

Origins

Where Did I Come From?

Genesis 1:24-31

If we want to know why we are here and how we should live, we need to know where we came from.

I. True freedom:

Living according to God's _____

II. Worldviews answer three questions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

A. Christianity:

1. Origin: _____
2. Predicament: _____
3. Resolution: _____

B. Naturalistic Darwinism:

1. Origin: _____
2. Predicament: _____
3. Resolution: _____

III. Evidence for Divine Design:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge."
Psalms 19:1-2 (NIV)

1. Physics: _____
2. Biology: _____

IV. Living this out:

1. _____
2. _____

Intro: Do you feel most people live with an overarching sense of meaning and purpose? Why or why not? In your opinion, do most people treat one another with respect and dignity? Give evidence for your position.

Read: Genesis 1:1 – *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth..."*

1. If life has purpose and meaning, how would people behave differently if they knew they were God's creation instead of an evolutionary accident?

Read: Romans 3:23 – *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."*

2. Some say evolution – the slow change of animals and plants over time – is a clumsy process and they think it is the reason why many things have gone wrong with creation. How does the above verse explain the predicament of what went wrong with our world?

Read: John 3:16 – *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."*

3. One worldview tells us that without a Creator we must solve all of our own problems. But the above verse offers comfort that God loves us so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, so we could have eternal life. What are some problems you've seen people struggling with as if they are alone, and how could understanding the depth of God's love help them?

4. According to a relatively recent news magazine survey, being in a relationship with God can make us happy. Why do you think some people avoid being in such a relationship?

5. The reason we are here is to form relationships with God and other people. Why do you think having healthy relationships with others is vital?

6. Many people believe conflicts in our society come primarily from our lack of respect for other people. What are practical ways we can treat everyone with dignity, recognizing that they are all made in God's image?