

Recent Presentation Topics

1. "Do we need the Biblical Adam?"

[Creation Science Association of BC, Feb.28, 2015, Renfrew Baptist Church, Vancouver]

Denying the Biblical Adam undermines Biblical authority, as well as important doctrines such as original sin and the atonement of Christ. The Biblical Adam does not fit into an evolutionary past or an ancient Earth. The alleged evidence for human evolution can more readily be interpreted within the Biblical worldview.

2. "God, Chance and Evil"

[Oct.22, 2014, Recife, Brazil]

How should Christians account for evil? Difficulties in explaining moral and natural evil in terms of theistic evolution and old earth creationism. Problems with the freewill defense and free-process defense, which allow for chance. Do we have freewill? Genuine chance contradicts God's sovereignty.

3. "God, Math, and the Scientific Revolution"

[Oct.13, 2012, Andover Baptist Church, MD, USA]

What is math? Science? Some history from Plato to Newton. The Christian role in the scientific revolution. The role of mathematical models in science, their strengths and limits.

4. "Does math need a worldview?"

[Oct.13, 2012, Andover Baptist Church, MD, USA]

Justifying math in terms of Naturalism versus Christianity. The limits of math (Godel). The nature of infinity. God and math. Classical math is based on theistic presuppositions. (pretty pictures on powerpoint makes this lecture more interesting to non-math types.)

5. "Did Science Kill God? Worldviews--Christianity versus naturalism"

[Nov.21, 2014 Apologetics Forum, Arlington, WA]

Some claim science has "killed" God. Yet science is not objective but is very much worldview-driven. Worldviews reflect our most basic presuppositions about reality. The defense of naturalism & post-modernity are ultimately self-refuting. Christianity, on the other hand, gives coherence, meaning, purpose & hope

6. Reading Genesis

[Oct.23, 2014, Recife, Brazil]

A closer look at Genesis, particularly Gen.1-3. The Bible elsewhere takes Genesis as historical. The Creation days--real days, long ages, or poetic structure? The creation of Adam and Eve rules out evolution. The Fall and death. Natural evil--the cosmic consequences of sin. Final restoration: comparing Gen.1-3 to Rev. 20-22.

7. The Biblical Worldview and Origins

[Oct.23, 2014, Recife, Brazil]

The Biblical worldview. God's plan: creation, fall, restoration. Biblical inspiration, authority, hermeneutics. God's two books. Common grace and the anti-thesis. The challenge of evolution. Implications of an old earth. The danger of compromise. (This lecture was aimed at a Reformed audience, and refers to the Reformed Confessions, but this can be modified).

8. "Cosmology--explaining the universe"

[Seattle Creationism Conference, Oct.2, 2010].

There is a huge gap between cosmological data and theory. Many different cosmologies can explain the same data. Cosmology needs presuppositions, many of which are unverifiable. We examine a number of ancient, Big Bang, and creationist models. Although a cosmological model may have serious shortcomings, any favored cosmology can be saved by ad hoc devices. Ultimately, cosmological models are assessed in terms of one's worldview. A Biblical cosmology differs on the nature of reality, origins and eschatology.