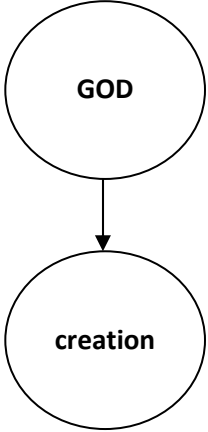
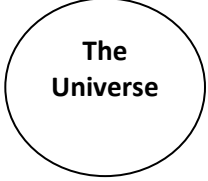
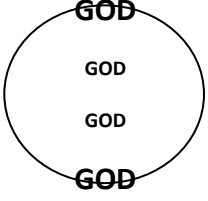
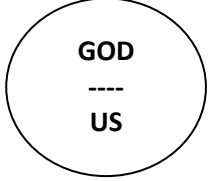
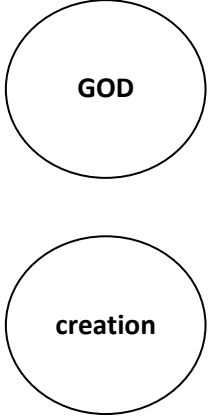
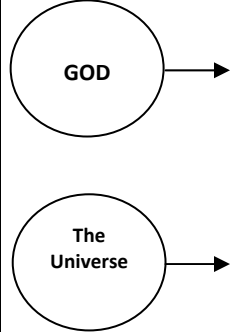


Illustrating the Worldviews

(Adapted from Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 268-270)

THEISM	ATHEISM	PANTHEISM	PANENTHEISM	DEISM	DUALISM
					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation is distinct from God, yet always dependent on God - God is both transcendent and immanent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no God - There is only the observable universe - There is the natural forces of matter and energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The universe and all that it consists of is God - God is not a Person - God is changeable - God is not holy/distinct - We are God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God is a part, not distinct from, the universe - God is different, not holy - God is only immanent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God created the universe in the beginning, but is not actively involved with the universe - God only transcendent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a battle between God and the universe, the spiritual and the material - Think Star Wars, two forces at work

Key Evangelical Concerns

- 1) God is the Creator, and He created everything *ex nihilo* ('out of nothing')
- 2) Creation is distinct from God, but dependent on God
- 3) God created the universe for the purpose of displaying His glory
- 4) The universe that God made was 'very good'

Historical Creationism

(notes adapted from several publications by Sailhamer)

- 1) God is the Creator of the universe, it is dependent wholly upon Him, and is distinct from Him
- 2) God created the universe for a specific purpose: to display his glory
- 3) Genesis 1:1 refers to the creation of the universe and everything within it
 - a. *Bereshit* ('in the beginning') refers not to a starting point in time, but to a beginning *period* or *duration* of time
 - b. Genesis 1:1, then, is not a summary statement or a title, but a statement of fact
- 4) Genesis 1:2-2:4a refers to the preparation of the land for mankind to dwell in
 - a. *Eretz* ('the land') is local and specific, not worldwide and general
 - b. *Tohu wabohu* does not mean 'formless and void', but uninhabitable and deserted wasteland
 - c. This 'land' is an uninhabitable wilderness/wasteland before it is made (*asah*)
- 5) The days of preparation are literal, 24-hour days
 - a. During these 6 days, the 'land' is *made* into a place of human habitation (think 'making' a bed)
 - b. Remember Genesis 2:3, "created in order to make" (two separate activities)
 - c. This land is viewed as a special gift to mankind
- 6) Mankind is a special creation, created on day 6, not evolved from another species