

Three “Christian” Views of Creation

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THEISTIC EVOLUTION

(OLD EARTH)

BELIEF SYSTEM: ***UNIFORMITARIAN EVOLUTION***
(*The Bible is not relevant to the issue of creation*)

GENESIS: ***POETIC, A STORY OR MYTH***
(*allegorical, not factual or historic*)

GOD CREATED: ***BY NATURAL UNIFORMITARIAN PROCESSES (EVOLUTION)***
(*cosmological, geological, and biological change over time*)

ORIGIN: ***“BIG-BANG”*** (*approx. 15 billion years ago*)

SUN AND STARS: ***FORMED BY THE “BIG-BANG”***

AGE OF THE EARTH: ***4.6 BILLION YEARS***

EVOLUTION: ***AN “ESTABLISHED FACT” AND BASIS OF NATURAL SCIENCE***

GENESIS “DAY”: ***NOT APPLICABLE***

“DAYS”: ***NOT APPLICABLE***

ANIMALS: ***EVOLVED NATURALLY OVER MILLIONS OF YEARS, INCLUDING MAN***

FIRST MAN: ***EVOLVED FROM PRIMATES***
(*molecule to man*)
(*Biblical Adam and Eve – a myth*)

DEATH / BLOODSHED: ***NECESSARY FOR... “SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST”***

NOAH’S FLOOD: ***POETIC, A MYTH***

PROGRESSIVE CREATION

(OLD EARTH)

BELIEF SYSTEM: ***“DUAL REVELATION”***
(*general revelation, i.e. nature, is equal to special revelation, the Bible*)

GENESIS: ***POETIC OR FIGURATIVE***
(*some attempt to claim a literal interpretation*)

GOD CREATED: ***BY BOTH UNIFORMITARIAN PROCESSES AND SPECIAL CREATION***
(*over billions of years with God as the “intelligent designer”*)

ORIGIN: ***“BIG-BANG”*** (*evolutionary cosmology*)

SUN AND STARS: ***FORMED BY THE “BIG-BANG”***
(*on the 1st “day” period of long ages*)

AGE OF THE EARTH: ***4.6 BILLION YEARS***

EVOLUTION: ***REJECTS “BIOLOGICAL” EVOLUTION***
(*but embraces evolutionary cosmology and uniformitarian geology and their time frame*)

GENESIS “DAY”: ***A LONG “PERIOD” OF TIME***

“DAYS”: ***SOME “BIBLICAL DAYS” OVER-LAPPED BY MILLIONS OF YEARS***

ANIMALS: ***CREATED AND DIED “PROGRESSIVELY”***
(*over millions of years before Adam*)

FIRST MAN: ***ADAM AND EVE***
(*are special creations and historical*)
(*some believe in soulless hominids before Adam*)

DEATH / BLOODSHED: ***EXISTED FROM THE START OF CREATION*** (*Adam’s sin only brought spiritual death.*)

NOAH’S FLOOD: ***ONLY A LOCAL FLOOD***
(*not worldwide*)
(*did not kill all the land creatures*)
(*minimal topographical destruction*)

BIBLICAL CREATION

(YOUNG EARTH)

BELIEF SYSTEM: ***THE BIBLE IS A COMPLETE AND SUFFICIENT REVELATION***

GENESIS: ***LITERAL READING OF THE TEXT***

GOD CREATED: ***BY SPECIAL CREATION***
(*“ex nihilo” in six normal days according to Genesis 1*)

ORIGIN: ***AT GOD’S COMMAND*** (*no “Big-Bang”*)

SUN AND STARS: ***CREATED ON THE 4th DAY***

AGE OF THE EARTH: ***APPROX. 6,000 YEARS***

EVOLUTION: ***NONE, ADAPTATIONS ONLY***
(*any change is within the biblical “kinds” due to genetic variation*)

GENESIS “DAY”: ***AN ORDINARY 24 HOURS***

“DAYS”: ***EACH DAY HAD A DEFINED BEGINNING AND END*** (*“evening” and “morning”*)

ANIMALS: ***CREATED ACCORDING TO THE GENESIS “DAYS”*** (*with no death penalty*)

FIRST MAN: ***ADAM AND EVE***
(*are special creations and historical*)
(*with no physical or spiritual death penalty*)

DEATH / BLOODSHED: ***A RESULT OF ADAM’S SIN***
(*Adam’s sin brought spiritual and physical death upon all creation*)

NOAH’S FLOOD: ***WORLDWIDE, ALL HUMANS AND LAND ANIMALS DIED***
(*except for those in the ark*)
(*cataclysmic destruction and radical change to all the earth*)

*** **NOTE:** There are many “hybrids” of these views.