

Creation Apologetics

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Session III - Apologetics and the creation of the universe

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“This thick and rude mass of mist or nebulosity, created out of nothing on the first day, God grasps by his Word and commands it to extend itself into the form and with the motion of a sphere. And the heaven was formed by an extension of that original rude body of mist” Martin Luther ref, Genesis 1:1, 6-8, 14-19

Doesn't the size and age of the universe prove evolution? How do you respond?

How often is creation mentioned in the Bible?

Genesis 2:4

Isaiah 45:12

Zechariah 12:1

Matthew 25:34

Hebrews 4:4

Revelation 14:7

Apologetics

“being prepared to make a defense [*apologia*] to anyone who asks” 1 Peter 3:15

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. The third step is *refutation*. We show the flaws and fallacies of the evolution model. (Eph 5:11)

Positive Creation Evidences for the origin of the universe

Creation – an idea (model) which states that God, a supreme intelligence, created the universe fully formed and fully functional (“ready-to-run”) in a very short time frame. Basic kinds of life were created which later diversified. Natural laws were established to govern the operation of the universe.

Scientific causes: primary (intelligent) versus secondary (natural)

Note that evolution doesn't just mean *change*!

1. Fine Tuning

Isaiah 40:12

Job 28:24,25

Many conditions are “just right” for the existence of the universe and life. These “surprise effects” indicate design, plan, and purpose. This shows the universe was “fine tuned” for life by an omnipotent creator, God (positive). It also shows the impossibility of the universe arising by chance (refutes evolution).

Examples include: earth-sun distance, sun's spectra, existence of moon, earth's atmosphere, characteristics of water, oxygen, sun-moon angular (apparent) size, etc

2. Law of Conservation of Mass/Energy Genesis 2:1-3 Hebrews 4:4

This natural law states that the total amount of matter/energy in the universe is constant. Matter/energy can neither be created nor destroyed in the current universe. This shows the universe must have been created supernaturally by an outside intelligence (positive). It also shows the universe could not have "begun" itself naturally (refutes evolution).

3. Laws of Thermodynamics Psalm 102:25-27 Romans 8:19-22

The second law states that entropy ("disorder") increases naturally. The "capacity to do work" naturally decreases over time. This shows the universe must have been supernaturally "wound up" in the beginning (positive). It also shows the universe could not have begun naturally since things are "winding down" (refutes evolution).

Age of the Universe

"From Moses however we know that 6000 years ago the world did not exist. But of this no philosopher (evolutionist) can in any way be persuaded" Martin Luther

Vast age for the universe is an *assumption* made by evolution

Biblical time-frame (Young Age) Indicators

- Length of recorded history
- Decay of earth's magnetic field
- Short-period comets
- Rings of planets
- C₁₄ in all organic material (even diamonds)

Not "appearance of age," but a "fully-formed (mature) creation"

The only accurate way to determine an age is via a reliable witness.

Doesn't the size and age of the universe prove evolution? No, there are better evidences that show God created the universe within the Biblical time frame.

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

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

"shine the light of God's Word to make and strengthen disciples of Jesus Christ"