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## **DESIGN IN NATURE**

1. Why are we emphasizing the historicity of the events of Scripture?
  - Because for the last 150 years the liberal theologians and secular scholars have been attacking the historicity of the biblical events. Further, if the events are not historical then the doctrines related to those events are not real.
2. Why don't we just teach doctrines of the Bible?
  - Because this teaches us not to root our doctrines in historical events and it makes them more abstract, less real, less able to be applied in real life circumstances.
3. What are the three doctrines taught with the creation event?
  - God, man and nature
4. What Scripture(s) indicate that "nature glorifies God", "nature praises God", "nature is revelatory of God", "that nature speaks"? What is the difference between man speaking and nature speaking? Why is it that some people see God in nature and some people do not? What is information theory?
  - Ps 19:1; Ps 148; Rom 1:18-20. Man speaks on a personal plain, in propositional language with another human spirit. Some people do not see God in nature because, although they see the patterns in nature (orbits, animals, chemical reactions, et. Al) they suppress the truth, they are negligent, they disparage the knowledge of God seen clearly in nature, they close their eyes to General Revelation so eventually God seals their eyes shut. You must be on speaking terms with the Creator. Information theory means that if you have two

speakers who share the same language then they can speak to one another through a medium (e.g. Morse code).

5. If Adam had never sinned would he have died? If God had not intervened after Adam's sin could Adam have gone on living forever? Why is there a dashed line after Gen 3:22? Why did God expel Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden? How long could Jesus Christ have lived on earth? Explain why Jesus Christ did not just die prematurely? What would it mean if Jesus Christ did die prematurely?

- No. Yes, as long as he had access to the tree of life. The dash is to indicate that the thought was so horrible God did not finish the sentence. God expelled them because He did not want them to eat from the tree of life. That would mean there would be no plan of redemption and man would live hell on earth forever and ever and ever. He could have lived forever. Jesus Christ did not die prematurely because He was virgin born, thus He had no sin, as God He gave up His life voluntarily (John 10). If Jesus died prematurely then His death was not substitutionary.

6. Man is given the right to rule nature. Can he rule nature anyway he wants? What rights, if any, does nature have? List some Scriptures

- Yes, man has rights but those rights are limited. We should not abuse nature. We are the lords of nature and we are to rule nature under God as His responsible creatures. Not to work the cattle on Sabbath in the OT (Exod 20:10). Not to work the land every year but to give it a year to recover (Exod 23:10).

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