

Just Thinking Apologetics

A third way to view the question as to how life originated is that it was the result of divine creation. This view has a Supreme Being (God) who miraculously created the universe and life itself. This divine Creator also has put a soul within humans. There are differing views on what this God is like in his relation to man. The deistic view ranges from one where God supernaturally created all and now is somewhat aloof, to a view of deism where God expects individuals to adhere to His moral law. All deists agree that after God's act of creation, he no longer works in a supernatural way or intervenes in human affairs.

The Judeo/Christian God puts more of an emphasis on his relationship with man. It also views God as a being that has intervened in the past. In Judaism God intervened many times such as when he preformed supernatural acts during the time of Moses. On the Christian view, God's ultimate supernatural act was the resurrection of his Son.

Differing views exist in the Christian camp concerning God's time frame of creation. Some see God's creation as being relatively short geologically speaking. This group is often called Young Earth Creationist. They view the age of the earth as being between 6,000 to no more than 50,000 years old. Another group views the age of the earth as older and accepts the current scientific thinking of the age of the earth as being around 4.6 billion years old. This group is often called Old Earth or Progressive Creationism. Both groups, would reject Darwin's view of biological evolution, but would see that adaptations on a microevolutionary basis do take place.