

Scientific Apologetics – Lesson 2

Exodus 20:11a “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.”

Genesis 9:11 “I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

I. Review Intelligent Design Arguments

- a. Three areas of focus (Information Problem, Beginning of Universe, Fine Tuning)
- b. Review the problem that arises from “Inference to the best explanation” of scientific data.

II. The Bible and Science

- a. Operational/Experimental Science and Historical/Origins Science – are they the same?
- b. Operational/Experimental Science is perfectly consistent with the Bible and gives us technology
- c. Historical/Origins Science is influenced heavily by worldview assumptions
- d. Conclusion – Brilliant and accomplished scientists can be very wrong about the unseen past
- e. This distinction is disputed by evolutionists – Why?

III. Our Apologetic Methodology

- a. What does the Bible say about creation and the Flood?
- b. Will any old apologetic approach do?
- c. Bible and science apologetics options
- d. Avoid apologetics methods and strategies that ***change, subtract from, or add to*** the Bible
- e. Believe God – (Abraham-like faith)
- f. Consistency (6-Day Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and a Consistent Biblical Worldview)
- g. G. Richard Bozarth quote

IV. Biblical Creation or Creation Science (YEC) Movement

- a. Creationist methodology – start with the Bible as the framework and ultimate presuppositions.
- b. Some of the prominent organizations that promote YEC (AIG, ICR, CMI)
 - i. Ken Ham is the definition of “scientific apologetics”
 - ii. Defending Scripture from the very first verse
 - iii. If a Flood took place, as described in the Bible, what would we expect to find on earth?
- c. Scientists behind the scenes (developing creationist models)
 - i. **John Baumgardner**
 1. Background
 2. Global plate tectonics (catastrophic plate tectonics)
 - ii. **Kurt Wise**
 1. Background
 2. The Fossil Record
 - iii. **John Sanford**
 1. Background
 2. Genetic Entropy

V. What are some good questions that you can bring up in a conversation?

Resources:

Answers In Genesis website; *Institute for Creation Research* website; ICC Publications; Let’s Talk Creation Podcast

Is Genesis History and *Mountains After the Flood* documentaries and lectures

globalflood.org (website and resources maintained by John Baumgardner)