

Creation Apologetics

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**Session II - Apologetics and the nature of science**

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“Thus the statements which Moses has so far made (Genesis 1 and 2) deal with natural science or with economics or with politics or with jurisprudence or with medicine.” Martin Luther

Hasn't science proven evolution? How would you answer that question?

The Great Debate over Origins

Proverbs 18:17

This is *not* a “science vs. religion” debate. Can there be disagreement in science?

Science is knowledge; study dealing with a body of facts systematically arranged

The purpose of science is to have a framework in which to organize observations

Science uncovers data (evidence or “facts”) but cannot prove things

Science is not truth - John 18:37-38 John 14:6 John 17:17 Psalm 119:160

Science can help us understand God's World

Genesis 1:28

Psalm 19:1-4

Romans 1:19-20

Daniel proposes a 10 day clinical trial

Daniel 1:12-15

Science facts in the Bible

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 22:17

Job 26:7

Job 26:8

**Operation Science** is used to investigate the present. It is characterized by observation and experimentation, It investigates *regularities* - ongoing, natural events such as gravity. But, operation science is *limited* to the present.

**Origin Science** is used to investigate the past (think ... crime scene investigation or a court of law). It is characterized by uncovering evidence and building models. It investigates *singularities* - unique, historic events such as a death or a birth

The science of origins, cosmogony, is a different kind of science. Unlike operation science which deals with the present via observation and experimentation, origin science (cosmogony) deals with the past via models and evidence. Creation can't be proven scientifically, but we can uncover supporting evidences and show how reasonable it is (versus evolution).

**Science is not neutral as science is performed by biased humans.** Scientific data must be interpreted by people. There are no absolute authorities in science.

Good science gives blessings (vocation); but bad science is a curse. There is no neutral science as science depends upon the attitude of the scientist's heart.  
Proverbs 29:18

Everyone has the same data (evidence), the same "facts," and the same world. The disagreement over origins is due to different interpretations of the data (worldview bias). It's not strictly a scientific debate, but a clash of worldviews. The ultimate issue is authority – whom will you believe: people or God? Evolution is accepted not for its scientific merit, but because it removes God from origins.

### **True science is an ally of Christianity**

"Science is thinking God's thoughts after Him" Kepler                      Psalm 139:17  
True science develops in the context of Christianity  
EG, after the reformation there was an explosion of scientific activity

How often is creation mentioned in the Bible?

Genesis 14:22	2 Kings 19:15	Jeremiah 10:16
Mark 10:6	Acts 4:24	Revelation 10:6

### **Apologetics**

Paul's defense before Agrippa    Acts 26:1-3, 24-28

Apologetics is used to make a defense or give an answer to a question. The first step is clarification – define and understand what is being asked. Be sure to listen to the other person. The second step is to provide *positive evidences*. We explain why creation is a better scientific explanation for origins to the honest skeptic.

Apologetics is not used to attack people. Instead it answers poor philosophy and exposes bad ideas. It defends true and good ideas and attacks false and evil ideas.

Hasn't science proven evolution? What do you mean by proven? Have you considered these positive evidences for creation?

### **Creation is a reasonable (sensible and scientific) explanation for origins**

Natural origin by evolution? Foolish!  
Creation by God? Reasonable!

*The purpose of Creation Apologetics is to point to Christ*    John 1:1-5

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