



HIGHER GROUND
CALVARY CHAPEL

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Apologetics
Class Five
The Case for Creation

Psalm 100:3:

“Know you that the Lord, He is
God: it is He who has made us,
and not we ourselves...”

Welcome to our class on the
Case for Creation

I am going to do this class a
little bit different

I want to open this class with
the legal need for Creation
versus Evolution

I am going to begin presenting the Genesis account of Creation as if it were God's testimony in a civil court proceeding

God is protecting His copyright on the earth and mankind

We do not realize that if we hold to evolution, the authority of God is removed from our world

And rather than loving and accepting God, logic demands that we reject and fight God

I then want to deal with the Science involved in Creation versus Evolution

Are we dealing with six 24-hour days for Creation?

Is the earth only thousands of years old and not billions

The reality is that there are many fields of science that address these issues and we do not have billions of years tonight to discuss them all
So I will present several of the most compelling arguments

Obviously, I am not an expert in these fields of science
I am only summarizing and presenting their findings

Does it really matter whether we believe in Creation or Evolution?
My initial response many years ago was, "No, it is just a matter of personal opinion."
Now I believe that it really does matter...

C. S. Lewis was a brilliant man
He was almost impossible to
defeat in a debate
One of his techniques was to
take the statement an
opponent made and then
follow the logic of that
statement to its logical end

Let me do that with the issue of
Creation v Evolution...
God opened the Bible up with
this declaration:
“In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth...”

The word for “created” in the
Hebrew is the word “bara.”
“Bara” means to make out of
nothing
This is essential to God’s
position

Let's shift the first two chapters of Genesis off the pages of a book and set them up as the transcript of the civil court in the case of God versus everybody

Let me describe the issues in this case...
God is claiming to have made everything out of nothing
The opposing party challenges this claim and has filed a counter-claim that God did not make anything

If this were a case involving the copyright of a manuscript, the author would take the stand, make his/her declarations and then submit evidence to prove that they wrote the manuscript and not someone else

The author would do this by demonstrating intimate knowledge of how the manuscript came to be and then provide evidence showing how the book came to be written

In Genesis 1:1 God is presenting His opening statement: "I made everything."
"I made it out of nothing"
"No one helped me"
"I did not use any materials provided by anyone else"

Why is this important?
Unless God made everything out of nothing and without any help, God cannot establish His copyright over the earth, and through the earth, all of mankind

God's legal position is not focused on the heavens.
He makes that claim, but He does not defend His ownership of the heavens
That is not important to His case

He shifts to the earth
The earth is essential to His position and to His case
"The earth was without form and void"
This describes a gaseous nebula cloud in space

His testimony would basically follow the Nebula Theory of Creation
This theory holds that all planets and stars started out as dust and gas floating in space

Gravity would cause dust particles and gas molecules to be attracted to each other
As more and more particles of dust and gases were attracted the gravitational pull increases
Soon, all dust and gas are consolidated

Where did the dust and gases come from?
God made them – out of nothing
If there is enough mass compressed together it would ignite into a star/sun

If there was not enough mass, the gravity would compress the dust and gas until it formed a molten sphere.
Oxygen and hydrogen atoms would combine into water molecules

This would cause water to rain
on the molten surface
Be turned into steam and
blown into space
Only to cool and rain once
more
The end result would be a
sphere covered in water

Genesis 1:2b:
“And the spirit of God moved
upon the face of the waters”
Here is the reality of God’s
testimony
There was not a single
creation...

According to God’s account
there were at least seven
God would give a command to
create something
That item would be created
during that day
The creation would be complete

God would then return and
give a new creative command
Then during that day the
creative command would be
obeyed and the next stage of
creation would take place
At the end of the day, that
command would be complete

With a water-covered sphere, the
gravity and the contained energy
under the surface of the earth
would collect gases, but the
gases would be above the water
This would create an atmosphere

When you have an atmosphere
you have air that can reflect
light
When light is reflected at right
angles, it can be seen
So what does God command?
“Let there be light!”

Now you have a water-covered sphere with an atmosphere and you can see because of reflected light – Night and Day
But rocks dropped in a glass of water remain rocks dropped in a glass of water

God begins the next Creative Command
He draws water together and He calls forth land
While doing this there is water on the surface that gathers and there is water vapor that rises

We now have oceans and land
We also have a cloud covering
This water canopy will remain in place until the Flood
It filters cosmic radiation, x-rays and microwave radiation

God commands vegetation to
come forth

He establishes order and
species

Each plant is to reproduce
after its kind

Apples produce apples

This creates the carbon dioxide
– oxygen cycle

This will result in the cloud
covering being burned away

As a result, the sun, moon and
stars are now visible from
where Moses is standing

With plant life in place God
creates other life: fish, birds,
reptiles and mammals

God improves the
environment one piece at a
time

He does not create the next creation until there is an environment in place to sustain it
God then creates man

At this point we move to Genesis Chapter Two
God makes His second declaration in Genesis 1
“I created man”
“I created man and woman”

Chapter Two opens the next phase of the trial
God now gives details of how He made man and woman
He made man out of the dust of the ground
Keep in mind He made the dust out of nothing

He then makes woman out of man
Again, He had made man
God is establishing His copyright over the earth
Over everything in/on the earth
All life on the earth

God is establishing His copyright over man and woman
Over all mankind
Why is this important?
Because it establishes God's authority over His Creation

As Creator, God has the right to establish standards for His Creation
He has the right to hold His Creation accountable
He has the right to punish His Creation

If God is not the sole Creator,
then He must share this
copyright over mankind with
someone else

If God made anything out of
something owned by someone
else He would have to share
His authority

God – Father, Son and Holy
Spirit – created everything out
of nothing in order to have
exclusive authority over
Creation

But what if this were not true?

If God is not the sole Creator,
then He would not have
authority over earth, life and
mankind

He would not have the right to
set standards of performance
for Adam and Eve [mankind]

As parents, we can set rules
for our children
We can enforce those rules
We can punish our children
But what if a neighbor down
the street set rules for your
children?

What if He tried to enforce his
rules over your children?
He is acting without authority
He is a bully
He is a tyrant
He needs to be resisted
He needs to be stopped

This is the foundation for the
Creation versus Evolution
debate
Did God create us?
Did we [or nature] create us?
Does God have authority over
us?

If God does not have authority
over us, He cannot set
standards
He cannot enforce His
standards
He is a tyrant
We need to fight Him

Let me give you my little
speech on Evolution...
Let's give the Evolutionist the
benefit of the doubt
Let's say that the right
chemicals and enzymes and
acids all came together

This pool of goo was in the
right place at the right time
when a bolt of lightning hit it
And even though it takes life to
produce life...
In this case lifeless goo
produced life

Let's give them that.
How long did this take?
40 – 50 Million Years?
Wow! That was a long time to wait...
But wait!

There's our life in the goo
And it's dying
The chemicals are toxic
They are killing it
It can't absorb oxygen
Or discharge carbon dioxide
Too late! It's dead

Okay...
Let's be generous and give them a second try
And this time we are going to make the universe intelligent
And it will fix the problem with the new life: Life 2.0

Fifty million years later the right
goo is in the right place and...
ZAP!
"IT'S ALIVE!"
Don't forget Frankenstein
Here is Life 2.0
But wait...

Within a few days Life 2.0 is in
trouble
It can breathe, but it can't take
in water and process it
It's dying of thirst after just a
few days
Going...going...GONE!

How sad
Shall we let them try one more
time?
They've put a lot of faith in this
And the universe will keep the
breathing fix in place
And it will also fix drinking

Another 50 Million years
A new pool of goo
Another lightning ZAP; and
Life 3.0!
Let's watch it for a little while
It's breathing...Fantastic
It can drink...Alright!

That should do it...right?
But wait!
It's been over a month
It's not looking too good is it?
It's still breathing
It's surviving the toxic chemicals
It's drinking

But it can't eat
It can't chew or swallow
It can't absorb nourishment
It's not looking good
And before another month
passes
Bye bye!

That's a shame...
It was looking so good
What do you say?
One more time?
Pool of goo
Lightning bolt
Life 4.0

And look at what a great job
random chance is doing
It kept the ability to take in
oxygen and discharge carbon
dioxide
It is surviving the toxic
chemicals
It can breathe in and out

Random chance fixed every
problem
Each life is not just life
It is the original life
And it is the improved model
Here is life 4.0
It can absorb nourishment

Wait a minute...
It's in trouble
There is no way to eliminate
the waste products
Life 4.0 is poisoning itself as it
eats
Going...going...GONE!

You know, I really thought they
were going to make it
We can't give up now, can we?
Goo, lightning zap, Life 5.0
This one HAS to work
Look at that
All these improvements

Surviving toxic chemicals
Breathing
Drinking
Eating
Eliminating waste
Yes, this one is going to make
it

Or is it?

It's consumed all the air, water
and nourishment around it.

There is water and
nourishment just a few feet
away

Come on...MOVE!

Oh yeah...we forgot about that

I'm not giving up

I have faith in random chance

I'm going to make it happen
again

Pool of Goo, Lighting Zap

Life 6.0

How many million years?

It doesn't matter

This is it

I can feel it

Toxic Chemicals, breathing,
drinking, eating, elimination
and movement.

That has to be it

Random chance kept all the improvement
And random chance kept improving
We have life
SUCCESS!!!
All in just 3 or 4 billion years

I'm going to sit here and enjoy this
This is great
This proves evolution
Random chance got it right
We just had to keep trying

We come back a few years later, and there it is:
Life 6.0
But, what's wrong?
It's growing old
It's dying
It's...gone!

Well they say that the seventh
time is the charm
More goo, more lightning, keep
the changes, add more fixes
And now we have Life 7.0
It can reproduce
It can perpetuate the species

We come back a few years
later and Life 7.0 is now old
It is going to die
Time to reproduce
“What do you mean, ‘Where’s
the mate?’”
Ooops!

Well Life 8.0 will do better
Random chance will fix it
It will keep everything
And this time it will make two!
Yes, male and female
I’m not stupid
Six – Eight Billion Years

God gave me this example
many years ago
It shows the absurdity of
Random Chance not just
creating life, but of making a
viable, surviving and
reproducing life
There's no way it can work

What surprised me is about ten
years ago I was reading about
the Nobel Prize Winners
It was back when science
insisted the universe was
millions of years old

There was a man
I forget his name
But he came up with the same
idea that I did
Life by random chance is just
not going to work
He won a Nobel Peace Prize

Not for his realization
No, he provided the solution
for all of this
He saved evolution
There was no way that
evolution could work
So what did he do?

He moved the universe from
millions of years old to billions
of years old with no proof
And even this wouldn't work
So he added aliens
An alien race had to help
And THAT won him the prize!

Evolution would not work
Intelligence analysis of the
scenario proved it
No evolution
But they could not accept that
If you don't have evolution you
have to consider God

Can't do that
Think of something
Think of anything!
ALIENS...flying saucers
Have we proven flying saucers yet?
Oh, just one more question

How did the Aliens get here?
Where did they come from?
The best part of building a house of cards is watching when it all falls down
Evolutionist will ignore the facts to keep believing

Now we are talking science here...Right?
How does science work?
It uses something called...
Wait for it...
The Scientific Method!

How does the Scientific Method Work?

You observe the subject

You create a theory of how this works or what it does

You then test your theory to prove it is correct

The concept is that you test your theory

If your theory is correct...YEAH!

But if the theory is NOT correct

You set it aside

And start on a new theory

But when it comes to Creation versus Evolution

Scientists will not accept the fact that their theory does not work

They keep changing "facts" trying to make it work

This is "unreasonable faith"

It is unreasonable faith when they cannot find evidence to make their theory work but they keep believing
You can't reason with someone who refuses to consider the evidence
Or use logic to analyze the evidence?

Let me mention a new discovery coming onto the scene
With the discovery of the genome
And a map of the DNA strand
We've discovered something

All human life has a common ancestor
Isn't that what the Bible has said all along
Of course, due to the Flood
The ancestor is Noah, not Adam

Now lets shift over to the scientific arguments...
The first argument is the Watchmaker Argument first presented by William Paley in the eighteenth century
Paley was an Anglican clergyman

He held that if you have a watch, this implies that there had to be a watchmaker
We accept this theory when we look at cars, planes, buildings, computers technology
No one questions this

But then it comes to biological machines, scientists will not concede the point
They claim physical laws are the watchmaker when it comes to us and life

Dr. Richard Dawkins – a supporter of Darwin – actually attributes our “watch” to having been made by a blind watchmaker – nature
The laws of Nature and mutation will explain all of this

But mutations do not add information to the DNA strand
Mutations take away
You must add information to improve the DNA, not take away from it
Mutations cannot improve us

At the time of Darwin the smallest living organism was a cell
It was believed to have been a glob of “goo” contained within a membrane
But now we know differently

A cell is filled with hundreds of “biometric machines”

These are small biological machines that perform various functions in each cell to make it work

Many of these machines could not have evolved

In order for the machine/cell to exist and work, the biometric machine had to appear and be fully functional when it first appears

The Law of Life (Biogenesis) holds that life must come from life

Evolution denies this and claims that life came from lifeless chemicals

There is also what is called the
Anthropic Principle

The Anthropic Principle notes
that various laws and
processes are carefully
balanced in such a way to
support life

If these limits or balances were
altered, life would cease to
exist, chemical reactions
would not take place, elements
would not hold together

I want to share two things from
a study presented by Geologist
Andrew Snelling, PhD
He is the Director of Research
of Answers in Genesis

He noted that the Age of the Earth is the true battleground in this war

If we surrender on this one issue; then we have lost the war

It is THAT important

John 2:1 – 11:

This is the story of the Wedding Feast in Cana

They ran out of wine

Jesus instructed servants to fill six water pots with water

He changed the water into wine

This was Jesus' first miracle

What happened in this passage is a demonstration of God's creative powers

Jesus took simple hydrogen/oxygen molecules and transformed them into complex organic molecules

Jesus sent the wine along with the servants who saw what He did to the Ruler of the Feast
The Ruler of the Feast tasted the wine and assumed that it had been produced from grapes grown on vines, crushed and fermented

He assumed this wine was from a process that took years
He was wrong in His assumption
Jesus created the wine to meet an immediate need
The ruler did not ask, "Where did this come from?"

Jesus had provided the eye witnesses to the miracle
He did not question the eye witnesses and assumed the wine he was tasting was years old created by natural means
He could not tell the difference

We do this with Creation
We assume and do not test
the evidence
God needed to create fully
mature and fruit-producing
trees immediately because in
three days Adam and Eve
would be created

Let me share Dr. Snelling's
discussion on Radioactive
Decay Theory
This is a series of tests used
by geologists to determine the
age of rocks, minerals, fossils
and other materials

There are radioactive elements
in our world
They are radioactive because
these atoms are unstable
They are unstable because
there are too many subatomic
particles in the nucleus

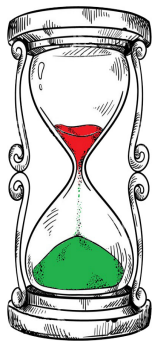
Nature seeks a balance
It wants to bring stability to the atom by ejecting particles
The atom will continue to do this until the atom is stable
Here is what is happening in radioactive decay...

<u>Original Atom</u>	<u>Final Atom</u>
Carbon-14	Nitrogen-14
Uranium-238	Lead-206
Uranium-235	Lead-207
Potassium-40	Argon-40
Rubidium-87	Strontium-87
Samarium-147	Neodymium 143

Radioactive Dating takes a rock and measures the original unstable atom and the end result stable atom
They look at this process as a kind of hourglass to measure the passing of time

In Dr. Snelling's example he identified the unstable atoms as red grains of sand
He identified the stable atoms – the end product – as green grains of sand

The unstable atoms are called "Parent" atoms
The converted stable atoms are called "Daughter" atoms
Here is a copy of his Hourglass Analogy



Parent Atoms
Red Sand Grains
↓
Radioactive Decay
↓
Daughter Atoms
Green Sand Grains

The Radioactive Decay Dating works because it is based on three assumptions:

1. No Daughter Atoms Present
2. No Corruption
3. Constant Rate of Decay

The problem is that all three assumptions are wrong
This has been proven by numerous volcanic eruptions
Lava flows and hardens into basalt igneous rock

We know the age that these basalt igneous rocks were formed because we know the date of the eruptions

KNOWN ERUPTIONS
Mt. St. Helens – 1980
Hulalai Hawaii – 1800 – 1801
Mt Etna, Sicily – 1972
Mt Lassen, Ca – 1915
Sunset Crater, Az – 1064-65

Basalt rock was dated using
Radioactive Decay from each of
these volcanoes:
St Helens – 0.25 – 2.8 million
Hawaii – 1.4 to 1.6 million years
Sicily – 0.35 million years
California – 0.11 million years
Arizona - 0.25 million years

All these tests used Potassium
to Argon radioactive decay
Note:
We do not dispute the quality of
the testing
We dispute the interpretation of
the testing

We observed the formation of these rocks

The volcanic gases contained Argon gas

This gas was trapped in the lava as it cooled

Daughter atoms were present

Rocks are constantly having water passing through them and moving minerals around

This results in contamination

Mt. St. Helen also proved that radioactive decay rates are accelerated during Geological Catastrophes

Here's another interesting test result

They used the Potassium to Argon Radioactive Decay to date diamonds from Zaire



They were dated to be 6 billion years old

How old is the earth?

Per Evolutionists it is 4.56 billion years old

If this is true, then these diamonds were formed before the earth even existed!

All three assumption were proven to be wrong

This throws the Radioactive Decay Dating Method into question.

Ironically 90% of dating methods available prove that earth is a young world of < 10,000 yrs

Only 10% shows an older world

Why keep using these dating methods?

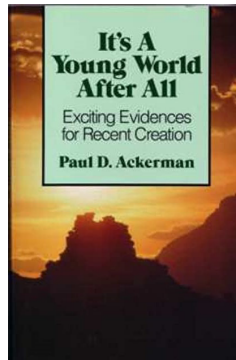
Because the scientist are beginning with an assumption of an old earth

They are not confronting or testing the evidence

They are beginning with assumptions

In "*It's A Young World After All*" (1986) Paul Ackerman studies "clocks" that are in the universe

The concept is that when Creation was complete, clocks in nature began to run



As an example, the sun consumes tons of matter every second

It is running down

How big would it have to have been billions of years ago?

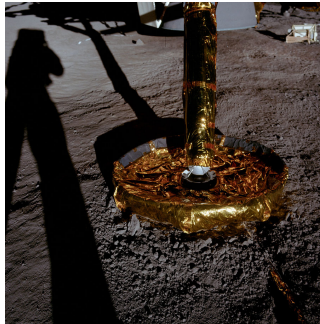
Another clock is dust
Dust falls on our world at a
certain rate
It is removed by storms, wind
and house cleaning
But is there a place dust could
fall and be undisturbed?

There is...
The moon
It has no
atmosphere
There is no wind
or storms
Scientists
speculated dust
to be meters
deep on the
moon



Pre-Moon-Landing Science
Fiction stories had astronauts
falling into deep pits filled with
dust
After all, dust has been falling
on the moon for millions of
years

We built our lunar lander with pods to rest on top of the dust
We expected dust to be a problem



But when Armstrong stepped onto the moon's surface there was little dust
What does this tell us?



Dust has been falling on the moon for thousands of years, not billions of years
Another clock is gravity
Think of each planet as a vacuum cleaner – a roombot – moving through space

The gravity of each planet and moon would “suck up” dust, rocks and debris

If the planets had been moving through space for billions of years, there should be no dust, rocks or debris left to fall on the earth

But there is still a lot of dust, rocks and debris out there

Our planetary roombots have been running for thousands of years – not billions

Then comes the big one

Erosion and petrification

We are told the Grand Canyon proves millions of years of erosion

The Petrified Forest took millions of years to form

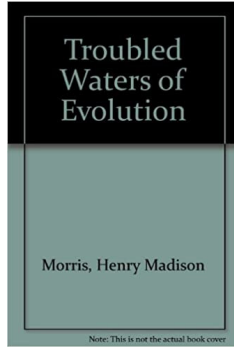
On May 18, 1980
all of this was
challenged and
proven wrong
On May 18, 1980
Mount Saint
Helens erupted
In the aftermath
scientist
discovered the
truth



The Grand Canyon, coal,
petrified wood was the result
of a massive geological
upheaval and not years of
slow changes
Rock formed by the eruption
dated millions of years even
though only a few months old

Logs were found that were
wood on one end, coal in the
middle and petrified wood on
the other
Everything we attribute to slow
erosion can be explained by
the Genesis Flood

Henry Morris, a respected Christian Scientist, noted in his work The Troubled Waters of Evolution...



Dr. Morris noted that fossils are not currently being made
Organisms died, they are buried, they decay
It take a geological upheaval to instantly bury something to make a fossil – The Flood

Many of the dating techniques only work because of consistency
But what if things are not constant?
With the collapse of the water canopy rate of decay changed

Even the speed of light which was believed to be a constant is now showing signs of slowing down

Is all of this a big deal?
Does it matter?
Yes, it does
In addition to dealing with whether God has authority over us, it deals with the credibility of the Bible

Exodus 20:9 – 11:
“Six days shall you labor, and do all your work:
But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work...”

“...For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

Here God specifically connects the six 24-hour days that man is to work with six 24-hour days of the Creation
If they were not six 24-hour days; then God is wrong.

Matthew 19:4:
“And [Jesus] answered and said unto them, Have you not read, that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female...”

We cannot have it both ways
Either Creation took six 24-
hour days, or God is lying
If we look at the fossil records,
there is evidence of animals
eating animals, thorns on
plants and even disease

If all of this existed before
Adam and Eve sinned in the
Garden; the Creation was not
perfect
The fossil evidence must take
place AFTER the Fall or during
the Flood

If we do not take Creation, the Fall and the Flood as literal accounts of actual events; then there is no logical basis to see the rest of the Bible as literal.

Creation versus Evolution
Does it make a difference?
It makes all the difference in the world
Six 24-hour days versus billions of years?
God declared this...

Is God a tyrant we should fight?
Is God a liar?
Is this literal or myth?
As our faith and salvation are built on the literal application of the Bible – all the Bible...

Let me wrap up by taking this argument to its logical conclusion
Let me now present the Moral Argument
Most people do not “think it through”
And they hold onto arguments without realizing the full scope of embracing such an argument

What final conclusion does Evolution make?

When Thomas Jefferson wrote the *Declaration of Independence* it was a written legal argument
Notice some of the points he used in making his argument

We hold these truths **to be self-evident**, that all men are **created equal**...

...That they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain **unalienable Rights**...

...That among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..."

Thomas Jefferson's entire legal argument is based upon three points:

1. There is a God
2. We were created; and
3. God gave us rights

Without creation:
We were not created
Without creation:
We were not given rights by our
Creator

Therefore, without creation:
We have no rights
Without Creation government can
do what it wants

Without Creation:
There is no higher authority to
appeal to
Without Creation:
We have no legal basis to stop
what they do

Without Creation:

It becomes the rule of Might
makes Right

The Government has the Might
Government can do what it wants

The only way to stop abuse
Is to become Mightier
And through force – not logic –
stop the greater force

So...where does Evolution
leads us?



If Darwin is correct
And the rule of nature is: *The survival of the fittest*
It then becomes the goal of the human race
To improve itself at any cost!

In the eyes of Evolution
There is no morality
There is no code of conduct
It is only the most fit who should survive
And those most fit will have the might...

In the eyes of Evolution
Hitler should be a hero – one we
should try to copy

He did what each government
should do
He sought to create a Master
Race of superior beings
He was willing to pay whatever
price was necessary

To jump the human race several
generations further along the
evolutionary path
In the eyes of Evolution
The Holocaust was a good idea

It was a necessary idea
That should be practiced at least
once every generation

Those who are not strong
And do not improve the race...
Should not be allowed to drain the
resources of the entire race

Therefore medical treatment and
surgeries should not be allowed
Except as experiments to
improve the race

Welfare and charity programs
should not be allowed
The old and disabled should be
“removed” from society

Those who are not fit
Would have no place in society
They would have no rights
And, therefore, they cannot be
victims

They are only obstacles to the
human race’s goal of a better
species
Obstacles society must remove
for the good of the race

Mercy, love and compassion
Would have no place in such a
society
Because it would allow those less
fit to survive

Those less fit should only survive
To be experimented on
Or as slave labor

And if another race were to be
revealed
That was more powerful than us
And further along the Evolutionary
Path than us
We would cease to exist

No one would miss us
No one would mourn over us

It this really
what we believe?

QUESTIONS