

Foundations

Series #6

The Doctrine of Creation – Part 4

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Read Genesis 1:1

Catechism – Read Galatians 6:6

INTRODUCTION

This will be our fourth and final message on the Doctrine of Creation. What I had once hoped to cover in one message, has turned into four messages and we really have not even touched the tip of the iceberg on this doctrine and topic.

One of the points we will be examining in this message is the age of the Earth. The age of the Earth can be a contentious issue, often debated between scientific theories and biblical truths, and often debated among Christians as well. While some propose an ancient earth, the Bible

provides a clear timeline of creation, pointing to a relatively young earth.

One of the intriguing questions that arise from the early chapters of Genesis is the identity of Cain's wife. Genesis 4:17 mentions Cain building a city and finding a wife. This seemingly simple question actually highlights the broader scope of humanity's early history.

Another big question is about dinosaurs and dragons. The mention of behemoth and leviathan in Job 40-41 has led some to speculate about dinosaurs and dragons in the Bible.

The theory of evolution stands in stark contrast to the biblical account of creation. While some attempt to reconcile these two viewpoints, the fundamental differences in their premises make such harmonization untenable.

The Bible teaches us that God created each kind of creature according to its kind, a concept that aligns with the observable evidence in nature. As believers, we hold fast to the truth that God's Word is infallible and provides the ultimate explanation for the origins of life.

WHAT ABOUT EVOLUTION & THE BIG BANG?

In chapter 5 of Genesis, the fifth chapter begins: *“This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: And*

the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died” (Genesis 5:1-5).

Repeatedly it says there was a day when God created man, both male and female. That is what the Bible says. *Isaiah 45:12* echoes this, “*I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.*”

Job 33:4 says, “*The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*” Here we see that breath of life again. And Deuteronomy 4:32 talks about a day when God created man on the earth. Now, this is repeated over and over again in the Bible.

But, despite the clear teaching of the Bible, the clear teaching of Genesis, and other passages of Scripture, these evolutionists have attempted to prove that man evolved, that everything evolved from a one-celled creature through water animals, amphibians, apes, and to finally to man and everything else we see today. But scientists, though they deny the Bible, have found it impossible to find proof for the evolution of anything, including the evolution of man.

The reason they cannot find proof is very simple, there is no proof because evolution is not true and did not happen. You cannot find proof for something that did not happen. And evolution never happened, and this is why they cannot find any evidence for it.

In six literal 24-hour days, God made the entire universe, the earth, and all its living creatures, as we have been saying, and He did it about six thousand years ago.

The Origin of Life

In the science of the study of the origin of life, evolution is a given, yet evolution is unprovable by the scientific method.

The scientific method is the process of objectively establishing facts through testing and experimentation. The basic process involves making an observation, forming a hypothesis, making a prediction, conducting an experiment, and finally analyzing the results, and then being able to repeat the results.

The Bible provides a clear account of creation in Genesis, stating that God created the heavens and the earth and all living creatures in six literal 24-hour days (Genesis 1). This account contrasts with the theory of evolution, which suggests that life on Earth developed gradually over millions of years through natural selection and random mutations.

It is important to note that the origins of life are not directly observable or repeatable, making it impossible to scientifically prove them. There is no scientific evidence, there is no proof at all for the theory of evolution.

Ultimately, what one believes about the origins of life is a matter of faith. We can choose to have faith in the explanations of finite, fallible man regarding the origins of

life, or we can have faith in the infinite, infallible God and what He has revealed to us in His Word.

As Christians, we choose to place our faith in God's account of creation as recorded in the Bible. **Hebrews 11:3** tells us, "*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*" We believe that God created the heavens and the earth *ex nihilo* (out of nothing) and that He is the Author of life.

While the debate between creation and evolution may continue, we can find confidence in knowing that our faith is not blind but grounded in the truth of God's Word. As we consider the origins of life, let us trust in the infinite wisdom and knowledge of our Creator, who has revealed Himself to us through His Word and His creation.

Our Universe is Amazingly Finetuned for Human Life

The universe, at its inception, was amazingly finetuned to support human life. It is hard to comprehend this fact apart from God creating the universe to be inhabited by man, just as the Genesis account of creation teaches.

This finetuning is called the Anthropic Principle. An astronomer named Hugh Ross has argued for this principle. He has argued for this principle, based in part, on the following points I am going to give you:

- (1) The oxygen rate, 21 percent, in the atmosphere is just right. If less than 15 percent, human life would

suffocate, if more than 25 percent, spontaneous fires would break out.

- (2) The gravitational force is just right. If altered by only 1 part in 10 to the fortieth, the sun would not exist, and the moon would crash into the earth.
- (3) The universe expansion is just right. If the rate were just one-millionth more slowly, the temperature on Earth would be 10,000 degrees.
- (4) The speed of light is just right. Even a slight variation in the speed of light would alter the other constants and make life on Earth impossible.
- (5) The orbit of Jupiter is just right. If Jupiter were not in its current orbit, the Earth would be bombarded by space material, making sustained life on Earth impossible.
- (6) The thickness of the earth's crust is just right. If it were altered, volcanic and tectonic activity would make life on Earth impossible.
- (7) The axial tilt of the earth is just right. If it were altered slightly, surface temperatures would be too extreme for life on Earth.
- (8) The lightning rate is just right. If it were greater, there would be too much fire and destruction, if it were less there would be too little nitrogen to fertilize the soil.¹

¹ (Morris H. M., 2013)

All this leads us to what is called...

The "Goldilocks Earth" Principle

This refers to the idea that Earth is uniquely suited for life, with conditions that are not too hot, not too cold, but just right for life to thrive.

This concept is used to help describe the fine-tuning of the universe for life, suggesting that Earth's position in the solar system and its various characteristics make it an ideal habitat for living organisms.

In the creation account in Genesis, we see that God intentionally designed Earth to be a perfect environment for life. ***Genesis 1:1*** states, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*"

This verse emphasizes God's deliberate act of creation, indicating that Earth was not a product of random chance or a big bang, but a carefully planned and designed creation.

The "Goldilocks Earth" principle aligns with the biblical account of creation, showing that Earth is uniquely suited for life because it was intentionally designed that way by God.

Now Let's Briefly Consider Darwinism

Please turn with me to I Timothy 6:4-5

In 1859 Charles Darwin wrote his well-known book, *On the Origin of Species*. Actually, the full title of this book displays how racist his theory of evolution was. The full title was "*On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural*

Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life.”

Darwin is not a man anyone should be promoting as some kind of hero or using his name with feet attached as a bumper sticker. *I Timothy 6:4-5* says, “*He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.”*

Darwin is the kind of man who should be shunned and abhorred as one would Hitler. He is the kind of man, God is His Word, tells us to withdraw ourselves from.

But because His teachings and theories attack the very foundation of our faith, we need to briefly consider what he wrote. Since 1859, when his book was published, Darwinian evolution has theorized that every form of life, existing and extinct, developed over time gradually or maybe rapidly by natural processes from a single living structure.

“Some have suggested that God initiated evolution. This is called theistic evolution. However, this theory is fundamentally in conflict with the Genesis creation account that demands the special creation of animal “kinds” (Genesis 1:24-25) and the special creation of man (male and female Genesis 1:27) from the dust of

the earth; as opposed to creation from other animals.”²

The account of creation can allow for genetic changes within created kinds. This in science is known as microevolution, which is observed among the different species existing today. However, the Bible does not allow for changes between kinds or types, which is known as macroevolution or the Darwinian theorized form of evolution.³

Christians may disagree on the timing of creation, but they should not disagree on the historicity of the biblical account of creation. To do so would violate the clear and plain teachings of Scripture.

The special creation of man and woman was affirmed by Jesus, the Son of God who said in ***Matthew 19:4*** “*And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female.*” The historical creation account is essential to our salvation. It serves as a connection to our redemption.

Paul makes this point in ***Romans 5:12 & 14-15***, “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned... Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the*

² (Geisler & Potter, 2016)

³ (Geisler & Potter, 2016)

offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.”

Paul makes an inseparable connection between Adam and Christ in ***I Corinthians 15:45*** “*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*” “*Hence, Adam must be just as historical as Jesus must, for redemption to have been accomplished.*”⁴

The special creation of man and woman, affirmed by Jesus Himself in Matthew 19:4, serves as a foundational truth that is intricately connected to our redemption. This historical account, essential to understanding our salvation, is highlighted by the Apostle Paul in Romans 5:12 & 14-15, emphasizing the link between Adam's sin and the need for Christ's redemption.

Paul's connection between Adam and Christ in I Corinthians 15:45 underscores the historical reality of Adam, essential for the accomplishment of redemption.

The Bible records these events as historical facts, as seen in Genesis chapter 1, where God created the perfect environment for man, whom He created in His own image, fully grown and fully functioning, to enjoy and praise Him for His blessings.

Now let's look at some other concerns that come up with the Doctrine of Creation...

⁴ (Geisler & Potter, 2016)

HOW DO WE BIBLICALLY DETERMINE THE AGE OF THE EARTH?

Secular science claims the universe is around 14 billion years old, but the Bible tells us God made everything about 6,000 years ago. Age cannot be measured in a laboratory, so how do we determine who is right?

Jack Herbert, a Ph.D., wrote this concerning this question:

“Many aspects of Earth and our solar system show signs of youth. Earth’s magnetic field should have decayed down to nothing if billions of years were true. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune radiate more energy than they receive from the Sun, but they’re still warm. Comets lose mass as they orbit the Sun, so why haven’t they all vaporized by now? Blue stars burn too hot to last this long, but they’re still found throughout the universe.”⁵

Now there are many arguments for a young earth, but the strongest argument is that we have eyewitness testimony of the One who was there in the beginning. He is the Creator Himself, and we should believe what He says about creation!

Dr. Jack Herbert went on to write:

“Science has not proven vast ages. In fact, despite popular perception, science can’t prove that the universe is old or young, for a very simple reason. Age isn’t something that scientists can measure in a

⁵ (Morris H. M., 2013)

laboratory. When secular scientists claim that a rock is millions of years old, this is a calculated age estimate based on assumptions about the past. If the assumptions behind the calculation are wrong, the age estimate will be wrong too.”⁶

Genesis Data Adds Up to a Young Earth

The age of the earth is theologically important because:

- (1) God records important time data in the Bible, so that information must be true and relevant.
- (2) The Bible’s history of Earth time rejects the millions and billions of evolutionary history.

“Genesis provides timespans that are counted by the time between specific events – most often the “begetting” of key people. This event-to-event documentation allows calculations of the maximum and minimum number of years included in Genesis history.”⁷

So, Earth’s possible age falls between 6,100 and 6,200 years old. For anyone who trusts the Bible, who has a high view of Scripture, we trust the Bible to be divinely inspired, accurate, and understandable.

So the idea of evolutionary millions and big-bang billions of years is out of the question. The data given to us by God in the Bible adds up to a young earth. An earth that is between 6,100 to 6,200 years old.

⁶ (Morris H. M., 2013)

⁷ (Morris H. M., 2013)

What About Genealogy Gaps?

A question that is often put forward to cast doubt on a young earth or an earth about 6,000 years old is the question of possible genealogy gaps. But the possible gaps do not alter the math involved in coming up with the 6,100 years.

For example, Genesis 5:3 states that Adam was 130 years old when Seth was "begotten." How old was Adam when he begat Seth? Adam was 130. Does it matter whether Seth was Adam's later descendant? No, the answer is the same.

Seth's exact familial relationship to Adam is irrelevant to the chronology because the time frame reported in Genesis 5:3 is measured by the number of years that separated one historical event (God creating Adam) from a later historical event (Seth being begotten)-regardless of how many generations may have occurred between Adam's creation and Seth's begetting.

The begetting of Seth begins the next time frame "link" in the unbroken chain of events from Adam to Abraham. A couple of our time frames are not linked by begetting but by a geological event. For example, in Genesis 7:6, Noah's age at the time of the Flood is given as 600 years old.

Calculating the age of the earth is a rather straightforward event-to-event math problem. Since it is event-to-event the number of possible generations included between the bookend events are then irrelevant. There are 19 event-to-event sequential links to this unbroken chain.

So How Do We Biblically Calculate the Age of the Earth?

Since we enjoyed all the math we did on Wednesday evening about Daniel's 69 weeks, I thought it would be great to do some more math this evening regarding the age of the earth.

When Abraham was born, how old or young was the earth? Can we know the answer with confidence? Yes, because God has given us the information we need in Genesis. But to recognize it requires reading, writing, and 'arithmetic.

The time frames given in Genesis are measured by the number of years between one event and another event, regardless of how many generations occurred between those bookend events.

And don't worry we are not going to do the math ourselves, adding up all the years between these events. Someone has done the math, factoring in for gestational periods and birthday partial years with those factors they come up with a range of how old the earth is.

Based on the events given to us in Genesis, the perfect and infallible Word of God, the range of the age the earth could be is the following: not any younger than 6,138 years and not any older than 6,175 but probably somewhere in the middle of those two numbers. The numbers right in the middle are 6,156 to 6,157 years old.

As we consider the age of the earth, estimated to be around 6,150 years based on biblical chronology, we are reminded of the historical context in which events unfolded. This timeframe includes the account of Cain and his wife, as well as the origin of nations.

These narratives, recorded in Genesis, provide us with insights into the early days of humanity and the development of civilization, shedding light on God's sovereign plan and His dealings with mankind.

So let us look now at...

CAIN, HIS WIFE & THE ORIGIN OF NATIONS

First, we need to understand that first humans did not have degraded genes like we do. So marriages of close family members were not a problem for them genetically. In fact, God did not prohibit that kind of marriage until the Mosaic law.

One of the main questions that's often asked is “who was Cain's wife?” But to answer that, we should start at the beginning.

Genesis 3:20 states, “*And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*” Adam and Eve were commanded to “*Be fruitful, and multiply*” (***Genesis 1:28***).

So it is not beyond reason to suppose they had many children, especially when Adam lived for 930 years and Eve for a presumably similar time. Indeed, the Jewish historian Josephus said, “*The number of Adam's children, as says the old tradition, was thirty-three sons and twenty-three daughters.*”⁸

⁸ (Josephus, 2003)

Cain was Adam and Eve's first child (Genesis 4:1), and he had two recorded brothers, Abel and Seth. It should be noted that Adam and Eve also had other offspring, for **Genesis 5:4** says, "*And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters.*"

So, who was Cain's wife? She was a descendant of Adam and Eve: either Cain's sister or perhaps a niece. There were not other people or other humans for Cain to choose a wife from.

One book on creation science explained it this way:

"Today, inbreeding is dangerous because of the genetic load or genetic burden that a species carries.⁹ Purebred dogs, for example, always carry a hidden genetic defect (deafness, hip dysplasia, or other imperfections) that often manifests itself physically (called phenotypic expression). In the day of Adam and Eve, there were virtually no mutations built up, and intermarrying could occur without genetic harm. Indeed, in that first generation all marriages had to be brother/sister marriages. As the centuries progressed, mutations began to accumulate in the human genome. Therefore, God, in His infinite wisdom, prohibited incest, as we read in the Mosaic Law (Leviticus 18-20)."¹⁰

Now that we have addressed that let's look at...

⁹ (Stanford, 2006)

¹⁰ (Morris H. M., 2013)

The Origin of Nations

Modern people possess much variation in size, skin color, and other attributes, but we are all one human race created in the image of God. The Tower of Babel is a key to understanding these variations, as well as the 70 main language groups on Earth.

Because of the people's rebellion at Babel, God confused their language, forcing them to migrate. Earth's early history as presented in Genesis makes sense of the world we see today.

Acts 17:26 says, “*And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.*”

Turn with me to Genesis 11

Genesis 1-11 takes the reader through creation, the Curse, and the global Flood (catastrophe) of Noah's day. We will never be able to comprehend human origins, migrations, genetics, or languages without considering Babel. *Genesis 11:9* says, “*Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.*”

The events at Babel give us the key to understanding the origin of modern nations and peoples. We are descended from those confused and scattered at Babel. Our ancestors

were there. Our ancestors took part in that rebellion against God at Babel.

When we read about that in Genesis 11, remember some of them are your relatives. You are reading your family history. You have some of those genetics in you right now. It is at Babel that we have the breakup of languages and the dispersion of families into all parts of the world.

Look with me now at ***Genesis 11:1-9*** “*And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”*

After the flood, God instructed Noah and his family (eight people in all) to be “*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth*” (***Genesis 9:1***). Instead, in the years to follow their descendants assembled at Babel under the leadership of a defiant Nimrod, who no doubt was under demonic influence.

They proceeded to build a tower “*lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth*” (***Genesis 11:4***), and it became an astrological worship center to praise the creation rather than the Creator (***Romans 1:25 - Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever***). Except for a faithful remnant, the disobedient populace had united in rebellion against God.

But God separated their one language into many, preventing their communication and therefore their cooperation with each other.

This confusion of language caused them to disperse throughout the earth (***Genesis 11:6-7 - And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech***).

In the Table of Nations (*Genesis 10*) we discover a documentation of 70 nations/family groups migrating to fill the earth after Babel. Not surprisingly, linguists have found

the number of separate language families is basically the same as the 70 listed in Scripture.

Isn't the Bible awesome? The Bible explains our world. We just need to believe it and dig into it to find the answers we are seeking.

Now unto another question that is asked a lot about creation and that is...

WHAT ABOUT THE DINOSAURS & DRAGONS?

Biblicists and evolutionists have very different understandings of dinosaur history. Again, I need to point out, we have a high view of Scripture, we believe what it says, even if it goes against what we have been previously taught, even if it is difficult to digest, even if it ruffles some feathers, or makes us uncomfortable.

None of those things matter, we believe the Bible. We believe what God said and wrote in His love letter to us. Sola Scriptura was a battle cry from days past, and it still should be our battle cry today. Now with all that said, let's dig into this topic of Dinosaurs and Dragons.

Believers can rely on God's written record that He created all things, man, and animals, including dinosaurs in just six literal 24-hour days. Dinosaurs did not die off millions of years before the arrival of man, no, man and dinosaurs co-existed on this earth.

There are ancient eyewitness accounts from all over the globe that depict people seeing dragon-like creatures. Two

of these creatures are also described for us in the book of Job, which we will explore in a moment.

As land-dwelling, air-breathing creatures, dinosaurs were taken aboard the Ark with Noah and then dispersed after the Flood. Historical accounts and archeological and geological evidence point to the Bibles account of dinosaurs created just 6,000 years ago.¹¹

Dinosaurs Were Created 6,000 Years Ago

God tells us clearly that He created dinosaurs on Day Six of creation just 6,000 years ago. ***Genesis 1:24-25*** says, “*And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*” Those verses include the dinosaurs and potentially dragons as well.

Notice where those verses refer to the “*beast of the earth*” (v.25). These are the large non-domesticated animals. One book on creation had this to say about dinosaurs being created:

“There were perhaps 50 different basic “kinds” of dinosaurs, and their fossils show that they had well-proportioned bodies that were well-designed for the life each led. Some dinosaurs, like Compsognathus or Mussaurus, were small “creeping things.” But

¹¹ (Morris H. M., 2013)

others, like Tyrannosaurus or Ultrasaurus, were large “beasts of the earth” made alongside man on Day 6, according to the testimony of the only One who was actually there.”¹²

If we say we do not think dinosaurs existed alongside man, think about what you are doing: you are calling God a liar. That is what anyone is doing if they say dinosaurs lived millions of years before man, and that man did not live alongside dinosaurs. We must be careful with our “I think this” or “I think that” statements.

Dinosaurs & Dragons

This is very fascinating, just like almost every ancient culture has a flood account, almost every ancient culture also has dragon legends. Now “*one of the most fascinating recent discoveries is a fossil called Dracorex hogwartsia unearthed in North America.”¹³*

The skull of this dinosaur would look strangely familiar to you. This skull has a remarkable resemblance to what you would picture a dragon’s head to look like.

¹² (Morris H. M., 2013)

¹³ (Morris H. M., 2013)



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Many different cultures have dragon legends, including the Welsh, Babylonian, Chinese, Australian Aborigines, Egyptian, Native American, Medieval Europe, and many others. Here is an account from the 3rd century about encounters with dragons in India:

*“The whole of India I girt with dragons of enormous size; for not only the marshes are full of them, but the mountains as well, and there is not a single ridge without one. Now the marsh kind are sluggish in their habits and are thirty cubits long, and they have no crest standing up on their heads.”*¹⁵

¹⁴ (Popp, 2024)

¹⁵ (Philostratus, 1912)

One more thing to point out before we go to the Book of Job is that the word dinosaur did not exist until the 1800's so this is why you will not find it in the King James Bible.

Turn with me to Job 40

Dinosaurs in the Book of Job

In Job chapter 40 God directs Job's attention to the greatest animals of all, the Behemoth on the land, and the Leviathan in the sea. First God directs Jobs' attention to the behemoth.

Now look at ***Job 40:15 & 19*** “*Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox... He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.*”

The word behemoth seems to mean gigantic beast, some people have tried to claim that it is referring to an elephant, hippopotamus, or rhinoceros. But the description of this animal does not fit any of those animals, this is definitely something different and something bigger. No known animal, but a dinosaur, would conform to the following characteristics:

Look at ***Job 40:16-18*** “*Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.*”

Now look at ***Job 40:23-24*** “*Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into*

his mouth. He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.”

Notice another description of this animal, the behemoth, look at **Job 40:19** “*He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.*” Notice the first phrase, “*He is chief of the ways of God*” this indicates that he was the largest of all land animals.

So the behemoth is most certainly a large towering dinosaur, and he is alive at the same time Job is alive. Most scholars place Job to be alive close to the time of Abraham, so it is very conceivable that Abraham, Isaac, and possibly even Jacob and others had encounters with dinosaurs.

Notice God’s Care for Man

Look at **Job 40:19** again with me, “*He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.*” Notice the last phrase now, “*he that made him* [that would be God] *can make his sword to approach unto him.*”

God is telling Job that man cannot kill or defend himself from this great behemoth, but God can, God “*can make his sword to approach unto him.*” God can defend man from these, God can conquer these creatures, and God can even make them extinct if needed for man’s flourishing.

So before these giant dinosaurs could proliferate in such numbers as to threaten the existence of man, God would see to it that they would either die out, or possibly be driven

deep into the jungle swamps by the need of food, water, and warmth that man would never have to worry about them.

Now Let's Take a Look at Leviathan

As the Behemoth was the greatest terrestrial animal, the Leviathan was the greatest aquatic animal. Like the Behemoth, it seems to be extinct, although reports continue to persist of great sea serpents and plesiosaur-like animals in oceans and deep lakes around the world.

Whatever Leviathan may have been, it was not a crocodile. Neither was it a whale, as some have suggested. Now let's take a look at a few characteristics of Leviathan provided for us in the Book of Job.

Read with me **Job 41:7-10 & 26** “*Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?... The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.*”

These and other verses indicate to us that the Leviathan was impregnable to human efforts to capture him or to kill him. Yet zoos are full of crocodiles, and crocodiles have been hunted so successfully that they are often considered an endangered species. The same applies to whales. So Leviathan was not a crocodile nor a whale, as suggested by commentators seeking to cast doubt on the account here in Job chapter 41.

Now look with me at **Job 41:18-21** “*By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.*”

This is not a crocodile. This is not a whale. To the possible objection that not even dinosaurs breathed fire, we could answer that no one knows if dinosaurs breathed fire or not.

Dragons of various kinds were capable of breathing out fire, at least according to traditions and historical accounts preserved from antiquity from all parts of the world.

Certain insects can in fact give out light or fire for example the bombardier beetle and the firefly or in Indiana we called them lightening bugs. There are species of luminescent fish that also exist.

“*Perhaps more to the point, dinosaur fossils have been excavated that show a strange protuberance, with internal cavity, on the top of the head. It is conceivable that this could have served as a sort of mixing chamber for combustible gases that would ignite when exhaled into the outside oxygen.*”¹⁶

And also remember that dinosaur skeleton that was recently discovered which they named the *Dracorex hogwartsia* that looks exactly like what ancient drawings and paintings have depicted dragons as looking.

¹⁶ (Morris H. M., 2000)

And just like the flood accounts in every civilization throughout the earth, it is unlikely that these tales of fire-breathing Dragons scattered across the globe from ancient times could have come into existence without a strong factual basis.

Furthermore, the Bible often mentions Dragons just as it mentions unicorns, always in such a way as to show that the writers believed they were real animals.

Now please turn with me to Isaiah 27

The Leviathan seems to be specifically identified as a dragon in one biblical text and that is Isaiah 27:1. Look with me now at ***Isaiah 27:1*** “*In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.*”

Now the context of Isaiah 27 is that this comparison to Leviathan is used in a metaphorical way in showing the Lord will triumph over His enemies no matter how mighty or fierce they may seem, but for the reference to invoke the awe it was intended to invoke in the readers and hearers of that day, these animals in all likelihood had to have existed.

In other words, Leviathan or Dragons are not mythical creatures. This is clearly indicated in another passage, please turn with me to Psalm 104:25-26, but keep your finger in Job 41, for we will be going right back to it.

Psalm 104:25-26 says, “*So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and*

great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.” Now turn back to **Job 41:31**, this is talking about Leviathan, “*He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: [you need fire to boil water] he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.*”

The Leviathan was a real animal, presumably the largest and fiercest of all the aquatic animals. Like the behemoth, however, he also symbolized the great power and pride of the wicked one, Satan. This is even more evident in this case than for Behemoth.

Some of the divine references to Leviathan could not literally apply to any animal, even this one. They could in fact, and must apply ultimately to Satan and to him alone. Job 41 seems to alternately talk about a powerful animal and a more powerful malevolent spirit, as though God were describing both Leviathan and Satan intermittently, but in the same context.

Now to wrap all of this up...

CONCLUSION

Our look at the doctrine of creation has been incredible, at least it has to me. So, as we reflect on the biblical account of creation several key points emerge.

First, when we consider the theory of evolution and the Big Bang, we must weigh these theories against the clear and consistent testimony of Scripture, which teaches that God created the heavens and the earth in six days.

Second, the fine-tuning of our universe for human life points to the design and purpose of a Creator who intricately fashioned our world to sustain life. This fine-tuning speaks volumes about the wisdom and power of our God.

Third, the Bible's timeline places the creation of everything, including man, at approximately 6,000 years ago. This timeframe aligns with the genealogies and historical accounts found in Scripture.

Fourth, the story of Cain, his wife, the Tower of Babel, and the origin of nations and languages reminds us of the historical reality of these events and their impact on the course of human history.

Lastly, the existence of dinosaurs, which were created around 6,000 years ago and existed alongside man challenges us to view the world through the lens of Scripture and not the prevailing secular narratives.

As we ponder these truths, let us be reminded of the importance of trusting in the Word of God as our ultimate authority and guide in all matters, including the origin of the universe and the history of mankind. Let us stand firm on the truth of God's Word and proclaim His glory as the Creator and Sustainer of all things.

Furthermore, let us be bold in sharing and defending a biblical worldview in a world that often opposes it. Let us not bow to the pressures of secular society, but instead, let us stand firm in our faith, trusting in the truth of God's Word.

May we be diligent in sharing the message of creation and redemption with others, so that they too may come to know the truth and experience of salvation that comes only through faith in Jesus Christ.

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