



Science and the Bible Books

Creation versus Evolution

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How to Use this Booklist

Apologetics is the discipline, practice, and art of defending the faith with logic, reason, evidence, and facts. Science and the Bible (creation versus evolution) is an important part of apologetics. The subject needs to be addressed with schoolchildren, with non-scientists, and with scientists. Therefore, the books on this short list are at different technical levels. Read the descriptions (from various sources) to choose the appropriate book or books. These books can build your faith and equip you to defend your faith. Some may be appropriate to give to your seeking or skeptical friend. However, do not give any book to any seeker or skeptic unless you have read it first. Doing otherwise can be hurtful rather than helpful. Some of these books are for Christians only because they include instruction on witnessing. In addition, previewing a book will help you determine if it is at the appropriate level. You may want to visit CBD.com to preview a book (table of contents, intro, sample pages, or sample chapter). Amazon.com has a preview feature as well. If your local Christian bookstore (new or used) has these books on the shelf, buy them from that store ... it is an unusually good bookstore. However, if they do not have them, CBD.com is a great source. These books defend a *Young Earth* position ... that the Genesis record, taken literally, is consistent with true science. They do not defend any version of a gap theory or theistic evolution (that God used evolution to create man).

The Books

The Biblical Basis of Modern Science, Revised and Expanded by Henry Morris, 470 pages

Is the Bible merely a collection of religious myths, or does it reflect real history? Drawing on a wide range of disciplines, including astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, and geology, Henry Morris reveals the irrationality of evolution and demonstrates conclusively that facts derived from scientific observations are accurately recorded in Scripture. This is a solid defense of creationism for science-oriented students!

Earth's Catastrophic Past, Volumes I & II by Andrew A. Snelling, 1,100 pages

Earth's Catastrophic Past provides up-to-date geological evidence demonstrating the authority and accuracy of the biblical account of creation and the Flood. Systematically, Dr. Andrew Snelling, a leading creation science geologist, examines evolutionary interpretations of the geologic record. With in-depth scholarly research and insight, he constructs a biblical geologic model for earth history and demonstrates that the central claims of Genesis 1-11 are true.

The Case for the Creator by Lee Strobel, 352 pages

"My road to atheism was paved by science . . . but, ironically, so was my later journey to God," Lee Strobel. During his academic years, Lee Strobel became convinced that God was outmoded, a belief that colored his ensuing career as an award-winning journalist at the Chicago Tribune. Science had made the idea of a Creator irrelevant . . . or so Strobel thought. However, today science is pointing in a different direction. In recent years, a diverse and impressive body of research has increasingly supported the conclusion that the universe was intelligently designed. At the same time, Darwinism has faltered in the face of concrete facts and hard reason. Has science discovered God? At the very least, it is giving faith an immense boost as new findings emerge about the incredible complexity of our universe. Join Strobel as he reexamines the theories that once led him away from God. Through his compelling and highly readable account, you will encounter the mind-stretching discoveries from cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness that present astonishing evidence in *The Case for a Creator*. From evolutionary icons to the uniqueness of planet Earth, from irreducible complexity to the kalam cosmological argument, Lee Strobel gives full rein to his keen analytical mind in addressing these issues and more. Do not expect an inaccessible tome of arcane scientific terms . . . Strobel's years of newspaper reporting give this book a conversational style. Relying on transcriptions of his interviews with experts in the pertinent fields, he tells the incredible stories about the hard science behind what some have termed creationism.

Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth edited by Dr. Terry Mortenson, 450 pages

The origin of death, deep time, genealogical gaps, and various hermeneutical approaches to early biblical texts are just a few of the issues dealt with by creation scientists. Investigations of all these and more are on display in *Coming to Grips with Genesis*, with essays defending the straightforward interpretation of Genesis chapters 1 through 11. Writing intelligently and clearly, they provide an apologetic text that answers the tough questions many people, both Christians and non-Christians alike, struggle with in their attempts to clarify the theology of Genesis. Fourteen different scholars address key topics related to the age of the earth, which is the crucial issue of debate in the church regarding origins (i.e., most old-earth proponents, like young-earth creationists, reject biological evolution). Bringing to bear rigorous scholarly biblical and theological arguments in favor of a young earth, they also address much needed discussion regarding a number of contemporary interpretations of the book of Genesis. A substantial historical, theological, and exegetical defense of the biblical account of Creation, this book is designed for seminary and Bible college professors and students, ministers, missionaries, and others in ministry work. This is primarily for Christians.

Evolution: The Grand Experiment, Volumes 1 & 2 by Dr. Carl Werner, 256 & 276

These two volumes are photo-intensive and very good for 7th through 12th grade students. *Volume 1* contains bright, bold photographs and short, clear paragraphs. Pointing out the numerous mistakes that have been made in the 150 years since Darwin's *Origin of Species* was published, Werner examines the still-missing links in the fossil record. Chapters cover spontaneous generation, acquired characteristics, natural selections and chance mutations, the fossil record, and the formation of proteins and amino acids. *Volume 2*: The fossil record is perceived as one of the greatest proofs for the theory of evolution. Dr. Carl Werner reviewed thousands of fossils from the dinosaur era, and compared them to the animals and plants of today with the view that while some animals (like dinosaurs and flying reptiles) have gone extinct, others have remained substantially the same for thousands of years. In attempting to come up with an experiment to test evolution, he decided that if evolution predicted animals and plants changed dramatically over time, he would take the opposite approach; that if evolution was not true, then animals and plants would *not* change significantly over

time and he would find fossils of modern species in the older geological layers. Arranged by classification, chapters cover evidences for and against evolution, snails, fish, arthropods, mammals, and more. It is filled with over 700 photographs of fossils and their modern companions!

Genetic Entropy & the Mystery of the Genome by John C. Sanford, 232 pages

Geneticist Dr. John Sanford examines the validity of evolution's Primary Axiom – that man is merely the result of random mutations plus natural selection. This book details compelling evidence that the human genome is deteriorating, and has always been deteriorating due to the accumulations of mutations. This is a must-read for every biologist or person interested in biology.

The New Answers Book Volumes 1, 2, & 3 by Ken Ham, ~ 300 pages each

These excellent books answer many creation versus evolution questions in understandable terms. The books provide very good information in a style suited for a Christian-only audience that is of a junior or senior high school age ... using cartoon-type illustrations. Other books are more suited for the educated and studious scientist that is of high school age and older.

The Ultimate Proof of Creation by Jason Lisle, 270 pages

This book emphasizes the defense of the Genesis Creation account ... a defense built on techniques that have been developed over many years, and through many presentations. They are not difficult to apply when it one learns how to do it properly. Ready to move beyond circular arguments? It is time to get to the real heart of the issue and rationally resolve the origins debate. It is time to discover *The Ultimate Proof of Creation*. This book is for Christians only.

Additional resources on this subject are available from the following:

The Institute for Creation Research ... www.ICR.org

Answers in Genesis ... www.AnswersInGenesis.org

Note: Staff from these two organizations were very helpful in suggesting some of the books on this list.

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