

STAGE 1: THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

A. The World

Two worlds:

- The visible world (the material, physical world)
- The invisible world (the spiritual world)

B. Creationism vs. Evolution

The theory of evolution (biological evolution)

- Fossil records
- Missing links

The puzzles that evolution cannot solve

- Life from nonlife
- Information of life
- Irreducible complexity

Is evolution science?

Evolution denies the role of God in the universe;

Creation accepts the Bible as providing the answer to how, when and why all things came into existence (Rm1:19-20; He11:3).

C. God

1. From everlasting to everlasting (Ps90:2; Ne9:5; Jn1:1)
2. Self-existent (Ex3:14)
3. The only Ruler (1Ti6:15)
4. He is greater than all (Jn10:29)

D. The Heavens

Two types of heavens:

- The visible heaven (the material world, the expanse, the universe)
- The invisible heaven (the spiritual heaven)

1. The spiritual heaven (2Ch2:6, 6:18)

- 1.1 God created the spiritual heaven for the Son (Col1:16; He1:2)
- 1.2 The throne if placed there
- 1.3 Where the High Priest serves God (He9:23-26)

2. The universe: the material heaven (Ge1:2, 6-10; 2Pe3:5; Jude1:6)

Three heavens:

- The 1st heaven (Ge1:28): the sky, within the atmosphere
- The 2nd heaven (Eph2:2): under the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the devil
- The 3rd heaven (2Co12:2): the spiritual heaven

E. The end of the universe (Rev21:2; 2Pe3:7-10)

Hell (Mt18:8-9, 25:41; Mk9:47-49; Rev14:10, 20:14-15)