

Faith Science and Culture – Class 1: Faith and Science, Creation and Evolution –

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Faith and Science:

- My Bias: I believe in the God revealed in Jesus Christ and in the truth of God's word.
- All truth belongs to God - Reason and Faith are NOT opposites, but complementary.
- Objective, materialistic Science seeks to explore and understand the world God created.
- Science has a God problem, but more scientists are waking up.
- The Fine-Tuning of the Universe reveals God's purpose, creativity, intelligence, and love.
- A timeless, spaceless, immaterial cause is necessary for time, space and matter to exist.

What is the Fine-Tuning of the Universe? Why is it important?

LOTS of Examples: especially Physics and the Earth

Genesis 1 – How can we interpret it on its own terms, not as a scientific essay.

The “evolution” of Pastor Jerry's thinking ...

Final: Old Earth, Theological Genesis 1, Creation of life from nothing, historical Adam

Key: This is not a salvation issue, I have no problem with people who disagree!

Timelines of 1) the history of the universe and 2) of life on earth

What is the theory of evolution, where did it come from, and why is it the basic scientific belief?

Looking at the actual historical scientific record of earth: geology, paleontology, physics

How DNA works – self-replicating, like a computer code, mutations, proteins

The Cambrian Explosion – how in the world could it have happened?

The origin of life on Earth – science has no mechanism, just hopes and failed progress

Arguments for Evolution – plus its current state and its impossibility to explain

Fossil Record from Ape common ancestor to Homo Sapiens

The Huge Gap that scientists cannot bridge – fossils and genetics

Adam and Eve - Thought Experiment

Online Resources:

- biologos.org – humans come through evolution looked over by God, Francis Collins
- reasons.org – humans are by special creation, God involved in old earth, Hugh Ross
- www.icr.org – humans on the 6th day, literal Genesis 1 & young earth, Henry Morris
- answersingenesis.org – humans on the 6th day, literal Genesis 1 & young earth, Ken Ham