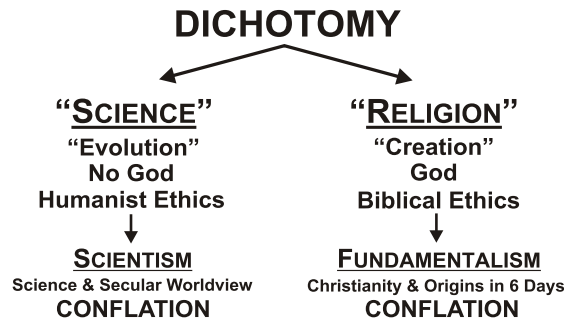


# BEYOND THE "EVOLUTION" VS. "CREATION" DEBATE

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## THE PROBLEM

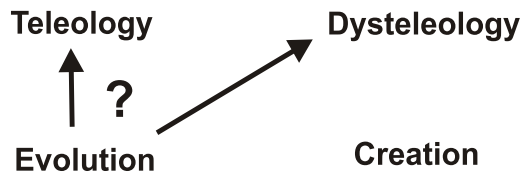


**Dichotomy:** Division of an issue into two simple positions. Caused by thinking in a 'black-and-white' & 'either/or' fashion  
**Humanism:** Belief that humans alone determine values & morals  
**Conflation:** Sloppy blending of distinct ideas into one simple idea

## Flood Account Chiasm (Gen 6-9)

- A Noah & his sons Shem, Ham & Japheth (6:9-10)
- B Promise to flood & to establish Covenant (12-18)
- C Preservation of life & food for sustenance (19-22)
- D Command to enter ark (7:1-3)
- E 7 days waiting for earth to flood (4-10)
- F 40 days waters increase & ark floating (11-17)
- G 150 days waters prevail (18-24)
- CENTER GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (8:1)
- G' 150 days (end of) waters abate (2-5)
- F' 40 days (end of) waters decrease & ark resting (4-6)
- E' 7 days (periods of) waiting for earth to dry (7-14)
- D' Command to leave ark (15-22)
- C' Multiplication of life & food for sustenance (9:1-7)
- B' Promise not to flood again & to remember Covenant (8-17)
- A' Noah & his sons Shem, Ham & Japheth (18-19)

## TOWARD A SOLUTION



**Teleology:** Belief the world has plan & purpose  
**Dysteleology:** Belief the world has NO plan & purpose  
**Evolution:** Scientific theory that natural processes over vast time produced all living organisms, including humans  
**Creation:** Belief that the world is the product of the Creator

## RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Ultimate Beliefs

INTUITION ↑ FAITH ↑ REASON

## SCIENCE

Observations & Experiments  
Theories & Laws

**Intelligent Design:** Belief that the beauty, complexity & functionality in nature point to an Intelligent Designer

## Creation Account Panels (Gen 1)

### Formless

*Tohu*

Day 1

Separate Light/Dark

Day 2

Separate Waters Above/Waters Below

Day 3

Separate Water/Land (Plants)

### Empty

*Bohu*

Day 4

Decorate Sun, Moon, & Stars

Day 5

Decorate Flying Creatures & Sea Creatures

Day 6

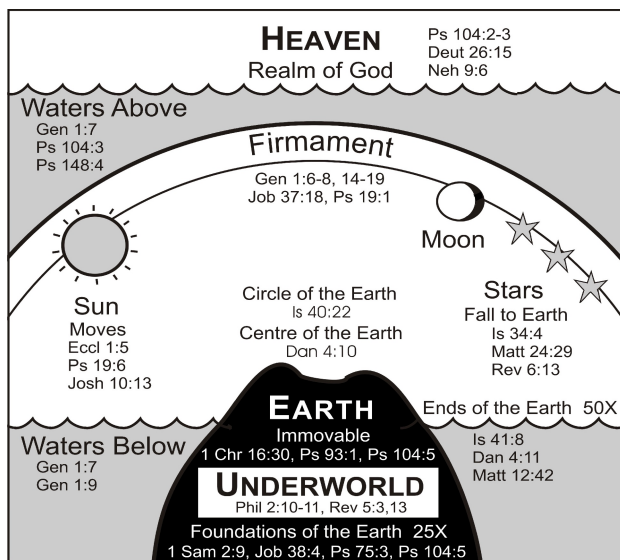
Decorate Land Animals & Humans (Plants for Food)

Day 7

Sabbath  
God's Day of Rest

**De Novo Creation:** Quick & Complete origin of the universe & life (Ancient Science)

## Message-Incident Principle



**Scientific Concordism:** ASSUMPTION that God revealed scientific facts in the Bible 1000s of yrs before their discovery by modern science

## CONCLUSION

- Define the Terms & Concepts
- Recognize the Faith Jump
- Move Beyond the "Evolution" vs. "Creation" Debate
- Consider the Two Books Model:

Let no woman or man, out of conceit or laziness, think or believe that anyone can search too far or be too well informed in the **Book of God's Works** or the **Book of God's Words**: Science or Religion. Instead, let everyone endlessly improve their understanding of both.

Sir Francis Bacon (1605)