

# The Battle for Truth?

## Part 2 – Creation or Evolution?

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Where did we come from? How did we get here? What is the meaning and purpose of life?

These questions among many other things, find their roots in Creation. In fact, all our Doctrine either directly or indirectly finds its basis in the first 11 chapter of Genesis. It is not surprising that Satan has directed so much energy to attacking the concept that God created the world. The most attacked portion of the Bible is Genesis 1-11.

It has been said that Darwin made atheism acceptable. Up to Darwin, the cure for atheism was a study of nature...

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## Where did we Come From?

“Where did we come from?” is one of the questions at the heart of philosophy. This question is tied to “what is our place in the universe?”

As individuals, are we the center of the universe or are we called to submit to something or someone else?

Are we just a cosmic accident or were we designed with a plan and a purpose.

The answers to these questions form our outlook and philosophy with regard to life.

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## Where did we Come From?

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

When God declared His word to mankind, He did not begin with an argument of His existence. It starts with the reality that He exists. The book of Genesis is a declaration of what He has done.

It is not written as poem or allegory, but as historical narrative.

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## Days of Creation

### Each Day was carefully planned

Days 1-3 - <i>Forming</i>	Days 4-6 - <i>Filling</i>
1) Light and Dark	4) Lights of Day and Night
2) Sea and Sky	5) Fish and Birds
3) Dry Land Vegetation	6) Land Animals Humans

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## Science and Creation

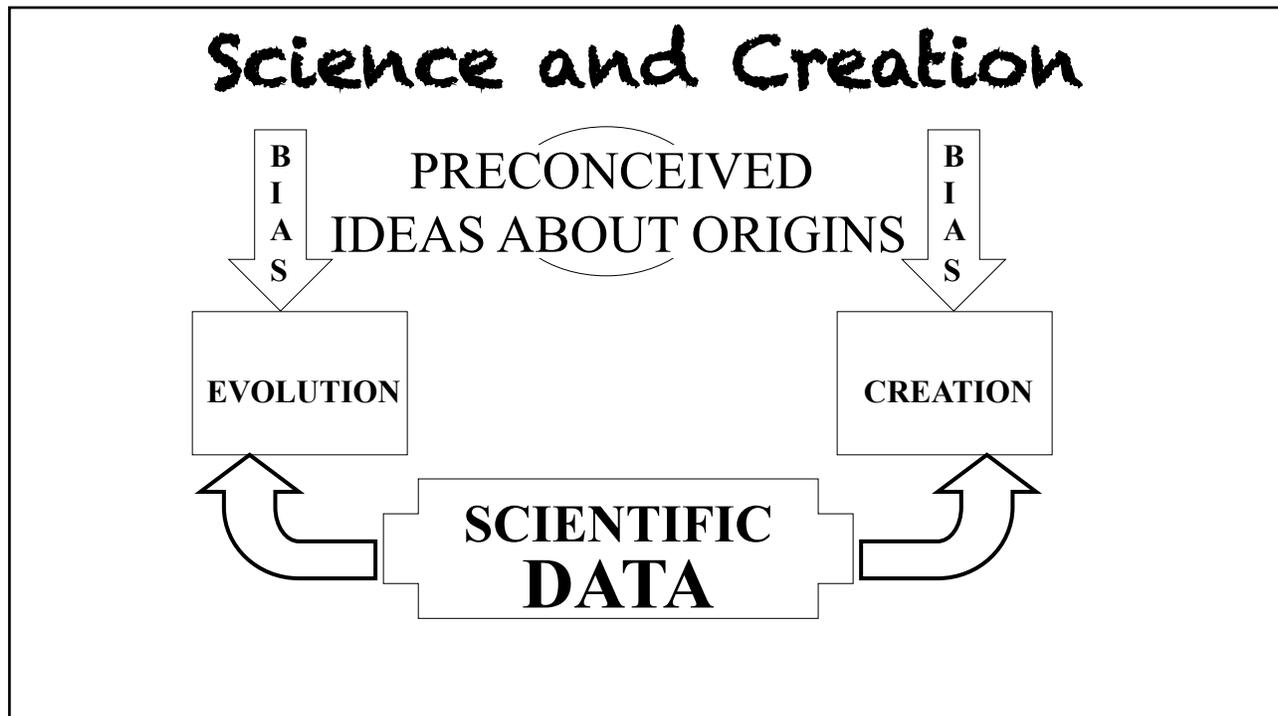
Let's back up a moment. God knows all things and was an eyewitness who recorded what He did.

Scientists (man) is finite. He does not know all things and was not there. Science deals with facts, but it also is built on assumptions. Is there a God? If so what is He like? Is the Universe eternal?

Depending on how you answer these questions, will influence how you interpret the scientific data.

People should realize that when we are told to "trust the science," we are actually being told "to trust the narrative."

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## Science and Creation

Some have chosen to believe the narrative of evolution. They have attempted to reconcile their belief in science with the Bible. This is called Theistic Evolution. It is saying that God used evolution to create the world that we see today. There are many forms such as the “day=age” theory, but they all adhere to some form of evolution.

Through the Bible does not say God did not use evolution, you will have to compromise Scripture to make it work!

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## Science and Creation

Days are out of order. Light created day one – Sun on day 4. Birds and fish (day 5) created before land animals (day 6). The word “day” (YOM) used in Genesis is the best way to define a literal 24 hour day.

Theistic Evolution distorts the character, power, and sovereignty of God by saying God is of limited power and needs time and trial and error to get it right. This is not the God of the Bible!

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## Science and Creation

Theistic Evolution comes in many forms but they all deeply undermine the character of God. Instead of creating a world that He declared “good,” Theistic Evolution has a world filled with pain and suffering. Like all types of evolution it is based on survival of the fittest. This paints a picture of a god who loves the strong and discards the weak. This is not who God claims to be.

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## Science and Creation

Any form of evolution undermines the Gospel message. There was **NO DEATH** before Adam sinned!

The Bible is clear that death entered into creation when Adam sinned.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 8:21-22

because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

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## Science and Creation

If evolution is true, then death is not the consequence of sin. If death is not the consequence for sin, then Jesus' death for sin on the cross is invalidated.

Some have tried to create arguments against the Biblical teachings on death.

Plants, though Biologically alive were created to be food. Algae and bacteria may also fall into this category. There is a major difference between the death of plants and animals. You might put a bouquet of flowers on your dining room table, but probably would not place a dead rat there....

Other arguments are based on accidental death. This questions the sovereignty of God and his ability to sustain His creation. We must remember that we live in a fallen world, and we should not judge God's perfect creation, from the assumptions of the consequences of sin.

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## Creation and Doctrine

All our doctrine finds its roots in the first eleven chapters of Genesis.

Where did we come from?

What is man's purpose?

What is the relationship between man and animals?

What is God's plan for marriage?

Where did death come from?

Why do we wear clothes?

How will God deal with the issue of sin?

And the list could go on ....

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## Creation and Life

Genesis records that God is the Creator of all life!

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

God (Jesus) created the animals also.

To put it simply, our lives were given to us from God. Jesus literally breathed His life into us (twice).

Therefore, our lives belong to Him. God has the right and will judge each person with regard to how they spent their life.

The world rebels against this Truth!

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## Creation and the Sovereignty of God

Creation demonstrates the Sovereignty of God. He created a perfect world that existed in perfect harmony. There was no pain, suffering, or death. God is not only the Creator, but the Sustainer of all things. The world rejects the Biblical account of Creation and has attempted to create its own religion of science to explain God away as a myth and crutch of weak minds.

This does not change the reality of God's existence or His coming judgment. Satan's wants to blind the minds of men and join his rebellion against God. To remove God, removes moral and ethical restraints. Evolution has been a key battle ground in the battle for Truth.

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## What Difference Does it Make? If Evolution is true:

- There is NO NEED for God.
- There is NO SIN and NO NEED for a Savior.
- There Is NO BASIS for Moral Values and Life has NO PURPOSE.
- There is NO JUDGE to hold man responsible for his actions.
- There is NO RELIABILITY to the Bible, and if the Bible is unreliable, Christianity is false.

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