GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

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Why Talk about Creation

Belief in evolution is the most significant reason children raised in the church permanently leave the faith. Less than ten percent of teens and college students who understand how science supports the creation account will leave the faith. Genesis 1-11 is quoted 51 times in the New Testament.

The Biblical Statement

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From Encyclopedia Britannica: “The law of conservation of mass is a fundamental principle of physics. According to this law, matter can neither be created nor destroyed. In other words, the mass of an object or collection of objects never changes, no matter how the parts are rearranged.”

E=mc2 Energy equals mass times the speed of light squared. An incredibly small amount of mass is lost in chemical equations, so small it cannot usually be measured. But in atom bombs and nuclear reactors and in our sun, a small amount of mass can be converted into an incredible amount of energy.

Merriam-Webster: “Entropy 2a: “the degradation of the matter and energy in the universe to an ultimate state of inert uniformity. Entropy is the general trend of the universe toward death and disorder.”

The heavens and the earth are here. The law of entropy says they could not have always existed. There are no known observable processes available to explain their existence. The Bible says God created them and then sin entered the world and everything began to decay (entropy).

The Evolutionary Explanation

In the beginning there was nothing which then became a singularity which exploded (the Big Bang). Then contrary to the law of entropy, the exploded nothing organized itself over billions of years into the universe we have today.

Another way of expressing the law of entropy is everything moves from complexity to simplicity and from order to ever increasing randomness. And yet the universe and earth are incredibly complex. There are all sorts of competing explanations as to how the stars, planets, moons, asteroids, and comets could have formed, but all involve processes we have never seen.

And every time we send an exploratory spaceship out into our solar system, it finds things that force people to change their explanations. And the Big Bang requires multiple fudge factors, like somewhere over 80% of our universe being composed of dark matter and dark energy, which evolutionary scientists keep searching for but have never found and like the Big Bang should have created as much antimatter as matter, but it is nowhere to be found.

And even at the molecular level, matter is incredibly complex. Molecules are composed of atoms, which are composed primarily of protons and neutrons, which are composed of quarks, and electrons, which are one of six kinds of leptons. And all of these subatomic particles have electrical charges that are incredibly precise.

Intelligent Design or Blind Chance

Critics of creation say it is not testable or repeatable so therefore it is not scientific. But the origin of the universe by the Big Bang is neither testable nor repeatable either. Most of us can tell the difference between a recently constructed building and one flattened by a tornado, hurricane, or earthquake. In the case of a building, we see the evidence of a designer. In the case of the aftermath of a natural disaster we see wreckage and chaos. Our universe down to the molecular level shows evidence of design.

If observational science says all things move from complexity to simplicity and from order to ever increasing randomness, how did our extremely complex and orderly universe come into being. Most evolutionists will admit that the universe, and especially our earth, appears designed. The simplest explanation for the reality we live in is that it is designed. Truth is that which conforms to reality.

To quote Dr. Justin Barrett (an evolutionist) of the university of Oxford’s Centre for Anthropology and Mind, “Children’s normally and naturally developing minds make them prone to believe in divine creation and intelligent design. In contrast, evolution is unnatural for human minds, relatively difficult to believe.”

In the book “There is a God: How the World’s Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind by Anthony Flew with Roy Varghese, Flew explains why he changed his mind. One of the arguments is essentially this: “If the universe had begun to exist at some point in time, it was reasonable to assume something caused its beginning. Because it is more likely that God exists uncaused, rather than the universe, it is logical to argue for the existence of God from the existence of the universe. (pp.144-145)”

Why Creation Is Rejected and When It Will Be Rejected

Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

2 Peter 3:3&4 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

2 Peter 3:5&6 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

The first part of verse five is literally “for it is concealed from them by wishing.”

Interlinear Greek New Testament

2 Peter 3:3-5 says Creation will be rejected by people following their own sinful desires who don’t want to know the truth and that it will happen in the last days.

Daniel 12:4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

Isaiah 11:11a In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people,

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Things to Remember

The Bible clearly says God created the heavens and the earth. To believe that something that looks designed was designed is more logical than to believe that something that looks designed “just happened.”

To believe the evolutionary story of how the earth came into being you have to believe that many things “just happened” contrary to the observable laws of nature we observe today.

If the Big Bang really happened, there should be dark matter, dark energy, antimatter, and other evidence that simply cannot be found.

Left to themselves, all things move from complexity to simplicity and from order to ever increasing randomness. Evolution assumes the opposite has happened.

Evolution is the best alternative that those who do not wish to believe in God have been able to come up with.

The Bible clearly predicts the major ideas of evolution would become common in the last days in which we live.