

Creation Apologetics

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Session IV - Apologetics and the creation of life

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“the Holy Spirit broods ... That he might infuse life into these elementary substances which were afterwards to be animated and garnished. For the office of the Holy Spirit is to give life.” Martin Luther ref, Genesis 1:11-13, 20-23, 24-25

Doesn't evolution show life evolved naturally? How do you respond?

How often is creation mentioned in the Bible?

Nehemiah 9:6

Psalms 104:30

Jeremiah 10:16

Luke 11:39,40

Romans 11:33-36

Colossians 1:15-17

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.

Positive Creation Evidences for the origin of life

Creation – a model which states that God, a supreme intelligence, created everything fully formed and fully functional (“ready-to-run”) in a very short time.

God created life as matter with teleonomy (information content).

Living things aren't just matter (physical material); they are informational also.

Evolution supposes that life originally formed on planet earth step-by-step, naturally using the laws of chemistry and physics. Yet, the scientific evidence supports the fact that God created life fully formed and functional in the beginning.

1. Information Theory

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 8:22

Intelligence is necessary to create information.

Information (codes) cannot develop naturally over time.

How do you know a book has an author (if you didn't see the author write the book)?

The effects of intelligence are recognized by the communication of information. A living cell is full of information (DNA).

Interpretation – the existence of information demands a primary cause, a Creator.

2. Law of Biogenesis Isaiah 42:5 John 6:63

Life only comes from life; life does not arise spontaneously from dead matter.
Due to the work of Dr. Louis Pasteur, a Christian creationary scientist.

Could a life form develop spontaneously in a sealed can of soup?

Pasteur falsified spontaneous generation, that is, the natural production of life.

Interpretation – life was created by a living God; life does not and cannot form itself naturally from dead matter.

3. Specified Complexity Ecclesiastes 8:17 Job 38:18

Living cells are so complex they must have been designed and engineered.
Living cells could not have developed “step-by-step” naturally over time
The only reasonable explanation is that cells were designed by a master engineer.

A smoke detector – can’t just add pieces one-by-one; they must all be there to work.

Interpretation – life was created by an omnipotent God.

Creation vs evolution – probability of **creating** a complex machine is certain (100%)
the natural evolution of a complex machine (the cell) has a probability of 0%

Age of life

Vast age for life on earth is an *assumption* made by evolution

Biblical time-frame (Young Age) Indicators
Decay of DNA and organic compounds
Mutation rates
C₁₄ in all organic material (even diamonds)

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

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

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