

Survey of Creation Apologetics Used in the WELS

Appendix 1: Survey Questions

This Lutheran Science Institute (LSI) survey was taken by 978 pastors, teachers, and laity between September 3 and November 28, 2015. Question numbers (Q#) have been added for this report and were NOT on the survey form. The text of Q#17, Q#20, Q#29, and Q#30 was modified slightly due to comments from those taking the survey. The majority of those taking the survey used this final version. Each text change is listed in Addendum 2 in chronological order, allowing you to see which comments were made before and after each change. The conclusions of this report take these changes into account.

The entire survey report is available at www.LutheranScience.org/survey

Below is the email invitation sent to WELS called workers (received by up to 4,169 called workers), followed by the survey text as seen by those taking this on-line survey.

From: Mark Bergemann (LSI)
Subject: WELS survey on creation/evolution

WELS Called Workers,

Please take a 5 minute confidential survey (and help us improve the free creation/evolution resources we provide to WELS schools and churches). We would greatly appreciate if you could also forward this survey invitation to your congregation's Sunday School teachers.

www.LutheranScience.org/survey

In addition, please consider writing an article for the LSI Journal and earn up to \$120. Details are at:

www.LutheranScience.org/author

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Please help the Lutheran Science Institute (LSI) in its ministry planning. This survey is aimed at WELS and ELS Lutherans, but other Christians are also invited to participate.

Click "SUBMIT" when done. Read questions carefully. Some questions state the opposite of other questions, so you will agree with some and disagree with others.

- [Q #1] - I am Lutheran: WELS
 Lutheran: ELS, CELC
 Lutheran: LCMS, CLC
 Lutheran: all others including ELCA
 Other Christian (including no church affiliation)
 Not a Christian

- [Q #2] - I am a Lay person
 Pastor
 Staff Minister
 Teacher (Christian school)
 Other called worker

[Q #3] - List your college degree(s) and field(s) of study (or student status).
[If WLS, MLC, or DMLC please list graduation year.]

I currently teach, or have taught sometime in the past 3 years (check all that apply)

- [Q #4] Sunday School
[Q #5] Adult Bible Study
[Q #6] Vacation Bible School (VBS)
[Q #7] Confirmation class
[Q #8] Christian grade school
[Q #9] Christian high school
[Q #10] Christian college
[Q #11] NONE OF THESE

[Q #12] - How should the church address the temptation of evolution?

Use these word definitions in the multiple-choice questions:

EVOLUTION is the entire Theory Of Evolution from the Big-Bang to today.

SCIENCE is as you personally define and understand the word.

[Q #13] -We can be certain agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree
that God created everything.

[Q #14] -Gen 1:1-2 may indicate millions or billions of years agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #15] -Each of the 6 creation days were days of normal length (about 24 hours long). agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #16] -It is likely that God placed dinosaur bones in rock layers during creation week. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #17] -The Theory of Evolution claims that hydrogen gas changed into people, over billions of years. yes it claims maybe yes no opinion maybe no no it does not claim

[Q #18] -Science and the Bible always agree when both are properly understood. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #19] -Evolution is science, because evolution is accepted as science by the greater scientific community. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #20] -There is no scientific evidence to support evolution as a theory of origins. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #21] -Evolution can be proven false using science alone. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #22] -Christian schools should teach a few of the scientific problems evolution faces. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #23] – Any Comments so far?

[Q #24] -Science can strengthen our faith that God created the world. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #25] -Science can help believers better understand spiritual truths. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #26] -Science does not in any way increase the effectiveness of the Gospel in bringing souls to faith. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #27] -Jesus and the Apostles repeatedly used arguments from reason when speaking with unbelievers. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #28] -Earth's vast quantities of fossils, deposits of coal and oil, and continental-sized sedimentary rock layers are what would be expected from a flood which covered the entire earth. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #29] -Natural selection produces new species of plants and animals. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #30] -Scientific theories which are not true can have evidence, sometimes very convincing evidence. agree somewhat agree no opinion somewhat disagree disagree

[Q #31] -COMMENTS