

BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION

(Introduction)

- Purpose of *Creation, Evolution, & Origins*
 - (1) to demonstrate the difficulties of Darwinian evolution from a scientific viewpoint
 - (2) to illustrate the ramifications of naturalistic evolution upon society
 - (3) to argue that the theory of evolution is not compatible with the biblical account of creation

- Purpose of this class
 - (1) to develop a biblical/exegetical view of creation and origins
 - (2) to examine the suggested interpretations of the creation account of Genesis
 - (3) to biblically address the issues of theistic evolution and the age of the earth

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Three “A’s” of Introduction

1. **Assumption:** Bible is God’s Word
 - Verbal inspiration
 - Inerrant—wholly true
2. **Approach:** Exegetical/theological
 - Start with the text of Scripture and employ the principles of interpretation
 - Do not start with scientific evidence and adapt the interpretation of Scripture
 - Allow other evidence (i.e. science, history) to examine our interpretive conclusions
3. **Attitude:** Humility
 - Ultimate goal—an awe and worship of the God who is the Creator
 - Charity towards those who differ on the question of “how” God created