

The Six-Day
Creation
Faith
Devotional for
Teenagers
to Discover Why
Naked People
in the Garden
Really Matter

by Dan & Dave Davidson



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Introduction

The media pushes so many sultry images our way to sell their products. . . . Do naked people matter? Yes, they do if you are referring to naked people in the Garden of Eden.

What do planets and apes have to do with God and you? Yes, we share this planet with apes, but how and why did we get here together?

Whether your beliefs are forged on fossils or founded in faith, it's time to evaluate how you fit into the big picture of life.

The world wants you to think that your ancestors evolved from a soup of primordial ooze, your great uncle was a monkey, and the cosmos started with a big bang. Could the "missing link" be God's handiwork revealed in Genesis? The Bible tells us that God created the universe and He created you — in His image.

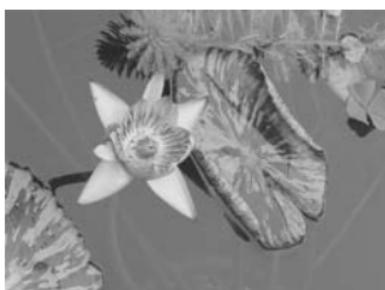
This powerful book will help teenagers and anyone young at heart discover the truth and facts behind some of the most mysterious and significant questions mankind faces. You may discover truths that many high school teachers don't even know. Just who in the world do you think you are? Why are you here and where are you going? Your answers are important! They will have everything to do with your life today and forever.

A custom acronym of letters that make up the words C.R.E.A.T.I.O.N. F.A.I.T.H. will guide you in a tour of why naked people in the garden really do matter.

Who Am I?

If no one created me, if I'm just highly evolved pond scum, then I surely am my own authority.

Angela Meyer



If God created me, if I'm made in His image, then I surely am a child of the King and should submit to His authority.

Dave Davidson

This is what God the Lord says —



he who created
the heavens and
stretched them out,
who spread
out the earth and all
that

comes out of it,
who gives breath
to its people,
and life to those



who walk on it:
"I, the Lord, have called
you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your

hand."

Isaiah 42:5-6



Created — **Creation Faith Is . . .** believing God created the entire universe in six days as revealed in Genesis and throughout God’s Word, the Bible.

Reverence — **Creation Faith Is . . .** worshiping God for who He is, in holy fear and awe and appreciating His awesome handiwork reflected in nature.

Eternity — **Creation Faith Is . . .** understanding we are eternal beings that need to evaluate our life’s direction in light of eternal rewards and regrets.

Apple — **Creation Faith Is . . .** recognizing the fall of man, which explains the world’s sin problem and need for rescue by Jesus Christ the Savior.

Truth — **Creation Faith Is . . .** believing God’s Word is real, reliable, and responsible in complimenting nature as “evidence” of God’s existence.

Image — **Creation Faith Is . . .** being convinced you’re created in God’s image with His purpose and plan to shine and testify as His workmanship.

Origins — **Creation Faith Is . . .** acknowledging the importance of Genesis as the foundation framework world view for faith in a true and loving God.

Naked — **Creation Faith Is . . .** knowing Adam and Eve’s Garden of Eden story really does matter as God’s blueprint for morality, purity, and values.

Flood — **Creation Faith Is . . .** embracing the historical, spiritual and scientific relevance of God’s patient promise covenant to His people and Noah.

Accept — **Creation Faith Is . . .** agreeing with God, repenting — which is turning from sin, while asking and accepting God’s great gift of forgiveness.

Illuminate — **Creation Faith Is . . .** affirming God as light’s creator and the conviction of the Holy Spirit to darkened hearts to Jesus, Light of the World.

Trust — **Creation Faith Is . . .** depending on God to be faithful on His promise of delivering us from our debt of sin paid on the cross by Christ Jesus.

Hope — **Creation Faith Is . . .** placing our trust in God, obeying Him and following the future He has planned for us now and forever in heaven.

Dan & Dave Davidson

DAY ONE: Creation Faith Reading

GENESIS 1

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning — the first day.



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* Has the Garden of Eden ever been found?

The travel industry would love it if they could book tours to the original Garden of Eden. What if we could visit the very tree Adam and Eve ate fruit from? We will never get to see or know exactly where the Garden of Eden was located because Noah's flood destroyed it. The Bible speaks of a river out of Eden that became four. Today rivers like the Tigris and Euphrates actually run on top of flood-deposited layers of rock. The original river from Eden is long gone.

* Where did Cain get his wife?

According to the Bible, all humans came from Adam and Eve including Cain's wife. God's first couple had lots of other children, too — Seth was born when Adam was 130 years old! Brothers had to marry sisters or there would be no more generations. It wasn't until the time of Moses that sibling marriages were forbidden by God. And as far as genetics go, Adam and Eve were perfect with no genetic mistakes. So the common-day problems with genetic defects when brothers and sisters have children would not have applied.

* Did Adam have a bellybutton?

* How did bad things come about?

* Why does God allow innocent people to suffer?

* Has science disproved the miracles associated with Jesus Christ?

* Were the Bible writers "flat earthers"?

* Creation or evolution — what difference does it make?

* Should Genesis be taken literally?

* Who wrote the first book of the Bible — Genesis?

For us, creation faith

means taking God at His Word and believing it wholeheartedly. It means we trust God in the account of a six-day creation, the divine account God chose to reveal to us in *Genesis*. It means to trust God on the mysterious unexplained questions that our finite minds cannot grasp. It means to walk by faith with biblical foundations.

It means to be on our guard and recognize and retract the godless philosophies that attempt to infiltrate our daily lives. It



means to stay alert from worldly humanistic agendas that attempt to weaken our faith and dilute our devotion to God. Having creation faith means we will not embrace evolutionary big bangs, fossils, and biased scientists with selfish

world views.

Creation faith means that naked people in the Garden really do matter. God created Adam and Eve as the first man and woman to be perfectly pure and without shame. Their fall into sin has affected the rest of world

history and it affects us today — we need a Savior for our sinful nature.

It means we will love those who agree with counterfeit beliefs, pray for them and share with them the truth that Jesus is preparing heaven for those who believe in Him.

Creation faith means to see God, as He truly is, a mighty Creator to be feared, honored, and obeyed. It means I recognize the sin problem that I share through Adam and now accept and believe Jesus as being the only solution to the consequences of that sin.

Creation faith means that as a believer, my identity is in Christ. It means that I am uniquely special, purposefully chosen, and divinely created. It also means I'm a royal priest, an ambassador for Christ — His messenger to share His message through my life testimony, legacy, and mission.

Creation faith means that I'm not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of salvation for everyone who believes. Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold in the confidence of placing our trust in the one true God, His Son, Jesus, and His Word, the Bible. God is our Creator, Savior, and Lord!

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**For in six days the Lord made
the heavens and the earth,
the sea, and all
that is in them.**

Exodus 20:11

Now faith is being sure of what
we hope

for and certain of what we do not see.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is

Do you believe that God created you? Your choices narrow down to believing in the account in Genesis or not believing in the account in Genesis. Either the Bible is true or wrong. You are either wrong or you are right in choosing what to believe.

It would seem that having a "creation faith" would mean believing that God created you. This would be an obvious assumption, yet this basic concept is what the devil tries to skew and twist in an effort to discredit a very important component of having faith in God.

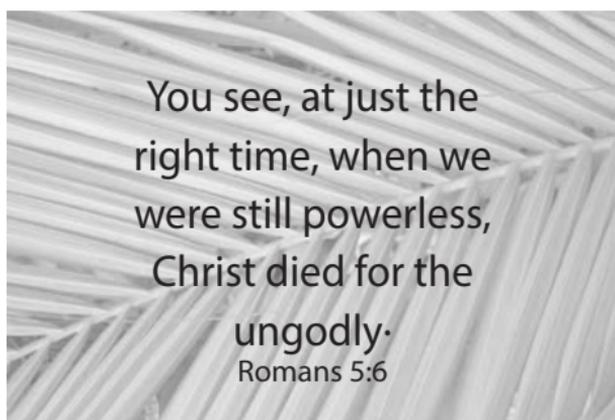


There are some theories that mix together an account of the Genesis creation story with an ill-fated rendition of an evolutionary slant. This is a recipe for dangerous doctrine that belittles true Christianity.

True creation faith means believing in the account of creation that the Creator revealed to us in His Word.

Dave Davidson

Creation Faith



The real issue is not the existence of God, but the nature of God. Evolution is a direct attack on the

God of the Bible. In evolution, **if God exists,** He is meaningless. But the God of the Bible is not only the Creator, **He is Sustainer, Savior, and Judge.**

Marvin L. Lubenow

Evolution Definitions

For this is what the Lord says — he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited — he says: "I am the Lord, and there is no other."

Isaiah 45:18

Evolution is an anti-God religion held by many people today as justification for the continued pursuit of self-gratification and their rejection of God as creator.

Ken Ham

Evolutionary naturalism, often called atheism, teaches that life began by the random collision of enough atoms to form complex molecules that produce accurate copies of themselves. These hypothetical molecules eventually evolved into cells and, in billions of years, evolved into life extant today.

Jerry R. Bergman

Creation Relation

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:3

If an Almighty Creator God exists, His creation has **value and purpose**

based purely on His own counsel and will, and His creatures would be a special value and interest to

We know that God is the life-giver, that life has

meaning and

purpose,

and all humans are created in the image of God and, therefore, are of great value and significance. God made us so that He could relate to us, love us, and pour out his blessing on us, and so that we can love



Powerful Principles Reflected in Creation

In the Bible, God uses His creation to repeatedly teach us about His commandments, promises and blessings. Through His Word, He shares hope for the world.

From the miracle of growing plants and the awesome power reflected in weather to the earth's mountains, rivers, birds, fish and animals, creation reflects God's loving character and eternal principles in many ways. As we trust in God the Creator we have hope today and for the future.

Dan Davidson

Creation Camping

On your next camping trip, take time to strengthen your creation faith. The

Bible says that the **mountains**
and **trees**



shall clap

their hands in praise to the Lord and that all of creation moans for the return of the Lord. Is your heart thankful in praise to the Lord? Are you looking forward to Christ's return? Take time to thank God



Rain and Snow from Heaven

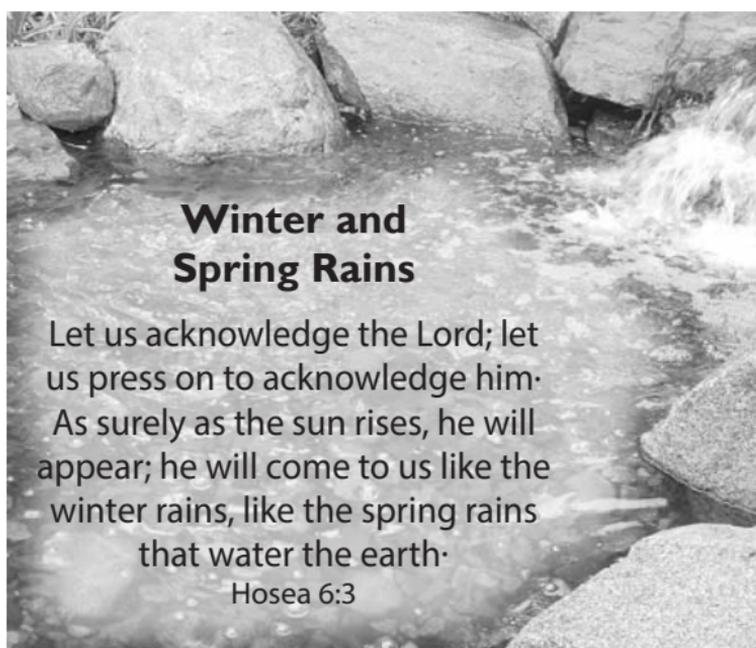
As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it

without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes

out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and

achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10



Winter and Spring Rains

Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

Hosea 6:3

Wave of the Sea

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:6

Tree Planted by Streams of Water

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalms 1:3



Leaves Are Always Green

But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Mountains Sing — Trees Clap Their Hands

You will go out in joy and be led
forth in peace; the mountains
and hills will burst into song be-
fore you, and all the trees of the
field will clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:12

7 C's Of History

In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foun-
dations of the earth, and the heavens are
the work of your hands.

Hebrews 1:10

This sums up the major events in the history of the world, from the beginning to the end: **Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.** These are also the major events that the world desperately tries to undermine. The secular world attacks the notion of creation in six days, trying to get people to believe that the universe and all life evolved.

The secular world does not believe that man is a sinner, but that man is basically good. The world's teaching contradicts what the Bible states clearly, that death is a consequence of sin. The world teaches that death led up to man.

Secular scientists vehemently deny there ever was a global flood. They don't believe that most of the fossils were laid down during the Flood, but instead they teach that the fossils were laid down over millions of years. They don't want to acknowledge that God judged the world because of man's wickedness and that God provided an Ark of salvation for those who were obedient to God's Word.

The secular world also denies that there was one language to start with and that, because of the judgment of God in relation to the wickedness of man at the Tower of Babel, God gave different languages. Again, the world teaches that as man evolved, languages also evolved.

The secular world denies that Jesus Christ was the Son of God who stepped into history as a man to suffer death on a Cross and be raised from the dead. They teach that when man dies that is the end of him. And of course, the secular world denies that there will be another judgment by fire. They don't want to acknowledge that each one of us is going to stand before our Creator one day.

Lamb of God

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29



Three Days and Nights in a Huge Fish

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 12:40

God of the Galaxies

For by him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers
or authorities; all things were
created by him and for
him.

If you can look out into the starry sky on a dark night realizing the great magnitude of space in the universe and its millions of galaxies and sit here and tell me that it is an accident, you have bolder guts than most Christians do. Any theory of faith that attempts to disapprove God as the Creator is a very dangerous, eternally risky, ignorant undertaking.

Dave Davidson

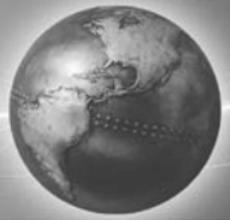
It is absurd for the evolutionist to complain that it is unthinkable for an admittedly unthinkable God

to **make**

everything

out of nothing, and then pretend that it is more thinkable that nothing should turn itself into everything.

G. Chesterson



Reverence — Creation Faith Is . . .

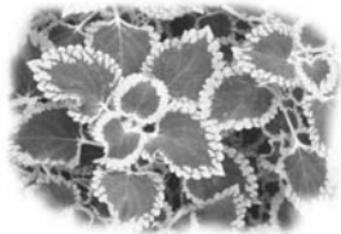
worshiping God for who He is, in holy fear and awe and appreciating His awesome handiwork reflected in nature.

From the rising of the sun to the place
where it sets, the name of the
Lord is to be praised.
Psalm 113:3

Soar on Wings Like Eagles

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40: 31

We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many different languages.



The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child **dimly suspects a mysterious order** in the arrangement of the books but doesn't know what it is. That, it seems to me, is an attitude of even the most intelligent being toward

God. We see a universe **marvelously**

**ar-
ranged**
and obeying certain laws, but only dimly understanding those laws.



Our limited minds cannot grasp the mysterious force that moves

“Maker”

Job 4:17 Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his **Maker**?

Job 9:9 He is the **Maker** of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south.

Psalms 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our **Maker**.

Psalms 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, the **Maker** of heaven and earth.

Psalms 146:6 The **Maker** of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them — the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

Proverbs 14:31 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their **Maker**, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Proverbs 22:2 Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the **Maker** of them all.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother’s womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the **Maker** of all things.

Isaiah 45:9 Woe to him who quarrels with his **Maker**, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, “What are you making?” Does your work say, “He has no hands”?

Isaiah 54:5 For your **Maker** is your husband — the LORD Almighty is his name — the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

Jeremiah 10:16 & Jeremiah 51:19 He who is the Portion of Jacob is not like these, for he is the **Maker** of all things, including Israel, the tribe of his inheritance — the LORD Almighty is his name.

Hosea 8:14 Israel has forgotten his **Maker** and built palaces.

It is important to realize just who God really is, especially in relation to man. Here is a big clue . . . you are not Him.

Can you imagine how marvelous, how awesome, how glorious, how powerful and how wonderful God is?

It has been said that God would require and deserve our worship and praise even if He was mean, unloving, and without mercy.

His sheer magnificence and supreme character would garnish our attention by the very fact that He is such a humongous, great almighty God.

Fortunately for us, His attributes are that of a loving, faithful, and consistent character. We are to respect and honor God in a holy fear. Our response should be grounded in both thankfulness and awe of who God is.

Our reaction to His supreme love should be of reverence and amazement that He loves and cares for us. It certainly can be a humbling thing to realize how big God is and then realize how big His love is.

The writer of Habakkuk records this testimony in chapter 3, verse 2... "I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."

Ecclesiastes 5:7 says to "stand in awe of God." So how might we react to such examples of honor due the Creator of the universe?

What is your "fear factor" for God? Do you see Him as God and give Him His due attention? Visit the website FearGodFactor.com for more insight on this important issue.

Dave Davidson



Man has always gazed at stars in the sky

Wondering where we came from and why.

Was there a plan behind the firmament?

Or was it all just a big accident?
Each must search deeply in heart and mind

You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens,
even the highest heavens, and all their
starry host,
the earth and all that is on it, the seas and
all

* **Surge Up Dictionary** *

reverence *n.* An attentive attitude that acts and responds in radical respect, profound awe, and irresistible honor to glorify One deserving obedient love.

awe *n.* A state of emotion and comprehension mixed with wonder, wrapped in reverence, prompted by power, challenged by dread, inspired by beauty, and motivated by authority that replies with reverent respect.

A Really Big Bang **What's Your "Big Bang"?**

What natural process supposedly created the universe? If we stick to actual scientific observations, we don't see the universe building itself up. It's running down. And if the universe is running down, then it's logical to think that at some time, something "wound it up." The galactic orbs weren't thrown around like a ping-pong ball in a lottery drawing and earth didn't just ooze out life.

When you come across the next assumption about the big-bang theory, gear up to confront some tough questions. Where's the evidence that the universe can create itself out of nothing? Where do we see it happening today? It sounds more like the "big dumb" theory, since the truth is that there is no evidence. The idea that the universe is self-creating is a ridiculous preposterous leap of faith.

Romans 1:16 calls believers to be not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of salvation for everyone who believes. We have a great opportunity to show people that our faith fits the facts and that God fills our hearts with His overwhelming love.

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold (2 Corinthians 3:12). Put a big bang in your confidence in Christ! See God for who He is... your Creator who offers you His wisdom and discernment.

Dave Davidson