

Creation
Sunday School
Class #1

Introduction and Overview

1/10/10

Purpose Of This Class

- I. To look at our origins in order to:
 - A. understand the origin of sin
 - B. understand the origin of pain, suffering, disease and death
 - C. understand that the world we live in is not the perfect world God created
 1. it has been cursed by God
 2. it has been corrupted by man
 - D. recognize that Jesus Christ is our only hope
 - E. praise God for His handiwork and provision

- II. To help Christians understand that:
 - A. belief in creation is logical
 - B. belief in creation is reasonable
 - C. belief in creation is defensible
 - D. belief in creation is scientific
 - E. belief in creation is satisfying

III. To:

A. affirm the authority of Scripture regarding origins

B. equip believers to stand firm against the indoctrination of evolutionary philosophy with Scripture and science

C. equip believers to have an answer for those who challenge you or those who are seeking guidance.

I Peter 3:15

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence

Questions To Be Answered

1. Did God use evolution to create the world?
2. Has science proven that evolution is a fact?
3. Don't we see evolution going on all around us?
4. There are no scientists who believe in creation, are there?
5. Do evolutionists have a unified theory?

6. Has science proven that the Bible is just a religious book and not to be taken seriously?
7. Is creation science or religion?
8. Is evolution science or religion?
9. Should Genesis chapters 1-11 be taken symbolically or allegorically or literally?
10. Is the earth billions of years old or just thousands of years?

11. Have scientific dating methods proven that the earth is billions of years old?
12. Do the intermediary forms in the fossil evidence prove man evolved from lower animals?
13. Have they found the missing links?
14. Are there beneficial mutations?
15. Do Darwin's finches prove evolution is true?

16. Can I be a Christian and believe in evolution?
17. Is the creation account in Genesis chapters 1 and 2 reliable?
18. Is it important theologically to believe in a literal 6-day creation?
19. Were the Old Testament writers creationists?
20. Were the New Testament writers creationists?

21. Is it foolish, from the standpoint of science, to believe in a literal 6-day creation?
22. We look so much like apes. Isn't it logical that we have a common ancestor?
23. If God is all-powerful, why did it take 6 days?
24. What does God's Word say about how we got here?
25. Did dinosaurs and men live at the same time?

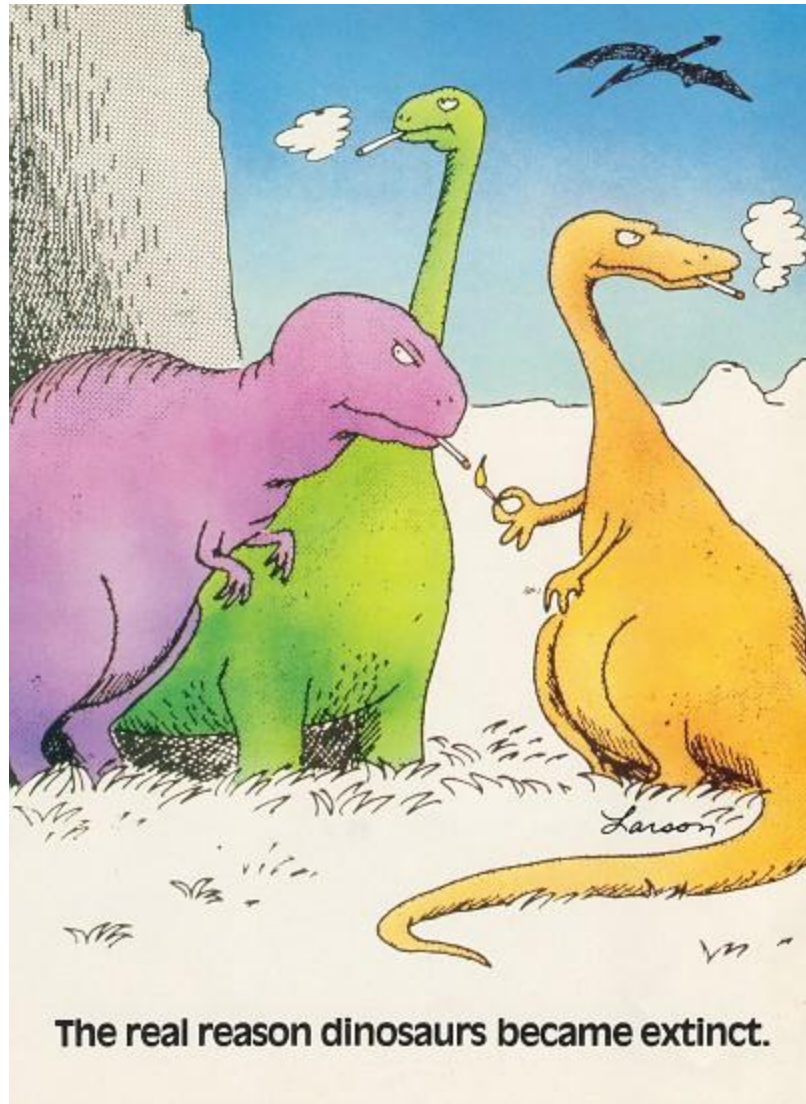
26. Where did Cain get his wife?

27. Is there intelligent life on other planets?

28. Were there ever fire breathing dragons?

29. How long does it take to form a fossil?

30. How did dinosaurs become extinct?



The real reason dinosaurs became extinct.

31. If animals only ate plants at first, why do they have sharp teeth?
32. Why does everything appear to be old?
33. Was there really a world-wide flood?
34. How could all the animals fit on the ark?
35. Were there dinosaurs on the ark?

36. Can I be equipped to have an answer when someone challenges my creationist beliefs?
37. Can I be equipped to give answers to someone who is seeking help in understanding why evolution is false and creation is true?
38. I can't be bothered with this issue. It doesn't affect my day to day life. Is it really that important?
39. YOUR QUESTIONS WELCOME

Definitions & Discussion

- Science
- Scientific method
- Hypothesis
- Theory
- Law

- Evolution
 - Microevolution
 - Macroevolution
 - Cosmic evolution
 - Stellar or planetary evolution
 - Organic evolution
 - Chemical evolution
 - Molecular evolution

- Natural selection
- Uniformitarianism
- Punctuated equilibrium
- Mutation
- Creation

- Compromise belief systems
 - Theistic evolution
 - Day Age Theory (Progressive Creation)
 - Gap Theory
 - Framework Hypothesis

- Deistic Evolution
- Intelligent Design
- Catastrophism
- Neo-catastrophism

Theological Importance of a Literal Interpretation of the Book of Genesis

- An essential component of the Gospel message
- Consistency in belief
- Testimony of Genesis itself
- Testimony of the Old Testament authors
- Testimony of the New Testament authors
- Testimony of Jesus
- Internal consistency
- Hermeneutics

- Accuracy of Bible historically
- Accuracy of Bible archeologically
- Accuracy of Bible scientifically
- Accuracy of Bible prophetically
- Downward spiral of doubt
- Bible and evolution teach opposites

- This is spiritual war
- National Center for Science Education – “Defending the Teaching of Evolution in the Public Schools”
- Clergy Letter Project
- List of Christian colleges that hold to a 6-day literal creation
- Not an unreasonable faith
- Creation Evangelism

Philosophical Fallout of the Evolutionary Belief

- Motivation to remove God
- Immorality
- Racism
- Eugenics
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Homosexuality

- Decreased value of human life
- Inflated value of animal life
- Junk science
- Science by consensus
- Outdated and inaccurate evolutionary arguments still in today's textbooks
- Decreased critical thinking
- Scientific prejudice

Exegesis of Genesis Chapters 1-3 & Flood or Chapters 1-11?

Scientific Evidence or Proofs

1. Evolution violates 1st Law of Thermodynamics
2. Evolution violates 2nd Law of Thermodynamics
3. Evolution violates Law of Biogenesis
4. Violates Law of Cause and Effect
5. Violates Law of Conservation of Angular Momentum
6. Mathematical proof universe is not infinite