

as His mode of operation. Some who espouse the Theistic Evolutionist View hold that the creation of man was part of this process, whereas other advocates of the view hold that, because of his spiritual nature, man must be viewed as a special creation. Most proponents of this view hold that, at the least, man's soul must have been a special creation of God.

- (3) Scientific Creationist View -- All varieties of this view, whether they are named 'Progressive Creationism,' 'Threshold Evolution,' or simply 'Scientific Creationism,' hold that God created primal matter, living material, all of the basic 'kinds' of living things, and man, as special creations. The main points at which they differ arise out of differing approaches to and methods in the interpretation and correlation of the relevant scriptural data or scientific data or both.
- (4) Anti-Scientific Creationist View -- This last category includes all of those views which reject the conclusions, the methodology, or the data of science as capable of making a significant contribution to the interpretation of those scriptural data which are relevant to the doctrine of Creation. Thus those views which advocate a recent date for the age of the universe, of earth, of life, and man; which affirm the doctrine of the 'fixity of species,' i.e., the dogma of the inherent impossibility of one species giving rise to the development of another, or which assert the Noachian Flood as a proper and adequate explanation for both the existence and the sequence of the sedimentary strata of rocks in the geologic column, fall within this category. However, as we have already mentioned, its most prominent characteristic is its rejection of the data and observations of science as an aid to the better understanding of the relevant scriptural data."

-- *ibid.*, pp. 5-6.

Which of these types of Creationism (if any) should we adopt? Which does justice to both the biblical and the scientific data in their integrity? The remainder of this course must devote itself, not only to the attaining of a grasp of Evolutionism and the evidences adduced for it, but also to the answering of these (and other) questions.