

1) God created everything out of nothing. (Genesis 1:1)

How closely did you pay attention in your science classes in school? To what degree were you influenced by evolutionary theories?

How does one's foundational view of origins influence one's view on these cultural issues?

- Laws Lawlessness
- Marriage Unbridled Sexuality
- Boundaries Pornography
- Purpose Abortion

God is the self-existent One. He is not dependent on anything or anyone yet every other molecule that exists is dependent on God. How does your life evidence your dependence on God? Do you ever think God needs anything from you? How does this affect your service to God?

2) Everything God created was good. (Genesis 1:2-25)

God only makes what is good. God is the One who determines what is good. The world that you were designed to live in was only good. How much do you express gratitude to God for the good that he has created for you to enjoy?

Have you ever blamed God for bad circumstances in your life? How does a proper understanding of evil affect your relationship with God?

3) The pinnacle of God's creation was a good man named Adam. (Genesis 1:26-31)

Every life has intrinsic dignity, value, and purpose. Do you ever feel like your life is purposeless? How much is this related to a low view of God's creative purposes for your life?

Do you express respect for all life as created in the image of God?

Do you have a heart for those disadvantaged or disabled? How do you show it?

4) Biblical authority is under attack by evolutionary theories. (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-4)

Do you believe the miracles in the Bible literally happened (Parting of the Red Sea, Jesus walking on water, Feeding the five thousand, the resurrection of Christ)? If so, why do so many want to treat the miracle of creation as allegorical rather than literal?

5) Bold belief in the historical Adam is essential to grasping the gospel. (Genesis 3:15, 21, 1Cor. 15:21-22, Romans 5:17-19)

a. Without a historical Adam we cannot understand our Bibles.

Can we trust the New Testament writers and the teaching of Jesus if they believed in a historical Adam but don't believe it ourselves?

b. Without a historical Adam we cannot understand our world.

How does a belief in the historical Adam explain death, pain, and suffering in this world?

c. Without a historical Adam we cannot understand our sin.

What does Adam's sin have to do with our sin?

d. Without a historical Adam we cannot understand our salvation.

Read Romans 5:19-21. How important is Adam to understanding the gospel? Why was it important that Jesus be called the last Adam?

e. Without a historical Adam we cannot understand our future.

At the judgment we will either be found in Adam or in Jesus.

How does believing in the historical Adam transform your perspective on the world, sin, salvation and your future?

Additional Scripture

- Psalm 19
- Isaiah 43:7
- Psalm 33:6,9
- Psalm 90:2
- Acts 17:24-28
- Romans 8:20-24
- 1Corinthians 15:21-22
- Colossians 1:16:17
- Hebrews 11:3
- Revelation 4:11