3 options: its eternal, it created itself, God created it
 - i. The real question is not a beginning or God, but *why* and *how*?

2. Authority and Assumptions

- a. The real issue is one of authority and assumptions – Rom 3:4; Ps 119:160
- b. People say, "science says", "scientists agree", "studies show" ← authority statements
- c. Authority = power or weight of testimony; a final authority does not need validated
- d. Evolution a historical philosophy long before it was "science" ← identify assumptions
- e. Assumptions in history, authority, framework, perspective are made before the debate
- f. Supernatural vs. Natural; Bible vs. Evolution; uniform vs. catastrophe; literal vs. poetic
- g. Science (experience) and logic (reason) are always subject to God's word (revelation)

3. Why It matters

- a. Does all this matter? It matters more than angels, rapture timing, tongue talking
- b. You can be saved and confused about this; but confusion is not a good place to stay
- c. 1) Creation is spoken of throughout the whole Bible (diff people, books, time)
 - i. Jesus said if you don't believe Moses, why would you believe him - Jn 5:46-47
 - ii. Exodus, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, Psalms, Matthew, Acts, Romans, Revelation
- d. 2) The Lord Jesus Christ speaks about creation events / Genesis / Bible being true
 - i. Time travel is not real – nobody has witnessed these events save... John 17:5
 - ii. We must operate by faith in _____ Heb 11:1-3
- e. 3) The events of creation affect major doctrines: Bible inerrancy, sin, life, death, Christ, mystery ← which contains some of the strongest proof of Biblical creation
- f. Evolution becomes a religious belief when it commands authority, assumptions, and allegiance to its own truth (facts)
 - i. If evolution is true the Bible has mistakes, Jesus was wrong, and Christianity becomes valid only if it evolves

Comparing Creation in the Bible to Evolution

“How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him” – 1 Kings 18:21

The Biblical order of creation does not align with the current teaching of the order of evolution. Reconciliation requires fundamentally changing the Bible or the theory. Since God’s words are true from the beginning (Rom 3:4, Psa 119:89 & 119:160), evolutionary theory about origins must be wrong.

Order of Creation in the Bible	Order of Evolution
God created matter in the beginning	Matter existed in the beginning
Earth created before the sun and stars	Sun and stars existed before the earth
Light shone on earth before the sun	Sun is the first light on the earth
Oceans made before the land	Land existed before the oceans
Land plants are created before marine life	Marine life existed before land plants
Fowl (birds) made before land animals	Land reptiles evolved into birds
Whales made before land mammals	Whales come after land mammals
God created man	Man created God
Man created from the dust of the earth	Man evolved from stardust
Man created before woman	Woman needed before man
Man made before it rained	It rained before man existed
God made all things in six days	Nothing made all things over billions of years
Creation complete	‘Creative’ process still occurring
Man the cause of sin and death in the world	Death before man, not a result of sin