

advocates of this view hold that, because of his spiritual nature, man must be viewed as a special creation. Most proponents of this latter view hold that, at the least, man's soul must have been a special creation of God.

(3) *Scientific Creationist View* -- All varieties of this view, whether they are named "Progressive Creationism," "Threshold Evolution," or simply "Scientific Creationism," hold that God created primal matter, living material, all of the basic "kinds" of living things, and man, as special creations. The many points at which they differ arise out of differing approaches to and methods in the interpretation and correlation of the relevant scriptural data or scientific data or both.

(4) *Anti-Scientific Creationist View* -- This last category includes all of those views which reject the conclusions, the methodology, or the data of science as capable of making a significant contribution to the interpretation of those scriptural data which are relevant to the doctrine of Creation. Thus those views which advocate a recent date for the age of the universe, or earth, of life, and of man; which affirm the doctrine of the "fixity of species," i.e., the dogma of the inherent impossibility of one species giving rise to the development of another; or which assert the Noachian Flood as a proper and adequate explanation for both the existence and the sequence of the sedimentary strata of rocks in the geologic column, fall within this category. However, as we have already mentioned, its most prominent characteristic is its rejection of the data and observations of science as an aid to the better understanding of the relevant scriptural data.

By way of a critical analysis of one aspect of these four basic types of views of God's creative activity, it is instructive and interesting to note the attitudes taken by each of these views toward the scriptural data on the one hand, and the scientific data on the other. The *Non-Scientific Creationist View* does not take into consideration the scientific data, while according them independent authority within their own realm, and does not do justice to the biblical data, abstracting from them their scientific aspects. Small wonder that we are left with myths, pictures, or empty frameworks, in which Revelation is divorced from history!

The *Theistic Evolutionist View* takes the scientific data seriously, but does so in such an uncritical fashion that it does violence to the exegesis of Scripture. It thus commits the error of inverted priorities, in that it allows its imperfect understanding of the scientific data to exercise a controlling