

## The Battle for the Beginning, Part 4

### A Word About Old Age Creationists, Part 1 – Psalm 19: 1-14

#### 1. Where Do They Get This Stuff – The Earth is Billions of Years Old

A. Special Revelation [Scripture] and General Revelation [Nature]; Single Revelation [Scripture alone] and Dual Revelation [nature is equal to Scripture]

1. The superstar of Big Bang, evolution mixed with Creationism cosmology is Dr. Hugh Ross, so let's think about him for a bit.

2. He believes and teaches and writes about all kinds of things and before we evaluate his writings, let's understand how he arrives at them.

3. When Dr. Ross approaches the Bible to interpret it, he says, "God reveals Himself faithfully through the voice of nature as well as through the inspired words of Scripture."

a. Citing several familiar passages of Scripture (**Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:19, 20; Colossians 1:23**), he claims that nature, like Scripture, has the power to proclaim the gospel, and make people wise unto salvation and thoroughly equip them for every good work (**2Timothy 3:15-17**).

B. Special Revelation [Scripture] Is the Only Authoritative and Reliable Source of Truth

1. The heavens declare the glory of God's creative power, His divine majesty, His invisible attributes, and His eternal power.

a. But nothing in Scripture suggests that nature is sufficient to reveal everything we need to know about God.

b. On the contrary; the whole point of this Psalm is to underscore the necessity, the absolute sufficiency, and the preeminent authority of special revelation – the Scriptures.

1b. Nature simply puts God's glory on display; it is a mute testimony to His majesty, power, divinity, and existence to all and leaves them without excuse if they deny the Father.

•**General revelation is sufficient to condemn the sinner but not to save him.**

2. Scripture on the other hand, is perfect, sure, makes wise the simple, right, rejoices the heart, they are pure, enlighten the eyes, and altogether true (**vv.7-9**).

a. Unlike general revelation [nature], special revelation [the Scriptures] converts the soul and makes wise the simple, and endures forever (**vv.7-9**).

•**David, the Holy Spirit inspired writer of this psalm, underscores the superiority of Scripture over the revelation of nature (vv.10, 11).**

b. The whole point is that the revelation of God in nature is not as powerful, enduring, as reliable, as clear, or as authoritative as Scripture.

•**Scripture is a sufficient revelation; nature is not.**

•**Scripture is clear and complete; nature is not.**

•**And Jesus Himself confirms this (Matthew 24:35).**

**PowerPoint:** Scripture, therefore, speaks with more authority than nature, and should be used to assess scientific opinion, not vice versa. Scripture is the rule by which we measure science and not the other way around.

### C. The First Day of Creation

1. The first day of Creation defines [describe exactly the nature of] and delimits [specify the quality and boundary of] what the Bible means by the word 'Day.'
  - a. The old Earth naturalists and evolutionists as well as the old Earth 'so-called' creationists believe the Earth is billions of years old and took millions of years to sort of evolve into place.
  2. They base their contention in two primary speculations.
    - a. The word 'day,' they say, refers to eons and ages of times.

**PowerPoint:** The days are defined in Genesis 1:5.

1. Night and day, evening and morning are demarcated [separate and set the boundaries] by rhythmic phases of light and darkness from the very beginning.
  - a. The same expression is used for each of the six days of Creation (**Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31**), indicating that the days were the same and that they had clearly defined boundaries.
  - b. The only cadence of light and darkness defined anywhere in the context is the day-night cycle that [after day four] is governed by the sun and moon (**v.18**).
    - The duration of the evening and morning of day one of Creation is the same as the evening and morning of any solar day.**