Compromising Views of Creation

Selected Scripture

Intro: the difference between good compromise and bad

- Good compromise Philippians 2:3-5
- Bad compromise 1st Samuel 15:9

I. Theistic Evolution

- A. God got the process started and let it go
- B. Problems with this view
 - 1. Genesis 1 tells about the method
 - 2. There is no room for transmutations
 - 3. God says He finished His work in 6 days
 - 4. It contradicts the law of entropy

II. Progressive Creation

- A. God was involved every now and then
- B. The same objections above apply here

III. The Day-Age Theory

- A. The "days" of Genesis are long ages
- B. Support for a literal day in Genesis
 - 1. The primary meaning of "yom" is a day
 - 2. The repetition of "evening and morning"
 - 3. The statement in Exodus 20:9-11
 - 4. The last 3 days were clearly literal days

IV. The Gap Theory

- A. There is a large gap between Genesis 1:1-2
- B. Major problems with this view
 - 1. Death is on the scene long before Adam
 - 2. Genesis 1:2 actually begins with "and"

V. The Framework Hypothesis

- A. Genesis 1 is not history
- B. This is refuted by O.T. & N.T. writers

Conclusion: Genesis 1 is God's record of creation