

God in His Mighty Power Created No Possibility for Evolutionism

(4) The Reformed Worldview

We of the Reformed, biblical worldview, only by the grace of God, have been enabled to see how creation so clearly shouts that it is God's alone. Having that worldview, we examine all things through the lens of Scripture. Through this lens we see that creation preaches the glory of God (Psalm 19:1). It shouts at us so that we see very clearly the hand of God. As Romans 1:20 says, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." Everything we see in creation and all that happens around us makes sense with our Reformed, biblical worldview. There can be no other way! There is not even the possibility for evolutionism. There is either God or there is nothing. We have no existence apart from God. Obviously there cannot be nothing, because here we stand today. It is God, and God *alone*. All glory to him!

With a Reformed, biblical worldview we confess a literal six day creation as recorded in Genesis 1 and 2. This view is becoming a rarity as time goes by. This view of a literal six day creation stems from a view of the whole canon of scripture as infallible and perspicuous.

God inspired many of his servants to write about the creation. Scripture's emphasis on the revelation of God's glory in creation is something we must hold in high regard and consider often. In addition to the creation account in Genesis, Scripture is filled with many references to creation. God gave Moses the law as recorded in Exodus 20. The fourth commandment quoted below is very clear on God's creative work in *days*, not billions of years by way of evolution.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 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.
(Exodus 20:8-11)

Isaiah 45:12 plainly states, "I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded." Emphasized in the phrase "even my hands," is God's own work in creation without the help of anything else, be it another god, or a process such as evolution. God himself created all things *out of nothing*. Nothing *physical* existed before the creation that God used to form the created universe of Genesis 1 and 2. Romans 4:17 clearly states this: "God . . . calleth those things which be not as though they were." There was no chaotic, uncreated state of matter before the creation act that God used to form the orderly universe because nothing existed except God. God, who alone is eternal, created time and the universe as we know it within eternity to carry out his plan, that he alone might be glorified. This plan was with him before time in all eternity. God created all things *out of* his eternal counsel. He gave what was already in his eternal counsel *existence*. Herman Hoeksema brings out this idea in depth in volume 1 of *Reformed Dogmatics*:

The idea expressed by the term *to create* is most probably that of separation, of cutting off, and in this way giving separate being and form. Out of his eternal counsel, God separated the things and all creation by an act of his almighty will and gave them existence, not in themselves, but existence that is essentially distinct from his own being. He separated and defined the several creatures also in relation to one another so that each creature is distinct from all other creatures, even though the creatures together express the harmony and the unity of God's thoughts. (p 243)

Creation is one of the means God is made known to us, as the Belgic Confession states:

We know Him by two means: first, by the creation, preservation and government of the universe; which is before our eyes as a most elegant book, wherein all creatures, great and small, are as so many characters leading us to contemplate the invisible things of God, namely, His eternal power and divinity, as the apostle

Paul saith (Romans 1:20). All which things are sufficient to convince men, and leave them without excuse (Belgic Confession, Article 2a).

As if his revelation in creation is not enough to convince a man to glorify God, he also “more clearly” makes himself known to us in his word:

Secondly, He makes Himself more clearly and fully known to us by His holy and divine Word, that is to say, as far as is necessary for us to know in this life, to His glory and our salvation (Belgic Confession, Article 2b).

To his glory. This is the reason we were placed on this earth: that we might observe all the things God has done and is doing, and glorify him. If you add anything to God’s act of creation, such as millions of years of evolution, you are taking away from his power, glory, and holiness. When you lose a literal interpretation of Genesis, the foundation of all of Scripture is lost!

Both sides have the evidence – Scriptural and scientific – of creation. In the end, your worldview shapes how you interpret Scripture and the evidence found in creation. Evolutionists have all the proper tools at their disposal to see God’s hand alone in the creation of the universe. They have all the knowledge they need, only they lack wisdom to interpret that knowledge, and fail to give glory to God. In this they are willingly ignorant (2 Peter 3:5).

Theistic evolution is a third stance many take in the creation/evolution debate. Theistic evolution is not even a possibility. It is not biblical nor does it make sense in any way. This is not God. To think even for a minute that God would use something like evolution over millions of years to create is ridiculous. Those in the camp of theistic evolution may think they have a biblical worldview. In reality, they throw God’s revelation by the wayside in favor of “scientific fact.” More on this next time, Lord willing.