

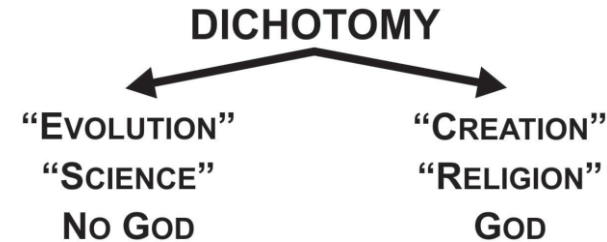
# BEYOND THE “EVOLUTION” VS. “CREATION” DEBATE

## High School Edition

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### THE PROBLEM

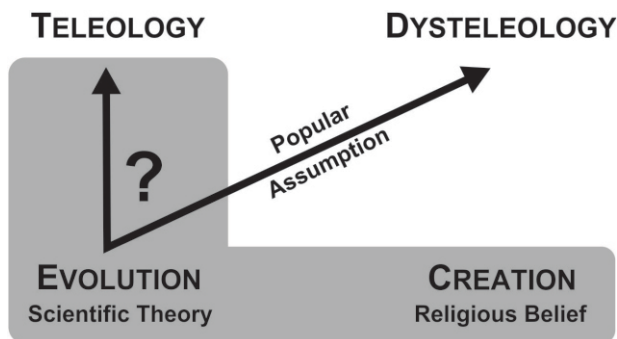


**Dichotomy**

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**

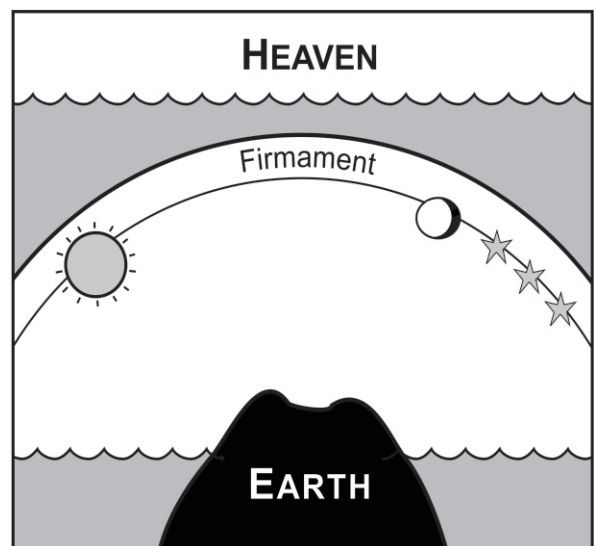
Belief that the beauty, complexity, and functionality in nature point to an Intelligent Designer

#### 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

	<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 Life</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>God's Activity in the Origin of the Universe &amp; Life</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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