

THE CASE FOR SIX DAY CREATION

I. WELCOME / INTRO

A. Greeting

B. Opening Illustration: Trapped by Irreducible Complexity! (S)

- The Trap: Platform, Spring, Hammer, Hold Bar, Catch

C. Today's Big Idea: The doctrine of a Six Day Creation (SDC) is not an extra added attraction to the Biblical Worldview. Rather, it is absolutely *essential* for the BWV, the health of the Church, and the success of her mission. *A Cherub with a Flaming Sword: a Holy Guardian of the BWV!*

D. Today's Game Plan

- What exactly is SDC?
- Why is it important?
- Why is it biblical?
- Why it confirmed (but not proven) by good science

II. WHAT IS SDC?

A. Theme Text (S: Exodus 20:8-11)

B. Definition: SDC is the teaching that God created the universe in six 24-hour days (or calendar, or solar days). This *entails* that He did NOT use millions of years of cosmic evolution or progressive creation to create the world. It also entails that *when He created it, He created it GOOD, with no evil, suffering, or death present in it.*

C. Historical Notes:

- The Past: For over 1700 years this was the orthodox interpretation of Genesis 1-2 (Note: Augustine vs. 24 hour days). (Reading: WCF / LBC)
- The Present: Pressured by the advent of cosmic evolution, Catholic and Protestant commentators now advance *accommodating* interpretations of Genesis 1-2 (Slide)
- MP: *Accommodating views help no one (seeker or saint), and hurt everyone! They should not be taught or tolerated in the Lord's Church.*

III. WHY IS SDC IMPORANT?

A. It preserves the PERSPICUITY of Scripture (and the saint's confidence therein)

B. It preserves the GLORY OF GOD (Psalm 91:1) (WCF)

1. The power of God
2. The wisdom of God
3. The goodness of God

C. It is an essential element in the Biblical Worldview!

1. The Seven C's of History / The Two Heads of History (Slide) (HSL)

- Modifications: Corruption/Curse, Christ, Conversion

2. ***MP: 5 Smooth Stones: SDC secures a GOOD creation under the (federal) headship of the First Adam; this secures the fact that evil, suffering, and death entered the universe through the sin of the First Adam; this secures the fact they will be expelled by the righteousness of the Last Adam, and replaced with the eternal GLORY that God intended for his creation all along!***

IV. WHY IS SDC BIBLICAL?

Note: What Leonard Euler said. (Reading) MP: Revelation is of FIRST importance!

A. It is the plain teaching of Genesis 1-2

- The whole book is clearly meant as a *history* of beginnings (generations)
- Day plus evening and/or morning, always literal (61 times)
- Day plus a number, always literal (410 times)
- Gen. 2:4: First figurative use of "Day" = "the space of six days" (WCF)

B. It is the teaching of many other OT texts

- Exodus 20:8-11
- Psalm 33:6-9 (S)
- Isaiah 45:18 (S)

C. It is the teaching of Christ (***NT: 68 texts***, Walt Brown)

- Mark 10:6 (S)

- John 8:44 (S)
- Righteous Abel, Noah

D. It is the teaching of Christ's apostles (Watch for the Two Heads)

- Romans 1:20 (S)
- Romans 5:12, 8:18f (S) (The Two Doors!)
- 2 Peter 4:4-5 (S)

E. It is supported by all the God-given evidences for a divinely inspired Bible

V. WHY SDC IS CONFIRMED (BUT NOT PROVEN) BY GOOD SCIENCE

1. The importance of this distinction
2. Positive evidences (Slide)
3. Problematic Evidences (Slide)
 - Radiometric Dating: The Uncertain Sound (Reading)

VI. APPLICATION / CONCLUSION

A. Summary of the Case for Recent Creation

1. SDC is ESSENTIAL: The Guardian Cherub of the BWV!
2. SDC is BIBLICAL: The *clear* teaching of a trustworthy divine *revelation*
3. SDC, *unlike cosmic evolution*, is CONFIRMED by good science

B. Application

1. The importance of STUDY: Builds confidence, equips for ministry
2. See the RESOURCES mentioned on your bulletin insert (kids!)

C. Conclusion

- Why is Greta Thunberg sad? (S)
- Why are we ashamed? (The Lord tests the hearts; Luther)

D. For Further Study:

- <https://www.clr4u.org/writings/essays/the-case-for-recent-creation/>
- <https://www.amazon.com/Search-Beginning-Dean-Davis/dp/1632320304/>