

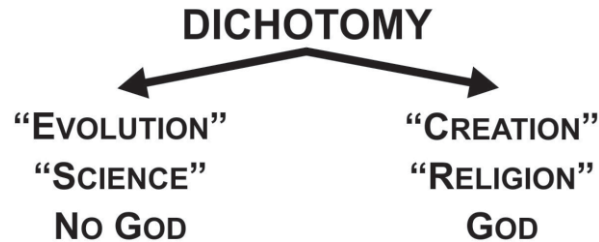
BEYOND THE “EVOLUTION” VS. “CREATION” DEBATE

Sunday School Edition

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THE PROBLEM

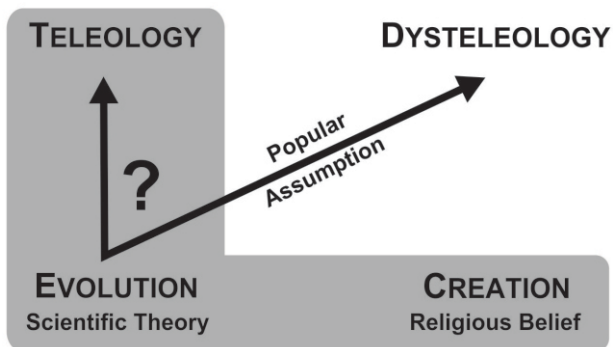


Dichotomy

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, including humans

Creation

Belief that the world is the product of the Creator

B. Science-Religion Relationship

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY



Intelligent Design

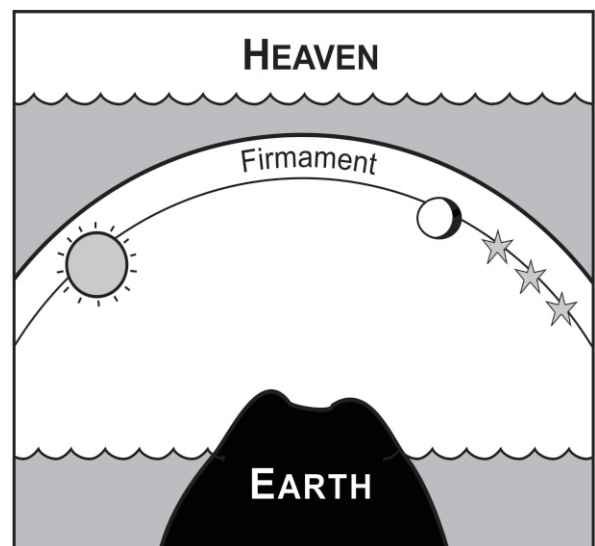
Belief that the beauty, complexity, and functionality in nature point to an Intelligent Designer

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

1. Spiritual Truths

- God created the world.
- The world is very good.
- Humans are created in the Image of God.
- Humans are sinful.
- God judges humans for sin.

2. Ancient Science



3. Ancient Poetry: Parallel Panels (Genesis 1)

FORMLESS

Day 1

Separate
Light/
Dark

Day 2

Separate
Waters Above/
Waters Below

Day 3

Separate
Water/
Land

Day 7

Day of Rest

EMPTY

Day 4

Fill
Sun
Moon & Stars

Day 5

Fill
Flying Creatures
& Sea Creatures

Day 6

Fill
Land Creatures
& Humans

CONCLUSIONS

- Define the Terms
- Recognize the Step of Faith from Science to Religion
- Move Beyond the “Evolution” vs. “Creation” Debate

➡ **FALSE DICHOTOMY**

VIEWS ON THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE & LIFE

	YOUNG EARTH CREATION "Creationist" Position 6 Day Creation	PROGRESSIVE CREATION Day-Age Theory	EVOLUTIONARY CREATION Theistic Evolution	DEISTIC EVOLUTION Deism = Impersonal God	DYSTELEOLOGICAL EVOLUTION "Evolutionist" Position Atheistic Evolution
Teleology	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Intelligent Design	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	Yes Points to a Designer	No Design a delusion
Age of the Universe	Young 6000 yrs	Old 14 billion yrs	Old 14 billion yrs	Old 14 billion yrs	Old 14 billion yrs
Evolution of Life	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
God's Activity in the Origin of the Universe & Life	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
God's Activity in the Lives of Men & Women	Yes Personal God	Yes Personal God	Yes Personal God	No Impersonal God	No No God
Interpretation of Genesis 1	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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