



Elephants in the Room

Tackling the topics we don't like to talk about

Part 1: Creation

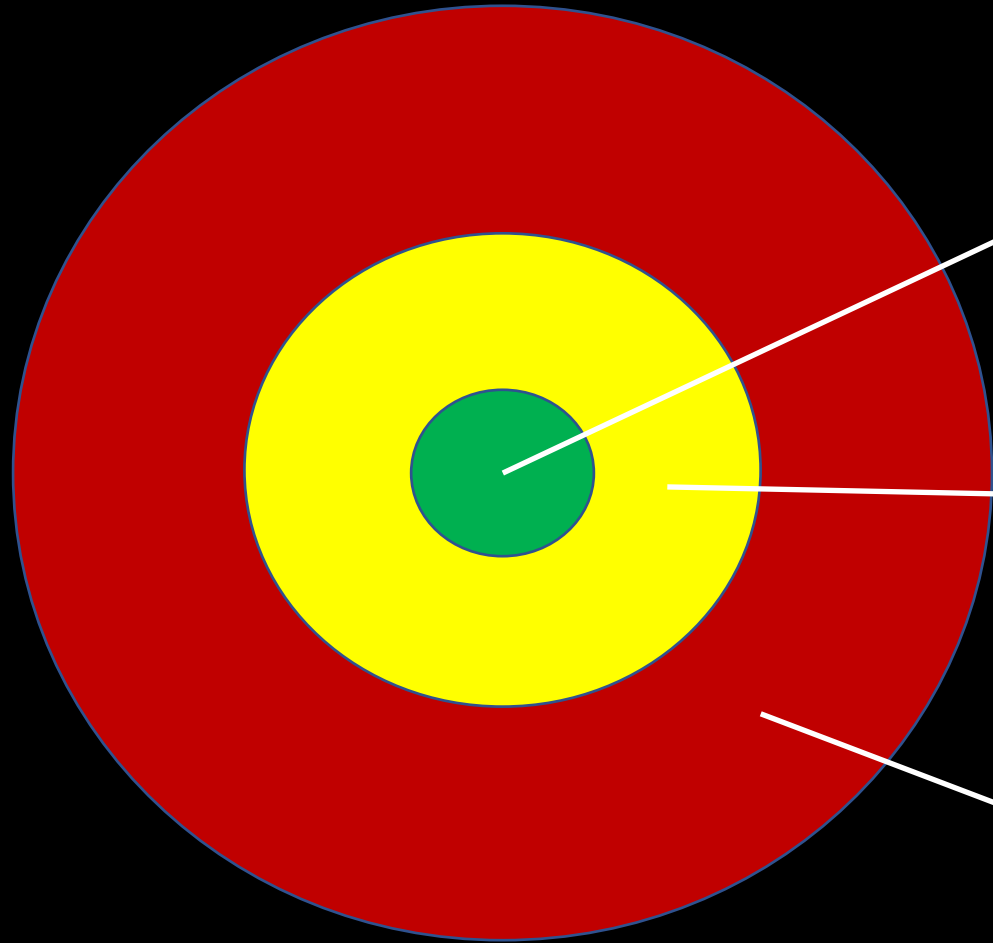
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**2. How God created is
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**Essential doctrines
(Unity)**

**Biblical beliefs
(Charity)**

**Personal opinions
(Humility)**

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“In the beginning (time) God created (energy) the heavens and the earth (matter).”

Three views on how God created:

1. Young Earth Creation.

- The origin story in Genesis is history.**
- The earth is somewhere between 6,000 - 10,000 years old.**
- Humans, animals and plants were created in a complete form.**
- Modern science is wrong about the age of the earth and evolution.**
- A worldwide flood destroyed all living things about 4,400 years ago.**
- Dinosaurs were created with the other animals and became extinct.**

Three views on how God created:

2. Theistic evolution.

- The Genesis story is a parable meant to illustrate a spiritual truth.**
- The universe is 13.8 billion yrs old, the earth is 4.5 billion yrs old.**
- Humans, animals and plants evolved from a common ancestor.**
- The flood in Genesis was regional, not worldwide – or metaphoric.**
- Dinosaurs lived millions of years ago.**

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3. The Gap Theory.

- There is large gap in time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.**
- The earth is 4.5 billion years old.**
- Humanity was created in complete form 6,000 years ago.**
- There was a worldwide flood 4,400 years ago.**
- Dinosaurs were part of the pre-Adamic creation.**

How should we respond to the different creation theories?

1. Worship the God of creation.

Revelation 4:11

Psalms 95:6

How should we respond to the different creation theories?

2. Help those struggling in their faith.

2 Peter 3:5-6

Romans 1:20



**Are you worshipping
the God of creation?**