

Is the Story of Creation Credible?

Gen. 1:1

In the beginning, God created
the heavens and the earth.

Gen. 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."

And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Tri-City Herald

"New evidence points to
a Giant Planet No. 9"

Scientists presented "good evidence..."

Planet 9 hasn't been spotted yet. They anticipate its discovery via telescope within 5 years or less."

Another scientist said – "This kind of thing comes around every few years... predictions is not discovery."

1. Philosophical formula

Assumptions/Presuppositions	Confirmed facts
Conclusions	

Assumption- a proposition assumed

Presupposition- a previously formed belief

- . Evolutionary theory is the only valid perspective?
- . There is no God?
- . Bible cannot be trusted?

The myth of creation as espoused by religious creationists and Biblical fundamentalists has been replaced by the fact of evolution.

H. James Birx - Harvard

Our presupposition-

- . God is real
- . The Bible is true.
- . God is intricately involved in His creation – Miracles, etc.. can happen

Confirmed facts – without doubt or challenge; proven.

(both creationists and evolutionists
have the same facts)

Conclusions –

theories; philosophy of life

Professor D.M.S. Watson, a famous evolutionist, made the remarkable observation that evolution itself is a theory universally accepted, “not because it has been observed to occur or can be proved by logically coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative –

special creation - is clearly incredible.”

D. James Kennedy – Why I believe.

A famous British evolutionist,

Sir Arthur Keith

“Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it because the only alternative is special creation, which is unthinkable.”

A modern textbook titled “General Zoology” states –

“All scientists at the present time agree that evolution is a fact.”

Possible viewpoints of
the Biblical record.

.NO God – all evolution – The Bible Story is man-made.

. God at the beginning – then all evolution.

. God at intervals – God helped at the major stages of life.

6 days of Creation were evolutionary stages up to a million years plus for each “day.”

. All God – no macro – evolution

- 6 literal days of creation.

Macro-evolution – from one species to another

. Micro-evolution = changes, mutations, adaptations within a species or kind

Novelist Stephen King

“Everything is sort of built in a way that to me suggests intelligent design.”

Problems with Darwinism

- . Nothing produces everything?
- . Non-life produces life?
- . Randomness produces fine-tuning?
- . Unconsciousness produces consciousness?

“The probability of linking together just 100 amino acids to create one protein molecule by chance would be the same as a blindfolded man finding one marked grain of sand somewhere in the vastness of the Sahara Desert – and doing it not just once, but three different times.”

Michael Behe – Darwin’s Black Box

How do you explain the soul?

“If the universe began with dead matter having no consciousness – how then do you get something totally different – consciousness from materials that don’t have that?

J. P. Moreland

4. The Bible teaches God as the direct and personal Creator

- . The Genesis account is clear and straight forward.
- . It is not in poetic or parable form.
- . It is written as history with real places and people.

Moses – Deut. 4:32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day God created man on the earth.”

Job –

(38:4) Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

(38:18) Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

(38:35) Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you – ‘Here we are?’

(38:36) Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind?

David –

Ps. 148:5 – Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created.

Solomon –

Eccl. 12:1 – Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth.

Isaiah –

(42:5) Thus says God, The Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it.

“stretched them out” – (Milky Way Galaxy- 120,000 light years across)

- . Our sun is only one of over 100 billion stars in our galaxy.
- . Over 100 billion galaxies in our universe.
(Jason Lisle – Acts and Facts – May 2014)

The Sun - 27,000,000 degrees

- right mass and right distance and yet highly stable - the light output only varies by 1/10th of one percent over a sunspot cycle of 11 yrs.

The Moon – stabilizes the tilt of the earth’s axis, stabilized our climate.

- If the moon was larger the tides would be too strong and the earth’s rotation would be slower.

(40:28) - Have you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

(43:7) - Everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made.

(45:12) – I made the earth and created man on it; it was My hands that stretched out the heavens, and I command all their host.

. Jesus –

Matt. 19:4 Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female.

. Paul -

Eph. 3:9 - Hidden for ages in God who created all things.

Col. 1:16 - For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things were created through Him and for Him.

Rom. 1:25 - Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! AMEN.

. John -

Rev. 10:6 - ...and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it ...

Application –

1. You have been directly created by God.

Know that the Lord He is God! It is He who has made us and we are His...

Ps. 100:3

Cosmos – TV Series

“The universe is all that is, or was, or ever will be!”

Seth MacFarlane – Producer and outspoken atheist
“What are you hoping to get out
of the Cosmos?”

“I want to use my creative skills to eradicate “creation” thinking from popular thought.”
(Acts and Facts – June 2014)
Quote from LA Times March. 7, 2014

**2. As a Christ follower you are a new creation of God.
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation... 2 Cor. 5:17**

**3. He is worthy to be worshiped!
Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor
and power for You created all things and by Your will they existed
and were created. Rev. 4:11**