

Sunday Morning

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Adam in the City

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2 Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Rise of Modern Atheism

Atheism as Liberator

We “invented” God because of our longings.

“Natural Selection”

“Common Ancestor”

God is . . . uninvolved and unnecessary.

Religion is on the way out -- 1960's

Atheism seen as the Oppressor

Naturalism – 1990's

Science replacing religion

God is a delusion (Dawkins).

Since we want God, we invent God.

Religion leads to violence (Hitchens).

9-11-2001 – Islamic Jihad

Science disproves God (Sam Harris).

Only one can win.

Religion is pathological.

Religion is bad for people.

Religion produces guilt, shame, rejection.

Religion (especially Christianity) is exclusionary—
non-tolerant.

Biblical message attacked by Theologians

“Blended” Theories

Theistic Evolution

Day Age

Gap Theory

Progressive Creation

“*Creation by Evolution*”

Progression of Arguments

The “Message” is an allegory.

Words have another meaning.

“Natural” revelation just as important.

Science has “proven” Earth to be very old.

The Bible must be “interpreted” correctly.

The Historical Adam Society

The Language of Science and Faith:

Straight Answers to Genuine Questions

How do you answer these issues?

"The diversity of life on earth is the outcome of evolution: unpredictable, and natural process of temporal descent with genetic modification that is affected by natural selection, chance, historical contingencies and changing environments."

National Association of Biology Teachers, 2000

All Biblical Information

Omnipotent and Omniscient Creator
Creation completed as "very good"
Judgment because of Adam's sin
Reconciliation by Jesus Christ
New Heavens and New Earth

Evolutionary Naturalism

Is the *opposite* of *biblical* message
Struggle and death substitute for "creation"
Unfathomable "*time*" makes all "*possible*."
"*Death*" becomes the "*good*" design of nature to *eliminate the "unfit."*

Atheistic naturalism reverses everything.

Man "creates" God in his image.
Man "knows" God but "changes" Him.
Romans 1:21-25

Two Stories – Two Faiths

No God – Nothing supernatural

DEATH and TIME are "good."

Omnipotent and Omniscient Creator

DEATH and TIME are "bad."

Jesus is the Creator.

John 1:1-3

The Word – All things made by Him.

Colossians 1:16-17

All things in heaven and earth

Hebrews 1:2

By whom He made the worlds

John 10:35

The Scripture cannot be broken.
Gospel built on "historical" Adam
Genealogy of Jesus traced from Adam

Luke 3:38

Need for reconciliation of sin and death

Romans 5:12-19

Required "brother" and "high priest"

Hebrews 2:17

Without the record of Genesis, the Gospel makes no sense.

The Gospel

The Word – The Creator

Genesis 1 – John 1

Sin = Rebellion = Judgment

Genesis 3 – Romans 3

Physical Sacrifice Necessary

Genesis 3 & 4 – John 3 & 10

God's Grace

Genesis 6 – Ephesians 2

God's Sovereignty

Genesis 12 – Ephesians 1

God's Substitutionary Death

Genesis 22 – Isaiah 53

1 John 2:2

God's Provision & Promise

Genesis 50 – John 14

Revelation 21-22

Two Overarching Worldviews

Theism

Atheism

Two Ultimate Faith Answers

God is Creator, Redeemer, King.

No God – No Hope – No Future

John 17:3

And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee
the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.