

New City Catechism

Question 5

Q: What else did God create?

A: God created all things by His powerful Word, and all His creation was very good; everything flourished under His loving rule.

*Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of your hands.
They will perish, but you will remain;
They will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
But you are the same, and your years have no end.*
Psalm 102:25-27

Reading: GENESIS 1

What is the Nature of the Debate?

Three Views on Creation:

The word *Day* ("Yom")

Young Earth Creationism:

Description:

Pros:

Cons:

Old Earth Creationism:

Description:

Pros:

Cons:

The relationship of science and the Bible

Concordism:

“Layer Cake” Model:

Literary Framework Hypothesis:

Description:

Day 1		Day 4	
Day 2		Day 5	
Day 3		Day 6	

Pros:

Cons:

Example of the three models in action:

Days 1 and 4:

Historical Overview:

Hexameron:

Philo:

Justin Martyr:

Iraeneus:

Clement of Alexandria:

Origin:

St. Augustine:

Where do we Find Agreement?

Creation in the Creeds:

Apostles Creed (AD 390): "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth."

Nicene Creed (fourth century AD): "We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

Athanasian Creed (fourth century AD): no specific statement on creation, but declares each member of the Trinity as, "neither made nor created."

Heidelberg Catechism (1563): God is defined as, "the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth, and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence."

Belgic Confession (1561): One of the means by which we know God is, "by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God."

Westminster Confession (1647): "It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days; and all very good."

Who created?

God:

Job 9

Job 37-41

Psalm 104

Psalm 148:1-6

Proverbs 8:22-31

Isaiah 42:5

Isaiah 45:18-19

Hebrews 11:3

2 Peter 3:4-7

Revelation 4:11

The Triune God:

Col. 1:15-17

Heb. 1:1-2

John 1:1-3

Why did God create?

For His own _____:

Isaiah 43:6-7

Isaiah 6:3

Psalms 19:1

Romans 1:20-21

Revelation 4:11

The universe as a cosmic _____:

Isaiah 40:21-23

Isaiah 66:1-2

1 Kings 8:27

What is the purpose of the creation story?

Was Genesis written for us or to us?

To teach us that:

God _____:

God is the eternal _____ *and* _____:

God created _____:

God is _____:

Creation has a _____:

Creation is inherently _____:

To point us toward _____:

What do we do with this?

We believe it:

We look forward:

We reassess our view of all creation:

We Worship and Rely on God both as Creator *and* Sustainer:

We seek to join God in His rule and reign (rest):