THE PROBLEM

DICHOTOMY

“EVOLUTION”
“SCIENCE”
“CREATION”
“RELIGION”
NO GOD
GOD

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

TOWARD A SOLUTION

A. Terms & Definitions

TELEOLOGY

Dysteleology

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

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

EMPTY
Day 4
Fill
Sun
Moon & Stars

Day 2
Separate
Waters Above/
Waters Below

Day 5
Fill
Flying Creatures & Sea Creatures

Day 3
Separate
Water/
Land

Day 6
Fill
Land Creatures & Humans

Day 7
Day of Rest

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

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