



Series: Power From On High.

Title: How do we witness to
the unchurched?

Lesson: 75

Text: Acts 14:15-17

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Acts 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM. 16 "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

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A caution:

Romans 1:18–21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who **suppress the truth in unrighteousness,**

19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

Two prepositions

“within”

Romans 2:15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

“to”

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

There are two other ways besides the conscience that God reveals Himself.

1. Special Revelation -
- 2, Natural Revelation -

“eternal power” & “divine nature”

“clearly seen”

“without excuse”

Psalm 19:1–6 The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

2 Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals
knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; Their
voice is not heard.

4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their
utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a
tent for the sun, 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of
his chamber; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course. 6
Its rising is from one end of the heavens, And its circuit to
the other end of them; And there is nothing hidden from its
heat.

Isaiah 6:3 And one called out to another and said, “Holy,
Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is **full of
His glory.**”

Creation evangelism _____

**unbelievers with truth they clearly know but choose to
suppress by their sin.**

The theory of _____

Evolutionists are mention in Ps. 14:1 & Rom. 1:25

Psalm 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, **“There is no God.”** They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

Romans 1:25 For they **exchanged the truth of God for a lie,** and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Where did evolution get its roots?

“Old Deluder Satan Act” of 1647

“It being one chief project of the old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures ... it is therefore ordered ... [to] appoint one within their town to teach all such children as shall resort to him to write and read.”

Benjamin Franklin - “afford frequent opportunities of showing the necessity of a public religion - and the excellency of the Christian religion above all others.”

Thomas Jefferson - While US president, he made the Bible a primary reading text for Washington, D.C., schools.

In the 1960's two significant changes took place that had a massive impact on our children.

1. Textbooks were released by a committee called the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study. They were very influential in insisting that evolution is true science.
2. In 1962 the the Supreme Court removed prayer and Bible reading from the schools.

Do you see the problem?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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Revelation



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Acts 17:22–32 So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. 23 “For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

24 “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' 29 "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

30 "**Therefore** having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this." 33 So Paul went out of their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Implications

1. Creation evangelism is not a pragmatic approach, but an _____ strategy to reach the unchurched.

2. We need to meet people where they are in their _____ beliefs.

3. The initial goal is to exhort unbelievers to see that the complexity and beauty of this world proves there is a

Discussion guide

1. Is Creation evangelism a new concept for you? Do you believe it is a good approach today? Why or why not?

2. How does creation evangelism connect with Romans 1:18-21?

What does “within” and “in” mean?

3. Why is creation evangelism necessary for today’s theory of evolution?

4. In Acts 17:22-32 Paul observed the culture of Athens. How can we understand our culture?

5. Our main objective in creation evangelism is to show that creation has a designer. Brainstorm of examples we can use that idea in our own evangelism.

ANSWERS: Creation, Pre, confronts, evolution, Eternal Power, Divine Nature, Natural, Special, inspired, religious, Designer