

Doctrine



*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path...
The entrance of Your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. Psalm 119:105,130*

Creation

THEOLOGY

Calvary Old Path believes that God created the universe and all that is in it.

DOCTRINE

We believe in the beginning, the universe, all life forms including the spiritual realm was created by one creator – **GOD**. In looking at creation, it is hard to deny an outstanding and intelligent design that does not command an outstanding and intelligent designer. We believe in a “Young Earth” being about 6,000 years old, not millions of years old. In this concise booklet, we hope to cover key points for clarification.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” John 1:1-3

To explain in more depth our beliefs regarding creation, we will be covering these areas:

1. How Did the World Come into Existence?
2. Where Did a Young Earth Originate?
3. What is Darwinism/Evolutionism?
4. How Did We Come into Existence?
5. Why Do We Believe in a Young Earth?
6. When Did Death Originate?

How Did the World Come into Existence?

In the book of *Genesis chapter 1*, God tells us how He created the universe, earth, sea and every living thing. God spoke all these things into existence only 6,000 years ago.

“By the word of the LORD the heavens are made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.” Psalm 33:6

“For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” Psalm 33:9

He created everything from nothing in six literal days (*Exodus 20:11, Genesis 1, 2*).

Day One – Light

Day Two – Heaven above, water below

Day Three – Land and sea / vegetation

Day Four – Sun, moon and stars

Day Five – Living creatures of water and sky

Day Six – Living creatures on land/humans

Day Seven – Rest

When He was done, God called His creation good. All that God created was perfect (*Genesis 1:31*). The sin of man ushered in all imperfections that exist today. The universe we now inhabit is not the one God intended for mankind. Sin has corrupted what was once perfect.

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” Colossians 1:16-17

Where Did a Young Earth View Originate?

Simply put, it came from the Bible... He (God) gave us a “birth certificate.” For example, using a personal birth certificate, a person can calculate how old he is at any point. It is similar with the earth. Genesis 1 says that the earth was created on the first day of creation (*Genesis 1:1–5*). From there, we can begin to calculate the age of the earth.

Let’s do a rough calculation to show how this works. The age of the earth can be estimated by taking the first five days of creation (from earth’s creation to Adam), then following the genealogies from Adam to Abraham in Genesis 5 and 11, then adding in the time from Abraham to today.

Adam was created on day 6, so there were five days before him. If we add up the dates from Adam to Abraham, we get about 2,000 years, using the Masoretic Hebrew text of Genesis 5 and 11. Whether Christian or secular, most scholars would agree that Abraham lived about 2,000 B.C. (4,000 years ago).

(The Luke 3 genealogies run all the way to Jesus which we know was about 2000 years ago.)

So a simple calculation is:

5 days
+ ~2,000 years
+ ~4,000 years
~6,000 years



**Taken from “How Old Is the Earth?” by Bodie Hodge on May 30, 2007;
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What is Darwinism / Evolutionism?

Darwinism, also known as Evolutionism, is a theory that, through billions of years of death and struggle, life forms evolved from a common ancestor due to the natural selection eliminating the less fit of a species, leaving the stronger variation to carry on the evolving species.

Neo-Darwinism is a theory that, through billions of years of time, all life forms evolved due to random genetic mutations adding new and beneficial genetic mutations to gene pools; followed by Natural Selection eliminating the non-mutant, leaving the improved mutant to carry on the evolving species.

Taken from Russ Miller, book “The Cost” 2015

“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” Colossians 2:8

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse...” Roman 1:20

How Did We Come into Existence?

God tells us in *Genesis 1:27* that He made man in His own image. In *Genesis 2* He formed the first man from the dust of the ground and made the first woman out of a rib from Adam’s side. We were not from something resembling an ape that happened accidentally. As Russ Miller, a Creationist says, “...from goo-to-the-zoo-to-you evolutionism is nothing more than Humanistic propaganda.”

When we observe the human body, and how intricate and remarkable this biological machine operates. We observe the many systems working together - to allow for life, movement, cognitive function, growth, repair, reproduction and so much more—it’s harder to believe that we evolved spontaneously from a non-life form.

“Our public schools teach children that, once upon a time, billions of years ago, there was a BIG Bang which led to the formation of a big rock, billions of years later. Then rain fell on this rock for millions of years, forming gooey pond scum from which life somehow arose.”

Taken from Russ Miller creationministries.org 2013

God made us human from the very beginning.

“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.” Psalm 139:14

Why Do We Believe in a Young Earth?

The global Flood in Genesis 7:11 is evidence of a Young Earth. *“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”*

How was the Grand Canyon formed? Was it formed gradually over long periods of time by a little bit of water, or was it formed rapidly by a lot of water?

If the global Flood, as described in *Genesis 7 and 8*, really occurred, what evidence would we expect to find? Wouldn’t we expect to find rock layers all over the earth that are filled with billions of dead animals and plants that were rapidly buried and fossilized in sand, mud, and lime? Yes, and that’s exactly what we find.

The fossil-bearing geologic record consists of tens of thousands of feet of sedimentary layers, though not all these layers are found everywhere around the globe, and their thickness varies from place to place. At most locations only a small portion is available to view, such as about 4,500 feet (1371 m) of strata in the walls of the Grand Canyon.

Uniformitarian (long-age) geologists believe that these sedimentary layers were deposited and deformed over the past 500 million years. If it really did take millions of years, then individual sediment layers would have been deposited slowly and the sequences would have been laid down sporadically. In contrast, if the global cataclysmic Genesis Flood deposited all these strata in a little more than a year, then the individual layers would have been deposited in rapid succession, one on top of the other.

Do we see evidence in the walls of the Grand Canyon that the sedimentary layers were all laid down in quick succession? Yes, absolutely!

Taken from *Layers Folded, Not Fractured Flood Evidence Number Six* by Dr. Andrew A. Snelling on April 1, 2009 answeringgenesis.org

We also have evidence of The Second Law of Thermodynamics, the Law of Entropy. This is the most accepted of all scientific principles (except for within *evolutionary biology* which falsely teaches that things evolve into more complex life forms over billions of years). The Second Law holds that things wear down, lose energy, and become less organized over time. Simply put, things become worse and worse, not better and better. The Second Law conflicts with the secular beliefs that the universe began with a great explosion, then organized itself into our solar system and eventually into all the highly complex forms of life on earth today.

Taken from Russ Miller, book “The Cost” 2015

It takes more faith to believe that we came into existence by spontaneous combustion than to believe in an intelligent designer that spoke the world into existence. The whole universe declares the works of God!

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained.” Psalm 8:3

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I refer to the biblical foundations, which are laid down in Genesis 1 and 3, as the COST. This stands for God’s perfect (C)reation corrupted by Adam’s (O)riginal Sin which (S)eparated mankind from God (while allowing death to enter the world) requiring we be (the Cross) redeemed with our loving Creator who is also our redeeming, Savior, Lord Jesus the Christ.

Beliefs that place death prior to the arrival of mankind are in direct conflict with these biblical foundations. When such beliefs are presented as the if they were scientific facts they cause people to place their trust in man’s opinion as opposed to God’s Word, leading many to reject the Lord Jesus. So, beware of “science falsely so called.”

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Final Thoughts

- God made the Universe, earth, and all life forms including spiritual realm and humanity. (*Genesis 1 & 2, Job 12:7-10*)
- God made everything in six literal days. (*Genesis 1, 2:1-3*) The earth is only about 6000 years old. (*Genesis 3, 11, Exodus 12:40, 1 Kings 6:1, 1 Kings 11:42, Ezekiel 4:4-6, etc.*)
- God made Adam and Eve in His image (*Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:7, 18-22*) and gave them free will to choose to obey Him. (*Genesis 2:15-17*)
- God made Adam and Eve human from the very beginning. (*Genesis 1:27, 2:7*)
- In the beginning God created the world in a perfect state (Garden of Eden) and Adam and Eve communed with God. (*Genesis 3:8*)
- Death did not exist before "the fall." (*Genesis 3:17-19, Romans 5:12, 14*)
- Lucifer was an angel, and because of pride desired to be like God (*Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:16-17*). He also deceived Adam and Eve to desire the same. (*Genesis 3:1-6*)

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- In disobedience, sin and death entered into the world and the world became Satan's domain. (*Matthew 4:8-9, John 12:31*) Because God is holy, (*Leviticus 11:44-45, 1 Peter 1:15-16*) we became separated from Him. (*Romans 5:12-21, Isaiah 59:2*)
- However God, being omniscient (all knowing) and omnipotent (all powerful), had foresaw Adam and Eve's choice. In His incomprehensible love, He had a plan in place to save all of humanity. This was accomplished through the death and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus Christ (*Genesis 3:15*).
- God will be back to reclaim His Creation from Satan. (*Revelation 19, 20:1-3*) Eternal death in Hell will be put away forever along with Satan, his demons and those who do not believe in Jesus Christ. (*Revelations 20:10-15*) God the Father sent Jesus to earth to die for our sins and pay the penalty for the sins of all mankind. (*John 3:16-17*)

Beyond what the Bible teaches us about creation, it is a **love story**. The Bible reveals God's character, His love, and His desire to have a personal relationship with each of us.

Have you made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? It's a free gift that is not earned, but given by His grace and ultimate sacrifice. "*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved*" (*Acts 16:31*). God has already done all of the work. All you must do is receive, in faith, the salvation God offers (*Ephesians 2:8-9*).

(Further reading can be found in the booklet titled ***Free Gift of Salvation***).

We hope to have explained our views clearly. For expanded information on creation, please visit our good friend, Russ Miller's website.

There you will find more information and in-depth facts with articles, videos, books and DVDs. www.creationministries.org.

Now that you have an idea on how the earth was created. You can read our other booklets to get a fuller picture of the future events and God's eternal plan for redemption, ***Pre-Tribulation Rapture, Tribulation, and Our Final Destination***.



On the Path Discernment Ministry

Discernment is always mentioned in scripture in a favorable light. Discernment was promoted as a way to avoid error and cause the believer to continually be seeking and watching with vigilance. Accordingly, these materials are provided for you in order to assist you in growing in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word. We have taken great care to give a thorough and expansive explanation of the positions of the church.

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