

The Top 10 Myths About Creation #2

Introduction. Our children are taught, with increasing intensity, a cosmology, geology, biology, and anthropology that are all evolutionary. In essence, our students are being educated against the truth of the Bible's history in Genesis, and thus, against its message of salvation and absolute moral standards.

Not only are our schools indoctrinating our children, but so are the media. Television shows, movies, ads, and so on are all laced with evolutionary thought, subtly (and not-so-subtly) reinforcing the idea that we are nothing but evolved pond scum, the result of billions of years of natural processes. To combat this, we have to study these myths about creation.

I. ***Myth 5: Creationists Are Anti-Science***

- A. It is much easier to vilify those who disagree than to deal with their arguments. For this reason, many anti-creationists paint us as being against science or wanting to drive science back into the "Dark Ages."
- B. The truth is creationists love science because they love God. Exploring the universe means getting a glimpse into the amazing elements that God created (Psalm 139:14). There are creation geologists, botanists, astronomers, chemists, physicists, and more who all love the work they do.
- C. There are many scientists alive today who accept biblical creation, and hundreds of famous past scientists who have accepted the Bible's account, including Louis Pasteur, Lord Kelvin, James Joule, George Washington Carver, Galileo, Francis Bacon, Johann Kepler, and Sir William Ramsay.
- D. On the other hand, creationists do attack ideas and frameworks that deny God's authority and place as Creator (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). Most of these ideas stem from the belief that nature is all there is, thus denying God from the outset. Also causing confusion is the distinction some try to make between "faith" and "science." This contrast is not true, because some form of faith (in a religion) is required to believe in creation or evolution.

II. ***Myth 4: There Is No Evidence For Creation***

- A. There's proof for creation in your seeing eyes, your understanding brain, even the air around you -- all testify to the ingenuity of our God. Of course, evolutionists see those same features as pointing to the power of natural processes to sculpt the universe and life. To them, such forces are sufficient to explain how we came to be.
- B. Often people who do not believe the Bible will say that they are not interested in hearing about the Bible. They will listen to our claims

about the Bible, but they want proof of creation without mentioning the Bible. If one agrees to a discussion without using the Bible as these people insist, then we have allowed them to set the terms of the debate.

1. The Bible states that considering God in the equation is wise (Psalm 11:10; Proverbs 1:7; 1 Corinthians 2:14). A Christian cannot divorce the spiritual nature of the battle from the battle itself. A non-Christian is not neutral (Matthew 12:30; John 3:19).
 2. Agreeing to such terms of debate also implicitly accepts their proposition that the Bible's account of the universe's history is irrelevant to understanding that history!
 3. "Facts" are neutral. However, all facts are interpreted. Once the Bible is eliminated from the argument, the Christians' presuppositions are gone, leaving them unable to effectively give an alternate interpretation of the facts. Their opponents then have the upper hand because they still have their presuppositions.
 4. Evidence itself is simply evidence. It is not an objective source of truth and must be fitted into the overall picture we have of how everything works. Whereas evolutionists see the layers in the Grand Canyon as showing millions of years, for example, creationists see those same layers as a reminder of the recent global Flood.
- C. Some aspects of our universe, however, make much more sense in light of the creation account, including design features and reasons to think the earth must be young. They do not "prove" what the Bible says is true, but they do line up with it.
1. After decades of struggle, most astrophysicists today have given up and admitted that Mercury's high density cannot be accommodated within slow-and-gradual-development models.
 2. Our DNA is so incredibly complex and marvelously interrelated that it absolutely demands an intelligent source. The idea that everything could have come about by random accidents, genetic errors, and so forth is just simply beyond comprehension.
 3. The structural complexity and finely tuned coordination of the bacterial flagellum attests to the work of a master engineer who designed and created the flagellum to function in a wonderfully intricate manner within the human cell.

III. *Myth 3: Creationists Deny The Laws Of Nature*

- A. We are grateful for the laws of physics and chemistry that make life possible. In fact, the laws of nature are evidence of God's sustaining hand in the universe (Job 38:33; Psalm 104:19; Jeremiah 33:19-26). Those laws operate consistently because He is unchanging.

- B. What we do deny, however, is that common descent via evolution is a "law" or "fact." Natural selection, mutations, and genetic changes are all observable processes (that fit the creation model quite well), but descent from a common ancestor is a framework or theory and not a law of nature.
- C. Ultimately, we expect the universe to be orderly and logical because we start from the Bible. The laws of nature are not sufficient in and of themselves to create the universe and life; instead, they point to the Creator. The atheist is unable to account for the logical, orderly state of the universe. Why should the universe obey laws if there is no law-giver? But laws of nature are perfectly consistent with biblical creation.
- D. According to Genesis 1, God supernaturally created the first diverse kinds of life on earth and made them to reproduce after their kind. Evolutionists believe that life (at least once) spontaneously formed from nonliving chemicals (molecules-to-man). But this is inconsistent with the law of biogenesis, or the process of lifeforms producing other lifeforms. You see, real science confirms the Bible!

IV. ***Myth 2: Creationists Ignore The Evidence For Evolution***

- A. Among the many charges leveled against creationists is the claim that we "cherry-pick" the data we like and ignore the rest. However, as mentioned earlier, the evidence is not the issue -- it is the conclusions that evolutionists make about that evidence. Remember, science can never really be neutral!
- B. Just because evolutionists tell us how we should interpret a particular piece of evidence does not mean that their interpretation is the best one. Creationists pick out the hard facts and expose the parts that are opinion or based on assumptions. This is not ignoring what we do not like; it is separating the wheat from the chaff.
- C. Logic simply states that if you have nothing, nothing will happen. It is against all known logic and all laws of science to believe that the universe is the product of nothing. This concept is similar to hoping that an empty bank account will suddenly give rise to billions of dollars all on its own. The evidence and logic shows that stellar evolution, chemical evolution, and biological evolution could not have happened. It is not that we ignore it -- it could not have occurred (Hebrews 3:4)!

V. ***Myth 1: Creationists Want Only Creationism Taught In Public Schools***

- A. Some evolutionists like to drum up support and outrage by claiming that creationists are out to ban evolution from public schools and anywhere else we can. The only problem is that it is not true.

- B. I know that some Christians would like to see Charles Darwin banished from academia, but it is perhaps best that teachers have the freedom to present the creation view if they choose. Nothing good comes from forcing someone to teach what they do not agree with.
- C. The irony is that the most outspoken proponents of removing religion from the public schools are those who place their faith in the humanist religion. They claim that they are trying to achieve the "separation of church and state" (a concept absent from the U.S. Constitution or its amendments), while they are instilling their religious values in the students attending public schools.
- D. Children in public schools are still being taught to worship "a god made in man's image" -- an idol in the eyes of the true God. Biblically, I am required to teach my children that other people worship false gods, and that act of worship goes against the clear teaching of the Bible (Psalm 34:11; 40:4; 1 John 5:21).
- E. Every Christian should understand the basic tenets of evolution. While the Bible tells us that God created the universe in six days, most people have been influenced by Darwin because his ideas are so universal in our culture. So understanding evolution will help all of us be more effective in our teaching (1 Peter 3:15).

Conclusion. Christians who are fighting for a return to biblical morality cannot hope to win the "war of the worldviews" and will only continue to see the erosion of this once-Christian culture unless they understand the real foundational nature of the battle: biblical authority, beginning with God's word in Genesis, must be upheld without compromise.

The secular world itself understands the battle -- but the church by and large does not. Elders and preachers need to be awakened by a battle cry. We need to attack the false foundation of evolution and billions of years and proclaim the true history of the world that is foundational to true morality and the gospel of Jesus Christ.