Essential Doctrines

of the Faith Series (Part 3)

“CREATION: god MAKES”

“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.”

Titus 2: 1

Answering the questions:

1. What does the Bible say about creation?

A. The Bible is about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the

Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Genesis 1: 1-2

2. What are the various Christian views of creation?

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Creationism – The earth is very old, and humanity is young. Then sometime later, over the course of six days God prepared the human life.

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Earth Creationism – God made all that exists including the heavens and earth in a literal six day period. There is little if any time gap between the time He made the Earth and human beings.

C. The ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Theory – The Earth is very old but there is a “gap” between the time of Genesis 1:1 & Genesis 1:2. After the creation there was a great calamity that destroyed the Earth and so God created a new one, and then created Mankind.

D. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Framework View – Views Earth as old and humanity is young. Genesis 1 & 2 are poetic and not to be taken as describing literal 24 hour days.

E. Day-Age View – The earth is old, humanity is young. The six days of creation are NOT literal.

F. Theistic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – View that God worked through the evolutionary process in creation.

3. HOW OLD IS THE EARTH?

A. Old Earth – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BILLION years old.

-Using radiometric dating.

-Genealogies in Bible are incomplete.

- “In the beginning” [reshit] = “indefinite period of time.”

- The Bible is NOT as concerned about the age of the earth, as much as its Creator.

B . New Earth – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old.

- The Flood compressed the topography to skew the data, and make appear old.

-Adam created “mature.”

4. HOW OLD IS HUMAN LIFE?

* Human Life is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. WHERE DID CREATION COME FROM?

* God’s creation is “ex nihilo”, or “out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”

Hebrews 11: 3

6. WHAT ARE SOME PROBLEMS WITH ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION?

Microevolution - a species has the propensity or capacity to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ itself to its environment.

Macroevolution - a species evolves from one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to another.

A. The assumption that nothing made everything.

B. Atheistic Evolution assumes that chaos made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

C. Evolution claims that no designer created something that was designed. (the ‘fine-tuned’ argument)

D. Evolution states the unintelligent made the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

E. There are no unquestioned fossil records form ‘transitional forms’ of life.

F. Evolutionistic scientists have not been able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evolution.

G. Atheistic evolution assumes that the earth is eternal.

H. Atheistic Evolution has a hard time avoiding hopelessness and despair.

I. Atheistic Evolution is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and bad science.

7. WHAT ALTERNATIVE IS THERE TO CREATION?

“18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world,[g] in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

Romans 1: 18-32

* “One-ism” verses “Two-ism”

One-ism – no distinction in good/evil, right/wrong, truth/error. (one gender, one religion, one divinity)

Two-ism – Distinction in Creator/creation. Savior/sinner