

Evolution vs. Creation

Lesson One

Creation: In the Beginning, God

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- God created everything out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) in six literal days.
 - Time begins at the moment of creation – the morning of the first day.
 - Gen 1:1
 - Ps 102:25
 - Heb 1:10
 - The Bible unambiguously and repeatedly affirms six-day creation.
 - Gen 1:31-2:2
 - Ex 20:9-11
 - Ex 31:17
 - The Bible refers to the scope of human knowledge and experience going back to “the beginning.”
 - Is 40:21-22
 - Is 41:4
 - Dan 12:1
 - Matt 19:4-8
 - Mark 13:19
 - 1 John 2:24, 3:8, 3:11
 - 2 John 1:5-6
 - Creation was completed and pronounced good before Adam’s disobedience brought sin and death into the world.
 - Gen 1:31
 - Rom 5:12
 - The genealogical record in the Bible extends all the way back to the first man Adam.
 - Gen 5
 - 1 Chr 1:1
 - Luke 3:38
 - 1 Cor 15:45
 - In addition to the genealogies, there are numerous references to the earliest men as real people.
 - 1 Tim 2:13-14
 - Heb 11:4, 7; 12:24
 - 1 Pet 3:20
 - 2 Pet 2:5
 - Jude 11, 14
- The creation account in Genesis is foundational from a doctrinal standpoint.
 - The pattern of Biblical creation becomes the pattern of life for God’s people.
 - Ex 20:11
 - Ex 31:15-17
 - Lev 23:3

- The account of Biblical creation points to Christ and foreshadows His redemptive work.
 - Gen 2:9, 3:15, 3:21
 - John 1:1-2
 - 1 John 1:1
 - Heb 4:1-11
 - Rev 21:6
- Genesis 1-3 gives the origin of doctrines such as work, marriage, gender roles, the dominion mandate, the reproductive mandate, the sanctity of human life, original sin, the curse, etc.