

I. INTRODUCTION

Review – why *logos*? What it means to Jews, Gentiles, heretics of time
With God and God – solely understood by *Trinitarian theology*
God as **Creator** and **sustainer** – Isaiah 46:3-4
The connection between **creation** and **redemption** (to be discussed later)

II. *By Him, all things came into being*

“*All things*” in Greek is *panta* (all created things)

“*by Him*” is *di autou*, literally, *through Him*

not as a mere instrument but as the causal agent as in 1 Cor 1:9

“*by*” and “*through*” are synonymous Col 1:16

If Jesus is eternal, He cannot be created (unless He created Himself!?!)

Distinction in the roles of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit 1 Cor 8:6

The architect and the builder Hebrews 1:8-12

“*Came into being*” *egeneto* literally *became* (past tense definite action – of things created)

The word *egeneto* appears 10 times in the first 18 verses of John

It contrasts the word *en* which means *always was* – used of the *logos* until

vs. 14 – “*the word became flesh*”

III. The Creation and the Incarnation

The common associations: Both occurred at a **specific point in time** (*egeneto*);

both involve ‘**Words**’; both speak and **reveal God**;

both are works of the Holy Spirit; both involve the **coming of light**;

both are physical **manifestations of God**

Psalm 19 – two volumes; Nature and the Word

“*General Revelation*” and “*Specific Revelation*”

General Revelation (Nature) **Psalm 19:2-6**

A silent witness yet leaves man without excuse – Romans 1:19-25

“*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools*”

an example: George Wald’s response to Pasteur

Louis Pasteur’s experiments established *Law of Biogenesis*

The only alternative to *abiogenesis* is *belief in God*

Which requires more faith?

Are they willfully ignorant? (2 Peter 3)

Specific Revelation (The Word) – **Psalm 19:7-11**

Reveals the author of the ‘first chapter’

It changes our lives!

Two chapters of the Word – ‘the Law’ & ‘the fulfillment’ – Heb. 1:1-2

The Supremacy and Excellency of the ‘FINAL WORD’

IV. Evolution vs. Creation

“*In the beginning,*” most controversial words in Scripture when it comes to science

The Steady State Theory of the universe and the need for “time” in evolutionary theory

2 Peter 3:1-6

Evolution – Is there any scientific validity to the theory?

The Law of Biogenesis – all life comes from pre-existing life.

The problem with the primordial soup
What if man could create life in the laboratory?

Statistics (perhaps the strongest proof against evolutionary theory)

Who is it that is really believing by ‘blind faith?’

Time is the hero of evolutionary theory, but even so . . .

Infinite time and chance can accomplish **nothing**,
no time at all and **infinite power** accomplished **everything**.

The First Law of Thermodynamics (Conservation of Energy and Matter)

Evolution teaches that organisms became more complex requiring more energy

How about the material universe? How did all of that come into existence?

The Second Law of Thermodynamics (Things are running down)

The Law of Entropy (Things tend toward disorder, unless operated upon by a force)

Creation is consistent with all of these laws!

The Second Law of Thermodynamics is consistent with the account of the fall

Romans 8:22 – all creation groans

The Genesis account of Creation says that after the initial creation, life propagated itself

Life comes from life – *the Law of Biogenesis* – consistent with the Bible and fossils

Statistics – the only explanation for an impossibility is the miraculous

How does the Creation clearly reveal God?

The Tri-Universe – made up of **space, mass and time**

The Trinity of space – **length, width, height**

The Trinity of mass – **energy, matter, motion**

The Trinity of time – **past, present, future**

So why do scientist appear to be so blind?

Because they are! Col. 2:3 – *in Jesus Christ are hid all of the treasures of science*

V. Conclusion

Why should we study the creation? – It bears witness of Christ

Jesus Christ is as much on the first page of **Genesis** as He is on **John**

Redemption grows out of Creation (look for Redemption in whatever you study)

The formless, void, dark earth is a reminder of our own depravity

“Let there be light” is the Word that exposes our sin

Separation of day from night is a reminder that we are in a battle

As He separates the waters and the land, he calls us to be separate

The sun, moon, and stars demonstrate His consistency and immutability

The moon is a reminder of our witness – to bear His light

The sunrise is a reminder of His Faithfulness

The Creation of man reminds us of our goal on earth . . . to be like Him

The seventh day reminds us of our rest in Christ and ultimate rest in eternity

First He made us, then He bought us

Jesus Christ is the **FINAL WORD** . . . and **HE WILL HAVE THE FINAL WORD**