

Foundational Truths

Part 1 – Creation

Genesis 1,2

Introduction:

- A. How reliable is science concerning the universe?
 - 1. Up to the 1500's – universe revolved around the e_____
 - 2. Up until the 1800's – universe revolved around the s_____
 - 3. Today – no revolving center but the universe is e_____ at the speed of light in all directions.
- B. Science gets things wrong when it draws conclusions without having all the information.
 - 1. Yet, “science” has been used to d_____ the Genesis account of creation.
 - 2. God has given us the information. Hold to it. It is foundational to our lives.

The Genesis account of Creation is an eyewitness account

- A. Creation accounts in circulation in the time of Moses (1500 B.C.)
 - 1. Bab_____ account (Enuma Elish)
 - 2. Sum_____ account (Eridu Genesis)
 - 3. Many Egy_____ accounts – known by the people of the Exodus.
 - 4. All are corruptions of the original story
- B. The Creator gave the Genesis account to Moses, which makes Genesis and e_____ witness account.
 - 1. *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth* is a s_____ statement. The rest of the chapter are the details (see also 2:4)
 - 2. *Now, the earth was formless and void* shows the state of the earth before God began creating – it was n_____.
 - 3. *Darkness was over the face of the deep.* – the word refers to w_____ in light of the next phrase.
 - 4. *The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters* – shows that the Holy Spirit was part of the creation process (see Jn 1:1-3 – trinitarian God).

Four recurring phrases reveal divine information

- A. *God said, “Let there be....”* or something similar
 - 1. God s_____ things into existence.
 - 2. Contrary to scientific belief, it did not take millions of years for things and life to form.

B. *God saw that it was good*

1. Goodness is defined as fulfilling its intended d_____
2. God rested on the seventh day out of satisfaction that everything He had created was v_____ good (1:31).

C. *There was evening, and there was morning*

1. Why start with evening? – the Hebrew people started their calendar day at s_____
2. This tells us that each day of creation was a calendar day, which is confirmed by Ex 20:9-11 in the law of the Sabbath.

D. *After their kind*

1. God designed things to r_____ after their kind.
2. Evolution from one species to another contradicts this truth.

The order of creation revealed

A. Day one – L_____

1. This provided d_____ for a period.
2. This provided d_____ in the cycle of the first day.

B. Day two – S_____

1. Separate the w_____ above from those below.
2. God called it h_____ (a synonym for sky)

C. Day three

1. God made dry l_____ appear
2. God caused plant life to appear over the w_____ earth – this was fully developed and ready for animals to eat (see Gen 1:29).

D. Day four – God created the sun, moon, and s_____

1. They are called l_____
 - a. The Hebrew word is different than verse 1 and is literally light-b_____
 - b. These h_____ the light created on Day 1.
2. God designed 9,000 stars to be visible to the naked eye (2500 at a time) to serve as s_____ and seasons.

E. Day five – s_____ life and f_____ life

1. These were created to reproduce after their k_____
2. Nothing e_____.

F. Day Six

1. God called into existence out of the earth the rest of the a_____ world.
2. God made man, m_____ and f_____
3. Evolution teaches it took m_____ of years for animal life to evolve from one kind to another
 - a. Evolution order: F_____ to amphibians to reptiles to mammals to b_____

- b. There is not one example of intermediate forms of life which would be more n_____.
- a. Evolution teaches that modern man has been on the earth for 300 million years - if so, where are all the people?
 - 1) The world population in Jesus' day was 300 thousand which according to the Bible was about 2500 years after the f_____.
 - 2) According to evolution it took 299,998,000 years to produce 300 million people.
- 4. God tells us:
 - a. From o_____ man came the whole human race (Acts 17:26; see also Lk 3:38; Rom 5:12).
 - b. Every life today came from a fully developed created ancestor of the same kind (Evolution laughs at this as ridiculous but how much more laughable is that every human can trace their genealogy back to a f_____).

God's purpose for mankind revealed

- A. God created Adam and Eve in His i_____
 - 1. This is not a p_____ image but a spiritual one
 - a. Jesus is said to be the image of the in_____ God (Col 1:15)
 - b. Jesus said in Jn 14:9 – *He who has seen Me has seen the F_____* - He was not the Father but the Son yet perfectly reflected the c_____ of God.
 - 2. Mankind was created for the purpose of reflecting God's character.
 - a. No other created life can do this.
 - b. You and I are s_____
 - c. To reflect His character requires us to have a good and right r_____ with Him.
- B. God created Adam and Eve to be s_____ of all He gave them (Gen 2)
 - 1. All that we have is not ours but God's which He has given us to m_____
 - 2. He wants us to manage it as we r_____ His character.

Conclusion – we are not a product of evolutionary changes but a special creation of God, created to have a good and right relationship with Him and to reflect that relationship in all that we do and say. Hold on to the foundational truths of God's revelation.