

Verses on Vinyl

Where Did We Come From?

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Many people think they need to choose between believing the Bible or science, but is that really true? We'll tackle that question and look at how the Psalms show the significance of God as Creator.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. | Psalm 104, v.24
 - You don't need to choose between religious faith and science.
 - The Bible wasn't written with the purpose to give a detailed description of the mechanisms involved in creating the world.
 - Scientific theories attempt to explain "how" things came to be, but are ill-equipped to explain "why" we're here—what's my purpose?
 - When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? | Psalm 8, vv.3-4
 - No matter what process He used, we are God's design.
 - One massive implication of God as Creator—the intrinsic value of human life.
 - Scripture teaches that no one bears the burden of proving they have worth. God gave us worth when He gave us life.
 - For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. | Psalm 33, v.9
 - If God is responsible for us and creation, He deserves to be honored and respected by us.
 - I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. | Psalm 121, vv.1-2
 - If God is Creator, He's the one we should call on for help.
 - Be it through a fully completed creation in an instant or a slow and gradual evolutionary process, scripture teaches that God willed and directed it all, and we discover our purpose through relationship with Him.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt like you had to choose between science and faith? What do you think contributed to feeling you had to choose, or being able to integrate the two?
2. Dr. Francis Collins is one particularly prominent scientist who believes that Christian faith and science complement each other. How do you view the relationship between science and faith?
3. Scripture teaches that no matter what the mechanism was, God created and designed us in His image. If you believe this, how does knowing that we're made in the image of God impact your worldview, your thinking, or your actions?
4. Three implications of viewing God as Creator: honoring the image of God in yourself and others, giving God glory and respect, turning to God when we are in need. What's something you can do this week to grow in one of those three areas?