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A Biblical Approach to Creation

The doctrine of creation is foundational to the Christian faith, shaping our understanding of God, humanity, sin, and redemption. Westminster Schools of Augusta affirms that Genesis 1–3 is the inerrant Word of God and presents a true and reliable account of God’s creative work.

WSA holds that any faithful Christian doctrine of creation must affirm the following essential truths:

- God created all things out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) by His sovereign power.
- Genesis 1–3 records true history and may not be reduced to myth or allegory detached from historical reality.
- Adam and Eve were real, specially created human beings, the parents of all humanity, and were not products of evolution from lower forms of life.
- Humanity’s Fall into sin was a real historical event with universal consequences.
- God reveals Himself through both Scripture (special revelation) and the created order (general revelation).
- A naturalistic worldview that denies God’s sovereign creative and providential government of the world is incompatible with Christian faith.
- Through Adam, his descendants by ordinary generation inherit both the guilt of his sin and a corrupted nature.

The central issue is not merely the age of the earth or the precise length of the creation days, but the clear affirmation that God is the sovereign, intentional, and purposeful Creator of all things. Natural processes and secondary causes do not operate independently of Him but exist and function under His providential rule. Any account of origins that treats such processes as autonomous, unguided, or sufficient apart from God’s creative and providential action is incompatible with the Christian faith as understood by Westminster Schools of Augusta.

Christians may differ in their understanding of the nature and duration of the “days” of creation. Within such differences, any faithful view must uphold:

- The truth and authority of Scripture
- The historical reality of creation and the Fall
- The special creation of Adam and Eve as the first parents of humanity
- The sovereign and purposeful action of God throughout creation and providence

WSA therefore affirms that humanity is not the product of random or unguided processes, but of God’s intentional creative work.

WSA also affirms the proper relationship between Scripture and scientific inquiry. God is the Author of both special and general revelation, and rightly understood they cannot ultimately conflict. The created world is genuine revelation from God, and scientific investigation can deepen our understanding of the world He has made. At the same time, scientific theories are human interpretations of the created order and therefore remain subject to examination and revision.

Likewise, Scripture is infallible and remains the final written authority in all that it teaches, while human interpretations of Scripture are not themselves infallible. Christians should therefore approach both biblical interpretation and scientific inquiry with humility, recognizing the limits of human understanding.

Scientific theories must not be permitted to overturn the clear teaching of Scripture, nor should Scripture be distorted merely to accommodate prevailing scientific theories. At the same time, Christians should be willing to examine carefully their interpretations of both Scripture and the natural world, confident that all truth ultimately belongs to God.

A faithful doctrine of creation begins with God as the sovereign Creator. Within that conviction, Christians may hold differing views concerning the details of the creation week. The Calendar-Day view represents a historic and compelling interpretation, while other views may also be held in good conscience when they uphold the authority of Scripture, the full historicity of the creation account, and the reality of God's supernatural creative work.

In an age often shaped by naturalistic assumptions, Westminster Schools of Augusta stands firmly in affirming:

- The truth and authority of God's Word
- The reality of divine creation and providence
- The special creation and historical reality of Adam and Eve
- The historical Fall and its universal consequences
- The historical foundation of the gospel

In doing so, we seek to hold conviction together with charity, bearing witness to the Creator who has revealed Himself in Scripture and in the world He has made.