Christ in Prophecy Conference 9: "Martin on Creation"

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: Did the earth come into existence through a "big bang," or was it created by God? Did life evolve slowly over hundreds of millions of years, or was it the result of special creation by God? Which is the best explanation of the world we see around us, special creation or evolution? And, does it really make any difference? Stay tuned.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Blessed Hope, and welcome to Christ in Prophecy! Two weeks ago we began presenting excerpts from the presentations that were made at our 2010 Bible Conference. The theme of the conference was, "Defending the Faith." We began by sharing with you some of the insights presented by Brannon Howse, the Founder and President of Worldview Weekends. Brannon kicked off our conference with a great presentation entitled, "The Truth of the Christian Worldview." His remarks were based on his book, "Grave Influence," in which he shows how 21 dead philosophers have contributed to undermining the Christian worldview.

Last week we shared a second presentation with you, by Mike Gendron, of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries. His presentation was titled, "The Truth of the Bible." He outlined many convincing proofs that the Bible is God's revealed Word and not Man's search for God. This week we are going to take a look at the remarkable presentation that was made by Jobe Martin entitled, "The Truth of Creation." Jobe is the Founder and Director of Biblical Discipleship Ministries. He is a former dentist who gave up that medical career to devote his life to teaching that the creation account in the book of Genesis is true and should be interpreted to mean exactly what it says. Dr. Martin is the author of a highly readable and informative book called, "The Evolution of a Creationist." I love that title. You can purchase this book and many other materials, including a series of great videos, through his website. And now, here is Dr. Jobe Martin.

Dr. Martin Presentation

Dr. Martin: So I thought I would share a little bit of my personal testimony first and then we will start looking at a few things here about the Creation and about God's Word, which is true. If we are going to believe the Bible we are going to believe in Creation because that is what the Bible teaches, "In the beginning God created." It doesn't say in the beginning God evolved. And so I was raised in a church but not a Christian. I was part of that 89% that Brannon talked about last night.

I went to Bucknell University majored in music and biology, took a course in evolution became instantly a convinced old earth evolutionist. Then went onto Dental school, when I got out of Dental School I was agnostic, that means I just didn't know if there was a God or not. I wasn't

an Atheist I was agnostic. I was looking into Zen Buddhism, this is in the 60's the height of the Vietnam War days and that was popular then, still is in some circles. And I was an evolutionist, an Agnostic, Zen Buddhist, Evolutionist raised in the Church. And it was a very good church it was an Independent Baptist Church which are very conservative. Anyway served as a dentist in the United States Air Force and during that time I came to know the Lord Jesus as my Savior, as a result of my wife Jenna Dee. I met her one day and I had prayed, "Lord, show me the girl I am going to marry, or you are going to see the wildest Air Force Officer you have ever seen." And I am thinking, "I don't know if anybody heard that." But that was the day I met my wife, so I decided maybe God really does exist. So I came to know the Lord Jesus as my Savior.

And then I instantly went from being an Agnostic, Zen Buddhist, Evolutionist, to being a Theistic Evolutionist. Now I still had my Big Bang and billions of years, but now I also had God. So I was a Christian Evolutionist which is most people in the church today. And then I went into private dental practice at the Manned Spacecraft Center down there in Houston ultimately got offered a job on the faculty at Baylor Dental College. I gave my first lecture on the evolution of the tooth and I talked about how fish scales moved into the mouth and became teeth and I can't believe that I believed that, but I did. They are still teaching our kids that in the universities. They don't have evidence for their long-term millions of years so they have to make it up. That is why I wrote the book, "The Evolution of a Creationist," it is the evidences that convinced me. And then two students challenged me after that lecture, would I be willing to investigate Creation Science in 1971. So I am reading my Bible and they asked me to study the assumptions behind evolution which I was never taught, and your kids and grandkids are still not taught the assumptions, the guesses behind evolution. And I am looking at animals, Biology major, the first one I looked at is a little animal called a bombardier beetle it shoots fiery hot gases out of twin tail tubes and I think we have that on video number 1 there. And I began to realize, you know what these animals need all their parts, you can't have a partially evolving anything, it either works or it doesn't work.

And but I had never been taught that, so anyway I resigned my professorship in 1982 went to Dallas Seminary and majored in Systematic Theology, wrote my thesis on the New Age Movement. Which by the way much of what Brannon House said last night references to that are on that, at our website, biblicaldiscipleship.org, downloadable, free of charge, whatever. And so you are welcome to look at that. So since 1986 my family and I have been on the road, I was commissioned as a missionary to the United States so that is what we do. We talk about you can have a relationship with the God of the Bible through His crucified and resurrected only Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

So looking at the assumptions with the evolutionists I began to realize that the assumptions just aren't valid. What do we see out there? Whether it is a fossil whether it is a living thing it is a discrete entity we can name it, it's not in between something. I mean we don't see ducky-chicks we don't see horsy-cows, okay. We don't see things like this the genes are there we've got a Texas horsy-cow here. There is your Texas he's got his long-horns up there, see, so he is a Texas horsey-cow. But we don't see that kind of thing. Why? Well because God created each thing after its all kind.

And so then there are other assumptions they make they assumed that there would be no carbon-14 in diamonds because diamonds are 500,000,000 years old so nobody ever bothered to look. So some Creations Scientists about 6 years ago decided, "Well let's go look." We believe in a young universe, if it is young maybe there is carbon 6,000 years old of so. Maybe there is carbon-14 in diamonds, every single sample carbon 14. That means diamonds can only be a few thousand years old. They still have measurable amounts of carbon-14.

And then recent studies with dinosaurs they are finding red blood cells, soft elastic tissue inside the bones. Well you can't have a 68,000,000 year dinosaur with red blood cells in its bones, maximum a few thousand years. And so the evidence keeps piling up, you know what the Creation is true, it's as God described it. Now we don't need that we can trust His Bible, but it is like God is saying, "Look, I will show you a few things here." So He does.

What does Proverb 14:12 say? "There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end they are the ways of death." I think that is the way Big Bang, billions of years type evolution, that is deception, and Satan's world system is based on deception. So there is a way then we are going to take one way or the other way and there are eternal consequences to both ways. So we have to decide then who determines what is true. Does man determine what is true? Or does God determine what is true? Well there are consequences, if man determines truth, then we are presented with a system of origins that claims mindless, accidental, random chance nondirective, non-purposeful, non-intentional processes over billions of years evolved everything. Animate, inanimate, everything and the Universe itself, you know they tell us that the Big Bang created space and time. Well, I mean how could an explosion create space? Doesn't space have to be there for it to go somewhere? It is unbelievable what I used to believe. So, I don't know. If it is just random chance processes, why don't we have these kinds of things out there? Well it is because God created everything after his own kind, look what He says, 1 Corinthians 15. He says, "All flesh is not the same flesh, there is one kind of flesh of men and another flesh of beast, another of fishes another of birds." So you will never see those things. But if the God of the Bible determines what is true then we have His account of the history of the Universe, including the origin of mankind and the actual identity of the Creator, the Creator Himself, in His written Word the Bible, which is true.

Well who is the Creator? Well God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit through the agency of Lord Jesus created everything, John 1, Colossians 1, Hebrews 1. John 1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." Colossians 1, "For by Him were all things created that are in heavens and that are in the earth, invisible and visible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." He holds it all together. He is holding you all together right now. Hebrews 1, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." So Jesus is the Creator.

Well if he is the Creator, than let's believe what He says about His account of origins as written in Genesis. But there is a popular objection that pops us, "Well Genesis it is just poetry, its myth, it is symbol, it was never intended to be taken literally." Well, wait a minute the dramatical word order of Hebrew poetry is; subject, verb, object. God created the beast that is how it reads in English, but that is not how it reads in Hebrew. The Hebrew narrative is; verb, subject, object. Created God the beast, well that is how it reads. So Genesis is written in straight forward Hebrew narrative, now there is a little poetry in there here and there, but for the most part it is narrative, it is not poetry, it is intended to be read as accurate Hebrew historical narrative. It is God's history of what He did. So He told what He did, the order in which He did it, and it is in narrative, He expects us to believe it.

So since the Lord Jesus is our Creator then that gives Him the right to be the Redeemer, because only the Creator would have the right and the authority to redeem His particular creature, which is us. Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way..." He is not one of many ways, He is

not a way, He is the way the truth and the life, "...no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6. So the Creator is the Redeemer, Praise God for that. And so I just saw last night the Sons of Issachar they understood their times and knew what they should do about it. Well that is why you are here, let's better understand our times and let's get better equipped to go out there and do something about it. Colossians 2:8, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Beware lest any man, what man? Could it be Darwin? Could it be Freud? Could it be Jung? Could it be Nietzsche? Could it be Stephen Gould, Richard Dawkins? Beware lest any man lets put a face on those words.

When we talk about creation origins then we have to say a little bit about worldview, and what's your worldview? Well it answers the basic questions in life: Does God exist? Is He good? What can we know for sure? Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? What do I value? You value this, you are here you gave up a weekend to do this. Praise God. What is important to me? Is there purpose and direction to life? Well that is what your worldview answers. And it is like a big iceberg, most of it is under the water. As you think in your heart, so are you. Well the building blocks of your worldview are the positions you take in these areas; theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, law, sociology, politics, economics, history. That is what we send our kids off to school to study. That is what we have always studied, art, music come out of that, all of them have mathematics. That forms your value system, what is important to you.

Now that is the underwater part. What do we see? Well what you see is behavior, so your behavior is the outward display of what you really believe down deep in your heart. Your behavior shows your true worldview. Well if you have a young person, acts like the Devil, says they are a Christian, they are probably still of their father the Devil. You have a businessman in the community, he is in church every time it is open and he is a total crook. He is probably still of his father the Devil.

What are some of the anti-biblical worldviews promoted in this Satan's world system that are popular on the campuses and stealing up to 89% of our "Christian" youth. Well as we saw last night you've got your humanists, and your Marxists, and your post-modernists, and your New Agers, and you have Islam and Christianity. If you are a humanist you are an Evolutionist, if you are a Marxist you are an Evolutionist, if you are New Ager you are an Evolutionist, if you are into Sufi Islam you are an Evolutionist.

Well then but we should be Creationist and we are consistent, well say, my theology, yup I believe in God, my philosophy, yup there are angels, demons, miracles, that is supernatural. Ethics; "Yup there is some things always right, some things always wrong." Then we get down here to our biology, our Creation, we jump out of our worldview, "I think Stephen Gould had it right." "I think Charles Darwin had it right." We shouldn't do that and we don't have to do that.

Part 2

Dr. Martin: So if we call ourselves Christians we need to submit to God's Word the Bible, starting in Genesis chapter 1. So, some people say, "Well, I can have Evolution and the Bible the two don't conflict with each other. Genesis and Evolution fit beautifully with each other." By the way fire and ice do not mix. So it is not a salvation issue, it is either Creation or Evolution there is no middle road. You can't say, "I can have my billions of years, and the Bible." Well why? Well, what does the Bible teach? There is a God. What does Evolution say? The whole

reason for Evolution is to say, "I can be here without the necessity of a God." That is the whole purpose.

The Bible says earth was here first. The Big Bang and billions of years says, "Oh, no, stars were here first." The Bible says, "The earth started all wet." Well, wait a minute evolution says, "No it started dry, molten rock finally cooled down, and comets and volcanoes produced the water." You see, which do you believe, deep down in your heart? God says, "Light before sun." I think He did that because He knew people would worship the sun, for the first three days, no sun, but it's still light and each one of those days is half light and half dark. It is like God is saying, "Hey, don't worship the sun, worship me, I don't even need the sun, I can make light without the sun, I did it for the first three days of the creation week." "Oh, no, the sun had to be first because sun generated the light. Well God says land plants first." Evolution says, "Oh, no, sea life first." God says, "Birds before reptiles, birds on the fifth day, reptiles on the sixth day." Evolution says, "Oh, no, no, no it was reptiles first and then millions of years later came the birds."

Now you might say in your heart wait, wait, I can have both, I can have evolution and the Bible, you cannot. They are mutually exclusive. Either we trust God's Word as true, truth, or we don't. So let's trust it, we can trust it. Alright, "Man made from dust," says God. "Nope, man made from the primates," says evolution. God says, "Man sin the cause of death." Evolution says, "Oh, no, death was here long before man ever came on the scene." Well, wait a minute, how can you have a pre-Adamic race of people if there is no death and they are living and dying and they make up a fossil. No, you can't have death before death. And God says that death came as a result of sin.

Now here is an Evolutionist he writes in the *American Atheist*, "Christianity has fought, still fights, and will fight science to the desperate end over Evolution." No, no, no, no we don't, we don't fight evolution, we don't fight true science, we fight evolutionary false science. But we don't fight air conditioning and we don't fight nice carpet, and we don't fight medications, we don't fight true science, we fight science based on false assumptions, which is evolution. He goes on, he says, "Because Evolution destroys utterly and finally, the very reason Jesus earthly life was supposedly made necessary." See what is the purpose of Evolution? Get rid of Jesus, you see, and get rid of what else? Well look at the next sentence, "Destroy Adam and Eve and original sin." Get rid of Jesus, get rid of Genesis, and then we are okay, everything is okay, we will never be judged, we don't have to worry about it. So get rid of Adam and Eve and original sin, and in the rubble you will find the sorry remains of the Son of God." He refused to capitalize so I did. "If Jesus was not the Redeemer that died for our sins..." And this is what Evolution means. "...then Christianity is nothing." Bozarth understands the issue better than the average Christian.

Evolution requires millions and millions of years. Well then could those years in Genesis represent a billion years each? Day Age Theory. Well each one of those days is half light and half dark, you say a day equals a billion years, you've got 500 million years of darkness followed by 500 million years of unrelenting light. Each day has a number, day 1, day 2, day 3, everywhere else in the Bible that you have the Hebrew word "yom" with a number it means normal day. Adam lived 930 years, alright, and then he died. Well that is no problem before the Flood. We don't have time to get into that, I get into in my book a little bit there. Well, wait a minute if a day is equal to a billion years and Adam lived 930 years, how old was Adam? Was he 1,600,000,930 years? No of course not.

Genesis 1:14 is God's commentary on what He means by the word day in Genesis chapter 1. So He put it right in Genesis chapter 1 look what He says, He said, "Let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years." Well if a Genesis 1 day is equal to a billion years, how long is a season? A season is 90 days long. Is a season 90 billion years long? How long is a

year? If a day equals a billion years, how long is a year? God is saying, "Hey look, I am going to tell you right here in Genesis chapter 1 what I mean by the word day." So I am going to contrast it to seasons and years, and nobody gets confused on what that means unless you come to the Bible with a preconceived idea. Billions of years and I've to find a way to cram it into the Bible. So we are trusting the words that man makes truth, instead of God's truth.

Well the Lord Jesus clarifies it right in the 10 Commandments, Exodus 20:9, "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work." He is talking to people. We know how long those days are. We work normal days, sometimes it feels like a billion years, but they are normal days. And then God says verse 11, "For in six days..." God said, "Hey, the same kind of days you worked, I worked, and within a six day week that is made up of the same kind of days you work, I worked and made everything that I made." I made the heaven the earth, the seas, and everything that in them is. So within a six day week, made up of the same kind of days we work, God said, I made everything that I made. Those are normal days. See the Bible is true. Creation is true. We can trust it, just like God says. Yeah but couldn't a day be a thousand years? I hear that all the time? Well that is 2 Peter 3, "Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years..." They never finish the verse, the rest of the verse says, "...and a thousand years is as a day." So you just negated your argument there. But anyway what is God doing? He is telling us His heart, He says, "He is not slack concerning His promise as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." As God waits for us to come to repentance a day is like a thousand years. And the context is these three judgments, the Second Coming Judgment, this is 2 Peter 3, Second Coming Judgment, Flood Judgment, Fire Judgment, and then God inserts that little paragraph. Look as I wait for you to come to repentance, a day is like a thousand years, I think that is all He is saying. So He is above time, doesn't need time, but He wants us to know His heart. His heart is He doesn't want any of us to perish.

Well if we are going to believe Genesis then we have to believe we have a God that doesn't need time. He creates fully mature systems. Okay, day 6 is Adam a little baby? No a full grown man. Let's say Michael the Archangel is walking around in the Garden on day 6 walks, I am making this up, but he walks up to Adam and he says, "Hello, my name is Michael." Adam says, "My name is Adam." And Michael says, "Adam how old are you?" Adam says, "I am 10 minutes old, God just made me 10 minutes ago." God puts Adam to sleep takes out a rib, by the way the Progressive Creationist are saying, "No, no, no, that doesn't mean He took out a rib that just means that Eve was sourced in Adam. No, why did He have to close up the flesh? Genesis 2:21, He took a rib out He made Eve, Adam wakes up said, "Whoa-man," which is woman. He says, "Eve, you are beautiful Eve. How old are you Eve?" "10 seconds, God just made me 15 seconds ago, Adam fully grown fully mature." Eve says, "I am hungry Adam." Adam reaches up and picks a ripe peach. "Man Adam what a farmer. How long does it take to grow a peach tree like that?" "Three days." No you can't grow a tree with fruit...

If we are going to believe the Biblical account, we have to believe we have a God that doesn't need time. And He has proven that by His miracles. He did His first miracle John 2, when He turned water into wine. How many water pots? Six. In John 2:6, "And there were set there six water pots of stone..." Could have been 10 could have been 100, there were 6. "...after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece." That is 20 or 30 gallons. Verse 10, "And he...," the headwaiter there, said, "...every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine..." at the beginning of the feast, "...and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse..." Why did they do that? I guess you can't taste it as good I guess. "...but though has kept the good wine until now." How did he made good wine, this tasted like aged wine. How old is it? Two minutes. How many water pots? Six. How many days in the Creation

week? Six. What did He do? Create fully mature systems just like fully mature tasting wine. Is that an accident? No.

So, Peter this guy comes to get Jesus, Peter grabs a sword aims to chop the fellow's head off. I think the fellow ducked. What did Peter get? Got his ear. Okay. Jesus picks it puts it on, no scabs no stitches, no healing, no time. He is going to feed the 5,000, they are not out there baking bread, he is pulling fully baked loaves bread, dried fish, He is feeding them all. Our God doesn't need time. If we are going to believe the Creation account we have to believe we have a God, He is above time, He created time, He doesn't need time. You see we can trust Him, and His name is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, yeah, but those days in Genesis they could be a billion years each, couldn't they. Well Jonah then was in the belly of the great fish for 3 billion years, okay, same words, same words. Esther fasted for 3 billion years, okay; she was really skinny when she was finished. No, it is the same words, there is only one place in the Bible that people take those words and say it means a long period of time is Genesis because we come there with a preconceived idea. Evolution is true, billions of years are true I am going to listen to the words of man instead of the Word of God. And we try to cram it into the Bible.

Well maybe in the genealogies there are huge gaps in there. Well, what does it tell us in Jude 14, Adam 7 generations to Enoch, and then we come down to Lamech and Adam overlaps Lamech, I think Adam knew Lamech, his great-great-great-granddaddy. Probably he said, "Hey Lamech get in my lap, I want to tell you something, I never should have eaten of that fruit." And then Lamech is Shem's granddaddy so Shem comes through the flood out the other end. Shem overlaps Abraham by about 50 years at least. There are no huge gaps in the genealogical tables, but even if there were it wouldn't help with evolution because these are the tables of the generations of people. And evolution says people were the last things to evolve. So even if you think there were billions of years, it doesn't help you if you are trying to cram evolution into the Bible.

Well then what do you believe, you see. Was it man first, Mark 10:6, "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female." Male and female what? Was it male and female bacteria from the beginning? Well no, we know it wasn't. Why? Because the context is divorce, you have never met heartbroken divorced bacteria, okay; it is people who get divorces. And God says He made people from the beginning. Oh, no, evolution says, "Oh, no, no, people came at the very last second of 15 billion years of geologic ages." So what do you believe deep down in your heart?

And God said, "Everything he had made and behold it was very good, and in the evening and the morning were the six day." Everything is very good, so Eve and Adam they are in the Garden, Eve says to Adam, "This is a perfect place." Adam says, "Yes, Eve it is very good just like God said." But what if they are sitting there on a pile of dead fossils? Okay, pain, death, killing, disease, struggle, suffering. By the way you can get good things like this from Answers in Genesis. No, there is no way that God would pronounce that very good.

Part 3

Dr. Reagan: You have been watching Dr. Jobe Martin speaking on, "The Truth of Creation," at our 2010 Bible Conference. What you have seen is only about half of the presentation. At the end of this program we will tell you how you can get a video copy of his full presentation,

together with the presentations made by 5 other speakers. I personally want to emphasize the importance of what Dr. Martin shared. It is vitally important that we as Christians accept the Creation account in Genesis to mean what it says. The reason is the integrity of God's Word is at stake. Either God has told us the truth about creation or He has not. I believe He has. And I do not believe we need to try to conform the creation story to modern science because evolution is junk science based upon theories that cannot be proved. As Dr. Martin emphasized over and over, God does not need time. He can create instantaneously. Special creation always carries with it the illusion of time, but it is only an illusion. Another reason I believe it is important to interpret the Creation story literally is because if you spiritualize it, then where do you stop? Do you spiritualize the virgin birth, the miracles of Jesus, and His resurrection? And if you are going to spiritualize the beginning of the Bible, you know what? You will most likely end up spiritualizing the end of the Bible, arguing that the Second Coming prophecies do not mean what they say. Next week, the Lord willing we will continue to share with you the presentations made at our 2010 Bible Conference. I will be the featured speaker, and my topic will be, "The Truth of the Virgin Birth." I hope you can join us for that program. Until then, this is Dave Reagan, speaking for Lamb and Lion Ministries, saying, "Look up, be watchful, for our Redemption is drawing near."

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