

CREATION VS. EVOLUTION: THE LOOK OF FAITH

“The firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 1). The firmament is the expanse of the heavens above the earth. It is another name for the sky. How does the firmament show God’s handiwork? Or, what do we see that gives evidence of a Creator? One thing is the hydrologic cycle which is the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the earth. It is a process where liquid water evaporates into water vapor, condenses to form clouds, and precipitates back to earth in the form of rain and snow. This is evidence of God’s handiwork unless, of course, the atmosphere has self-intelligence to create and continue the process. It is interesting that David described the weather in anthropomorphic terms to express the closeness between God and His creation. “He bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet... He flew upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies... The Lord thundered from Heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice... He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them...at your rebuke O Lord, at the blast of your nostrils” (Psalm 18:9-15). God is depicted as the order behind the chaos in the storms, and the peace that calms the chaos. That is why Jesus (being God) was able to calm the storms. What you see when you look up is necessary nature which reflects the intelligence of a necessary Creator. Abraham Lincoln said, “I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down on the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is not God.”