

Genesis in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of Christ from Genesis
The Covenant of Creation: Some Concluding Issues – Genesis 1:1, 2:3

This is the word of God. Genesis 1:1-2, 27, 2:1-3.

1:1 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.

1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

May God bless this His Word to the heart of His people.

When I was a kid I experienced something very similar to what I experienced as an adult husband. When I would get home from ball practice my mother would always have a list of things for me to do. If the item had a bullet in front of it I knew it was important and if it was underlined I knew it had better get done right. I would get it done and my mother would come in and say, “Oh great son” and then she would say, “Finish it up, tidy it up.” Same thing happens now. My wife, Cindy, gives me a list and I will try to get it done. Then she will say, “Oh thank you honey” and then she proceeds to tidy up the loose ends. There have been three studies on Genesis 1:1 to 2:3 and at this point I want to go back and tidy up some loose ends before we get into this study that I think are important.

This study will be more instructional than inspirational for several reasons and it is what I like to call my Jack Webb study. Jack Webb was the main character on the T.V. show Dragnet and he was known for his line, “Just the facts man. Just the facts.” I want to go back and address some important facts that were not covered in the first three studies primarily because the Christian community needs to be encouraged, instructed and embolden in dealing with the issue of origins; where do we come from? The Christian community cowers in the face of the pseudo-science of macro evolution and Darwinianism. This is not necessary and on the contrary it needs to be addressed and challenged.

Another reason is I am also concerned about academic integrity. While I applaud and praise God so much for every Christian administrator, teacher and student which I count as missionaries in those systems, the fact is those systems are ultimately doomed to failure because of the commitment that has been made in the educational association of our country. No longer is academic freedom present. It is not allowed in our government schools the full inquiry of who am I, where did I come from, why am I here and where am I going. Those four basic questions are what education is. One writer called it, “The closing of the American mind” because this country does not allow the full inquiry to answer those four basic questions in the arena of public education today. There are

many initiatives in the Alabama State system that is designed to deal with that for which I am grateful.

Another reason is I am also deeply concerned for Christian students not only in the secondary schools but particularly as they go off to college. There are people in college who use this issue of creation to undermine students trust in a sovereign God who is the Almighty, Creator and Redeemer. As the Christian student goes into the college classroom any notion of creation is being dismissed in the name of a pseudo-science that I believe is actually very little science if any science at all. So with this in mind this study will begin.

To recap from the studies of Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:3 two transforming truths were extracted. Transformation truth one is God's agenda in creation which is to make a home and then a people. After this sin enters the world so the second part of this truth is God's agenda in redemption which is to make a people and then a home through Christ and all of this is done for His own glory. Transformation truth two is the Sabbath is a God-given Creation Law that reveals both the majesty of God and the providence of God. This Law is six days work and one set aside for the purpose of rest, renewal and worship. The picture given from creation is on the seventh day God has finished His creation and now He rests. He is enthroned over all of His creation. "It is very good!" Then in His kind providence He invites His people to that seat with Him, "come and rest with Me." Praise and glory unto God! This is a gift to His people and sadly it is a neglected gift even in the Christian community.

This leads to five concluding issues that will "tidy up" the previous studies. The first concluding issue deals with the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the unique gift of the Hebrew world and life view from the Old Testament that has infiltrated all of culture with a six day work week and one day rest. That is a unique Jewish contribution to all of culture. God takes this out of the Creation Law and embeds it in His Special Law, the Ten Commandments. It is the fourth commandment found in Exodus 20:8-11; **8** *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."*

A unique thing happens in the Sabbath, God blesses not what He has made but the day. God declares what is holy not what He has made but the day itself. Here is the one divinely ordained, holy day. God sets it aside, embeds it in His Law and then it becomes an instrument in the Word of God to point to a redemption, a Redeemer that will be sent from the Lord, a Lord of the Sabbath in whom one can rest. Jesus said, *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,"* (Matthew 11:28). It is a redemptive rest. That Christ has come and just as He did creation and sat enthroned, now He has finished redemption. Hear His words on the cross, *"It is finished,"* (John 19:30). Then He ascends and rests. Now He is resting enthroned upon His redemption. Now the day in the New Covenant is changed to commemorate the fulfillment yet

the pattern remains of six and one. The day changed from the last day to the first day of the week. The day of resurrection by Christ's commandment, by apostolic example, by Christ's example, the Lord's day and the invitation to the people of God in Isaiah 58:13, 14; **13** *"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; 14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

There is this glorious invitation on the Sabbath; "Come sit on My throne with Me. See the glory of finished creation. See the glory of My finished work of redemption and rest." In that God gives a pattern for life which is six days work and then rest unto worship. The six days are where one works in worship to the Lord and then He says, "Now come away from your daily work and worship to the rest that you need for your body and for your soul and out of that assemble and worship and give praise to Me." Anything that interferes with one's ability to keep, observe and enjoy God's invitation of the Sabbath is probably inklings of idols in one's life. Things like professionalism where one cannot give up their work or amusement or personal entertainment are examples of these idols. God says, "This is a means of grace. When you delight in My day then I will cause you to delight in Me."

I had some parents approach me after the last study who told me their kids said they did not have to do any homework on the Sabbath and they wanted me to "tidy up" what I meant by resting on the Sabbath from work. I did not say that a child should not do homework on the Sabbath but I did say to get it done on Saturday. Six days one shall work and the seventh is a Sabbath unto the Lord God. People have a tendency to ask me what they can or cannot do on the Sabbath. The Christian Sabbath is no governed by "no's." It is governed by "yes's." Memorial Day is a good holiday to use as an example of this. Does one wake up on Memorial Day and say, "its Memorial Day so I can't do this, this, this and this" or does one say, "This is great. I've got a vacation day and I'm going to set aside this day to honor those who have died for my freedom. This is going to be a special day in which I will rejoice and have a good time in parades"? That is what the Lord's Day is. It is not defined by "no's" but it is defined by the big "yes's." The "no's" come when one has the 'yes's" in place. This is a special day. One wears special clothes, not expensive ones just special ones. One does special things on this day. This a day of vacation given to one weekly that is unique in which one will honor and praise the One who did not just die to free one but He died and rose again and in His name one has life. This is the Lord's Day and it is unique and special to a person and their family. That then defines what happens in a day for it is all around Him and about Him.

The second concluding issue deals with light and sun. There are some who do not believe in this creation issue because of light being created on the first day and the sun does not come until the fourth day. These people say "how can you have light without a sun?" The answer is Jesus. Jesus is the light. He

does not need the sun to make light. To be more precise, the creation account is designed to confront polytheism. There is not multiple gods, there is one God. It is designed to confront the creation myths from the localized tribal deities. All of those creation myths say the gods are in a struggle and out of this struggle they start to create things in order to win their struggle but it is all chaos in the struggle. God is confronting that not only is there not multiple gods but there is only on God and all the other gods are myths. He confronts the myths of creation by saying this is not a matter of a struggle but this is a matter of “I speak” and it comes into existence. There is no chaos. The Holy Spirit works in order not disorder. Where the Holy Spirit moves the people of God have the freedom and liberty of order for God is a God of decency and order.

So for three days in the creation He forms it all up. Light from darkness is the first day. The water from the waters or the expanse of the sky is on the second day. Then the third day He separates the waters from the earth and gathers them together to create land. On the fourth day He fills that light and darkness with that which He creates to rule it; the sun by day, the moon by night and flings the billions and billions of galaxies and stars out into the universe. On the fifth day He fills the heavens and the waters with the fish and the birds teaming and reproducing. On the sixth day He fills the earth with animals and He stops and says, “Now comes My crowning touch. Let us make man in our image, male and female.” He created them and saw that this time it was “very good” and not just good.

He also confronts the gods. The Israelites had just walked out of Egypt and the dominate god there was Ra, the sun god. The creation itself confronts those who would worship the sun and the moon. Not only did the sun and the moon not originate from man but the sun and the moon do not even originate the light that they govern over. God originated the light and then the sun and the moon to govern it. God confronts everything that one might rise up and worship and says “no” to that and “yes” to the living God that one may not worship the creation or the creatures. The very account of creation confronts paganism also and demands the power of God. How is there light without the sun unless the hand of God upholds it all. He not only creates it but He keeps it in place for His glory.

The third concluding issue deals with “the days” however I would like to go to the fourth concluding issue first which is the “the Covenant of Creation.” Genesis 1:26-28; **26** *Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”* **27** *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.* **28** *And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”* God now puts some other laws in place. Not only does He put the Sabbath Law into place but He also orders His creation by putting man over it and He orders personal responsibility of stewardship. God put man over His creation and now

man answers to it for Him. For those interested in the environment, this is one's foundation and not pantheism. One's father is not time and one's mother is not the earth. God created man, male and female. Man takes care of creation for the glory of God because it is His and He has placed man over it. This is stewardship. He has also put man in dominion over it. Man is not something that crawls up out of the gas heap. Man is something He makes in His image to be in dominion over His creation.

Then He creates a sanctity of another gift which is work. Work is not a result of the curse. Man is to labor in God's creation. Work is the gift of God in creation. God works so man can work. God rests so man can rest. He does not stop there. He then says He is going to give man the gift of reproduction. He makes man in His own image and then He designs man so that they do not have to worry from the first generation on because man will be able to fill the earth. This is the design and blessing of reproduction from God to man, male and female.

Now the third concluding issue regarding "the days" will be dealt with here. Many say me, "Harry do you really believe the days of creation are 24 hour days?" There are a number of ideas today of how to deal with creation. The dominate theory is Darwinian Macro Evolution or Atheistic Evolution which says there was a time when there was nothing and then somehow there was something, known as space, time and matter. It goes on to say that if one gives space and matter long enough, i.e. time, then one gets this (something). Atheistic Evolution begins with a valid scientific observation called Micro Evolution. Micro Evolution is simply the scientific observation of some facts. One fact being the variation of the species; one person has a dog and so does another so both have a dog but the two dogs are different. A second fact is that the species begin to over populate. The third fact is that there is a struggle for existence. The fourth fact is the strong sense to survive. The fifth fact is the characteristics of strengths seem to be conserved in the species as they develop. This is Micro Evolution and I believe it is a God ordained means that He uses in reproduction in filling the earth.

Micro Evolution then by faith is postulated to something called Macro Evolution and that is species create species. This is not development within a species but development from species to species until finally one gets us. Starting with the one cell comes species upon species, mutations begin to develop and out of that comes the conservation of that which is good until eventually now one has man. Therefore we are a result of a series of mutations developed through chance. I do believe Micro Evolution is a valid scientific observation however I am not totally comfortable with the way it is developed in today's science books but I do believe species change within species and that God has ordained the use of it. But I do not believe Macro Evolution is either good science or can be accommodated in Scripture. Therefore I would deny Atheistic Evolution. I would also deny Theistic Evolution which is an attempt to baptize Atheistic Evolution with a few God words. That is basically what it is. I would deny Theistic Evolution for a number of reasons and not the least of which

it is Biblically incompatible and it is bad science just like Atheistic Evolution is bad science.

God reveals Himself in general revelation and special revelation. General revelation is in creation and special revelation is in His Word. Is special revelation infallible? No. Are the interpreters of the Scripture i.e. preachers infallible? All are fallible. Is general revelation infallible? Yes. Are the interpreters i.e. scientists of general revelation infallible? No. The scientists are not a priesthood that cannot be questioned just like preachers are not infallible and they cannot be questioned.

So as the scientists deal with general revelation they come up with a number of theories and today the dominate theory is Darwinian Macro Evolution. It takes the valid Micro Evolution premise and then *by faith* postulates an origins theory. By faith it postulates Macro Evolution so that there is a creation without a creator. So one has something that comes out of nothing and today one is told that is good science. Is it good science, is it to be believed and embraced even with the compromise of Theistic Evolution? I believe that Atheistic Evolution is not only incompatible with Scripture and I do not expect that in Atheistic Evolution that evolution is simply to go with the Scripture but I do expect them to be good scientists. I believe Atheistic Evolution is bad science at worst and pseudo-science at best.

Here are seven brief reasons why I believe this is bad science. First of all, in Atheistic Evolution one has to have something coming out of nothing and I do not know of any science book that explains something coming from nothing. I have plenty of faith to believe that God created this world and everything in it but I do not have enough faith to believe that something comes from nothing. There is no scientific experiment documenting that something comes from nothing.

Here is the second reason why I reject Atheistic Evolution. Now of course the answer that the Atheistic Evolutionist gives is pantheism. One may say, "What do you mean they give the answer pantheism?" The reason they give this is because then they say that space, time and matter are eternal. That is what Carl Sagan said in his book Cosmos, "The Cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever will be." In other words, space, time and matter is eternal and if one gives space and matter enough time then something happens. This leads to the second reason why I reject this reasoning and it is because it denies the first law of thermodynamics. To have evolution there must be new sources of energy. The first law of thermodynamics says there are no new sources of energy. Energy only changes forms. There is no new energy. We are in a closed system. Its development is only the change of the energy that is in it.

The third reason it is bad science is because of the second law of thermodynamics. The first and second laws of thermodynamics are the two most fundamental laws of science. The second law of thermodynamics deals with entropy. Entropy says because we are in a closed system, if one leaves something in the closed system alone by itself, it will run down. Yet the evolutionist wants a person to dismiss that. The second law of thermodynamics says devolution is the norm and not evolution. If something is left alone, order moves to disorder not disorder to order.

Here is an example of this which one knows intuitively. If one comes to my house I have two pocket watches. One is from my grandfather and one is from my great grandfather which was passed down the line to me. That is a very important watch to me. Suppose another person has a watch like mine and I ask that one to give it to me. They do and then I take that watch and take the front and back off of it and empty out all the gears and wheels in it. The person says to me, "What are you doing?" I say, "Don't worry about it, just take all the parts, put them in your pocket and start shaking your pocket." How long will that person have to shake their pocket until they hear something tick? It would never happen and that person would not do that. They would go get a watchmaker to repair it. The length of time one would try that experiment is directly related to one's I.Q. at that moment. A person cannot cut loose a rat on a piano and expect it to play the 9th Symphony as it runs up and down the keys. Chance does not bring beauty and order. An Architect, a Designer, a Creator is how this world came to be.

The fourth reason this is bad science is because there is no scientific experiment that has documented spontaneous generation of life. A storm has blown a limb off a tree and a person takes that limb and plants it in the ground. How long will one wait until that limb has a bloom on it? There will never be a bloom on it because the limb is dead. There is no spontaneous generation of life. That is not supported in science.

The fifth reason this is bad science is there is no ability to have reproduction without design. Reproduction cannot evolve. In other words, if the existing generation does not reproduce, it does not have time to evolve until it can reproduce. It has to do it right then or it stops and is no longer. The great biologist, Andrew Flow, an atheistic evolutionist, along with Alexander Sage Bush both said, "We cannot embrace atheistic evolution any longer" and their reason was reproduction. It is clear that there must be a Designer to have reproduction of any species and certainly man, male and female.

The sixth reason this is bad science is paleontology and geology deny evolution. Once one begins to look at fossil records and earth strata it clearly does not fall into what evolutionists want people to see. One not only will see these neat little layers representing age upon age laid down but one will see a different order in different places. Some places have horizontal layers while other places have vertical layers. The evidence is much more of a fossil record by a catastrophic occurrence than long periods of time. The fossil record is not only inconsistent with atheistic evolution but the fossil record is nonexistent in recent times. There are no fossils being laid down. No one can find them now. What this indicates is not long periods of time that create fossils but that catastrophe created fossils. Paleontology and geology do not support atheistic evolution.

The seventh reason this is bad science is the issue of mutation. Mutation is the instrument necessary to evolve from species to species. First there is no fossil record of a species change. Secondly, mutations never bring upward movement, they always bring downward movement. One may say, "What about theistic evolution?" Okay, there is nothing coming from something but there is

God that created something and then evolution takes over. First that is Biblically incompatible. Secondly there is the same problems listed above in this paragraph and thirdly there is the problem of man. It is very clear that when man is made according to the Biblical account he is not made potential man through species that evolve upward to him but he is made by the hand of God in His image. So even at that point the theistic evolutionist is confronted with the Biblical inconsistency of man, male and female, made in the image of God and not upward in mutation.

I am also aware of the Gap theory by Scofield dealing with “gap” between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 which accounts for the fall of Satan and the age of the earth. I also find this theory inconsistent with the interpretation of Genesis 1:1-2. Many people hold the belief of the progressive creation and say that these are not days but are panels and what God is giving is a literary instrument to show people what creation is about theologically and not scientifically. I agree that Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 2:3 is not a science statement but I disagree that it is a literary device other than a historical narrative. It is a historical narrative for theological purposes. While it is not a scientific dissertation it would not be inconsistent with good science.

One may say “Well, Harry where would you hold?” I certainly recognize that I have brethren who hold the progressive creation beliefs and the gap theory and liberty must be given there. My position is pretty simple given that I am a simple person. I am a six day, 24 hour creationist giving room for my brothers to work through the Biblical account in terms of what the day actually means. I certainly would not break fellowship as long as there is the acknowledgement of the special act of creation. As a Neanderthal I am a young earth exponent and here are my reasons why.

The first reason I believe in a six day 24 hour day is because the Hebrew word for “day” used in the text time and time again is “yom.” By far 98% of the time in the Bible it always means a 24 hour day and yes there are times that it does not mean a 24 hour day. Is there any reason to suspect that this would be one of those times? I would say, “no.” Even more pointedly, every time the word “yom” is used in the Old Testament and it has a number in front of it then it always refers to a 24 hour day. That is the way it comes up in Genesis 1; “the first day,” “the second day,” “the third day...” The number is in front of it. Secondly, the weight of historical interpretation is a 24 hour day, six day creation. Thirdly, it is the natural reading of the content and the context. Fourthly, it is clearly used as a 24 hour day when it is taken from Genesis 1 and embedded in the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:9, 10; **9** “*Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.*” Clearly it is treated that way. One may say, “Harry don’t you think day can be longer?” I go home on Sunday afternoon and take my nap but I just cannot work out a 20,000 year nap. I think actually refers to a 24 hour day and it is quoting from Genesis 1. Finally every time Genesis 1 is quoted in the Old Testament or the New Testament it is always treated as a 24 hour day in the Scripture.

One may say, “Harry that explains why you believe in a 24 hour day six day creation but why would you say you are a young earth?” It is because of the

fossil record. The fossil record is better explained by the flood when this study gets to that part of Genesis and then secondly the fossil record also declares some things that are absolutely incompatible with an old earth but would be with the young earth. For instance in the old earth theory the dinosaurs are millions of years before men. In Texas there is a river bed that has a large imprint of a land mammal, a dinosaur and there is an imprint of a man's foot on the same strata. The fossil record is more conducive to the young earth and a catastrophic intervention of God than it is with long periods of time. I certainly leave room for liberty and discussion there but I am just sharing with you my position at this point.

Another reason for my belief is because of the dating mechanism, the carbon 14 and the other. It is easy to come up with answers when one builds in by presupposition the dating method. I believe that one cannot use the theory of Uniformatism if one is a Christian. Uniformatism is quoted by Peter in 2 Peter 3:4, "...*all things are continuing as they were from the beginning...*" The theory of Uniformatism says that everything is as it always has been therefore a person can tell another how long something was by measuring things like erosion. Here is an example. I have a faucet that is leaking. The faucet is dripping and I come out after an hour and an inch of soil is gone. I go back in and come back later. The faucet is still dripping and two inches of soil is gone another hour later. I go back in and come back in another hour. The faucet is still dripping and three inches of soil is gone. That tells me that the dripping faucet is causing erosion at one inch an hour. Now I go back in and come back and it is now a foot deep. It should be four inches but now it is twelve inches. I must have read the clock wrong, right? No, I have another idea. Someone turned the faucet on and the force of the water created something much different. God has turned the faucet on more than once. There was the flood where He made mountains into valleys and valleys into mountains. There was Sodom and Gomorrah where the landscape was totally changed and moved. The fact is that the dating mechanisms are built with the presuppositions of the old earth.

There is a whole list of reasons dealing with the fossil records but here are two of them. The sun is decreasing in size at one tenth of one percent a year. If one goes backwards and increases it one tenth of one percent, after two million years then the sun would be within about two miles from the earth. In other words there would not have been a planet Mercury, Venus or Mars etc. Man would have been then within inches, proverbial speaking, from the sun. Now take the moon. Remember the poor astronaut who had to jump off the ladder onto the moon? I always wondered why they did not make shorter pods and a longer ladder but the reason was because the Macro Evolutionist told them "billions of years" which means four inches of moon dust a year. They were told there was no atmosphere there and the craters are crashing so they built the ladder that way because of all the moon dust they would find. There was about four to six inches when they arrived which would work out to about 10,000 years of age of meteors hitting it. There are also the areas of oil seepage and natural gas but some of the basics have already been covered in this study so the topics on oil and gas will not be covered here.

Another reason I take the young earth stand is I believe the earth was created with an appearance of age. If one was the first Adam's son and they went out to look at a tree. The tree may have appeared as though it were 100 years old because when God made the tree He made it with the appearance of age. Adam was made with the appearance of age, the perfect age of 56 years old but he had not lived 56 years. I am using this number as my age and as an example. Adam was made with the appearance of age. The earth has an appearance of age. The catastrophe gives an even greater appearance of age to the earth as God has intervened in judgment from time to time.

This leads to the fifth concluding issue in this study and that is what a person may say at this point, "why all the fuss on this?" Here is why. Satan is not attacking creation but he is attacking the reason the creation account was put there which is to give one confidence in God as one's Redeemer. Satan is trying to undermine one's claims of God that one must know Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Savior and that He is able to deliver that person. That is what the attack really is in Atheistic Evolution and Theistic Evolution as well. Another reason for the fuss has to do with the dignity of man. Does one not understand that if men and women are nothing more than mutations then men and women are only a couple of mutations from a maggot? Therefore a man like Peter Singer an ethicist at Princeton will just say, "Listen a well structured plant is of much more value than a deformed child." If this is so ethics is lost, the dignity of man, male and female is lost, order is lost, confidence is lost, and the sanctity of life is lost. It is only with the development of Macro Evolution and the devaluing of life made in the image of God that one now thinks it is okay to get rid of unwanted children in the womb and nonproductive older people and the thinking of survival of the fittest. These people, the child and elderly, are not theological tempests in a teapot. Confidence in the Creator gives confidence in the Redeemer, the dignity of man, order, and ethics. If there is no creation then there is no creator. If there is no creator then there is no law.

Another reason for I believe this has to do with academic integrity; who am I, where did I come from, why am I here and where am I going. I do not believe the dominate theory that faith takes the Hagalian idea. Darwin did not come at this from science. He came at it from philosophy. Here is Hagal; thesis - antithesis. They war and then comes a synthesis. That is the new thesis. It wars with the new antithesis. There is a new synthesis. That is Hagal's view of life, his philosophy. Marx took it and made a political and economic philosophy and called it Communism. The proletariat and the bourgeoisie have a revolution and then comes a new bourgeoisie and a new proletariat, then a revolution and a new bourgeoisie and a new proletariat. Darwin took it and says, "Species, mutation, war, evolution not revolution, new species." It was a faith commitment to a philosophy and not a scientific observation. Academic integrity ought to at least allow the questioning of it. I am convinced that the present dominate theory of origins, that is Atheistic Macro Evolution will one day be an absolute embarrassment which it is quickly becoming. It will become an embarrassment to the academic community. It will end up as it began in the academic community. It will become fodder for jokes. I believe the embarrassment will

extend to the religious community to those who felt the necessity to accommodate it with Theistic evolution. The Atheistic Evolutionists are already abandoning it. The Theistic Evolutionists will one day be equally embarrassed.

Friends, give liberty just like one would give liberty on the millennium. There is a-millennial, post-millennial, pre-millennial, the literal thousand years person. There needs to be liberty given for that kind of discussion about the days of creation. There are Bible believers that I absolutely bow at their feet who do not agree with me on the 24 hour day and young earth but they hold to special creation, for various reasons they see it somewhat differently. While I give liberty to that I must hold to the doctrine of creation for dignity, for the substantiation of the claims of my Redeemer, for the social order. God is eternal not the creation. God creates. The creation does not create. God creates a home and a people for His glory. Now in that same person, Jesus Christ, He is recreating a new people for a new home, heavens and earth, for His glory.

One may ask, "Harry why don't some hold to the doctrine of creation?" It is not a scientific issue. The issue is dealt with in Romans 1:18-22; **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, 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."* The problem is not information. The problem is not science. Good science supports the reality of a Creator and reality of creation. Why does Satan attack? Satan wants to attack the Redeemer and redemption. Why do men not believe? It is not an intellectual problem. It is a moral problem. They suppress the truth. The unrighteous sit on it and push it down. Then with these wonderful God-given minds we sophisticate ourselves into absurdity. "Professing to be wise they become fools" and deny the Creator and all of His glory.

There are two things one does not have to teach a five-year old. One is that a person does not have to teach them to sin because they know how to. Disobedience comes natural. We have a fallen nature. The second thing one does not have to teach them is that there is a God. I have never met a five-year old atheist. A person has to teach them there is not a God with the absurdity of sophistication. Our problem is not a mental intellectual problem. Our problem is a heart problem. The heart of the problem is the problem with the heart. This is where this study ends with the Good News that Jesus gives us a new heart.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for the moments together in Your Word. O God would You please declare Your glory to our hearts, that our hearts would be open and our minds transformed by the truth of Your Word. Father I pray for those who will contend for academic integrity in our public educational institutions. Thank You for the administrators, teachers and students. Father I pray for the students

particularly in the higher education, in the colleges and universities that they will both be able to stand the peer pressure, the pseudo-science and philosophy. Help us as a church to equip them and not to play games with Your Word but equip them and God would You please bring to us the great joy of knowing that the Lord God is our Creator and the same power that brought it with His spoken Word is that same power that gave us the Word, Jesus Christ and in Him we have life eternal. Praise Your name who declared not only in creation it is finished, but in redemption, it is finished. Amen.