

## Catholic Update: *Creationism: What is a Catholic To Do?*

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1. In 2007 the \$25 million Creation Museum opened in Kentucky. The Creation Museum presents itself as a cross between an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_. Who created the "Creation Museum?"
2. The Creation Museum is devoted to the idea that the stories in Genesis are \_\_\_\_\_ true.
3. The view that takes the Genesis accounts literally is called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Creationism stands in contrast to the theory of \_\_\_\_\_ proposed by Charles Darwin.
5. Another title for "Creationism" is "\_\_\_\_\_."

### Creationism

6. Creationism has a very narrow view of how the world was created. Creationist believe that the Creation Story of Gen 1 is \_\_\_\_\_ true.
7. Creationists believe the world is only between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
8. The debate between science and religion has its roots in the \_\_\_\_\_ century with the likes of Charles \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The famous trial of 1925 that pitted science against religion was called the \_\_\_\_\_. It took place in a small town in Tennessee.
10. Creationists lost the battle and religious folk were made to look \_\_\_\_\_ by the national media.
11. Creationism as a movement began to reemerge in the '60's and '70's through societies such as the \_\_\_\_\_. They believe \_\_\_\_\_ should be taught in the classroom along side evolution.
12. In the late '80's Creationism began a new tactic by calling itself \_\_\_\_\_, a scientifically respectful alternative to evolution.
13. However, the courts have found this name change to be a false and deceptive attempt to teach a particular set of religious rules in \_\_\_\_\_ schools.

### Intelligent Design

14. What is the name of the first "intelligent design" textbook? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Intelligent design is the concept that the best explanation for the creation of the world is the existence of an \_\_\_\_\_ cause, a supernatural cause.
16. This "cause" is not a new idea. The "first cause" appears in Greek writings and in the Christian writings of Thomas \_\_\_\_\_.
17. It seems as though intelligent design is simply a re-naming of \_\_\_\_\_, which is NOT a scientific theory.
18. All major court challenges to creationism, Roman Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ -- biblical specialists, \_\_\_\_\_ and scientists --- are witnesses against the fundamental understanding of Intelligent \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Catholics not convinced by this argument might consider the words of Pope Benedict XVI, who recently called the debate over evolution "an absurdity because on one hand there is much scientific proof in favor of evolution, which appears as a reality that we must see and which enriches our understanding of life and being as such."

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## Creation in the Bible

19. The Bible gives evidence that at its deepest level everything exists because of \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Creation always implies a \_\_\_\_\_, the two go together.
21. This view of Creation is neither scientific nor philosophical, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ statement.
22. Genesis I is not the only book of the Bible that speaks of creation. Other accounts of creation are found in the Pentateuch, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ Literature and the \_\_\_\_\_.
23. When the bible speaks of God as Creator it draws on a number of metaphors or \_\_\_\_\_ rooted in human \_\_\_\_\_.
24. The article mentions four metaphors/analogies for God the Creator, list them
  - a. (Ps 90) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. (Is 45:18) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. (Ps 74:12-17) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. (Ps 33) \_\_\_\_\_
25. All four of these metaphors are equally \_\_\_\_\_. They are different, but \_\_\_\_\_ . None of them is \_\_\_\_\_ true.
26. In creating, God gives \_\_\_\_\_, overcomes \_\_\_\_\_ and fashions, through skilled \_\_\_\_\_, or by a word of \_\_\_\_\_.
27. And all of this is considered \_\_\_\_\_.
28. Not literally does not mean inaccurate.
29. What kind of language is necessary to use when we speak of the most important things of our lives?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
30. Our deepest personal experiences are expressed in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.
31. When reading the creation accounts in the Bible we see that the writers had a view of the world that is not accurate. They thought the world was \_\_\_\_\_ supported by \_\_\_\_\_.
32. The Bible is not wrong. Catholics believe that biblical statements reflect more of the \_\_\_\_\_ of their time, not the formal teaching of Scriptures.
33. Even Pope \_\_\_\_\_ stated in 1981 that the bible should not be treated like a scientific treatise.
34. As Christians the New \_\_\_\_\_ adds an important dimension to our faith.
35. Christians believe all things are created in and through \_\_\_\_\_; the source of all creation.
36. Christ is also the \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus then is the “\_\_\_\_\_” of God for all of creation.

## What is a Catholic to do?

37. What are the four conclusions given by the article?
  - a. We state in our creed, that God, the Father, has created all through the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The wonders of creation can be spoken about both religiously, and \_\_\_\_\_. There is no necessary \_\_\_\_\_ between science and religion.
  - c. It is a mistake to say that religious faith is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. New scientific discoveries are inevitable and may challenge us to \_\_\_\_\_ our understanding of the biblical text. Yet, God is the one True Source of it all.