

Creation and Intelligent Design

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Basic Outline of Topics and Scripture References

Week	Topic
1	Introduction – Psalm 19:1-4; Solar System; Is 40:26; Heb 11:3; 1 Pet 5:6; Rom 1:20; Gen 1:27-28
2, 3	Genesis 1 & 2 – Gen 1:1 explained; 2 Pet 3:10-13; Col 1:16; First account (Gen 1); Heavens and earth, sun, moon, stars, vegetation, birds, fish, animals, people; Everything reproduces after its own kind; Second account of Creation (Gen 2); Vapor canopy; Adam and Eve
4	Creation Theories – Young earth, Theistic evolution (“Day-Age”), Old earth (evolution), Panspermia, Gap theory, Created in place; Gen 1, Rom 1:20;
5	Made Just for Us – Psalm 14:1; Earth facts; “Just Right”; Anthropic principle; “Fine tuning”; Entropy;
6, 7	Wonders of God’s Design I and II – Complexity in creation; Birds; Bats; Monarch butterflies; Penguins; Salmon; Job 35:11; Matt 6:26; Job 12:7-10; Hive mind; Ants; Termites; Rom 1:20; Ps 14:1
8	Wonders of God’s Design III – Rom 8:28; Bees, pollen, flowers; Hive life and “the dance”; Cleaner fish; Man and woman; Gen 2:18; Gen 2:24; Matt 19:6; Man and God; Deut 8:3; Jer 10:23; The Lord’s Church; Heb 10:24-25
9	The Flood, Geology, Dinosaurs – Gen 7:17, 21; Flood facts; Why the flood?; Gen 6:5-7; Noah; Gen 6:8-13, 2 Pet 2:5; James 5:16; Flood timeline; The Ark; The Flood; Gen 7:21-23; Clues from ancient Chinese; Dinosaurs in the Ark? Dinosaurs and man together? Christians and the Flood; 2 Pet 3:10-11; 1 Pet 3:20-21
10	Darwinian Evolution – Heb 3:4; Charles Darwin; “Theory of Evolution”; Micro vs. macro evolution; What Darwin couldn’t know (microbiology); What Christians do know; Rom 1:19-20, Acts 17:27-28; 2 Cor 4:4; Psalms 94:8, Gal 5:22
11, 12	Intelligent Design – Prov 20:12; “The Watchmaker”; Rom 1:19:20; “Irreducible complexity”; The mousetrap; Biochemical arguments to evolution: Proteins and blood clotting; “Heed the Master’s Words”; Isaiah 66:1-2, Rom 1:19-20; Psalm 40:5; Psalm 139:14; “Figure the odds”; “Our culture of confusion”; Spiritual warfare; Eph 6:11-12, Gen 2:16-17, Gen 3:4-5, 2 Cor 4:3-4; 1 Cor 1:18-19, 1 Cor 3:18-19a
13	Belief Beyond Evidence – Job 12:7-10, Psalm 139:14; The quarter in review; Our culture of confusion; Spiritual warfare; Concluding remarks.

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Creation and Intelligent Design Bibliography

The following texts and references (listed alphabetically by title) were used in the preparation of our study of Creation and Intelligent Design. This list is provided to both document the sources and to encourage you to “dig deeper” into some of the topics discussed this quarter. Publication dates refer to the first printing’s copyright—most, if not all, of the books are still in print. In some cases, there’s a short synopsis and/or a recommendation, but since these references come from authors with, at times, widely varying beliefs and viewpoints, your mileage may vary. Hope this helps!

1. “*A Short History of Nearly Everything*,” Bill Bryson, 2003 (scientific, funny, and full of facts)
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3. “*Bible: New International Version*,” International Bible Society, 1973
4. “*Bible: New King James Version*,” Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1982
5. “*Creation Facts of Life*,” Gary Parker, 1994
6. “*Darwin’s Black Box*,” Michael J. Behe, 1996
(NB: This compelling and well written text gives some of the strongest evidence to date that evolution simply isn’t possible due to the irreducible complexity of the amazing little cellular “machines” that we’re all made of—**highly recommended**.)
7. “*Dinosaurs and Creation—Questions and Answers*,” Donald B. DeYoung, 2000
8. “*Does God Exist?*,” John Clayton’s monthly magazine and video series—**excellent resources!**
9. “*Flatland*,” E. A. Abbott, 1884 (NB: Yes, that date is correct!)
10. “*Genesis and the Big Bang*,” Gerald L. Schroeder, 1990
11. “*God, Are You Really There?*,” Don England, 1989
(NB: A very good book, less about creation and more about faith in what God says)
12. “*Icons of Evolution—Science or Myth?*,” Jonathan Wells, 2000
13. “*In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood*,” Walt Brown, 1980
(NB: A really **interesting** book—something for everyone and *great* illustrations.)
14. “*Intelligent Design*,” William A. Dembski, 1999 (NB: This is a **tough read!**)
15. “*It Couldn’t Just Happen*,” Lawrence O. Richards, 1987 (Simple and delightful)
16. “*Mere Creation: Science, Faith & Intelligent Design*,” William A. Dembski, et al., 1998
17. “*Science and Evidence for Design in the Universe*,” Michael J. Behe, William A. Dembski, and Stephen C. Meyer, 2000 (NB: Dembski is just plain hard to read!)
18. “*Simple Studies in Christian Evidences*,” Rubel Shelly, 1970
19. “*The Age of the Earth*,” Dr. Kenneth Hovine, Creation Science Evangelism, 2001 (Video series)
(NB: A funny and hard-hitting look at creation and the flood from a teacher-turned-evangelist)
20. “*The Book of Genesis, Chapters 1 - 2*,” Chuck Missler, 1995 (Audio series)
(NB: An extremely interesting look at God’s creation from a scientific viewpoint)
21. “*The Cartoon Guide to Genetics*,” Larry Gonick and Mark Wheelis, 1991
(NB: Simply a **great** book! A must for anyone interesting in genes and DNA)
22. “*The Genesis Flood*,” John C. Whitcomb and Henry H. Morris, 1961
(NB: Geology geeks will *love* this often referenced book, but be warned—this book contains over 500 pages of technical geologic and biblical discussions!)
23. “*The Mind of God*,” Paul Davies (NB: This one is for real science geeks only!)
(NB: Biology-teacher-turned-Christian covers a wide variety of creation topics with good science and a nice personal touch.)
24. “*The Revelation of God in Nature*,” Bert Thompson, and Wayne Jackson, 1985
(NB: This **excellent** little reference book is in our church library)
25. “*The Science of God*,” Gerald L. Schroeder, 1997
(NB: This is an **outstanding** book! Very informative, loaded with examples.)
26. “*The Transformist Illusion*,” Douglas Dewar, 1957 (a bit dated, but an outstanding text)
27. “*The Way of Life—Science and Christian Faith*,” William H. Davis, 1968
28. “*The Wonders of God’s Creation*,” Moody Institute Science Presentation, 1992 (Video series)