"Which is Right: Evolution or Creation?" God Questions Part 6 Common questions about God:

1. Is God real? 2. Is the Bible true? 3. Don't all roads lead to heaven? 4. How can a good God allow suffering? Available at newhamptoncc.org/teaching 5. What happens when I die? "Evolution or Creation?"

The basic definition of Darwinian evolution is that all organisms arise and develop through the natural selection increasing the organisms ability to compete, survive, and reproduce. *Time + Chance + Natural selection =* All life on earth

Statistics point <u>Away</u> from <u>evolution</u>

Dr. Jonathan Sarfati



The possibility of life's <u>Simplest organism</u> coming into being <u>Without help</u> as one in 10⁴⁹²⁵.

Sarfati calculated that there have <u>only been 10¹¹⁰</u> interactions since the Big Bang brought the universe into existence Species in our world are <u>retreating</u> not <u>advancing</u>

"the Law of Entropy" says things aren't getting better, they're getting worse

"is relentless and is destroying us, not creating us. We are heading for extinction, along with every other complex organism." Dr. John Sanford, geneticist Cornell University

Nature has too many <u>Irreducible complexities</u>

the process of the reproduction of a cell relies on simultaneous chemical or electromagnetic triggers from other apparatus within the cell that could not have come together except by careful design and could not have gotten started without an intentional "starter."

Evolution has a negative effect on <u>ethics</u>

"At some future period, not very distant as measure by centuries, the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate, and replace, the savage races throughout the world" The Descent of Man by Charles Darwin

"The universe we observe has . . . no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference. . ." Richard Dawkins

"In the end nothing matters. . . . If you really think about evolution and why we human beings are here, you have to come to the conclusion that we are here for absolutely no reason at all." Evolutionary psychologist Susan Blackmore

"If the solar system was brought about by accidental collision, then the appearance of organic life on this planet was also an accident, and the whole evolution of Man was an accident too. If so, then all our present thoughts are mere accidents—the accidental by-product of the movement of atoms.... [So if the thoughts of materialists] are merely accidental by-products, why should we believe them to be true? I see no reason for believing that one accident should be able to give a correct account of all the other accidents." **Oxford professor C. S. Lewis**



"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1:1

"Now the earth was formless and empty." v.2

<u>Days of Forming</u>

- 1 Light formed
- 2 Water formed in the sky
- 2 Water formed on surface
- 3 Dry land formed
- 3 Vegetation formed

Days of Filling
4 Lights give light to the earth
5 Birds fill the sky
5 Creatures fill the sea
6 Animals fill the land
6 Plants for food fill the land

Science Confirms the <u>Creation</u> account

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Genesis 1:2

Day One – "Let there be light

Day Two - "A vault between the waters to separate water from water." V. 6

Day Three - "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.... Let the land produce vegetation" V. 9 & 11

First event; Surface Split ; 30% land 70% water

- providing our planet with different altitudes, climates, topographies, and environments, all of which enable a huge level of biological diversity.
- The process of erosion continually washes dirt, rocks, and sand back into the oceans.
- Land continues to be renewed by new deposits through volcanoes and tectonic plate activity.
- Tides enrich the coastal zones and continental shelves with nutrients, simultaneously sanitizing them of waste and toxins
- Without these processes, life would be threatened, and over time Earth would become a uniform ball of rock covered in water a mile and a half deep

Gods second creative act on Day Three is the production of plants

Day Four

verse 14 & 15, God's command, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth"

Day Five

verse 20 & 21 God's decrees, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind."

Every step in Creation leads to an incredible conclusion; God is preparing a habitat for humans to live in and thrive. Everything done is done with us- with YOU in mind!

Day Six verses 24–25: "And God said, 'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good"

What is obvious is that God is putting an <u>Adaptive lock</u> on His creatures. They can only breed "according to "their <u>kind</u>" Verse 26 & 27: "Let us make mankind in our image." So God created mankind in his own image."

Only humans possess "<u>Image identity</u>

Likeness of God in morals, aspirations, selfawareness, creativity, and capacity to reason on a high level. verse 28-31 "increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it".

the right to eat anything we please. God saw all that he had made, and it was <u>very</u> good"

With all God's creativity, and the greatest of care, God joyfully fashioned a planet, its' environment for YOU.

When you understand Genesis One, you begin to realize You are <u>Unfathomably loved</u> by an infinite God, you are not a cosmic accident. You are <u>Wanted</u> & <u>valued</u> If you <u>believe</u> this, what is Your <u>response</u> to <u>God</u>? **Daily** <u>Thanking God</u> for the blessings in your life **Daily asking for <u>His Guidance</u> Grow in your understanding of God Commit to Consistent Worship** □ Memorize Genesis 1:1