

Why Believe in Creation?

TEXT: Gen. 1:1

INTRODUCTION: A man in my church told me the true story of a preacher in his childhood community. He went to the hospital to comfort a man who was near death. The man said to him, "Preacher pick up my Bible and read me something from it." The preacher picked up the man's Bible off the table in his hospital room and opened it, surprised to find the pages inside all cut up, with many portions of the text completely missing. The preacher exclaimed, "Man what happened to your Bible?" The man replied, "Well pastor, every time you told me something in the Bible wasn't really so, I just cut it out and threw it away. What you have in your hand is all that's left."

I am confident that there is not a person here today who would ever say to a friend that some portion of this Bible is not true and therefore ought to be discarded from the pages of Sacred Writ. But, my friend, there is more than one way to discard a doctrine of Scripture. And I will tell you there is a major Bible doctrine that is being systematically discarded today in the pulpits and the pews of evangelical churches, in Southern Baptist churches, even in conservative Southern Baptist churches. I dare say that if someone were to go to all the churches around us that we would call conservative evangelical, they would not find the passages teaching this doctrine cut out, but if some of the Bibles were not more than a few years old they might find the pages where this doctrine is referenced still stuck together because the preacher has never led them to open the Holy Bible to that passage where this doctrine is most plainly laid out for examination.

The reason for this doctrine to be discarded is not contempt or disbelief, but _____ . For the preaching or acknowledging of this doctrine brings with it little popularity or accolades from modern men. The doctrine I describe that has been so often discarded by sheer neglect is the doctrine of creation. It is first taught in Gen. 1-3. Let us read the first verse of this passage only: Gen. 1:1.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Why is it important that we examine the issue of creation verses evolution? One of the primary objections that leads people from even getting to the portion of the Scriptures that proclaim the gospel is that they do not believe Genesis, chapters 1 and 2. They are convinced that they evolved over millions of years and that a supernatural God who created the universe is a myth. And why do they believe this? They believe it as a result of the success of _____ in our nation and in our world.

Brothers and sisters, the message God has put upon my heart today is a simple one that calls for action. I plead with you to believe, proclaim, and teach the doctrine of creation as it is revealed in God's perfect Word. For the very first thing that the Almighty revealed about Himself is that He is the Great God of Creation. My goal thus already being fully exposed, I want to spend the rest of my time answering the question,

“Why should I believe and proclaim the doctrine of creation?”

I. BECAUSE THE BIBLE DECLARES IT.

A. “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

1. On day 1 God created light and the division of night and day.
2. On day 2 God created the firmament, the _____.
3. On day 3 God created the dry land and plant life.
4. On day 4 God created the light _____: sun, moon, stars.
5. On day 5 God created sea creatures and birds.
6. On day 6 God created _____ animals, man, and woman.

B. One of the first principles of good Bible interpretation is “When the _____ sense makes sense, allow no other sense.”

1. Plain sense of Gen. 1 says God created the universe in six _____ hour days.
2. The fact that God intended us to understand a six literal day creation is affirmed in God’s words in the giving of the fourth of the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 20:11 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. This verse makes no sense if the days are _____.*

C. Jesus’ references to events of creation always treat the account as one that is _____ and plain in its meaning.

D. The corollary of a six 24 hour day creation is a _____ earth. Again a plain reading of the text says this universe was created less than 10,000 years ago.

E. Even so called conservative interpretations like the day age theory and the _____ theory violate this basic principle of Bible understanding and only came into existence when men felt forced to abandon the plain meaning of the text, namely that God created this universe in six 24 hour days less than 10,000 years ago.

F. Liberals squawk, “The Bible does not tell us the what, how, and when of creation; it only tells us the Who.”

1. If they would quit using Bibles in which all the miracle passages have been cut from the pages, they would find the what, the how, and the when.

2. It's in my Bible.
3. Is it in yours?

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II. BECAUSE THE _____ AFFIRMS IT.

A. Now we should not have to be able to prove a Bible doctrine is true with empirical evidence to preach it.

1. But I admit to you there was a time that I was a doubting Thomas. I had to _____ it to believe it.
2. Praise God that is no longer true. I believe it all by faith!
3. But I have not always been at this place in my faith and life. As with Thomas, Christ was gracious to me and let me see it so that I could believe it.
4. But friend, if you need proof to believe it and preach it, the evidence of the truth of God's Word concerning the doctrine of creation in its plain, clear understanding is readily available to you.
5. You do not have to be an intellectual moron to believe God created this universe in six 24 hour days, six to ten thousand years ago.
6. There are many brilliant men and women with more degrees than a thermometer, whose understanding in the _____ disciplines is unsurpassed who believe the doctrine of creation; and many of them so believe not because they are Christians but because of the scientific evidences.

B. Time will not allow me to offer a complete scientific defense of creation, but I give you a few illustrations to encourage you to look further.

C. The _____ record supports the biblical testimony

1. **The fossil record is a record of death.**
 - a. **For a fossil to be formed, the dead animal must by quickly _____, else it would decay.**
 - b. **How in the world do we end up with vast fossil beds literally over the entire face of the earth? The only explanation is the _____ flood of Noah's day.**
 - c. **Why do we end up with single strata of rock containing fossils which contain remains of plants and animals that supposedly evolved hundreds of millions of years apart? Because the fossils are not a story of evolution but of divine _____.**

- d. But what of the pretty little pictures in books showing the very clear portrait of the fossil record progressing from the simplest creatures at the bottom in the oldest rocks to the most complex near the top in the youngest rocks?
- 1) Do you know where they get that cross-section of geology?
 - 2) From their _____! Such a portrait does not exist anywhere in the geologic column of the world.
 - 3) If you read the fine print, they will tell you that a portion of this picture comes from this place and a part from this place and so on.
 - 4) What they may not be honest enough to tell you is that oftentimes, they find those fossils in _____ order with the complex far below the simple and at other times they find them all mixed up together. But these facts mix them up and confuse their theories so they pick the information that supports their desired conclusion.
 - 5) And they use the kind of _____ that would cause a university freshman to fail Logic 101.
 - a) For if you ask, how do you know which are the oldest fossils and which are the youngest, they will tell you "By the _____ of the rocks that contain them."
 - b) And then if you dare to ask, "Well how do you know the age of the rocks that contain the fossils?" They reply "By the age of the _____ that are in them."

"We know this rock is 150 million years old because this fossil is of an animal that lived 150 million years ago. And we know he lived 150 million years ago because his fossil is found in rocks that are 150 million years old."

D. Geo-chronometers (natural processes that indicate the _____ of time) support the biblical testimony.

1. _____ dust & NASA

- a. If the moon were 4 and 1/2 billion yrs. old, cosmic dust on the moon should be many _____ thick.
- b. Therefore NASA added wide landing pods to the Lunar Lander so that it would not sink into the dust on the surface of the moon.
- c. \$1 _____ extra was spent due to this fear.

- d. Neil Armstrong's greatest fear before his one small step was sinking in the dust.
 - e. But when he jumped off the last step, he did not sink at all.
 - f. The dust was no more than a few _____ thick.
 - g. Why? Because the moon is not 4 and 1/2 billion years old!
2. The existence of short-term _____
 - a. The half-life of a comet is between 1,500 to 10,000 yrs. (Their mass _____ as they revolve close to sun.)
 - b. Therefore if the solar system is billions of years old, we should not have any comets, because there is no evidence that new comets are being made.
 - c. But we do have short-term comets, lots of them!
 - d. This is evidence that the earth's age should be measured in _____ rather than billions of years.
 3. There are dozens of other geo-chronometers that offer evidence of a young earth.
 4. Evidence for a young earth is all about us.
 5. It is simply not accepted because to do so is to _____ the theory of evolution which by its very nature requires hundreds of millions and billions of years.
- E. Evidence from the _____ of life.
- F. A multitude of other scientific fields, when you look honestly and with an open mind at the observed data and are not deluded into accepting as established truth the unproven theories of men, support the biblical testimony.
1. The basic principles of physics: the first and second law of thermodynamics
 2. Geology
 3. _____
 4. Radiology
 5. Astronomy

6. _____

You will find in every single one of these fields, people who were once believers in evolution because of their background and training, but who when they began to examine the evidence in true scientific fashion, setting aside their preconceived notions in which they had been schooled, came to their own conclusion that evolutionary theorists are _____ and the Bible is _____:

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

G. People are believing the lie, not because the _____ supports it, but because they are not hearing the truth or being exposed to the overwhelming evidence God has made available that affirms what He says in His Word.

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III. BECAUSE THE DEVIL HATES IT.

A. Satan is a liar and the father of lies.

B. He hates all _____.

C. He especially hates this truth because

1. God has made creation the prima facia evidence for His existence and uses it to hold men _____ for their rejection of a personal God to whom they are accountable.

Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

- a. Rom. 1:18-20 - note “by” in v. 20 is the instrumental case meaning “by means of.”
- b. God’s intent was that when men beheld the beauty and order of the things He had made, that their very existence would say to them, “_____ made this,” and their hearts would then be receptive to the revealed Word of God that would tell them who, what, how, when, and why.
- c. The devil’s plan is to indoctrinate men with the lie that something and even someone can exist _____ a creator, and therefore there is no need to ask, “Who made this?”

- 1) Allowing the lie to persist unchallenged allows the devil to win by default a contest he can win no other way in the hearts of men.
- 2) Proclaiming the doctrine of creation as it is detailed in the Holy Scriptures under the power of the Holy Spirit will result in the conviction of men's hearts that
 - a) God is real, _____, to be feared and revered.
 - b) That God's Word is absolutely _____ in all that it declares
 - i. concerning the origin of all things
 - ii. concerning the _____ of this world
 - iii. concerning the nature of man and his fallenness in sin
 - iv. concerning God's Son, the Savior, the _____, Jesus the Christ and His vicarious, substitutionary atonement for our sins upon the cross
 - v. concerning His resurrection from the dead
 - vi. and concerning our need to _____ in Him and receive His wonderful gift of forgiveness of sin and life eternal.

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IV. BECAUSE WE ALL NEED IT.

A. Lost people need it because, as I just explained, it helps them to believe in God and ultimately come to know Him through the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. But saved people need this doctrine preached and taught to them as well.

C. For in the doctrine of creation we have

1. the origin of _____
2. the differences between plants, animal life, and human life
3. the beginnings of sin _____ the human race
4. the origin of and explanation for the differences of _____
5. the _____ and purposes of marriage
6. the penalty and consequences of sin

7. the need for a Savior

D. If our world did not have the truths of the doctrine of creation, they might think

1. life was no more than a certain combination of _____ formed by random chance and therefore undeserving of any special protection under the law
2. and that protecting eagles and turtles and Redwood trees was just as important and maybe more important than protecting _____ beings
3. and that there is no lasting external _____ for right and wrong but just the judgments of each society and time and ultimately of each individual for himself
4. and they might think that there are no legitimate differences of _____ based upon gender and might even decide that to act like the opposite gender or to try to be changed from gender to gender was simply a matter of one's _____ and the capabilities of science
5. and that marriage is a social contract between two people who desire to live together whether man with man, woman with woman, or man and woman
6. and that "sin" is a primitive word for _____, to be dealt with by education and enlightenment, so that the goal is to do the best you can for self and others in the limited time you have upon the earth for then there is no more.
7. They might think that since there is no God, and no standards, and no sin, there certainly is no need for a _____.

CONCLUSION: And that is _____ what much of our world does think today because too many of us have yielded to the liberalism of the world and adopted the devil's doctrine of evolution and neglected the whole counsel of the Word of God by skipping the very first part: the doctrine of creation. My friend, don't let it happen to you, your family, and your church.