Asking for a Friend

"Science?" – Hebrews 11:1-3

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Back to School Sermon Series

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Today's Question – How do you reconcile scientific evidence like evolution with the Creation story? Don't science and the Bible contradict each other?

The Impact of the Teaching of Evolution

- In a survey of one thousand 20–29-year-olds who have left the church, Britt Beemer (book "Already Gone") discovered that 45% of them said the teaching of evolution in high school is what most influenced them to doubt the Bible.
- Lee's story

3 Major Viewpoints About How Things Came Into Being

CATEGORY	THEISM	PANTHEISM	MATERIALISM
Source of Creation	Creator beyond nature	Creator within nature	No Creator
Method of Creation	Creation by God out of nothing	Creation out of god	Creation out of matter
Latin term	*ex nihilo*	*ex deo*	*ex materia*
Relation of Creator and creation	Creator and creation are distinct	No real creation. Creation is illusion. Only spirit exists. All is god	No real Creator
Duration of creation	Temporary	Non-existent, but spirit is eternal	Matter is eternal
God's control	Unlimited	Limited	Non-existent
Major Religions	Christianity, Judaism, Islam	Hinduism	Atheism
Proponent of	Billy Graham	Shirley MacLaine	Richard Dawkins

Reflection Question for Christ-Followers – Am I living like a materialist while professing to be theist? What steps do I need to take to live the worldview I say I believe?

Where Do You Look to Find Truth?

- Three possibilities: (1) Yourself; (2) Others [science]; (3) God [the Bible].
- Reflection Question for Theists: Does my view of creation agree with the Bible? Is it consistent with Scripture?

Can I Believe in the Bible and Science at the Same Time?

- Depends on what you mean by "believe." You cannot put your ultimate trust in both.
- ***Matthew 6:24*** - *No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.*
- Important Decision: What will my ultimate authority be? If at some point the Bible and science appear to disagree, which will I believe (put my trust in)?
- In actuality, the Bible and science do agree!

Hebrews 11:1-3 on Creation

- *Verse 1*
  - Definition of faith – Faith is the title deed of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.
  - Important note: It takes faith to believe any theory of how things came into being: Creationism or Evolution
- *Verse 2*
  - Verse 2 introduces all the elders mentioned in Chap 11 who lived lives of faith. Verse 2 introduces all the college courses on faith. Verse 3 will introduce the first course (Faith 101) = believing that God is Creator
- *Verse 3*
  - Source of creation = God (*Theos* = God)
  - Content of creation = everything (*aion* = worlds, universe, ages).
  - Method of creation = God spoke (*rhema*) and created out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) – John 1:1-5; Col. 1:16-17; Genesis 1.

Eight Reasons Why An Intelligent, Personal Designer is the Most Scientifically Plausible Explanation of the Universe, Life, and Humans

1. **The Kalam Cosmological Argument:** Whatever begins to exist has a cause. The universe had a beginning. Therefore, the universe has a cause.
   - The Second Law of Thermodynamics points to a beginning of the universe: The amount of usable energy in the universe is decreasing. Whatever is petering out must have had a beginning, because it does not take forever to run out of a limited amount of energy.
   - Scientific evidence that the universe is expanding points to a point where there is no space, no time, and no matter – thus, creation out of nothing (*ex nihilo*).
   - Scientific evidence of radiation echo points to a "big bang" explosion and thus a beginning point in time of creation.

2. **The Fine Tuning of the Universe:** The evidence of astronomy, physics, and the anthropic principle. The enormous complexity of conditions for life on earth to exist point heavily toward an intelligent Designer.
3. **Genetic Evidence** shows that the complexity of human DNA points most logically and statistically to an intelligent Designer.
4. **Biochemical Evidence** and the phenomenon of irreducible complexity shatters the notion of progressive evolution. Numerous examples of things that had to be fully present in order to function.
   - Charles Darwin: "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."
5. **Evidence of Consciousness** in humans points to a Designer of greater consciousness.
6. **Linguistic Evidence** of human speech being so unique from all other animals points to a rational Creator.
7. **Anthropological and Geological Evidence** shows no necessary link between humans and primates or any other animals.
8. **Biblical Evidence** points to a Creator God who has revealed Himself to us.
   - ***Genesis 1:1*** *- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
   - ***Psalm 102:25*** *- In the beginning You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.*
   - ***Psalm 90:2*** *- Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.*
   - ***Colossians 1:16*** *- For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.*
   - ***Isaiah 43:7*** *- Whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made.*
   - ***Revelation 4:11*** *- You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being.*

Two Additional Questions

1. **What is the age of the earth?** Two biblical camps on this issue:
   - ❑ Young Earth View
     - This view says "yom" = 24-hour day in Genesis 1-2
     - Proponent = Henry Morris (icr.org)
   - ❑ Old Earth View
     - This view says "yom" = age; long period of time
     - Proponent = Hugh Ross (reasons.org)
2. **What about dinosaurs?**
   - Scientists don't know nearly as much about dinosaurs as our books and movies portray. Everything is based on fossils puzzle-pieced together.
   - The Bible appears to mention dinosaurs in Job 40:15-19 (behemoth) and Job 41 (leviathan).
   - Dinosaurs could have gone extinct during the flood of Genesis 6-9.
   - Dinosaurs could have been created and gone extinct all within the age called "Day 6" (old earth view).

Recommended Resources

- ❑ Lee Strobel's *The Case for a Creator* (also a student and kids version)
- ❑ Dr. Jobe Martin's *Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution* (YouTube)
- ❑ Lots of resources available on icr.org and reasons.org

My Application – My response to what I've heard today is…

- ☐ I choose to believe that the universe, earth, and me were all created by God, and therefore God is the Creator, and I am the creation. I choose to worship Him and submit my life to Him.
- ☐ Even though I claim to be a theist, I confess that I have been living like a materialist – living as though material things are ultimate rather than God. I repent of this materialistic lifestyle, and (with God's help) I choose to live as though God and His Word are ultimate, not material things.
- ☐ If believing in God as Creator is my first step of faith (Hebrews 11:3), I choose to take my next steps of faith by…
  - ✓ Receiving Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord
  - ✓ Getting baptized on October 11 WhatIsGrace.org/Baptism
  - ✓ Trusting God with my singleness
  - ✓ Trusting God with my marriage
  - ✓ Trusting God with my children
  - ✓ Trusting God with my finances
  - ✓ Trusting God with my job/school
  - ✓ Trusting God with my future
  - ✓ Trusting God to overcome…
  - ✓ Worshipping God and praying
  - ✓ Studying God's Word
  - ✓ Serving others in Christ's church and my community. Specifically, I'm going to participate in one of 65 community projects on Sunday morning, October 18. Info at WhatIsGrace.org/CHLB

Bottom Line: Your worldview determines your worship.