



Biblical Literacy

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Lesson 2.1

Old Testament Survey: Genesis–Creation & Evolution Part 1

Outline for Class

- Welcome
- Theme Today
Can Christians ignore science, or, if not ignore, at least compartmentalize it in a different part of our brain and life than our faith? Of course, Christians can, and many do, but more to the point is the issue of whether or not a Christian should. In this lesson, Mark Lanier opens the discussion of creation and evolution.
- Prayer for Understanding
- Video (38 minutes)
- Discussion & Points for Home

Points for Home

- ❖ “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.” (Rom. 1:20).
Take a moment this week. Look at the world around you. Not the things of man, but the things of God – “nature.” It may be no more than reflecting upon a sunset, but look, pray, and think, “What does this say about God?” Do you see something of his care, his character, his invisible qualities?
- ❖ “When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him” (Ps. 8:3-4a). Is there anything on earth grander than the stars of space? On a clear night, have you ever considered all that God has made in our universe? Does it make you seem small? Know that after making all there is, God has put your life on to this earth, he knows your name, your thoughts, your every need. YOU are his greatest creation.
- ❖ “In the beginning was the Word” (John 1:1).
God is already at the start of all things. The Word was not created; he was in the beginning. As we get ready to probe creation in greater depth, let us consider it in the coming weeks understanding that there was something before creation -- God.

Discussion Questions:

- ◆ What did you hear that really caught your attention or peaked your curiosity?
- ◆ What thoughts shared in this lesson were brand new to you?
- ◆ What thoughts do you expect might cause you to keep thinking.

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