

Conversation Starters

- What have you found to be most intriguing or awe-inspiring in this series?
- Have you used anything from this series to start conversations with the people in your life? If so, how did they respond?

Discuss

There is no attempt made within the words of Scripture to explain how God formed life. It simply states that God is solely responsible, and that what He made was good.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them...the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living person” (Genesis 1:27, 2:7).

- Can evolution fit into a biblical worldview? Why or why not?
- Is it important to believe in a literal Adam and Eve? Can you build a biblical case for your belief?
- Are Adam and Eve mentioned anywhere else in the Bible outside of Genesis?

This message, along with the rest of this series, has bombarded you with facts and information you may not have been familiar with.

- What do you consider the most convincing argument from this message for the necessity of a guiding hand and controlling force to make the evolutionary process possible?
- How can you use this information to start conversations, extend invitations and share your faith with others?

While science can answer questions regarding the observable, natural processes found in our universe, it cannot begin to answer the deep philosophical questions that plague mankind. There is no legitimate evolutionary explanation for morality, love, beauty, or why we search for purpose and meaning. Every human being has an innate need to explore spiritual questions. Spend some time discussing a few of these:

- Why do people of all cultures throughout all of history have a sense of morality?
- Why do people fail to live up to this moral code that is within them?
- What is love, and why do we love?
- Why is there so much beauty in the world?

- Why do we search for God, and long for something more than this life, if there is nothing beyond what we can see and touch?

Consider these words from C.S. Lewis:

“The Christian says, ‘Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same.’”

- What does this sentence help explain: “If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”
- Lewis said, “I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same.” What reality does this point to? What does it emphasize about the Christian life?

Next Steps

To gain a proper perspective for answering the big questions we face in this life, it is important to view everything through the lens of God’s word. Will you commit to spending some time each day this week reading the Bible and praying for God to grant you understanding and discernment?

Pray

Father, thank you for the beauty and complexity of your marvelous creation. Thank you for the love you have shown us. Please, guide us as we seek to know you through your Word.