# **UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE**



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FAITH IN PRE-EXISTING MATTER

BIG BANG BY UNKNOWN PROCESSES



STELLAR EVOLUTION BY UNKNOWN PROCESSES





#### ORGANIC EVOLUTION BY UNKNOWN PROCESSES

# **THE CREATION MODEL**

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FAITH IN PREEXISTING CREATOR











**CREATION BY UNKNOWN** PROCESSES

God made everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind.



# Tenets of Scientific Creationism

- 1. Physical universe of space, time, and energy not always existed but created supernaturally
- 2. Biological life not naturally developed but supernaturally created
- 3. Major kinds of plants and animals created functionally complete
- 4. Humans created fully human with a spiritual nature (self-image, moral consciousness, etc.)
- 5. Earth pre-history record of catastrophic natural processes

# Tenets of Scientific Creationism

- 6. Processes today primarily within fixed natural laws, possible miraculous intervention
- 7. Universe and life impaired with "negative" changes in properties and processes
- 8. Universe created perfect, creator remains active, teleological considerations appropriate in science
- 9. Human mind can explore the creator rationally and scientifically

# **Tenets of Biblical Creationism**

- 1. Creator is a triune God with each part participating in creation
- 2. The Bible is divinely inspired revelation of Creator, infallible and complete
- 3. The universe created in 6 literal days, all theories involving evolution false
- 4. Adam and Eve specially created, all humans their descendents
- 5. Genesis 1-11 fully historical and perspicuous

# Tenets of Biblical Creationism

- 6. Alienation of man from Creator (sin) only remedied by Creator through Christ
- 7. Restoration of creation in future, individuals restored now through Christ
- 8. Accomplishment of Gods eternal purpose in creation occur with bodily return of Christ
- 9. Each believer should participate in ministry of reconciliation

# CREATION AND EVOLUTION SCIENTIFIC MODELS

### FOUNDATION

UNKNOWN PROCESSES





# COMPARISON

- Empirical Science-Observe the process
  - ✓ Observable
  - ✓ Repeatable
  - ✓ Predictable
  - ✓ Falsifiable
- Test
  - ✓ Experiment
- Studying current functioning of the natural world

- Historical Science-Observe the effects, guess at the process
  - ✓ Gather evidence
  - ✓ Generate a story to explain the evidence
- Test
  - ✓ Evidence/ Story
    Plausibility (consistent with empirical evidence)
- Studying history of the natural world

# DATA

BOTH MODELS CAN BE ANALYZED WITH EMPIRICAL DATA

# CREATION EVOLUTION

# EVOLUTION MODEL PREDICTS

#### MATTER GOES FROM DISORDER TO ORDER

THERE SHOULD BE EVIDENCE OF CHANGE FROM ONE SPECIES TO ANOTHER

EARTH'S HISTORY IS DOMINATED BY UNIFORMITARIANISM CREATION MODEL PREDICTS

**MATTER GOES FROM ORDER TO** DISORDER **THERE SHOULD BE NO EVIDENCE OF CHANGE FROM ONE SPECIES TO ANOTHER -- ONLY CHANGE** WITHIN A SPECIES **ZEARTH'S HISTORY IS DOMINATED BY CATASTROPHES** 

# CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

HINTS FOR SURVIVAL

> WHAT SCIENCE EDUCATION SHOULD BE TEACHING.

# **DARWIN'S FINCHES**

# SUPPORTS EVOLUTION?

# NO!

Does not show evidence of change from one species to another



**SUPPORTS CREATION?** YES! Shows evidence of change within species

# FOSSIL RECORD

No true transitional fossils have been found.

#### **SUPPORTS EVOLUTION?**

#### SUPPORTS CREATION?

NO!

Does not show evidence of change from one species to another



YES!

Shows evidence of change within species

# **GEOLOGIC FEATURES**

Mt. St. Helens eruptions formed a 1/40<sup>th</sup> scale model of the grand canyon overnight. Fine stratified layers formed in 5 hours.

# SUPPORTS EVOLUTION? NO!

Does not support uniformitarian assumptions



# SUPPORTS CREATION? YES! Supports catastrophism

# PEPPERED MOTH STORY<br/>Shows only changes in proportionSUPPORTSSUPPORTSSUPPORTSSUPPORTSEVOLUTION?CREATION?

# NO!

Does not show evidence of change from one species to another



# NO!

Does not show evidence of change within species

# THE LAW OF ENTROPY Left alone, everything decays over time.





# LAW OF ENTROPY

**SUPPORTS EVOLUTION?**  SUPPORTS CREATION?

**NO!** 

YES!



"Students will be expected to critically analyze a number of theories. There is essentially no reference to creationism, the big bang theory, or evolution. What we wanted was to avoid the requirements of any specific dogma. The standard says that we want students to have access to a variety of knowledge and then students can make up their own mind."

Alan Morgan, State Superintendent of Schools in New Mexico