

By "cessation of Clod's Immediate Creation" is meant the completion of God's purposed activity of bringing the universe and its constituent elements into being. This expression is not intended to deny the reality of miracle, or to deny the immediate character of God's redemptive acts.

I do not believe the words, "He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made," mean that God was tired out from all that creating, and therefore needed to rest up for a day before He took up the job of keeping everything running. Rather, I believe that this "resting from work" is better understood as a cessation, a stopping of God's creative activity in the Ex Nihilo and Immediate senses. Of course, His Mediate creative activity continued, continues, and shall continue until the end of time.

This then is an outline-survey of the structure of what I have called the Unified Creationist View. This is my proposed Creationist alternative to Evolutionism, the value of which I must discover through further study and thought, as well as through the evaluation of your judgment.

I pray that the Spirit of Truth will open our eyes to two things: to the glory of God that is being revealed day unto day and night unto night throughout the entire vastness and beauty of His created universe, and to the need of relating the truth of that revelation to the truth which He has been pleased to give us in the Scriptures. May God grant still better, less imperfect, more competent syntheses than this!

### **Lecture Three: The Unified Creationist View and the "Days" of Creation**

In the first two lectures of this series, we attempted to sketch out, in broad outline, a "Proposed Creationist Alternative to Evolutionism." At the outset, having defined the terms "Evolutionism" and "Creationism," we attempted to demonstrate the need for such an alternative. We then proceeded to present our proposed view, the first part of which was a careful consideration of the three basic meanings of the term "Creation." In the second lecture we presented the second part of our proposal, which took the form of an outline-summary of the creative events of Genesis 1-2. The resulting synthesis we called the Unified Creationist View.

We now come to the question of the chronology of the first two chapters