

authoritative Word of God, He is clearly a **Genesis literalist**. In fact, His two quotations (spoken virtually within the same breath) are taken from each of the first two chapters of Genesis — those chapters which are claimed by unbelieving scholars to contradict each other!

4. Since Jesus states that God created humans "at the beginning" (compare Mark 10:6, "at the beginning of creation"), He is clearly a **young-Earth creationist!** (In the evolutionary scenario, humans don't arrive until almost the *end* of the history of the developing universe.)

5. Jesus was the Creator God in human flesh, who taught that He was with God before the "*the beginning of the world*". For Christians, there can be no higher authority than the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. (See Mark 9:7; John 7:16; 13:13; Matthew 11:27-29; 23:8,10; 28:18-20; Colossians 2:3; Acts 3:21-23.)

6. Jesus Christ, the Son of God (who took on human flesh to be born as the baby Jesus) was in fact the Agent of creation — that is, He himself accomplished the divine work of creating! (See John 1:1-3,14; 1Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15,16; Hebrews 1:1-3).

7. It is obvious that in His references to Genesis, Jesus authenticated the Biblical Scriptures. Christ had an extremely high view of Scripture and He plainly regarded the early chapters of Genesis as historical. (See John 10:34f.; 17:17; Matthew 4:4,7,10; 5:17-19; 12:3-7; 22:29-32; 23:35; 24:37-39; Luke 16:17; 17:26,27; 24:25-27,44.)

8. Jesus question in Matthew 19:4 is very significant. "**Haven't you read,**" He replied, "*that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female'*". Jesus quoted Genesis and rebuked the Pharisees for not believing what God wrote through Moses.

To argue that Jesus was merely accommodating Jewish tradition, would make him a liar (John 8:54-58) but **He IS** "*the way, the truth and the life*" (John 14:6).

Are you a professed Christian but not a creationist? It is urgent that you rethink your position! Jesus said, "*People today are living in a sinful and evil time. If anyone is ashamed of me and my teaching, then I will be ashamed of him. I will be ashamed of him when I come with the glory of my Father and the holy angels.*" (Mark 8:38).

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So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. - John 8:36

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Was Christ a Creationist?

Henry Morris, a Creationist, states that, "In Christ's day, the prevailing philosophy on origins included evolution and long ages of earth history. Their view, of course, was not Darwinian evolution, but it held that the earth and the universe, acting on itself by the forces of nature (which were given names by some) had organised itself into its present state, and was responsible for all of life. The same was true for the philosophy of Moses' day, as he prepared the book of Genesis."

Genesis stands in opposition to such a view, insisting that a transcendent God, external to the universe had called the universe and all it contains into existence from nothing. Genesis further reveals the steps God took during a six-day period to bring this about, and reveals that those days were only thousands of years ago, not millions or billions.

When God stepped into the space/time universe which He had created He stepped into a world dominated by those who denied His creative acts, and whose intellectual descendants still refuse to honour Him as Creator unto this day.

And so, as we try to form our own beliefs about creation, it is wise for us to discern His views on creation and to believe likewise. When we examine His teachings, we will find that Jesus Christ was both the Creator, and a "Creationist."

Ken Ham lists a number of statements by Jesus which reveal this:

No natural process was responsible for creation—rather, God Himself, created: "... *from the beginning of the creation which God created*" (Mark 13:19).

The cosmos had a definite beginning. "...*such as was not since the beginning of the world (Greek kosmos) to this time*" (Matthew 24:21).

The world had been "founded," not just coalesced from interstellar dust. "...*for You loved Me [Jesus] before the foundation of the world*" (John 17:24).

Even the sun was God's doing: "...*He makes His sun to rise*" (Matthew 5:45).

As to plants and animals, each created "kind" was of a different sort: "*You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?*" (Matthew 7:16, Cp 1Corinthians 15:39).

Furthermore, God had made provision for even the birds (see Genesis 1:30): "*Behold the fowls of the air: ... your heavenly Father feeds them*" (Matthew 6:26).

The Sabbath was a day of rest in commemoration of the completed creation: "*The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath*" (Mark 2:27).

Men and women were created at the start, not 4,000,000,000 years after the start: "*From the beginning of creation God made them male and female*" (Mark 10:6), *and the union of Adam and Eve forms the basis of our doctrine of marriage: "Wherefore they are no more two, but one*

flesh" (Matthew 19:6).

The two supposedly contradictory accounts of creation in Genesis 1 and 2 are fully compatible: "*Haven't you read, Jesus replied, that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'*" [quoting Genesis 1:27], "*and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?'*" [quoting Genesis 2:24] - (Matthew 19:5).

These and other teachings of Christ, when coupled with the total lack of any reference to evolution or long ages, give us complete confidence that our Lord, the Creator, accepted the Genesis account of creation in its most literal sense. Dare we believe otherwise? © by Kenneth Ham

The Implications of Jesus Statements

1. Since Jesus refers to "the Creator," creating the world and the things in it, He is clearly a **creationist**. He speaks of God's creative work; "*God created the world, 'in the beginning God made male and female'*, and He did this when He laid '*the foundation of the world*'. These references to God's action in creation, cannot be easily dismissed.

2. Furthermore, since Jesus quotes proof texts from the O.T. Scripture, He is clearly a **Biblical creationist**. (Unlike some of today's "Intelligent Design" advocates, Jesus is willing to identify exactly who the Creator is—the God of the Bible.)

3. In addition, since Jesus refers to Genesis as if it were the historical,