

A Creation Manifesto

1. Genesis 1 and 2 are a single, continuous (i.e., without gaps of millions of years), unified, historical (non-mythical), self-consistent, straightforward, and true account of God's creation of the universe (including space, time, energy and matter), the world, animals and mankind.
2. God created all things in the specific step-by-step order given in Genesis 1. Any literary or thematic organization derivable from the creation account results from a recounting of the actual order of God's creative actions and not from a human author of the text who chose to structure the account topically.
3. God created all things (non-living and living) as discrete kinds (1 Cor 15.39-40), with no part of the created order being made from another part (Heb 11.3)—except for specified things such as the body of Adam which was made from the dust of the ground (2.7), not from an animal kind; and Eve who was made from a rib of Adam (2.21-22).
4. God created all things out of no pre-existing matter, by a supernatural voice of command (1.3) and by separate creative acts, not through natural processes such as macroevolution.
5. God could have created all things in an instant but chose to create in six 24-hour periods consisting of an evening and a morning, that were the first chronological days of history. Then he rested on the seventh day to establish a pattern of work and rest for mankind (Ex 20.11).
6. God created all things recently (about 6,000 years ago) and instantly, with all their diversity, in a mature and perfect state (with an inferred age)—to provide a well ordered cosmos inhabitable by mankind (1.31), who was created uniquely with the breath of God (2.7), to be God's image bearer (1.27), with delegated dominion over the rest of the creation (1.26, 28).
7. God created kinds (1.11) with a broad genetic base that has disaggregated into species, each with a subset of the original gene pool. Since the first sin of Adam and Eve introduced death there has been a general deterioration of the created order (Rom 8.21) through accidental genetic mutation (which has been only deleterious), species extinction, and catastrophes such as the worldwide flood (Gen 6-8).
8. God and his creation can only be known and correctly understood by his creatures when he is acknowledged as our Creator and the creator of all things (Rev 4.11), as he has revealed himself in his authoritative, self-revelation—the Bible.
9. A faithful and Biblically based theology, in all its doctrines, must presuppose, and be based on, the doctrine of creation.
10. The gospel of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the world, must be presented within the context of the truth that God created the heavens and the earth (Acts 17.24-28).