

“Having a 1st Century Faith in a 21st Century World”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Romans 1:18-22

I. How Today’s Christian Deals with “Science and Evolution”

A. The Problem Crystalized

1. We send our children to school to learn because we believe in the value of education. Good!
 - a. Yet how much time do we put into their spiritual education?

- b. A “Pew Research Poll” recently discovered 52% of “highly religious people” (1x/*week* attendance) believe that science and the Bible contradict each other!

Genesis 1:1

2. Some Believers think “Theistic Evolution” – A Viable Alternative?
 - a. These are people who “believe in God,” but also embrace the theory of evolution.

Genesis 1:1 & 2

2 Peter 3:8

Exodus 20:8, 11

B. What to/not to say in seeking to defend God's Word (and what should be said instead)

1. #1 - "Evolution is just a theory"
 - a. Scientific *Theory* defined: "A coherent group of propositions formulated to explain a set of facts of phenomena in the natural realm and repeatedly confirmed through observation & experimentation."

2. #2 - "If we evolved from Monkeys, why are there still monkeys?"
 - a. Here's the thing – *nobody* believes that. Rather, *we/monkeys* both arose from a common ancestor.

3. #3 - "Science is biased."
 - a. There is the belief among many, that Christians who oppose evolution are "anti-science."

C. The "Blind Faith" of the ~~Creationist~~ Atheist

1. It is not uncommon to hear people accuse Christians of having a "blind faith."

CONCLUSIONS:

Romans 1:18, 20

Romans 1:16-17

Mark 1:1

Mark 16:16

1 Peter 3:21

Guests:

Everyone approaches God's creation with a sense of awe, as we see the power displayed from pictures from the James Webb Telescope! That is God's power over His physical creation. But the power over His spiritual creation is also awe-inspiring (and is also found in **Rom. 1:16-17**). *"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is God's power unto salvation...."* Mark began his gospel, **1:1**, *"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."* God's love & power put on display in JESUS! After His death & resurrection, He told His people, (**quote Mk. 16:15-16**) – power to save, (**1 Pt. 3:21**)!!!