

Creation-ism, etc. in Perspective

1. The current over-concern by Science (evolution) of Bible (creation) needs putting in perspective, as some Scientists turn heresy-hunters, and Christians feel put-on-the-spot.
2. Jews and Christians are united in the authority of the Hebrew Scriptures, our Old Testament, and the foundation of both Faiths rests on "**In the beginning God...**"
3. When the world is in such unrest; when so many assume that life has no purpose, then it would be the greatest tragedy on earth if the stupendous religious declaration – **In the beginning God...** was edged to one side because it is not written in scientific language. How could it be ? It couldn't!
4. It is a message which the world longs to hear, especially when upon it are built further declarations about what that God is like. **God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**
5. Religious language is concerned with **meaning**; Science is not equipped to answer questions like 'Why does life exist?' 'What is its meaning?' 'Does life have purpose?' 'What is my destiny?'
6. That a few Christians cannot personally square the findings of science with the language of Scripture must never be allowed to undermine the **authority** of Scripture, which answers the really big questions that must remain central to real education.
7. While we rely heavily on the products of science (I am typing this on my lap-top!), the **language of Science** has little place in ordinary life. You can read a newspaper, watch a 'soap', or spend a weekend with friends, and never come across it!
8. The language of Scripture is much nearer the language of Life, with its hopes and disappointments, its temptations and pains, and its twists and turns. Long live Scripture with its *eternal* truths related in the language of **Life**, not the language of the laboratory.