

Clarification Document – Origins and Creation

It is the Elders' goal not to unduly restrict the teaching of other theories and interpretations that can and should be conveyed when providing comprehensive coverage on subjects such as origins and creation. Guiding this process are the BCS Statement of Faith and Blackhawk Ministries DNA "What We Teach" documents, which agree in principle while offering varied levels of specificity. Neither of these documents provides sufficient detail to stem current cultural drift.

The Elders, in fulfilling their responsibility as the final interpretive authority for the Bible's meaning and application for all ministries within the organization, offer this clarification of our unified position as a ministry with regard to the subjects of origins and creation.

Specifically related to the subjects of origins and creation, our position as a ministry is the following:

1. The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and is the supreme and final authority. It shall remain to the end of the age the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man. Where science and Scripture appear to disagree, we believe that science will ultimately support the truth of Scripture. Science can never be elevated to the same authority as the Word of God.
2. We interpret Scripture literally. The Genesis account of creation and the global flood are to be understood as literal, historical accounts of events that actually occurred as detailed in Scripture.
3. "There was evening and there was morning, the x day" is a literal 24-hour day. The events were real and animals were created according to their kind. "Not by evolution" means that transitional migration between species doesn't exist.
4. There was a real Adam and Eve created in the image of God. They were not the byproduct of any evolutionary process and shared no common ancestry.
5. Man was created in innocence but voluntarily sinned; as a consequence, all creation was subjected to the fall; all men are now sinners, inclined to evil, and are under just condemnation to eternal death without defense or excuse.
6. Nature is a source of revelation and testament of God's eternal power and divine nature. *"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"* (Romans 1:20, ESV).

Anyone teaching as part of Blackhawk Ministries, while instructing, leading discussion, or answering questions, will adhere to this further clarification of the "What We Teach" section of the Blackhawk Ministries DNA document. If there is any question concerning a teacher's ability to convey these items as the answers for creation and origin, this step will be accomplished by bringing in another teacher who regularly addresses the subject, one of Blackhawk Ministries' Pastors, or an Elder of Blackhawk Ministries.

We reserve the right to resolve disputes in accordance with biblical teaching. For purposes of Blackhawk Christian School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, Blackhawk Christian School's Board of Directors is accountable to the Board of Elders of Blackhawk Ministries.