

Odds and Ends

In the creed, it talks about *God's* action towards us. What kinds of things does he do?

Why?

On page 59 in our textbook, it says 'By faith, Christians accept the Bible as *God's* Word.' **Scratch that out.** We, as Christians, do not have faith in the Bible. We have faith in Jesus. We believe the Bible is *God's* Word because it has been handed down to us as a historical document, containing the record of *God's* working in history for our salvation.

What do Christians think about *evolution*?

Why?

As Christians, we believe that *God* created the world in 6 days, resting on the 7th. Evolution is a belief that unformed things, after time and small changes, gradually made up more and more complex life-forms, resulting in the world, the galaxy, and universe we have today.

There are many people who do not believe in evolution who are not Christians. They do not believe in evolution because (1) it lacks solid evidence as a good theory, and (2) the process of increasing complexity goes against other natural laws.

As Christians, we do not think evolution is true, both because it goes against *God's* word, but also because science tends to point to evolution being too improbable.

This is not a science vs. Religion question, but science vs. politics, as many people believe in evolution for non-scientific reasons.

What about angels?

- What do we know about angels?
- When were they made?
- What do they do?
- Are they good or evil? Neutral?

See the Catechism questions: 99-100 (pgs 110-112 in the Catechism)

Assignment for the Week:

- 1 Peter 5:8-9 gives a warning from St. Peter to Christians. How do you think that applies to us today? How does it apply in dealing with beliefs in evolution and angels? We'll talk about it next week.
- Read pages 62-74 for next week. (Read at least through 66)
- Have the 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed and explanation memorized by Nov. 8th.
- Work on memorizing the books of the Old and New Testament. Due by Nov 29th.