

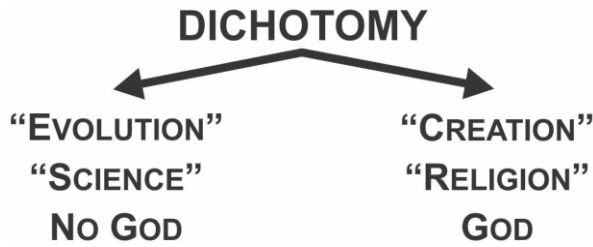
# BEYOND THE “EVOLUTION” VS. “CREATION” DEBATE

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## THE PROBLEM

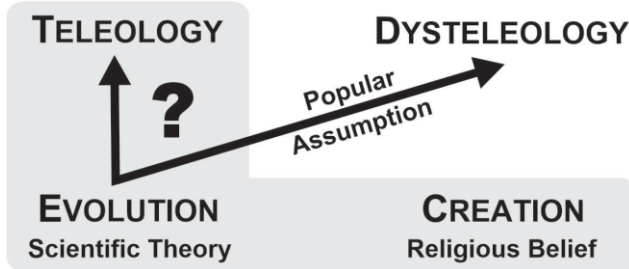


### Dichotomy

Division of an issue into two simple positions  
Caused by ‘black-and-white’ & ‘either/or’ thinking

## TOWARD A SOLUTION

### A. Terms & Definitions



### Teleology

Belief the world has plan & purpose

### Dysteleology

Belief the world has NO plan & purpose

### Evolution

Scientific theory that natural processes over billions of years produced all living organisms & humans

### Creation

Belief that the world is the product of the Creator

### B. Science & Religion Relationship



### Metaphysics

Ultimate religious or philosophical Beliefs  
*meta* (Greek): beyond *phusis*: physical world

### Intelligent Design

Belief that the beauty, complexity & functionality in nature point to an Intelligent Designer

### C. Views on the Origin of the Universe & Life (Back of handout)

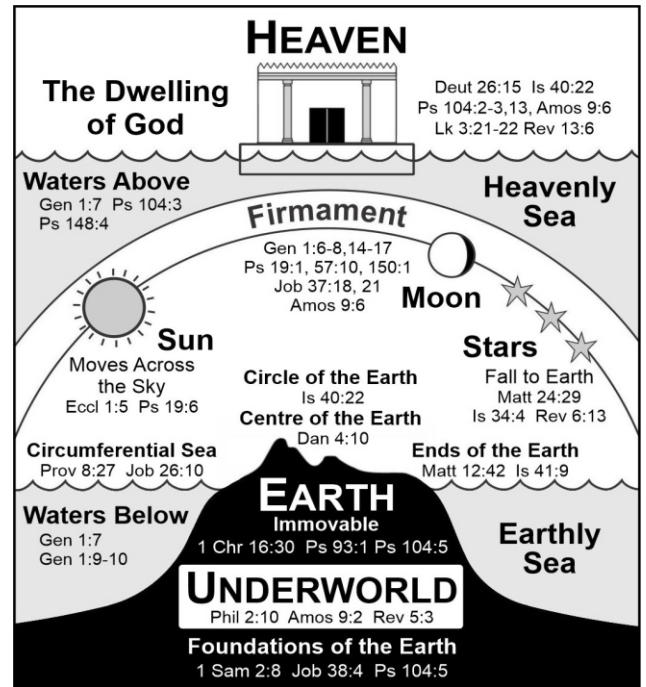
#### 1. Spiritual Truths (Genesis 1)

God created the world

The creation is very good

Humans are created in the Image of God

#### 2. Ancient Science (3-Tier Universe)



#### 3. Ancient Poetry: Parallel Panels (Genesis 1)

### FORMING

Day 1  
Separate Light  
Darkness

Day 2  
Separate Waters Above  
Waters Below

Day 3  
Separate Water  
Land

### FILLING

Day 4  
Fill with Sun  
Moon & Stars

Day 5  
Fill with Birds  
Sea Creatures

Day 6  
Fill with Land Animals  
Humans

## CONCLUSIONS

- Define the Terms
- Recognize Reciprocal Steps of Faith between Sci & Rel
- Move Beyond the “Evolution” vs. “Creation” Debate

**FALSE DICHOTOMY**

# VIEWS ON THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE & LIVING ORGANISMS

	<b>YOUNG EARTH CREATION</b> "Creationist" Position 6 Day Creation	<b>PROGRESSIVE CREATION</b> Day-Age Theory	<b>EVOLUTIONARY CREATION</b> Theistic Evolution	<b>DEISTIC EVOLUTION</b> Deism = Impersonal God	<b>DYSTELEOLOGICAL EVOLUTION</b> "Evolutionist" Position Atheistic Evolution
<b>Teleology</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Intelligent Design</b>	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	No Design a delusion
<b>Age of the Universe</b>	Young 6000 yrs	Old 14 billion yrs	Old 14 billion yrs	Old 14 billion yrs	Old 14 billion yrs
<b>Evolution of Living Organisms</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>God's Activity in the Origin of the Universe &amp; Living Organisms</b>	Yes Miraculous events over 6 days	Yes 1. Miraculous events for life over billions of yrs 2. God uses natural processes for stars, planets, etc	Yes God uses natural processes	Yes God uses natural processes	No Blind chance & natural processes
<b>God's Activity in the Lives of Men &amp; Women</b>	Yes Personal God	Yes Personal God	Yes Personal God	No Impersonal God	No No God
<b>Interpretation of Genesis 1</b>	Strict literalism Creation days = 24 hrs	General literalism Creation days = millions of yrs	1. Spiritual Truths 2. Ancient science 3. Ancient poetry	Irrelevant myth	Irrelevant myth

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