

Creation Timing Matters

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Text: *Genesis 1:31. 3:17. Revelation 21:1*

[Why such a Beastie topic: Science vs Bible = Which Authority?

[Dan's Dilemma

What reasonable question did he ask? "Which is True?"

What was he told? "Nice boys don't ask."

How common is this timing question? 54% of Australians

What is a better reply:

"Only Creator's Account interprets ALL observations Consistently."

- What's the difference between **observations & interpretations?**

Observed facts. No conflict.

Interpretations of the facts. *Hypotheses do conflict.*

- What's the importance of **historical accounts?**



They *add critical information* we have no other way of knowing
So often provide the **most consistent interpretation** (hypothesis.)

- Do we have the **Creator's Account**: How do we know?

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- Bible reliable revelation (M.A.P.S.)

- What's the **most reliable authority?**

a) Evolution / Naturalist account?

1. NOT enough evidence:

Not observed "something from nothing" - only from *something*
Not observed "life come from non-life" - only from *life*
Not observed "development upwards" - only *entropy* [Genetic entropy!]
Not observed "adaption into new kinds" - only *within* kinds

2. NOT enough **global** explanatory power (ALL the obs.) →

b) Jesus / Creator's account?

1. HAS enough evidence:

History - Bible, M.A.P.S.
Prophecies indicate divine hand
Eyewitness accounts indicate Divine Incarnation & Resurrection.
Experiences indicate Holy Spirit and other supernatural phenomena.

2. HAS enough **global** explanatory power (ALL the obs):

Biblical Obs: Gen 1
Mt19:4-6 (Mk10:6) - since the beginning of creation... (6 days plausible)
Rom6:23 - sin > death
1Pet2:24 (Isa53)
1Co15:22

Science Obs: Relativity - something from Something... Special Creation (6 days)
Biology - Life from life.
Entropy - decay (unless energy and order added) [Genetic Entropy
Adaptation - within kinds
Geology - layers of dead things all over the earth.... (global flood plausible)

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Only Creator's Account interprets ALL observations consistently.

Q: How might you interpret ALL observations *consistently*?

	Observations	Interpretations: Biblical	Naturalist		Observations	Biblical	Naturalist
CREATOR	Entropy	We were Started, Good,	We started	BIBLE CHRIST RISEN SPIRIT	Manuscripts	Reliable records	-
	Relativity	by Something, Big, Super-natural	?		Archaeology	Confirms records	-
	Design	Intelligent	chance		Prophecies	Miraculous revelation	-
	Fine-tuning	& Mindful, of us	chance		Storyline	Same God at work	-
	Reason	First Cause, Ground of all being	-		Prophecies	Jesus fulfills	-
	Religions	Common Creator backstory	-		Words	is Divine,	-
	Experiences	Spiritual dimensions	-		Miracles, Cross	is Divine,	-
	History	Eyewitness reports	-		Resurrection	Overcame sin & death.	-
	News	Injustice, evil	Fittest		Experts	Jesus Rose	-
	SIN	Selfishness	Personal, in me		Selfish Gene	Archaeology	Records are reliable
	Experiences	Crime, harm, death	Fittest	Seers	Predicted	-	
				Eyewitnesses	Close up encounters	-	
				Early records	Not later insertions	-	
				Experiences	Christ in us	-	
				Consequences	God's ways work	-	

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