

Sermon Quotes
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Study of Hebrews- Faith Hall Of Fame

Genesis 1:14-18 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, (15) and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. (16) And God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. (17) And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, (18) to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good."

"For some 100 years the nebula theory was the dominant scientific explanation of the origin of the universe. It was eventually replaced by the tidal theory, which was soon replaced by the steady-state theory, the super dense (Big Bang) theory, and so on. None of these theories gained universal acceptance among scientists. Today, theories are still multiplying and none yet is universally accepted, much less proved. The same is true of theories of evolution. Even some nonreligious scientists are calling for science to reconsider the very notion of evolution. Discovery of origins is far outside man's scope of knowledge and investigation. His attempts to discover where the universe came from, or where man himself came from, cannot possibly end in anything but futility. He is doomed to go from one unprovable theory to another."

—John MacArthur

"It is clear that the doctrine of evolution is directly antagonistic to that of creation... Evolution, if consistently accepted, makes it impossible to believe the Bible."

—Thomas Huxley
(renowned evolutionist, who lived
In the time of Darwin)

"Science does not deal in certainty, so 'fact' can only mean a proposition affirmed to such a high degree that it would be perverse to withhold one's provisional assent (agreement)."

—Stephen Jay Gould
(1941-2002)

Dictionary Definitions:

Fact – (Webster's) "A thing that has actually happened or that is really true; a thing that has been or is; the state of things as they are; reality; actuality; truth."

Fact – (American Heritage) "Information presented as objectively real. 2. A real occurrence; an event, 3.a. Something having real, demonstrable existence..."

Romans 1:18-22 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **by their un-righteousness suppress the truth.** (19) For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. (20) For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, **have been clearly perceived**, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. **So they are without excuse.** (21) For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but **they became futile in their**

thinking, and their **foolish hearts were darkened**. (22) Claiming to be wise, they became fools...”

Psalms 14:1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

Faith is not the rejection of intellect for unprovable themes, faith involves applying our minds, now enlightened by God’s Word, to real-life situations.

Ephesians 4:17-18 “Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the **futility of their minds**. (18) They are **darkened in their understanding**, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.”

Some Good Faith-provoking Questions:

If God created the universe simply by the power of His Word, is there anything going on in our lives that is too great for Him to control or overcome?

If God is brilliant and wise enough to create and maintain such an incredibly complex universe, can we not trust Him for the plans He has for our lives?