

## **INTRODUCTION: AN OUTLINE OF CENTRAL ISSUES**

### **I. EVOLUTION**

- A. BIOLOGICAL: NATURAL SELECTION** (see Rom.1:20; Gen.5:1,etc.)
- B. PHILOSOPHICAL: MATERIALISM** (see Rom.1:23,25)
- C. THEOLOGICAL: ANTITHEISM** (see Rom.1:23,25)
- D. SOCIOLOGICAL: SURVIVALISM** (Rom.1:24f; 2Pt.2:12,10f)
- E. HISTORICAL: TYRANNY** (Rom.1:24f; Jn.8:34; see Dan.3:1f; 4:30; e.g., Hitler, Stalin)

### **II. CREATION**

- A. BIOLOGICAL: *AFTER* THEIR KIND** (Gen.1:11,12; 21; 24,25; 28; 1Cor.15:38f)
- B. PHILOSOPHICAL: BODY & *SPIRIT*** (Gen.2:7; see Acts 23:8; Col.1:16; Heb.12:23)
- C. THEOLOGICAL: THEISM** (Gen.1:1; Job 38:1ff; Rom.1:20(Heb.3:3,4); Eph.1:4; Ps.100:3; 115:15; Is.44:24)
- D. SOCIOLOGICAL: SERVICE** (Gen.1:26f; Is.43:1; Phil.2:5f; Mt.22:37,39; Eph.4:16)
- E. HISTORICAL: LIBERTY** (Gen.1:26f; Jn.8:34f; Eph.4:24; Gal.5:13)

### **III. THE WONDER OF CREATION**

- A. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN HIS WORKS** (Rom.1:20(Heb.3:3,4); see Job 12:7f; Ps.19:1-6; Mt.7:20)
- B. MAN'S WILL TO DISBELIEVE** (Rom.1:21-23,25; Mt.13:13-15; 2Cor.4:4; see Is.43:1; Mt.16:25f)
- C. GOD'S GIFT OF FAITH** (Mt.13:11; Acts 26:18; Eph.1:18; 2:1-10; see Mt.16:25f)
- D. EVIDENCE & TESTIMONY** (Ps.19:1f&7f; see Jn.6,9; see Dt.19:15; see Rom.1:20&10:17)
- E. BEHOLD!** (Rom.1:19-21; Ps.19:1f; see Psalms)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP**

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest interest to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be useful, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What verses covered were most helpful? How so?
4. Which comparison/s (IA & IIA, etc.) were the most striking and why?
5. Why do some people look at the material world and still *not* see evidence of a Creator? What is the motivation for this?
6. Why do some people look at the material world and *see* evidence of a Creator?
7. What attributes of creation are significant for your faith in God and why?
8. What is God's purpose in the creation? What is the proper response to creation? What will this lead to?
9. What is the other response? What will this lead to?
10. What purpose of God is general revelation *not* designed for? What *is* given for this purpose?
11. The natural sciences emerged in the midst of Christendom. What considerations help to understand this? List some early scientists and their spiritual convictions.
12. What is the proper relationship between the study of general revelation and the study of special revelation?
13. What are some books, videos, lectures, conferences, etc. that you have found helpful for a right understanding of these things?