

Theistic Evolutionist View, the Scientific Creationist View, and the Anti-Scientific Creationist View; and we have stated that, of these four basic types of Creationism, the first, second and fourth are unacceptable to us personally and professionally, and that no variety of the third (i.e., the Scientific Creationist View) has thus far seemed to be adequate or entirely satisfactory. We are therefore proposing yet another alternative.

The first part of our proposal concerned the definition of the term "Creation." We have suggested three meanings or usages of the term, and we have called these three usages by the names Ex Nihilo Creation, Immediate Creation, and Mediate Creation. By Ex Nihilo Creation is meant Creation out of nothing in an instantaneous event. By Immediate Creation is meant Creation using pre-existing material but not secondary causes, in either an instantaneous event or a gradual process. By Mediate Creation is meant Creation employing both pre-existing material and secondary causes in either an instantaneous event or a gradual process.

In my first lecture I mentioned that the second part of our proposal would be set forth in this present lecture, by means of an examination of these three meanings of the term "Creation" as those meanings are conjoined with the various aspects of God's creative activity. At that time I also proposed doing this by drawing an outline-survey of the first two chapters of Genesis, attempting to synthesize both scriptural and scientific data in one unified, coherent account. Let us now attempt this ambitious project.

This second part of my "Proposed Creationist Alternative to Evolutionism" is structured by a series of fourteen events, all of which concern God's creative activity as recorded in Genesis 1 and 2. Let us now consider these events in numerical order, noting one or two interesting aspects of each.

**Event #1** (included in Genesis 1:1) -- God's Ex Nihilo Creation of all the matter-energy and the space of the universe, together with their properties, several billion years ago.

Although Genesis 1:1 does not specifically mention the creation of primal matter, yet it includes that creation. Since matter is not eternal, it must be created; and it is here that we learn of this creative event. In point of fact, this creation refers to God's bringing into being, from nothing, all of the basic units of matter and energy found in the physical universe -- neutrons,