

Why A Literal Six Day Creation Matters Today Genesis 1:1-31

Introduction

We are living in a time, right now, in which America stands at a great crossroads. History has shown us how countries in Europe and Great Britain, who were once full of Christian influence, have virtually no tolerance, now, for the voice of Biblical authority.

America seems to be slowly, but inexorably following their lead. Famous atheists from England have been warmly received in the United States.

Men like Richard Dawkins and the late Christopher Hitchens have been popular here, it seems, because they help teach new ways to mock and ridicule the Christian faith. There is definitely a market for that, in our once great nation.

Hitchens said in his book **"God is not great"**

"If god really wanted people to be free of [wicked thoughts], he should have taken more care to invent a different species."

And Dawkins is known to repeat from his book **"the God delusion"**...

"The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully."

This kind of blasphemy, is now very well received in the United States, and the radical atheists seem quite assured that they can slowly empty the churches here, sooner or later, as they have generally done in Europe.

I recently received an email, about an atheist named Bruce Gleason who did not present any science in his arguments against creation, and when asked why, he explained that his goal was to **"assassinate the character of God"**.

This kind of radical, mocking, atheism is somewhat new to the U.S. But as I hope to explain, it is a very astute and effective tactic, for destroying the faith of many.

Episcopal Church

And the mocking does not just come from outside of the Church, but many mock biblical faith from inside the Church.

In the last couples of months many articles have been published about how the Episcopal church in the U.S. is in a state of collapse, full meltdown. This was George Washington's church at the time of our nation's founding.

The church has split between those who recognize the authority of God's word and those who mock it. The more conservative brethren want to break off from the U.S. part of the denomination, but when they do so, they lose millions of dollars worth of real estate and other property, and the cases are just bogging down in the courts for years.

The more conservative, Bible believing Episcopalians are in Africa. And it has been reported that you can find Episcopal Churches down south in the U.S. that put a sign out front stating that they are part of the Rwanda communion, under a branch in African, so that faithful Brethren know that it is safe to worship there. In fact most of the serious Episcopalians are now in Africa, just as most of the serious Presbyterians are in South Korea.

But the Episcopalians are really in meltdown. They have a Presiding Bishop "Katharine Jefferts Schori" who mocks the faith from the inside. Of course she starts by mocking the God of Creation, (it always start there) but she goes on to ridicule the incarnation, the trinity, and sums it all up with how we can become God. Sounds like something right out of Genesis three.

Where is this Country going spiritually, and why? I suppose most of you know that universities like Harvard, Yale and, Princeton were all started as Christian institutions. But now they want nothing to do with Biblical authority. Why?

The same is true of Oxford and Cambridge in England. Why do we keep losing ground in the culture?

There are some new players in this game.

Recently a group called **Free Your Breasts - Free you Mind**, has gotten a lot of attention in New York.

This is a group of Women who insist that it is not fair that men can take their tops off at the beach, or working in the yard, and woman cannot! And they have vowed, to fight and struggle, and protest, until they can practice this "constitutional right", as they call it.

And if there is no Biblical foundation in the culture, why not. Nudity is more and more in the news. Just a few weeks ago, prince Henry of Britain, caused a scandal in Las Vegas over his nudity, and more and more strange crimes are appearing with the perpetrator naked.

This is to be expected in a culture that is loosing its Biblical foundation, because nudity, and why we use clothing can only be understood, by a foundational knowledge of Genesis chapter two, and Genesis chapter three.

When I was in high school, many years ago, my favorite magazine was the **Scientific American**. I was not a Christian yet, but I loved science, and I still do.

I recently learned two curios facts about the Scientific American magazine.

- 1) First, Scientific American was founded in 1845 by Rufus M. Porter, a stanch Creationist, a devoted Christian who studied science for the glory of God.
- 2) But now the magazine is dedicated to mocking creationists as demonstrated in their 2008 article "15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense". The magazine has done a complete reversal. Why?

How many people here saw the movie, Titanic?

It was a great story, because much of it was based on historical truth. The young man died and the young lady survived. History shows that 74% of the women survived, 52% of the children survived but only 20% percent of the men survived.

There was confusion and fear in the final hours, but because the captain was in charge until the end, there was order. At one point the captain is shown at his post, going down with the ship.

Women and Children were first to the life boats. But where does that come from?

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

In the Christian West, men were taught to sacrifice for their wives, even unto death, just as Christ sacrificed for the Church. But without Biblical authority, under the Darwinian worldview, such nobility, such duty just does not make sense.

If we are all just rearranged pond scum, struggling to survive, then it's every man for himself.

And this is what we are beginning to see in modern disasters. Just this year on January 13th the cruise ship **Concordia** ran aground in the Mediterranean in Europe.

This time there was plenty of chaos, because the captain Francesco Schettino, got off early. He did not see it as his duty to stay on board to direct the rescue efforts in an orderly fashion. And as far as women and children first, that idea was gone. Forget it! ;Nada;

What is happening to us who live in the once Christian West, and where are we going? This is all very relevant to the topics of this conference.

You know lately the flags around town have been flown at half mast very frequently, on top of Banks and other buildings. First for the mass murders at the Batman movie, then the shooting at the Sikh temple in Wisconsin, just last month, leaving six people dead.

I can hardly keep up with it all. The flag keeps going down to half mast. Which is fine with me to honor the fallen. But it seems like soon the flag will be resting at half mast more and more and only occasionally rising back up to the top. What's going on?

Many immigrants have come to the U.S. over the years looking for security, liberty, opportunity, and prosperity. The United States was considered, for a long time, the best possible place to live in the world. But now, more and more, we are not viewed that way. Can we still expect liberty, safety, opportunity and prosperity, as we abandon our Biblical foundations.

America is truly at a crossroads, where are we going?
What is happening to us?

I believe that today's conference can offer much to answer these questions. And I am personally very pleased with the topic that was assigned to me.

Why does a literal six day creation matter today?

I would suggest to you that it does matter, today, more than at any time in our history. And I want to answer the question in three parts.

- I. It matters because the authority of God's word is at stake.
- II. It matters because the character of God is at stake.
- III. It matters because your personal effectiveness as a Christian is at stake

I. It matters because the authority of God's word is at stake.

First a clarification. I did not come here today to claim that all of the Bible must be taken literally. That would be foolish. Anybody who studies the Bible realizes that it is made up of many kinds, or genres of literature. There are parables, allegories, strange prophesies in Ezekiel and the Book of Revelation. Some parts appear as poetry, or figures of speech. Not all is to be taken literally.

But rather you have to examine the context and the structure to know what is history, and what is analogy.

My claim, this morning, is that Genesis chapter one, where the six days are presented, is laid out as history.

And speaking of history, lets consider some background on the different views of these creation days.

History

For much of church history, this was not a very controversial issue. People would read their Bibles, and when they came to Genesis one, and it said that God created everything in six days, they would just shrug, as they still do in some parts of the world, and say fine, if that's what God said he did, that's the way it was.

After all we have other strange things in the Bible, like a talking donkey in Numbers 22 or a floating ax head in 2 Kings Chapter 6.

But then, around 1830, before Darwin, Charles Lyell, a lawyer by training, published a work called **Principles of Geology**, in which he claimed that the rates of geological change must have always been as they are now, and that therefore the world must be far older than we had previously imagined. And it was at this time, before Charles Darwin's work that people started throwing around the idea of millions of years.

Now the theologians and church leaders generally did not see this as a threat but rather they embraced it eagerly, and said, "Millions of years, that's no problem!".

"We can find a place to stick them in to the Bible and the Christian faith will be totally unaffected".

The first man known to do this was Thomas Chalmers, a great man of God who said we could stick all those millions of years in between the first and second verses of Genesis chapter one. This has become known as the Gap theory.

Now Thomas Chalmers was a great Christian as well as a scientist. I first came across him years ago in a study on revivals. But he set a bad precedent. He used man's current opinions, to override, or to reinterpret the Word of God. But it didn't seem to cause any problems at the time.

Other men came along and said, hey wait! The Bible says that one day is like a thousand years, so maybe each of these six days represents a long age! This became known as the Day age theory, and is also the basis of what is known as Progressive Creation.

Very soon after, Darwin introduced his ideas on Biological evolution, and they were immediately very popular.

Darwin's ideas were attacked by many scientists of the day, but many church leaders said, "no problem, we can believe in evolution, we'll just add it to the Bible and say that God used evolution to create man and animals". This last approach is known as theistic evolution.

So we have a lot of different views in the church, compromised views in my opinion, but popular views on origins, and they all have one thing in common. They seek a way to add millions of years to the creation account. They seek to accommodate the modern opinions of man, by adding to God's word.

But there is a problem.

Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Many of the men who introduced these compromises were, and in some cases are today, great men of God. Christians who are going to heaven. But I must assert that what they have done has caused a huge problem, undermining the word of God.

I was surprised to find out how many Christians believe in theistic evolution. And people can get very emotional about it.

My wife and I once went on a cruise with the late D. James Kennedy, a famous preacher from Florida, and this famous preacher gave a presentation on how evolution was completely impossible from studies on the complexity of the cells, based on new discoveries.

Well there was an older gentlemen at our table, who was a retired medical doctor, from Georgia, and this really upset him. I was later walking around the deck of the boat getting exercise and this brother grabbed me and started ranting, and raging at me about how he was a great Christian, how he and his wife had taught Sunday School for over thirty five years in the Baptist Church in Georgia, but that he had always believed in evolution.

I was wondering why he was so upset, and why he was taking it out on me. I really did not know how to respond, so I just listened. Finally I said, brother, (He was old enough to be my father), I said "you are just going to have to decide what is the authority in your life, the word of God, or the opinions of men".

I suspect that people get upset about this, because deep down they know that these compromised views won't harmonize with the Bible.

If God used evolution to create, then creation is still going on. But the Bible states clearly that God finished his work on the sixth day.

But there's a greater problems than that. On the last day, 7 God commented that all his creation was very good.

Genesis 1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

If it was all very good, then there was no death, as Paul taught in Romans and 1 Corinthians death came about as the result of sin. If it was all very good, then there were no birth defects, no cancers, no bloodshed.

You know when I was a new Christian, I was surprised that in that same chapter it seemed to say that Adam and Eve were vegetarians. What's more, even the animals ate plants and not each other.

That got my attention as a new Christian but I never really understood what it meant. Now I realize that in a perfect, pre fall world there was no bloodshed. No animals were killed for food. But the world became horribly altered afterwards, as a result of the Sin of Adam.

Paul speaks about this in another curious passage in the book of Romans.

Romans 8:20

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

The creation is broken now, because of the sin of Adam. Frustration, illness and death are part of our experience, but this is not the world that God originally created.

Now here is the problem. If you force in your millions of years, early in Genesis, before Adam's sin, the rock layers that are suggesting the millions of years to you are full of dead things, with evidence of diseases, animals eating each others, thorns and thistles, evidence of a cursed world.

This is what the early compromisers, did not realize. They had death and illness coming before sin. And this is the opposite of what Paul teaches in the new testament.

The Bible asserts that misery and illness, wars and disasters came in with the sin of man. But by forcing millions of years into the early portions of Genesis, before the sin of Adam, you have compromised Biblical authority.

And there are other problems too! If things did not happen just as revealed in Genesis, then the Genesis account must be seen as myth or allegory, poetry or parable. But that is not the way Jesus talked about Genesis. Jesus talked about Genesis as though it were history.

Mark 10:6-7 "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife.

Christ tells us that God created man at the beginning of creation, not millions of years into it.

And in another place where the Pharisees argued about how easy divorce should be from a law in Deuteronomy, Christ answered their questions not by quoting Deuteronomy or Leviticus, but by going all the way back to Genesis, chapters one and two.

Matthew 19:3-6 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Christ treats these early chapters as literal history and maximally authoritative. If we chose to relegate them to myth or to allegory, we do Him a great disservice.

Furthermore, in the genealogy of Christ in the Book of Luke, He is traced all the way back to Adam, as though Adam were a real, literal, person, and not an allegory.

And in the book of Jude, Enoch, is presented as "the seventh from Adam".

So you see friends and brethren, the New Testament takes all these early genealogies quite seriously.

If we don't see them as literal, we undermine the authority of the New Testament as well.

As a matter of fact, the early parts of Genesis are the foundations of all new testament doctrines either directly or indirectly. And that is why they are always under attack.

The first time we see the devil in the Bible he speaks through the snake in Genesis 3, calling into question what God had said in Genesis 2. He has not changed his tactics because they have served him well. He is always attacking the fundamentals of the faith in Genesis. Trying to crack the foundation, so that the building that rests upon that foundation will be increasingly unstable.

Those who want to change the days into long ages forget that God said he did specific things on specific days.

He said he made the sun on day four. Now many modern scoffers immediately say "that can't be"! How can you have days before you have the sun?

But I ask you, do you treat other parts of the Bible that way? Just dismissing them because they seem odd to you?

By doubting the days of creation in one generation, you can start doubting the virgin birth or the resurrection in subsequent generations, and that is exactly what we have seen.

By dismissing what God has said about what He did on specific days, (since He was the only one who was really there and really knows) you undermine the entire basis of Biblical authority.

Anyway, what's wrong with making the sun on day four? In many pagan cultures the sun was seen as the god of all. Peru was especially known as a culture that worshiped the sun. "Sol" the name for sun in Spanish still a very popular name there. Even their money is called "soles", after the sun, so that one idol could be replaced with another.

By creating the sun late in the week, God showed the pagans that although the sun is important, it is not first on His agenda.

Sometimes people ask "But couldn't God have used billions of years or long ages instead of literal days?" And the answer is yes He could have, but that it is irrelevant. We need to base our faith on what God has said that he did, not on what man says he might have done.

If you reject the six days of creation then where does the seven day week come from that is observed all over the world? We know that the year, the month, the day all come from astronomical movements of the earth, or the moon.

But there is nothing in astronomy to give us a seven day week. That comes from the Bible. During the French revolution they tried to change to a ten day week but it would not take. The Russians tried to switch to a five day week dropping the weekends. I'm sure that went over well.

But this can't be changed, God has written it literally into stone. In the middle of the ten commandments we read..

Exodus 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

So it is not just Genesis, if you want to fight the six day creation week, then your battle is also with the Holy Law of God. Good luck with that!

Finally, some people say that the word "day" can have other meanings. And that is true. But in Genesis one, day is also used with a number, and bracketed by morning and evening. This is only done with literal, normal, 24 hour days, and not with ages.

And why is it only in Genesis chapter one that people want to change the meaning of day? Have you ever thought of that? Why don't they challenge the meaning of day where Jonah was in the belly of the great fish.

Could Jonah have been submersed for three thousand years? Did Joshua walk around the walls of Jericho for seven thousand years?

It only happens in Genesis because people want to reinterpret the word of God, with the passing, fickle, opinions of men. And that undermines Biblical authority.

II. It matters because the character of God is at stake.

I mentioned in my introduction that many modern scoffers dedicate themselves to the assassination of God's character.

This is an effective tactic, and I hope you can see why it has become very very popular.

The late Charles Sagan said.

"If God is omnipotent and omniscient, why didn't he start the universe out in the first place so it would come out the way he wants? Why's he constantly repairing and complaining? No, there's one thing the Bible makes clear: The biblical God is a sloppy manufacturer. He's not good at design, he's not good at execution. He'd be out of business if there was any competition."

Why is this kind of Blasphemy effective? It's because most modern Christians have no answer to it.

If you take Genesis one literally, then God made a very good world in six literal days. Men and animals were vegetarians. There was no pain, no suffering and no bloodshed. Death did not exist.

But most Christians in the U.S. don't believe that anymore. They want to import millions of years into the picture somewhere. Even if they don't accept Darwinian evolution, to some extent they have been evolutionized. Their thinking is partially Biblical, and partially secularized.

National Geographic, Discovery, Jurassic Park, Animal Planet, and years and years of government education, have pulled them away from a consistent Biblical world view.

So they find a way to shoe horn in millions of years somewhere before the fall. And death, misery, bloodshed, and disease are seen as arising before the sin of Adam.

What's the problem? Think about it. Now instead of man being responsible for the misery and the suffering of this world, the responsibility falls to God. That's just the way God has set it up.

Solomon said.

Ecclesiastes 7:29 Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."

The Bible teaches that God made man and all else very good.

But when you import your millions of years of death and suffering, disease and thorns, before the fall, you undermine the very character of God.

It is amazing that sometimes the atheists understand Christian doctrine better than the Christians do.

They know that once you give up a six day creation, all they have to do is keep shouting, "your god is a monster, your god is ogre, your god is a masochist". And more and more they can shut down the entire Christian enterprise.

Because the modern Christian who has abandoned the clear teaching of Genesis chapter one, has no logical answer to their infamy. No possible refutation of their blasphemy.

III. It matters because your personal effectiveness as a Christian is at stake

Most Christians I have known, who were born in the first half of the last century, felt comfortable with these compromised views, like the Gap Theory, the Day Age approach, Progressive Creation, Theistic Evolution.

It did not seem to be that big deal. But now, many of them are seeing their children, or their grandchildren walk away from the faith. Statistics show that two out of three Christian young people leave the faith as they become adults.

The cracks in the foundation are now taking their toll. If you have little pockets of unbelief, and inconstancies in your concept of the Christian faith, this can weaken your testimony, and your effectiveness.

The apostle Paul states in Romans ten, "**So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**". But if you are unsure about God's word, or some parts of it, how strong will your faith be?

In Hebrews chapter 11 it says, (right after mentioning Enoch and Abel) **that without faith it is impossible to please God.**

But how do you expect to established that faith on a foundation that is full of cracks and fissures?

Maybe you just see the Bible as spiritual book, a book about religious themes. But I would remind you what Christ told Nicodemus in John 3.

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

If the Bible got it wrong on its history, its geology, its biology, its anthropology, its astronomy, then why would you trust it on spiritual matters.

In another place Christ said.

John 5:46-47 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

If you reject what Moses said in Genesis one, and in Exodus 20 in the middle of the ten commandments. Then how much faith will you really have in Christ, who uses the writings of Moses as his foundation?

Six day creation is not a complicated topic, it is really quite simple, a child can accept it. Can you?

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Hmmm, Paul believed in a real Eve, and an actual serpent. God does not curse imaginary animals.

There is another issue.

If you believe some parts of the Bible and reject other parts, how do you know what parts to keep and what parts to throw out? If you use some other authority to judge the Bible, then the Bible is no longer your ultimate authority.

When you see the little inconsistencies, like some that I have pointed out this morning, you build up little pockets of unbelief in your heart, until more and more, your entire trust in God's word can become unglued. It is happening to the majority of young Christians in our culture.

Normally, those who hold to a very old earth, and reject six day creation, end up over time, rejecting the idea of the global flood of Noah.

Seeing the fossils and the rock layers as very old, they don't see any evidence of a Global flood catastrophe, because that would have erased all those fossils.

Most Creation Scientists view the fossils as the work of the flood, even the Grand Canyon, is seen as something done by the global catastrophe, not billions of years ago but thousands.

That's why they always talk about

Billions of dead things buried in rock layers
laid down by water, all over the earth..

But those who see the fossils and rock layers as much older, tend to say that Noah's flood was local, or restricted to one region.

They try to be consistent. But does that make any sense? Why build an ark when you could just migrate to a different region.

But the real killer is that God gave the rainbow covenant to promise that He would never repeat that kind of catastrophe. But he allows local floods somewhere in the world virtually every year? What does that do to the Character of God, or to the authority of His word.

If you want to mix Biblical truth, with the opinions of men, that is your choice. No one will stop you. But you are not the first in history to do it, and it can be costly.

2 Kings 17 It was said of Israel who lived in the North separated from Judah who lived in the south.

33 They worshiped the LORD, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought..

41 So these nations feared the Lord, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.

The ancient Jews in the North, mixed the Biblical faith, with the practices of their pagan neighbors. And ultimately, it cost them their liberty. They were dragged off to a Babylonian captivity. It can be costly to take a stand for the authority of God's word. But it can be very costly, to live generation after generation, in increasing compromise.

So that is my answer to the question.

Why does a literal six day creation matter today?

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- II. It matters because the character of God is at stake.
- III. It matters because your personal effectiveness as a Christian is at stake

If you are a young person here today, I would like to challenge you to join the growing ranks of creation evangelists, and Creation apologists. Young black belts who know how to defend their faith, against all manner of criticism and mockery.

I believe we live in the golden age of apologetics. Exciting times. We have amassed more material on Creation Science, logical fallacies, and refutation of scoffers than many of us would have ever dreamed possible.

Most of the materials can be obtained free on the internet. Massive numbers of YouTube's, MP3s, and free articles. If you want books, you can get them used on Amazon.

This is where the action is in our day. Creation evangelism clears the ground so that that the good seed of the Gospel can take root.

Our enemies mock us, but in one sense they fear us.

Recently in South Korea, where some of the greatest Creation ministries in the world are thriving, Creation scientists have challenged the high school text book publishers on their foolish presentation of evolution examples. And the publishers have back down and are making revisions. Don't take my work for it, pull it up on Google, keywords South Korea, textbooks, creation.

It is causing an uproar! Creation ministries are popping up all over the world. There is a hunger for this, and I believe God is behind it. Do you want to make your life count? Do you want to join a battle for righteousness and a better future? Join us!

Finally, in my closing moments, I would like to address any unbelievers that may have come out this morning. I welcome you, I hope you are at least finding all this amusing at the least.

If you were to come to one of the churches here presented tomorrow, hopefully you would receive a moral and a spiritual challenge to consider Christ and his call to all men, to repent, and to believe.

I am not going to go there right now.

I want to close with something else, a different kind of challenge. Something that is not heard that much, but comes up at creation gatherings.

It is called the Intellectual Challenge of the Gospel. I would like you to consider whether human experience can be made intelligible, given your world view.

First I want to consider morality. In many creationism events, the Christians asks, in the evolutionary world view, who decides right from wrong?

Are there any moral standards? I have not heard a good answer to this yet. Some say it's just what society says, but Hitler's society has some strange ideas.

Others say whatever makes the most people happy, that is what is good. But that is completely arbitrary. How do you measure happiness?

Atheists often live very moral lives, when they are not blaspheming. They pay their taxes, love their wives, avoid addictions and crime. But they are challenged in that they cannot account for their morality, other than it being a personal preference.

Let me give you an example. I once worked with a man named John who mocked the Bible, said Paul was all wrong, claimed that Genesis has two contradictory stories in the first two chapters. But he lived as a very moral guy.

So I told him, "John you have a real problem", you have a very moral tone to your life, but you have no justification for it." He was raising two teenagers and I told him, "One of these days, John, you are going to be instructing one of your kids on a moral issue, and she is going to respond: "But daddy, that's your view of morality, we have our own moral ideas, why are you forcing your preference onto us?"

Sure enough, about a year and half passed and he came in one morning, flustered and said, "It happened, last night I had a moral issue with my daughter and as I laid down the law, she said, "But daddy that is **YOUR** morality, I have my own morality, why are you forcing your morality onto me"

When there is no God, who makes the rules?
Are they arbitrary? Are they temporary?

Our founding fathers spoke of unalienable rights given to us by the creator. In the declaration of Independence it states.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that **they are endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Question, how do you get unalienable rights, without a creator? If the government gives you your rights, the government can take them away.

You have the right to life because the sixth commandment tells all men. "Thou shalt not kill".

You have a right to property because the eighth commandment tells all men "Thou shalt not steal".

I once asked an atheist at a debate what his views were on unalienable rights. He was a sharp guy, so he answered.

Unalienable rights? Don't need um, don't want um.

Who determines right from wrong in a Darwinian world view where we are all just rearranged pond scum, struggling to survive.

How is there any human dignity, in an atheistic world view? Our founding fathers were also against cruel and unusual punishment. But why?

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

We have no right to degrade prisoners or criminals because they are created in God's image. For this reason it was Biblically wrong to degrade Muslims with nudity in the Abu Ghraib scandal in Iraq.

We can say it was wrong Biblically, from Genesis one, but how can an evolutionist or a compromiser condemn it as wrong, without being arbitrary.

Oh but it gets worse. Atheists like to talk about logic, about fallacies and about clear thinking. And they are right to do so. We all have a moral obligation to be truthful and to not fall into contradictions.

But where do atheists get laws of logic? How do they know they are reliable? How do they know they won't change or become obsolete in an ever-changing evolutionary universe.

Laws of logic make sense in the Christian world view. But their justification can be a challenge to the atheist, especially the materialist, who only believes in matter and energy.

The uniformity of nature is another serious challenge to the atheist. He trusts that the laws of physics and chemistry will work in the future, as they have in the past, but has no valid justification for this faith, he just takes it for granted, and that is irrational.

Even secular philosophers like David Hume and Bertrand Russell have pointed this out. They have no basis for scientific induction.

Friends when you can defend your faith, you can lay down the gauntlet, and reverse the challenge, putting the mocker, the scoffer, and the blasphemer on the defensive. (With respect and meekness of course.)

Conclusion

When creationism becomes strong it inevitably changes the culture. In creation science we give many answers that make sense out of real, every day life.

We become strong in the Christian view of Geology, Astronomy, Biology, Anthropology, Ethics, Philosophy and above all Apologetics. There was a time when theology was called the "queen of the sciences", if the creation movement keeps building momentum, that could happen again.

God has promised to destroy the wisdom of this world.

1 Corinthians 1:18-20 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

Thank you.