

Lesson C18 - Why Creation Matters

Verse for the Week -- 1 Corinthians 8:6

Yet for us there is only one God, the Father, from whom everything came into being and for whom we live. And there is only one Lord, Jesus the Messiah, through whom everything came into being and through whom we live.

God's Creation

Open to Genesis 1. Together read the account of creation in Genesis 1.

1. In addition to the order and symmetry displayed by the account, several other themes emerge from Genesis 1:
 - “And God said...and it was _____.”
 - God is in _____
 - God works through his _____
 - “And there was _____ and there was _____” = one day
 - “And it was _____ _____” Good means complete, whole, having all that is needed for God's purposes.

Three Views of Creation:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

So What about Evolution?!!

2. What is the purpose of Science?

To explain the _____ world. Works by the Scientific Method.

Answers the questions _____ and _____

3. What is the purpose of Theology?

To explain what we know about _____

Answers the question _____ and _____

Solution to the tension between Science and Theology:

Acknowledge the _____ of both science and theology

4. What does Romans 1:20 tell us about the purpose of creation?

5. What does 2 Timothy 3:14-15 tell us about the purpose of Holy Scripture?

6. **Can Christians believe in certain kinds of evolution? Circle one: YES / NO**

- **Micro-evolution:** “the change in the _____ of alleles in a given population over time”
- **Macro-evolution:** _____ changes over _____ amounts of time explains our origins.

7. What are some of the Limits of Science?

8. According to **1 Corinthians 8:6**, how does God as creator affect how we live?

9. Read **2 Timothy 4:1-5**. How do these words challenge Christians to respond to evolutionists?

10. **Why does it matter that God is Creator?**

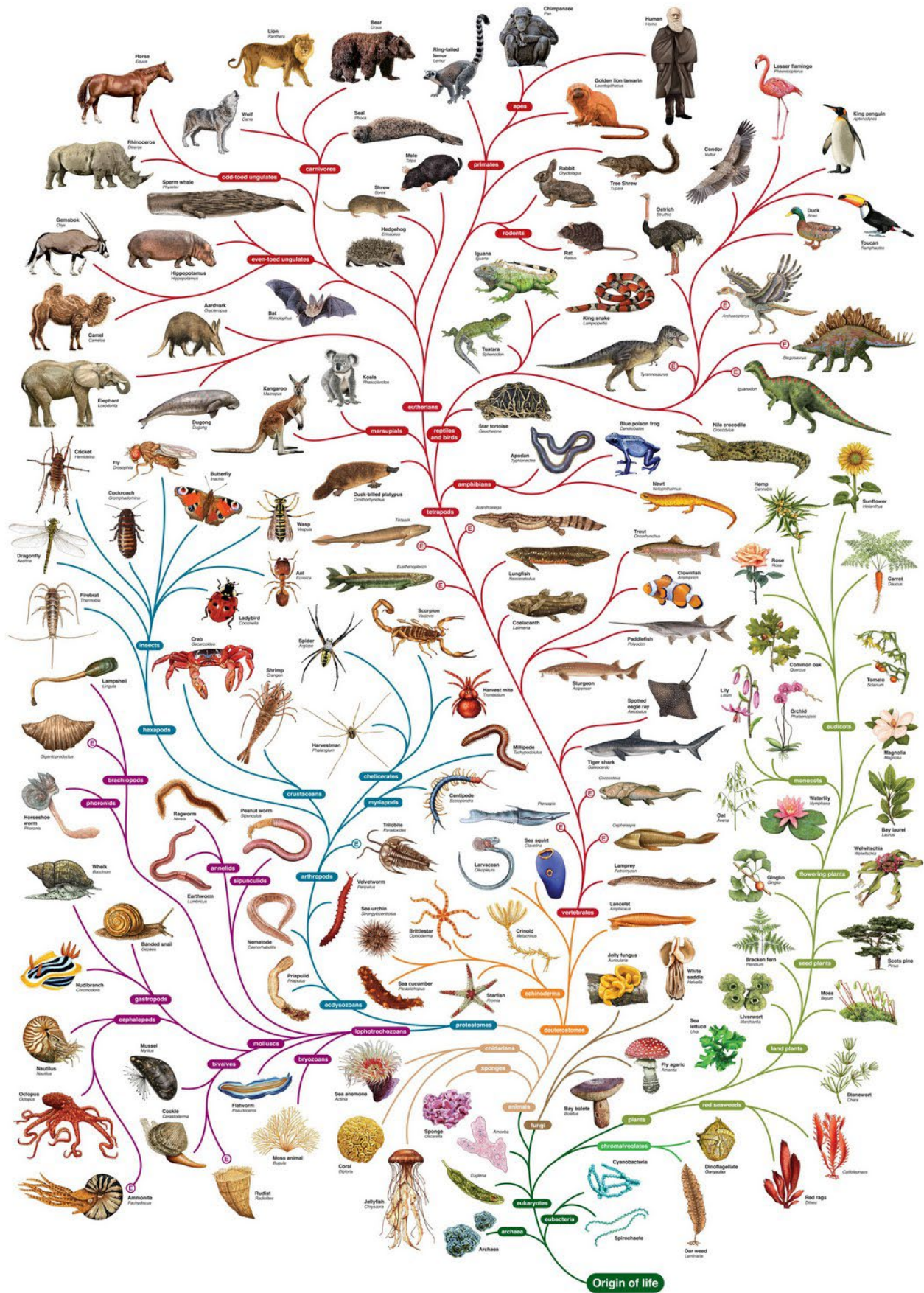
- God _____ for His Creation. See **Matthew 7:25-34**
- God _____ His Creation. See **Psalm 107:19-21**
- God _____ and restores His Creation. See **Revelation 21:5**

Main Point:

God _____ the heavens and the earth.

God is _____ of his creation.

Darwin Tree of Life



Fill in the blanks of the verses that talk about what belief and faith is all about.

Psalm 31:14 But I _____ in you, O Lord; I say You are my _____.

Psalm 37:5 _____ your way to the Lord; _____ in Him, and He will _____.

Romans 10:17 So _____ comes from hearing and hearing through the _____
of _____.

Hebrews 11:1 Now _____ is the assurance of things _____ for,
The _____ of things not _____.

Let's Talk About It...

- 1) Would your life be different without a belief in God? How?

- 2) Read Psalm 139:13-18. What stands out to you in these verses?

- 3) You are unique and wonderfully made just the way you are. God created you, and that is a good thing. What does it mean that God made you wonderful exactly how you are?

- 4) Why do we sometimes not feel "wonderfully made?"

- 5) Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Why do you think God cares more about the heart than our appearance?