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The Facts of Life

The Answers to the Questions!

“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us...” The Message

“God Created”

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

A. There are four versions of origin that are offered...

1. Natural Selection: Over time, random mutations present some creatures with environmental advantage over their peers and those stronger traits are reproduced. “Survival of the fittest” and reproduction of those.
2. Theistic Evolution: God began life millions of years ago and then natural selection is responsible for the biological complexity and diversity.
3. Intelligent Design: Comprises a variety of thought but all believing that design is evidence for a designer.
4. Biblical Creationism: God created exactly as the Bible says. In this, there are young earth and old earth enthusiasts.

“How amazing are the deeds of the Lord! All who delight in Him should ponder them.” Psalm 111:2

B. The Bible says...

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.” Genesis 1:1-2

1. God said, “*Let there be...*”
2. And it was so... “*And that is what happened.*”
3. God saw, “*It was good!*”
4. God gave a benediction by naming and marking each day.
5. God began with a formless and empty world.

6. In days 1-3, He formed the earth.

7. In days 4-6, He filled the earth.

8. In day 7, He rested!

“Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.” Psalm 90:2

C. Some evidences for the Bible and Creation story...

1. Population growth would be an argument for young earth.

“Then God blessed them and said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.’” Genesis 1:28

2. Noah’s flood is real.

“Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die.” Genesis 6:17

3. If the earth had a beginning, it had to have a “Beginner!” (*The God Question* Pg 137-138)

“In the beginning God created...”

D. Do you have to assassinate your brain to believe in the Creation account?

“Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.” 1 Thessalonians 5:20-22

1. Science and faith are not in conflict. They both desire to discover and pursue truth.
2. There are many scientists with strong faith. (*The God Questions* Pg 174-176)
3. Pascal’s wager. (*The God Questions* Pg 171-172)

“You alone are the LORD. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.” Nehemiah 9:6

For more research and videos on this topic:

www.icr.org/video

www.creationminute.com

www.answersingenesis.org/media/video/

Digging Deeper...for all those interested in digging deeper into this topic, there are resources in the Well Read Bookstore to assist you.

The God Questions book at \$2.50 and \$7.50 for follow up.

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Coming soon:

September 27: 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting began and ends November 5 in the evening!

October 30: Fact #6 – Heaven is a Place for Eternity

Answer to the Question – What Will Heaven Be Like?

November 6: Friend Day