

Session VI - Apologetics and the creation of human beings

CW 624: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Joachim Neander

“Let Us make man. [Moses] describes God as thus speaking in this case in order that he might set forth the excellency of the human race, and that he might make manifest that peculiar counsel to which God had recourse in creating or making man” Martin Luther Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:7-8 & 18-23

Evolution proves humans and apes evolved and are related. How do you respond?

How often is creation mentioned in the Bible?

Job 9:9-10

Psalm 89:11-13

Jonah 1:9

1 Corinthians 11:8,9

Ephesians 2:10

Hebrews 1:2

Apologetics

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

We explain why creation is a better scientific explanation for origins to the honest skeptic, and we show the flaws and fallacies of the evolution model.

Positive Creation Evidences for the origin of human beings

God created human beings distinctly, fully formed and functional, for a special purpose. Humans are the pinnacle of God’s creation and were originally created in His image. The original humans are certainly not the same as current humans. Wide variation in the human kind is possible. Unlike evolution, creation predicts that humans were “better” in the past and have “declined” over time.

The fossil record shows distinct kinds, either extinct apes (eg, *Australopithecus* and *Ardipithecus*) or extinct humans (*Neanderthal*). Evolution has incorrectly claimed “missing links” (Piltdown man and Nebraska man) over the years, but none exist. Evolution supposes that humans and apes evolved over time from a common ancestor. In evolution, there is nothing special or unique about human beings.

1. Distinct Kind

1 Corinthians 15:39

Leviticus 24:21

There are significant differences between human beings and other kinds of life. People are genetically and morphologically unique. There is much variation within the human population, but a “wide gulf” between humans and other living things.

Humans alone have a body and an immortal soul. Genesis 2:7 Ecclesiastes 12:1,7

Being created in the image of God, humans are exceptionally intelligent and wonderfully creative. We understand and apply science, think abstractly, employ our imagination, reason with our mind, and use a grammatical language.

Interpretation – humans were created uniquely and are not related to any other life

2. Fully-formed & functional design Genesis 2:7 Psalm 94:9 Matthew 13:16

Humans were “ready to run” at the very beginning; no development over time was necessary. The human body exhibits wonderful design and “hyper design.” Consider the brain, eye, hand, immune system, lungs, kidney, liver, and many more

Intelligence of “early” humans: musical instruments, art, literature, building, etc

Interpretation – created instantaneously at the beginning by a master Designer

3. Special purpose Psalm 139:16 Mark 12:28-34 Genesis 1:26-28 & 2:15

Human beings were created in the image of God and designed to have a special relationship with God (worship) and serve other people (vocation) in love. We are moral beings with a conscience. We are God’s stewards of creation. Most importantly, we proclaim Christ to a fallen world. Acts 14:14-17

Interpretation – specifically created for a purpose and reason; not an accident

Creation vs evolution – death (evolutionary process) vs. life (creationary process)

Age of human beings

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

Biblical time-frame (Young Age) Indicators

- Mitochondrial Eve
- Human population
- Written records
- Genetic entropy

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