

August 30, 2009 • Pastor Gregg Matte
Part Two: Creation for the Head
Genesis 1:1-5 (p. 1)

• Five Theories of Creation

1. Atheistic Evolution - time and chance produced life and order.

2. Theistic Evolution - God was the cause and guide of evolution.

3. Gap Theory - unknown amount of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.

4. Day/Age Theory - "day" is poetic or relative therefore could be ages. 2 Peter 3:8

5. Literal Six Days Theory - In 24 hour periods God creates with the appearance of age. Exodus 20:11

• Creation: Design or Chance?

- How did nothing become something? Hebrews 11:3

- How does something become life?

Requirements for Life:

• **Changes in the Gravitational Force** by only 1 part in 10^{40} would have precluded the existence of stars (including our sun), making life impossible. (1)

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- **The Slant of the Earth**, tilted at 23 degrees produces our seasons. If not tilted exactly as it is, vapors from the oceans would move north and south, piling up continents of ice. (1)

- **The Sun** is 93 million miles away and 11,500°F on its surface. If its heat hit Earth at 50°F more or less, life would cease. (2)

- **The Earth's Rotation** is at 1,000 mph. If slowed by 100 mph, we would freeze up or burn up. (2)

- **The Earth's Crust** is thinner than an apple skin in relation. If 10 ft. thicker, the available oxygen would be oxidized. (2)

- **The Earth's Elliptical Orbit** is 64,800 mph. If slowed by 1/3 we would burn up. (2)

- **The Moon** is 240,000 miles away. If 1/5 closer, the tides would cover the continents twice a day. (2)

1. Brennan Manning. The Ragamuffin Gospel. Multnomah Press 2000, pp 34-35.
2. Frank Harber. Reasons for Believing. New Leaf Press, pp 39-40.

- How does life become complex and personal?

BEYOND SUNDAY

Pastor Gregg suggests the following resources to help extend today's message beyond Sunday.

"Hallelujahs" - Chris Rice, *Deep Enough to Dream* Nehemiah 9:6 (p. 348)

Phillip Johnson's book "Darwin on Trial" is a great introduction to the creation/evolution debate. It will be available next Sunday at Corner Books. Also available next week "Understanding Intelligent Design" by William Dembski.

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Precepts: Genesis, Pt. 1 & 2
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