

Savior of the Bible Course

Lesson 14 – The Doctrine of Creation

One of the great issues facing the Christian Church today has to do with the Biblical account of creation as recorded in Genesis. Ever since Charles Darwin published his book, The Origin of Species, in 1859, the idea that this world was created by God in six literal days has been challenged by the Theory of Evolution.

This controversy is more than a scientific problem, for it also denies a vital truth of the gospel. According to the good news of salvation, when Christ comes the second time to take believers to heaven the dead in Christ will be raised instantly with perfect, glorified bodies (see 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52).

This truth flies in the face of what evolution teaches. If it took millions of years for man to develop to his present stage, then obviously it is impossible for man to be raised from the dust with a perfect body in an instant. Yet, this is the clear teaching of the Bible and the blessed hope of every believer.

While creation cannot be proven scientifically, neither has evolution been demonstrated by the scientific method. It is still a theory or idea awaiting confirmation. Therefore, both creation and evolution are accepted today by faith – the former by faith in God's Word and the latter by faith in the opinions of scientific man.

Every heresy that Satan has introduced into the Christian church is ultimately an attack on the gospel. This includes the Theory of Evolution, which denies the creative power of God. Therefore, in this study we will examine what the Bible has to say about the creation of this world, especially of mankind, in the light of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. According to the Bible, who created our universe?
Genesis 1:1



2. How long did it take God to create the heavens and the earth?
Exodus 20:11



Scripture clearly teaches that God created this world in six literal days. He spoke and it happened. It is hard for our finite minds to understand how God could speak and things came into existence, but the Bible declares it so, and we accept it by faith (read Genesis 1).

3. How did Paul distinguish the true, living God from false ones? Acts 14:15



When the inhabitants of Lystra began to worship Paul and Barnabas because they miraculously healed a cripple (see Acts 14:8-14), Paul pointed out to them that there is only one true God – the God of creation. The Theory of Evolution denies this God, for it teaches that life came into existence by chance and gradually developed into the various species of today.

4. According to David, what do the heavens declare? Psalm 19:1



5. What evidence does Paul give that the invisible God does exist? Romans 1:20



While God may not be seen, one of the greatest proofs of His existence is creation. To believe that this highly complex world of ours came about by chance, as do the evolutionists, requires more faith than belief in an all-powerful God who created our universe.

6. How does Paul describe those who deny the God of creation? Romans 1:22



While those who turn their backs on God today no longer worship graven images (see Romans 1:23), evolutionists have created their own gods, according to their own ideas (self-worship), contrary to what the Bible advocates.

7. According to the apostle John, who actually created our world? John 1:1-3



The “Word” is none other than Jesus Christ (see John 1:14). While all three members of the Godhead were involved in creation, it was Christ who spoke and brought our world into existence.

8. For how much of creation is Christ responsible?
Colossians 1:16



Not only is Christ the one by whom God created our universe but He is also our Redeemer through whom we have the forgiveness of sins (see Colossians 1:14). If we deny His creative power, how can we believe in His saving power?

9. As Christians, what do we accept by faith? Hebrews 11:3



Faith is taking God at His word, even though what He says in Scripture may disagree with the scientific method. In the Bible, Abraham is called the father of all true believers. His faith in a God who can do the impossible is set as an example of what our faith must be (read Romans 4:16-22).

10. What must we have in order to please God? Hebrews 11:6



11. What did Christ have to say about the creation of mankind? Mark 10:6



Reading through the four gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – it becomes clear that Jesus understood the Genesis account of creation as being a historical fact. Never once did He even hint or imply that the human race was the result of millions of years of the evolutionary process.

12. Through whom did sin and death enter the world?
Romans 5:12



The one man who brought sin and death into this world was Adam. Sin is not the remnants of our animal nature, as many evolutionists claim, but the result of the Fall. According to Scripture, man is not getting better and better but going from bad to worse. History clearly demonstrates this Biblical fact.


13. Who are the two men responsible for death and life respectively? 1 Corinthians 15:21, 22



In spite of all its scientific claims, evolution has no solution to the problem of death, the grim reaper. Those who put their faith in evolution have no hope of the resurrection. In contrast, those who put their faith in Christ look forward to the blessed hope of the resurrection.

14. Of whom does Paul use Adam as a figure, pattern, or type? Romans 5:14



The one to come is none other than Jesus Christ. The reason Paul uses Adam as a type of Christ is because what each of these men did affected the entire human race (see Romans 5:18). Mankind is the multiplication of Adam's life (see Acts 17:26). Therefore, Adam's one sin brought condemnation and death to all. Likewise, Christ is called the second or last Adam because He also represents all humanity and His act of obedience brought justification of life for all. To believe in evolution is to deny this glorious truth of the gospel.



15. How many were affected by what Adam and Christ did? Romans 5:15



The reason that what Adam and Christ did affected "the many" (i.e., the human race) is that all humanity was in these two men – in Adam by creation and in Christ by the Incarnation.

16. What was the result on mankind of Adam's sin and Christ's obedience? Romans 5:18

➡ (Adam's sin):

➡ (Christ's obedience):

It would be impossible for these two facts to have taken place if the Theory of Evolution is correct. That is why anyone who denies the truth about creation as revealed in Scripture, must deny the truth about the two Adams. This is how Satan has attempted to destroy the very foundation of the gospel message.

17. What blessed hope did Job express when faced with death?
Job 19:25, 26



This blessed hope of seeing our Redeemer with our resurrected bodies can only become a reality because of the creative power of Christ. Deny this power and we have to deny the blessed hope.

18. What change to our bodies will take place at the Second Advent? Philippians 3:20, 21



19. How long will Christ take to bring about the above transformation? 1 Corinthians 15:51-53



“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” That is how long it will take Christ to transform our bodies from corruption to incorruption. This hope of the gospel becomes impossible if we deny God’s creative power and accept the lies evolution is proclaiming.

20. What hope does Paul give to believers who have lost a loved one? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



21. What admonition, given by Paul to Timothy, must we heed? 1 Timothy 6:20



The Theory of Evolution may be correctly called “science falsely so called” (KJV). This theory is one of Satan’s most sophisticated means of sidetracking Christians from the path of the gospel truth. Beware of such teachings!