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Creation Not Confusion

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Why is this issue important? It is foundational to Christianity. Questions on this topic are a stumbling block to people accepting the claims of the Bible. Ultimately, it's a worldview issue.

Issues that the world faces, e.g., racism, murder, abortion, etc. are not the problem. These are the symptoms (fruits) of the problem. Humanism is the problem—man decides the rules for himself—with its roots in evolution and long ages.

Contrast with Christianity – everything we need to know about the Christian faith comes from the Bible. The fruits of the Christian worldview are, sanctity of life, love thy neighbour, etc.

Most people today believe in evolution because that's all we've been taught. Evolution is taught in our schools as scientific fact.

With evolution, death is a good thing, culling out the weak. The Bible tells us death is a bad thing.

A worldview attempts to provide answers to the three big questions of life:

1. Where did we come from?
2. Why are we here?
3. What happens when we die?

The answer to question 1 will determine the answers to questions 2 & 3. This is why Creation is a foundational issue.

Two types of science; Operational science & Historical science:

- Operational science: in the present, repeatable and observable.
- Historical science: in the past, one time only and not observed.

Evolution is less than a scientific theory. It's a belief system. A hypothesis about the past.

Fossils.

- Long age explanation – slow and gradual processes over millions of years.
- Observation in the real world – rapid burial required. Under the right conditions, fossilization can happen rapidly.

Creationists and evolutionists have the same facts. But even before we look at the facts our worldview determines how we will interpret them.

We get the age of Creation from the Bible – approx. 6,000 years. Millions of years does not come from the Bible, it is an outside idea.

Geology.

- Long age explanation – slow and gradual processes over millions of years formed layers, e.g. Grand Canyon. A little bit of water over long periods of time.
- Observation – canyons formed through solid rock in just months. A lot of water over a short amount of time.

Using Biblical glasses, what we see around us is evidence for the Flood. The Flood washes away millions of years, which means no time for evolution. This is why the age of the earth is so important.

Six days of Creation.

We don't take scripture out of context, and we don't take outside ideas and fit them into the Bible (eisegesis). We use scripture to interpret scripture.

Exodus 20:11. Inscribed by the finger of God.

Definition of day – context matters.

- When day is associated with a number it always means a 24-hour period. Evening and morning indicate a 24-hour day.
- Outside of Genesis—day with a number, evening and/or morning, night/day—523 times, all meaning a normal 24-hour day.

Death before the Fall?

Gen 1:31 “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (day 6).

If evolutionary interpretation of rock layers is correct, then Adam and Eve would have been standing on a fossil graveyard of death and suffering. And God called this “very good”??

Death is the last enemy to be destroyed. Millions of years puts death before the Fall, which destroys the Gospel.

Romans 5:12. Even though we messed up, God has sent a rescue mission from Heaven to pay the penalty of death for us.

Revelation 21:4. No more death.

Revelation 22:2,3. No more curse.