

Views on the Origin of the Universe & Life

| | Young Earth Creation "Creationist" Position 6 Day Creation | Progressive Creation Day-Age Theory | Evolutionary Creation Theistic Evolution | Deistic Evolution (Deism = Impersonal God) | Dysteleological Evolution "Evolutionist" Position Atheistic Evolution |
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| Teleology | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Intelligent Design | Yes Points to a Designer | Yes Points to a Designer | Yes Points to a Designer | Yes Points to a Designer | No Design a delusion |
| Age of the Universe | Young 6000 yrs | Old 14 billion yrs | Old 14 billion yrs | Old 14 billion yrs | Old 14 billion yrs |
| Evolution of Life | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| God's Activity in the Origin of Universe & Life | Yes Miraculous events over 6 days | Yes 1. Miraculous events for life over billions of yrs 2. God uses natural processes for inanimate universe | Yes God uses natural processes | Yes God uses natural processes | No Blind chance & natural processes |
| God's Activity in the Lives of Men & Women | Yes Personal God | Yes Personal God | Yes Personal God | No Impersonal God | No No God |
| Interpretation of Genesis 1 | Strict literalism Creation days = 24 hrs | General literalism Creation days = Geologic ages | 1. Divine Messages 2. Ancient science 3. Ancient poetry | Irrelevant myth | Irrelevant myth |

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- A more detailed version of this lecture is on my website.
- Course outline of **CHRTC 350: SCIENCE & RELIGION** at St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta.

Books

- Denis O. Lamoureux, *Evolutionary Creation: A Christian Approach to Evolution* (2008), 500 pages.
- Denis O. Lamoureux, *I Love Jesus & I Accept Evolution* (2009), 170 pages.