

Read Genesis chapters 1 and 2:1-9. What are the similarities between the two passages? What are the differences? Do you think these accounts are sequential (one after the other) or parallel (two descriptions of the same thing)? Why?

What are the implication of the fact that only humans create art?



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Scripture References

Genesis 1

Small Group Prayer Requests

- 1) Science is neutral, _____ are not, because, like all humans, they have presuppositions, biases, and limitations.
- 2) _____ is never finished. It can change radically with one new discovery.
- 3) When Darwin published his theories on evolution, many Christians were disturbed because they felt evolution seemed to make God _____.

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

What do you think about evolution? Is it compatible with Genesis 1, or is it in conflict? Explain your thinking.

How have your thoughts been influenced by your education, either in church or in school, or through the views of your family?

Read and discuss Genesis 1, specifically, whether it seems more literal or symbolic. Explain your thoughts.

- 4) _____ of Alexandria (3rd century), believed the earth was created instantaneously, and the six days of Genesis are an allegory teaching us about life in this world.
- 5) Saint _____ (4th century) believed God created the world instantaneously, but with the capacity to develop.
- 6) Saint _____ (13th century) wrote:
"On the day on which God created the heaven and the earth, he created also every plant of the field, not, indeed, actually, but 'before it sprung up in the earth,' that is, potentially."
- 7) The first thing the Bible says about humanity, other than being made in God's image, is that we are created _____ and _____.
- 8) Humans and humans alone, create _____, including _____ and _____. We are radically different than any other life on earth.