

# Culture Clash

## Understanding the Influence of Culture for More Effective Evangelism

### Modern Media - Evolution

### Handout 8

#### - Evolution -

- What is evolution? How do we define it? What do we think of when we hear the term? Is evolution true?
  - Evolution [ev-uh-loo-shuh n]
    1. any process of formation or growth; development:
    2. a product of such development; something evolved :
    3. Biology. change in the gene pool of a population from generation to generation by such processes as mutation, natural selection, and genetic drift.
    4. a process of gradual, peaceful, progressive change or development, as in social or economic structure or institutions.
- Christian creation viewpoints:
  - **Young Earth Creation** - Genesis is interpreted strictly literally, beginning and ending within a 6 day period in which God miraculously created all things.
  - **Old Earth Creation (Progressive Creation)** - at certain times over the course of billions of years God miraculously created certain things. Essentially, each Biblical day could have spanned millions or billions of years.
  - **Evolutionary Creation (Theistic Evolution)** - God created the universe with natural rules and then guided natural processes so that physical entities (galaxies, stars, planets, etc.) and complex biological organisms (plants, bacteria, animals, humans, etc.) were formed.
- Three questions:
  - WHO created the universe?
  - WHEN was the universe created?
  - HOW was the universe created?
- What is the most important question?
- Potential common ground:
  - Science and Religion are not (or should not) be in opposition.
  - The universe is bound by laws and mechanisms which are described by the language of mathematics. A rational, personal God would create an ordered universe.
  - There is no scientific evidence or viewpoint of creation that disproves the possibility, or even likelihood of a living, personal God and Creator.

