

# BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION

## 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

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## “Proper Perspectives”

**Main Issue:** The one true God (as revealed in the Bible) is the Creator of all things

### 1. **Scriptural Emphasis:** Genesis 1:1

- Historical: Ex. 20:11 (31:17); Neh. 9:6
- Writings: Job 38:4ff; Psalm 33:6-9; 90:2; 102:25ff; 104:1ff; 148:1-6
- Prophets: Isaiah 40:25-26; 42:5; 45:18
- New Testament: John 1:3; Acts 4:24; 14:14; 17:24-28; Rev. 14:6-7

### 2. **Issue of “ex nihilo”**

- Ultimately, God created “out of nothing”; every thing had a beginning
- Textual basis: emphasis on “all”; uniqueness of God; Col. 1:16

### 3. **Spiritual Issue**

- Hebrews 11:3—faith in special revelation
- Romans 1:18-25—sin of idolatry

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## 4. Goal of Studying this Subject

- The worship and adoration of God as Creator
- Reveals His infinite power, wisdom, beauty
- Revelation 4:11

**Lesser Issue:** “How” God created all things

- **Interpretive Issues:** theistic evolution, progressive creation, day-age theory, gap theory, literal-day creation; etc.
- These are issues of biblical consistency and proper interpretation (not heresy)