**Days of Creation: When was the earth created? 3 approaches to the Genesis “days”**

***Actual 24 hr day Theory***

Gen 1:5 defines how “yom” is being used in Gen 1.

Sabbath blessed Exod 20:11 basis of Sabbath observance = 24 hrs

Day + number = 24 hr days

Appearance of age: Adam made adult; universe has appearance of age

***Symbolic Day Theory***

Gen 1 = logical order of creation not time

Revelational day

Pictorial days

Literary Framework

Functional approach not time

***Day-Age Theory***

Yom (day) has a wide variety of meanings

Period of light as opposed to darkness (Ps 32:4; Judg 19:8)

An age -- the Day of the LORD (Joel 1:15... day with the Lord as 1000 years Ps. 90:4)

Time of person’s life (1 Sam 3:2)

Sun not made till day 4

Too much work on day 6

***How old does the Bible say the universe is?***

“When” not a test of orthodoxy; there is NOT one clear verse where the Bible says how old

Be careful pushing today’s science into or out of the Bible (cf. Ps 140:3 poison of asps; Isa 11:12 flat earth; Isa 40:22 circle of earth; Job 9:6 pillars of earth)

Major on majors; attitude check

***Genealogy not = chronology***

Just add times of genealogies of Gen 5 & 11 🡪 4004 BC

Gaps in genealogy: Mt 1:8 cf. 1 Chr 3:11; 14=DVD

Leaves you with 4004 BC; no one holds this—Jericho = 8000 BC

***Two patterns in Gen 1***

***Fiat - Fulfillment Pattern AFFET***

Announcement: And God said

Fiat (command): Let there be

Fulfillment: and there was

Evaluation: and God saw it was good

Temporal framework: day 1

**Parallel Days Pattern:**

**Forming: Macrocosm Filling: Microcosm**

Day 1: Light Day 4: Light bearers (sun, moon,…

Day 2: waters above/below Day 5: Fish and birds

Day 3: Dry Land Day 6: Inhabitants of Dry Land

**What does it mean to be human? Are humans one or two parts?** Are humans different than animals? How?  
 How does that fit with cloning, cyborg’s and spiritual machines (AI Robots)?  
 Is trimming deformed kids with problems for their organs like weeding a garden?

In God’s Image Gen 1:26ff:

**Four Aspects of God’s image SiR DR.**

Spiritual/Moral Qualities

Relational

Dominion/rule

Replica

**Spiritual/Moral Qualities (Col 3:10/Eph 4:24)**

Ability to make moral choices

Humans are capable of knowledge, righteousness and true holiness

**Relational aspect of the image: “Let US make man in OUR image”**

Who is the “us”

Trinity

Plural of majesty

Heavenly court (Isa 6:8 who will go for us?”) I Kgs 22:19ff; Job 1

Implications?

**Dominion/Rule Image**

“Let us make humans as our image” to rule...

Kings would have representatives and they would rule in the king’s place over that region.

Notice the emphasis in Gen 1:26f on ruling

What are the implications of this? Purpose, meaning, destiny, vice-regent role of humans

**Image as physical replica**

Do we physically look like God?

*Selem* [image] and *demut* [likeness] both very physical terms; image = physical representation

1 Sam 6:5

Assyrian kings made “images” of themselves and set up in territories to show that they were rulers of that area

Physical image built on Christ?

**What are the implications of the Image in us?**

Eschatologically: 1 Jn 3:2f

Weight of Glory: dignity and respect to others--Maxine, Michael Card concert

Your most image violating/affirming moments