

The Creationist's Interpretation

In view of the numerous fallacies of the evolutionary model and the abundance of scientific facts that support biblical creationism, we shall consider the biblical creationist's interpretation. All Bible-believing creationists agree that God is the Creator. Admittedly, however, not all creationists agree as to the exact method of his creation. There is considerable diversity of opinion among creationists regarding the interpretation and application of Genesis 1 to earth history. Some individuals have attempted to harmonize the Genesis account of creation with the evolutionary framework of earth history; others prefer to remain loyal to the more traditional viewpoints concerning creation. We shall briefly discuss the three main interpretations accepted by various Bible-believing creationists.

The Day-Age Theory

This theory proposes that the six days of creation represent periods of time, ages, not literal twenty-four-hour days. This theory is designed to accommodate the geological ages and is compatible with evolutionary thinking...

The Gap Theory

This view has also been known as the Ruin-Reconstruction Theory. Proponents of this scheme maintain that the proper translation of Genesis 1:2 should actually be rendered: "Now the earth became formless and empty." The implication is that the original perfect creation came to a sudden and terrible cataclysmic ruin (usually associated with the fall of Lucifer)...

The Literal-Historical Theory

This interpretation regards the six days of creation as literal twenty-four hour days that followed in immediate succession. The earth is generally believed to be only a few thousand years old...

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