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THE INVISIBLE THINGS

“For the invisible things...are clearly seen,
being understood by the things that are made;
even His eternal power and Godhead.”

Romans 1:20

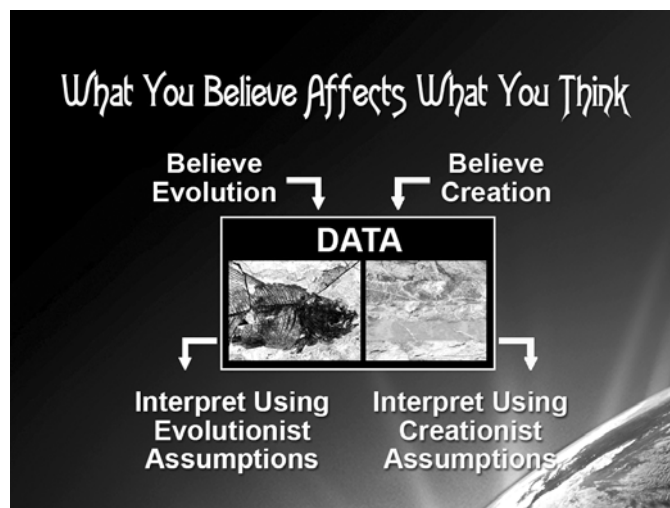
Review

There are two main worldviews:

- Naturalism
 - There is nothing outside our universe. Everything can be understood and explained by “natural” forces. God cannot, indeed, must not be a part of the explanation.
- Super-naturalism
 - Many religions are “spiritual” in the sense that they acknowledge a god or gods behind the “beginning” of things. Most of the world’s religions are either Pantheistic or Polytheistic—and evolutionary in their accommodation of the great “ages” and “natural development” of all things. Monotheistic religions, such as Christianity, Orthodox Judaism, and Islam, believe in a Creator. Only biblical Christianity is “Creationist” in its worldview, however.

Ideas Have Consequences

- What you *believe* determines how you think.
- What you *think* dictates what you do.
- What you *do* dominates your life.



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Christian Hybrid Theories

Attempting to blend evolution with creation

- Theistic Evolution – makes God the Evolver
- Progressive Creation – makes God a Reactionary Injector of creation
- Day-Age Creation – makes God a Mystical Allegorizer
- Gap Theory Creation – makes God a failure needing to re-do creation

All require that God “use” or “create” evolution as His means of bringing our universe into existence. All are inconsistent and incompatible with the nature of God as revealed in Scripture.

Genesis is the Foundational Book of Scripture

- The Creation Week and Humanity’s role
- The Fall and Judgment of Man
- The terrible saga of the First Age
- The Awful Destruction of the Flood
- The New Age and Expanded Mandate
- The Disbursement of Humanity at Babel
- The beginning of “God’s People”

The FIRST Day: The CREATION of the Universe

- The Hebrew verb “BARA” is unique.
 - Used 45 times in the Old Testament
 - God is always the Subject of the Verb
 - Man can not “create”
- The verbs “ASAH” and “YATSAR” are also used.
 - ASAH is the common work for “make.”
 - YATSAR is better translated “sculpt” or “shape.”
 - Both God and Man can “make” and “shape.”
- “In the beginning . . . {TIME}
- “God created the heavens . . . {SPACE}
 - Hebrew – “stretched out-ness”
 - Isaiah 45:12
- “and the Earth . . . {MATTER}
 - Hebrew – “to be firm”

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- Genesis 1:2 is said to be improperly translated, that “was” should be rendered “became.”
 - HAYAH (normal verb for “state of being”) is translated “became” sometimes, but always the context demands a “come to pass” idea.
 - Genesis 2:7,10; 19:26; 20:12; 24:67
 - HAPHAK is the normal word for a change of state.
 - Job 30:21; Leviticus 13:16, 55

The FIRST Day – The SHAPING of the Universe

- “Earth” (firm stuff – matter) was...
 - “Without form” – Hebrew: TOHU
 - (no shape; no organization)
 - “Void” – Hebrew: BOHU
 - (empty; nothing in or on it)
- “Darkness on the face of the deep”
 - Isaiah 45:7 – “I create darkness...”
 - “Face” = “presence” – not surface
 - “Deep” = {oceans; abyss; vast waters}
- “The Spirit of God MOVED upon...”
 - Genesis 1:2 – Hebrew “RACHAPH” (flutter) – perhaps = “vibrate”
 - Deuteronomy 32:11 – eagle flutters over nest
- “the face of the waters.”
 - Synonymous with “face of the deep”
 - Although “created” this watery matrix must “energized” and “activated”
- LIGHT becomes visible – The WORD
 - “Let there be...” 1st recorded command
 - John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17
 - Hebrews 1:2 -- Jesus is the Creator!
- Division of “Day” and “Night”
 - Psalm 89:12 (magnetic field)
 - Psalm 104:2-5 (shape; function)
- Defining of “Day” and “Night”
 - “Light” = “Day: -- “Darkness” = “Night”
 - “evening and morning” = Day One

The FIRST Day – The PURPOSE of the Universe

- Revelation 4:1
 - “Thou are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”
- Romans 11:36
 - “For of Him...And through Him...And to him...are all things.”

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- Psalm 19:1-4
 - “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”
- Romans 1:18-20
 - “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

God’s “Showcase” – Clearly Seen Invisible Things

- Eternal Power
 - “Infinite” energy – Omnipotence
 - “Infinite” complexity – Omniscience
- Godhead
 - THEOS – Main word for “God” (1172 x)
 - THEIOTES – “Godhead” – Romans 1:20
 - THEOTES – “Godhead” – Colossians 2:9
 - THEIOS – “divine power” – 2 Peter 1:3
 - THEIOS – “divine nature” – 2 Peter 1:4

The TRI-UNE God

- The “Trinity” of God is unique.
 - God the Father
 - God the Son
 - God the Holy Spirit
- Many symbols attempt to describe it.
 - The Triangle
 - The Egg
 - Three states of matter
- The “Trinity” of God is unique.
 - Nothing is “Like” God (Exodus 20 :4-6)
 - God does not “change” (Malachi 3:6)
 - God is ONE (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- The “Trinity” must be...
 - Co-equal – each as great
 - Co-terminus – inseparable
 - Co-extensive – everywhere accessible

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“He who would deny the Trinity would lose his soul;
he who would understand the Trinity would lose his mind.”
Martin Luther

The Tri-Universe

- Space is a tri-une phenomena
 - First Dimension
 - (Space Identified)
 - Second Dimension
 - (Space Manifested)
 - Third Dimension
 - (Space Experienced)
- Matter (mass-energy) is a tri-une phenomena
 - Energy
 - (Matter Generated)
 - Motion
 - (Matter Manifested)
 - Phenomena
 - (Matter Experienced)
- Time is a tri-une phenomena
 - Future
 - (Time Originated)
 - Present
 - (Time Manifested)
 - Past
 - (Time Experienced)

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Manifested by and analogous to His creation		
Father = SPACE Invisible Omnipresent Source	Son = MATTER Visible Tangible Present Reality	Spirit = TIME Sensed & Felt Understood Future
God Framed Authority	God Manifested Declaration	God Experienced Appropriation
Deuteronomy 6:4		

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The SECOND Day – God MAKES {ASAH} a structured “heaven.”

- Inserts “stretch-outness” between the “waters.”
- Significant enough to use one full day.
 - Peter uses this to recognize the different KOSMOS (ordered structure)
 - 2 Peter 3:5 – “out of the water and in the water.”
 - Psalm 104:3 – “beams of His chambers in the waters”
- There are three main ideas about this work.
 - Vapor Canopy – above atmosphere and protective
 - Edge of the Universe – a sort of boundary
 - Disbursed throughout the universe – “stuff” of space

The THIRD Day – God Organizes and Beautifies

- The waters “under the heaven” are collected into “seas.”
 - The “storehouses” were made – Psalm 33:7
- The {ERETZ} is solidified into “dry land.”
 - The “foundations” were laid – Job 38:4-6
- The “earth” was told to “have babies.”
 - Grass – all ground-covering vegetation
 - Herbs – all bushes and shrubs
 - Trees – all large woody plants
- The limit “kind” is placed on all “earth babies.”

The FOURTH Day – God institutes TIME REFERENCES.

- “Lights” are made {MA’OR}.
 - The word is “light holders or “light bearers.”
 - The word is different than the {OWR} of Day One.
- They are to serve “in the expanse” as references.
 - To divide the day from the night.
 - To be for signs “marks” or “tokens.”
 - To be for seasons (climate, not religious).
 - To be for days and years.
 - Two “lights” are given special responsibility.

The FIFTH Day – God now CREATES life.

- The Earth is now ready to sustain life.
- Air and Water creatures are “created.”
 - SHERETS – the “moving creatures”
 - CHAY – the “life” of verse 20

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- TANNIYM – the “sea monsters” (dragons)
- NEPHESH – the “living creature” (soul)
- Once again, the “kind” limit is placed on reproduction.

The SIXTH Day – God MAKES the land animals.

- Animals share the “life” of Day Five.
 - BARA is applied to animal life – not plants
 - Animals possess NEPHESH as well as Man.
 - Most often translated “soul”
 - Translated “life” in 1:20 (Day Five)
 - Translated “living creature” in 1:21 and 1:24
 - Translated “living soul” in 2:7

The “Image” and “Likeness” of the Creator

- Man {both male and female} are BARA (created) in the TSELEM (image) and in DEMUWTH (likeness).
 - Man and animals share “body” and “soul.”
- Man alone has the “image” and “likeness.”
 - These two Hebrew words denote “replica.”
 - Adam uses both words about Seth – Genesis 5:1-3
 - The shape and capabilities of Man are unique.
 - Old Testament Theophanies.
 - The “body” of Jesus Christ prepared before creation.

The Dominion Mandate

- The First Great Commission
 - “Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it...” (Genesis 1:28; 9:1-7)
 - Is still in effect (repeated to Noah)
- The Fundamental Warrant for:
 - Research, development, education: all legitimate activities
- This primeval command implies all honorable human occupations.
 - Science to understand the earth
 - Technology to develop it
 - Commerce to utilize it
 - Education to transmit the knowledge
 - Humanities to glorify it
- All to honor God and to serve as stewards of the earth, under Him.

God’s Evaluation

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“And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.”
(Genesis 1:31)

- Everything was “VERY GOOD”
 - Perfect Harmony
 - Perfect Balance
 - Perfect Relationships
 - Perfect Responsibility
 - NO Sin
 - NO Death

The SEVENTH Day

“And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made;
and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it:
because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.
These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created,
in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.”
Genesis 2:2-4

“Remember. . . Because, in six days God created the heavens and the earth,
and all that is in them.”
Exodus 20:11

“The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.”
Mark 2:27

God’s Rules

- Fill the Earth with your children.
- Take charge of the Earth and control it.
- Assume authority over all living creatures.
- Eat only the plants and fruits of the Earth.
- Find and keep a life partner.
- Don’t eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
 - Essentially this forbade the knowledge of evil.
 - This was the only specifically restrictive order.

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God,
and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power
hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,
through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:
that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,

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having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
1 Peter 1:3-5