

# BIBLICAL CONTRADICTIONS

## Part 6-“The Creation Contradiction” Discussion Questions Genesis 1 and Genesis 2

### **Introduction to the Topic**

1. In the late 19th century, professors from Princeton crafted the doctrine of inerrancy as a response to Darwin’s theory of evolution. They did this because, in their minds, the book of Genesis and Darwin’s theory of evolution were mutually exclusive.

Do you feel that the science of evolution is completely incompatible with a faith that trusts in a good God who created everything? Why or why not?

### **Working Through the Contradiction**

2. Genesis 1 is a creation story in which God created trees first, and then lots of humans at the same time. Genesis 2 is a creation story in which God creates a solitary man, then trees, and then a solitary woman. Whether you grew up inside or outside of the church, how did it feel when you first heard that Genesis contains two contradicting creation stories?

3. In the film, the artists revealed their drawings. In this reveal, the creation stories were depicted with queer love. Why must we include depictions of queer love in the creation story in order to be faithful to the creation story?

4. Genesis isn’t really sure how God created the earth, but Genesis is sure that the earth is the work of God. In other words, the earth is the Bible for all humanity. This idea is expanded on by Paul when he writes that anyone who can see a mountain basically knows all there is to know about God. How does this idea change your perception of what it means to be religious and/or spiritual?

5. Why do you think Christians are not more upset at oil companies for destroying the earth, which is the work of God?

6. The film concluded with the idea that Christians should be less concerned with how the earth came into being, and more concerned with how we care for and relate to the earth. Do you agree or disagree with this?

### **Application**

7. It can be discouraging living today with the climate crisis looming over us. We often worry about what the future will look like for us, and for our children. And while we need action and we need change, it's also important to stop and enjoy the very thing that we are defending.

What can you do in this coming week to savor the beauty of Creation?