

Creation vs Evolution

Lesson 10: Conclusion

1. Use all that you learned from this course to respond to the following quotes from the Bill Nye video, "Creationism Is Not Appropriate for Children."

"Evolution is the fundamental idea in all of life science, in all of biology. [Denying evolution is] very much analogous to trying to do geology without believing in tectonic plates. You're just not going to get the right answer. Your whole world is going to be a...mystery instead of an exciting place."

"Your world becomes fantastically complicated if you don't believe in evolution. I mean here are the ancient dinosaur bones or fossils. Here is radioactivity. *[Did he mean radioactive dating methods?]* Here are distant stars that are just like our star but in a little different point in their life cycle. The idea that deep time or billions of years explains so much of the world around us. If you try to ignore that, your world view becomes...crazy. It's just untenable..."

"When you have a portion of the population that doesn't believe in [evolution], it holds everybody back, really... I say to the grown ups, if you want to deny evolution, and live in your world that is clearly inconsistent with what you observe in the universe, that's fine. But don't make your kids do it, because we need them. We need scientifically literate voters and tax payers for the future. We need engineers that can build stuff and solve problems."

Regarding the biblical view of creation: "You know, in another couple centuries, that world view I'm sure just won't exist. I mean there's just no evidence for it."

2. “Know your place!” That is one of King David’s messages in Psalm 8. Compared to everything else God made, we clay-crafted humans seem so insignificant. But Psalm 8, like an onion, has many layers to it and proclaims more than one message.
Read Psalm 8 and answer the following question.

What examples of mankind’s “greatness” do you find in the psalm’s following verses?

vs. 3-4

v. 5

vs. 6-8

3. How do the following references help you find examples of God’s grace in Psalm 8?

Hebrews 2:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:25-27

Matthew 21:14-16

For Further Study

Lutheran Science Institute (LutheranScience.org)

A WELS group that keeps up with the latest in science. I like that they come at things from a confessional Lutheran viewpoint. Their material is readily accessible, though it’s the least “flashy” of the resources listed here. You can receive a quarterly newsletter for free online.

Answers in Genesis (answersingenesis.org)

A well-designed website. They do their research and document well their articles. You can get a weekly email sent to your inbox to keep up with the latest discoveries in science and learn how to view them from a biblical viewpoint. AIG also operates the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in Kentucky.

Institute of Creation Research (ICR.edu)

ICR was founded in 1970 by Henry Morris. Circulation of its magazine, Acts & Facts is 200,000. ICR has a staff of Ph.D. scientists, operates a college, funds scientific research, and recently built a creation museum in Texas. You also can weekly updates sent to your inbox.

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