

Scripture is for instruction in righteousness. It was not written to teach you geology or biology. It was written to show man's relationship to God and God's requirements for man and what man must do to be saved.

May I ask you, if God had given a scientific statement about creation, how many people of Moses' day could have understood it? How many people even in our day could grasp it? You must remember that the Bible was not written for learned professors only but also for simple folk of every age and in every land. If it had been written in the scientific language of Moses' time, it certainly would have been rejected.

Therefore, men have proposed several solutions relative to the origin of the universe. One is that it is an illusion. Well, that is certainly contrary to fact, is it not? And yet there are people who hold that theory. There are others who believe that it spontaneously arose out of nothing. (In a way, this is what the Bible states, although it goes further and says that God spoke it into existence; He created it.) Another view is that it had no origin but has existed eternally. A fourth view is that it was created, and this breaks down into many different theories which men hold in an attempt to explain the origin of the universe.

The evolutionary theory is divided up into many different phases and viewpoints and has never been demonstrated as being true. Unfortunately, when you get down to the level of the pseudoscientists—and I'm thinking of the teachers today in our public schools who teach science—they really are not in a position to give a fair view because they were given only one viewpoint in college.

I reject evolution because it rejects God and revelation, denies the fall of man and the fact of sin, and opposes the virgin birth of Christ. Therefore, I reject it with all my being. I do not believe that it is the answer to the origin of this universe.

There are three essential areas into which evolution cannot move and which evolution cannot solve. It cannot bridge the gap from nothing to something. It cannot bridge

the gap from something to life. It cannot bridge the gap between life and humanity—that is, self-conscious human life with a free will.

Q. How long did it take God to create everything? Was it really in just six 24-hour days?

A. We see the construction of the universe in Genesis 1:1, the convulsion of the earth in verse 2, and then the construction of the earth in six days (vv. 3–31). I believe what we have here is this development.

There are several things that I would like to call to your attention. Exodus 20:11 reads, "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." There is nothing in that verse about creating. It says "made"; God took that which was already formed and in those six days He did not "create," He re-created. He worked with matter which already existed. It was matter He had called into existence probably billions of years before.

The word *create* is from the Hebrew word *bara*, which means to create out of nothing. This word is used only three times in the first chapter of Genesis, because it records only three acts of creation. (1) The creation of something from nothing: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (1:1). (2) The creation of life: "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth" (v. 21). That's animal life of all kinds. (3) The creation of man: "So God created man in his own image" (v. 27).

God created life and put it on the earth, and for the earth He created man. That is the creature we are interested in because you and I happen to be one of those creatures. This makes the Genesis record intensely important for us today. Of the first day we read,

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he