

- Did you miss the holiday on February 12th? It was International Darwin Day!
- Darwin Day is a celebration to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin on 12 February 1809. The day is used to highlight Darwin's contribution to science and to promote science in general. Darwin Day is celebrated around the world.
- Gallup Poll in 2014 – In U.S., 42% Believe Creationist View of Human Origins. Down from 47% in 1991.
- Many people, including some influential religious leaders, think that evolution is true.
- Does it matter whether we accept the Genesis creation account as literally true?
- How does what we believe about the Genesis account affect our view of the rest of the Bible?

It Affects Jesus' Credibility

- Jesus Christ was involved in the creation... Jn. 1:1-3 – Nothing was made without the “Word.”
- **Gen. 1:1-3 – Jesus appears in the Genesis account, subtly, in the phrase, “God said...”**
- Col. 1:13-18 – The universe was created by Jesus, for Jesus, and is set together by Jesus, in other words, the purpose of Creation centers on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Heb. 1:1-4 – Jesus inherited the world that was made through him.
- It follows that Jesus would know how creation occurred.
 - Mat. 19:4-6; Mk. 10:6 “But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.”
 - He did not say they evolved, or became male and female.
 - Or, that it happened after millions of years.
 - So, to reject that there were human beings at the beginning is to deny that Jesus told the truth.
 - If He was wrong about this, how can we be certain He was right about anything else?

It Affects the Bible's Integrity

- Jn. 17:17; Psa. 119:160 “The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”
- Jn. 12:48; Jas. 2:12 – We will be judged by God’s word.
- Mat. 4:4; Lk.4:4 – Live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
- Jn. 8:51 – Keep Christ's sayings and not see death.
- It follows that our destiny depends on our ability to understand and believe the Word of God!
 - Eph. 3:3-5 – By reading we can understand.
 - Eph. 5:17 – Commanded to understand; cannot be fulfilled if the Bible is untrustworthy.
 - Heb. 11:3 – The Bible states definitely that “the worlds were framed by the Word of God.”
 - Gen. 1; Exo. 20:11 – How long it took! “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them”
 - The only way to get around this is to say that the Bible is not factually accurate, which is what Peter warned of in 2 Peter 3:3 & 16!

It Affects the Truth's Validity

- Jn. 1:17 – Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
- Jn. 7:15-17 – Jesus' doctrine (teaching) is of God.
- Jn. 17:17 – God's word is truth.
- Eph. 1:13 – The Gospel is the word of truth.
- 2 Thess. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:17 – The Gospel must be obeyed.
- Psa. 33:4 “For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.”
- Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:18 – God cannot, and does not lie!
- What happens when people do not believe that God's word is truth and that it need not be obeyed?
 - Mat. 16:18; Rev. 2 & 3 – The church is corrupted.
 - 1 Cor. 11:18-20 – Worship is corrupted.
 - Gen. 2:22-24; Rom. 1:26-27; Heb. 13:4 – Marriage and sex are corrupted.
 - Gen. 1:27; Mk. 10:6 – Sexual identity is corrupted.
 - Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:20-21 – Children are corrupted.
 - **Souls Will Be Lost!**

Decision...

- 1 Tim. 6:20-21 – We must learn identify and avoid false knowledge.
- The Bible is clear as to how and when the world came into being.
- If one doctrine can be changed, then any doctrine can be changed.
- We need to understand the Genesis account and recognize the consequences of disbelieving it.
- We will look more closely at it next week, Lord willing.