

Man & Creation



Man is the “Crown” of Creation

“One's view of the origin of man will affect his entire understanding of and attitude toward man. If, for instance, man is the product of evolution, then the extent of the effects of sin and the need of a Savior are played down, if not eliminated. If, on the other hand, man was created by God, then this concept carries with it the companion idea of the responsibility of man. If God created man, then there is Someone outside of man to whom he becomes responsible.” Ryrie, p. 100.

The Genesis Solution Video

Notes:

Main idea: The creation-evolution issue is foundational to other vital issues.

Myths about scientists:

- [1] they are unbiased;
- [2] they are objective;
- [3] they are infallible.

The issue is not science vs. religion. Rather, it is the science of one religion (creation) vs. the science of another religion (evolution). One religion rejects Revelation the other accepts Revelation (the Bible).

Scientific theories change because we increase our knowledge. We can not know everything, therefore science will always be developing.

The meaning of anything is attached to its origin.
Genesis is the most attacked book of Moses (the Bible) for this reason -- it teaches creation, the foundation.

Creation >>

God's right to make the rules >>

Morality determined by Revelation

Notes (cont'd):

Examples: Genesis, the basis for our morality

- [1] The Gospel
- [2] Divorce
- [3] Homosexuality
- [4] Family Roles
- [5] Wearing of Clothing
- [6] Abortion
- [7] Racism
- [8] Communism

When Paul encountered a Jewish audience he preached the gospel. With Greeks, who lacked the foundation of Genesis, he began with the Creator. Missionaries employ this same strategy.

Because of the dominance of evolution in our culture, increasingly we are more like the Greeks than the Jews. Consequently, we must address creation and the Creator in our evangelism.

What is Man?

- **He is created in the image of God.**

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.” (Genesis 9:6)

Key Implication: Capital Punishment

- **He is given dominion over creation.**

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” (Genesis 1:26)

Key Implication: Modern Environmentalism & Animal Rights Issues Handout