

Joint Statement on Creation

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We fully affirm the biblical doctrine of creation which proclaims God as the sole Creator and sustainer of the world and life, ("In the beginning God created the heaven and earth..." - Genesis 1:1).

We affirm that all truth is God's truth, and that God makes Himself known to humankind through different avenues. We continue to seek His guidance and direction, believing that God reveals Himself in scripture and through truths discovered in the natural world. Our desire is to faithfully fulfill His calling on our lives to be diligent, conscientious, and committed followers of Jesus Christ, and to effectively model the Christian lifestyle to our students.

We recognize that great emotion and misunderstanding surround the use of the term evolution. We acknowledge that this is intensified by extreme voices from both science and faith communities. However, evolution is an essential topic to cover in a high school biology curriculum, and so it is important for us to strive together in Christ-honoring ways as we explore evolution.

We affirm the value of science as a way of exploring the revelation of the Creator God in nature. We believe that the theory of evolution can be seen as a scientific explanation of the diversity of life on earth, rather than as a godless religion that denies God's hand in the processes of creation.

We encourage you to join us on this intellectual journey as we too seek to understand and engage the latest findings of science with our faith, understanding God as Creator.