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Session 7
**Creation and Biblical
Christian Worldview**

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What is Biblical Christian worldview?

- It is a belief system about reality.
- It is an internal standard that we use to evaluate all the information we receive.

For the Christian, God's Word sets the standard.

A Biblical Christian believes in:

- A once perfect world, as God created it around 6,000 years ago.
- The Fall of man, when sin and suffering entered the world
- The Great Flood which covered the whole earth
- The Tower of Babel
- Jesus death and resurrection
- The role of the church
- The end of the world

A person's worldview is defined by their answers to four questions:

- Where did we come from?
- Why are we here?
- How do I know what is true?
- Where are we going?

Where did we come from?

- Are we created or a produce of evolution?
- Let's look at the Genesis account of Creation... Is it science, history or belief?
- If it's science then it must conform to the Scientific Method.
- The Scientific Method has to be observable and reproducible in the present.

Questions:

- Who observed the formation of the Earth?
- Who can reproduce it?

Answers:

- No one was there.
- No one can reproduce it.
- But we *know* the One who was there.
- His word is reliable.

This means that

- The creation account is not science because it cannot conform to the Scientific Method – it's not observable or reproducible.
- But the theory of evolution is not science either because no one was there to observe it and evolution cannot be reproduced.
- The Creation account is history, not science. (HIS story)
- The theory of evolution is *neither* history or science. (no evidence)

- The theory of evolution is based on belief (that there is no God)
- The Creation account is based on belief (in the true God)

How old is the earth?

Who came up with the idea that the earth is millions of years old?

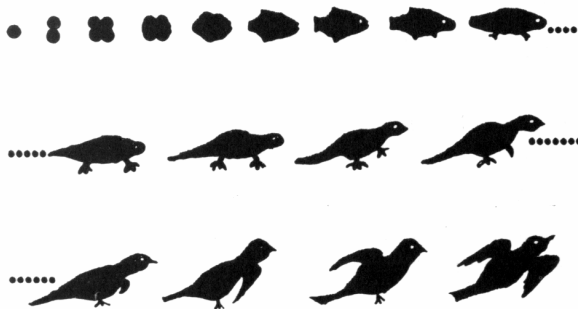
Answer:

Those who wanted to ignore God and please themselves. If there's no Creator, no God, then there's no such thing as sin and we can do what we like.

Evolution states that a living thing was created out of nothing.

Then it developed and changed and developed and changed...

Until we have the living things in our world today.



The problem for evolutionists is...

- We don't see living things changing.

Their solution...

- Millions of years!
- If the changes took that long, we wouldn't see them in a human lifetime.

There's still a problem...

- Living things only make changes through genetic mutations.
- Mutations are mistakes in genetic code.
- These mistakes are a *loss* in genetic information, not a gain.
- So how could pond scum have developed into something as beautiful as a bird?
- How could the beautiful animals in our world have developed from mistakes?

This featherless rooster developed through a mistake in the genetic code.

Without feathers the rooster will fry in the sun and freeze in the cold.

This is not an improvement!

Mutations only create living things with problems.

Where did mutations originate? The Fall.

Until the Fall, God's creation was perfect.

God looked at everything He had made, and it was very good (Genesis 1: 31)

How do we know what is true?

- *The Word of God is powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, (Hebrews 4:12).*
- *The Holy Spirit bears witness that we are a child of God (Romans 8:16)*
- *The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. (John 16:13)*

Was Adam a real person?

- If we add up the genealogies in the Bible, starting from Adam, we can calculate the age of the earth - just 6,150 years old.
- If Adam was not a real person, was his son Cain a real person? And so on.
- Where do the mythical persons stop and the actual people start?
- Sin came into the world through one man (Adam) and sin has been defeated by one man (Jesus).
- This only makes sense if both Adam and Jesus are actual men.

Why couldn't we say that God's perfect world came about by evolution?

Some people say:

"Couldn't God have created the first living cell and under His supernatural guidance, more complex life developed over millions of years?"

Problem:

- This contradicts the Bible
- God says He created in six 24-hour days.
- God said His creation was good.
- If animals evolved into other animals, and then finally man came along after millions of years, there would have been much death and suffering before man came along.

Pain, death, killing, disease, thorns, struggle, suffering, extinction, as the weaker species dies out and the fittest survived. This could not be the perfect creation of a good God.

Refer to poster: Adam and Eve on a pile of dead things

The fossil record is a record of millions of years of death and struggle and disease before the advent of man.

Order of events according to the Bible:

- God creates a perfect world – no death, no pain
- Man sins and the perfect world is cursed.
- Jesus has to come to earth to redeem us from the effects of the Fall.
- A new heaven and earth, and the perfect creation will one day be restored.

Order of events according to belief in long ages:

- God created the world which included only one living organism.
- The organism evolved into different species, involving millions of years of death and struggle.
- Man evolved and was born into a world of death and pain.
- The Fall is just a story because there was already sin and death in the world.

What about dinosaurs? Aren't they millions of years old?

- Dinosaurs were created on day six of creation along with the other land animals.
- They are just an extinct species.
- Their bones are falsely dated to support belief in evolution.
- They lived at the same time as humans.

The Bible describes dinosaurs in the book of Job. Job's description of Behemoth and Leviathan are clearly descriptions of dinosaurs. That means Job, or someone in history must have seen one.

"Look at the monster, Behemoth...what strength there is in his body; and what power he has in his muscles! His tail stands up like a cedar...his bones are as strong as bronze and his legs are like iron bars." Job 40:15-24

"Can you catch Leviathan with a fish hook? Can you fill his side with fishing spears? Touch him once and you'll never try it again...no one would dare to stand before him. No one can tear off his outer coat or pierce the armour he wears...his back is made of rows of shields fastened together and hard as stone...smoke comes out of his nose...flames blaze from his mouth and smoke (Job 41:1-34).

Does that sound like a dinosaur?

The Great Flood

- Evolutionists have misinterpreted the evidence of the Great Flood.
- The truth is, fossils were buried quickly in a short space of time, not over millions of years.
- Evolutionists need long ages to support their theory, so use a base line of millions of years when dating geological specimens and features.

- The Grand Canyon was not formed over millions of years, but quickly ... (a product of the Great Flood.)
- Radioactive dating methods are a measure of the rate of decay and are used to try and measure how old things are. It is assumed that the rate of decay is consistent, which is false for a start. Radioactive dating only measures thousands of years, not millions, so a baseline of millions of years is formulated, then the extra years added on.
- The Great Flood accounts for the land forms we see today.

Why do many Christians want to believe in millions of years?

- The text books are written this way, (biased).
- TV nature documentaries sound so convincing.
- Tourist signs tell us about millions of years.
- “Surely all these people can’t be wrong?”
- It feels better to try and agree with the world.

Why does it matter?

- **Biology** – Animals were created ‘after their own kind’ on Day six. They did not evolve.
- **Geology** – The Great Flood explains how rock and land formations were formed in a short time.
- **Paleontology** – Dinosaurs lived at the same time as man and are just an extinct species.
- **Botany** – Plants did not evolve into animals and people.

- **Astronomy** – The universe is not millions of years old; it is God's design that our special planet has just the right conditions for life.
- **History** – How long have people inhabited the earth? According to the Bible it's only 6,000 years. Yet history books or Google will tell us that Australian Aboriginal people for example, have lived in Australia for 40,000 years.
- **Self worth** – Do we feeling loved, valued and accepted or are we the product of pond scum? (Psalm 139 – we are wonderfully made. God knew us before we were born.)
- **Marriage** – From the beginning of creation God made them male and female (Mark 10:6).
- **Salvation** – Jesus came to restore the consequences of the Fall, giving us the opportunity to be a child of God. But if we believe in long ages, we can't logically believe in a Fall because long ages means death *before* the Fall.

Why are we here?

- If we are a product of evolution, then we are here by chance and there is no real purpose for us. No one is in charge of us and we can do what we like.
- But if we believe that we were created in God's image, then we know that God has a special plan for us to fulfill on this earth, and we live according to His standards.

Where are we going?

- The Bible not only tells Christians that we will be with God after death,
- But also that God has a plan for the end of the age.
- Jesus will come again to establish a new heaven and earth, where once again there will be perfection.

Wolves and sheep will live in peace together, and leopards will lie down with young goats. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

New Glasses

- Teachers cannot rely on worldly wisdom and worldly text books if they want to teach from a Biblical worldview.
- They must take on a new perspective in teaching,
- And look through new glasses.

Be transformed by the renewing of the mind. (Rom 12:12)

For more information on a Biblical understanding of Creation see www.creation.com and www.answersingenesis.org