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Chapter 1: A Whale of a Tale And Other 'Tall' Stories From the Bible



Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness. That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17, ASV)

The Scriptures: the Inspired Word of God

The term *inspiration* is common, but not easily defined: “...supernatural influence exerted on the sacred writers by the Spirit of God, by virtue of which their writings are given Divine trustworthiness.”¹

There are two aspects of inspiration as it pertains to the Scriptures: First, it is *verbal*—the Holy Spirit guided the subject and the words in giving exactly all that God wanted. Second, it is *plenary*—full, complete, and not limited in any aspect.

The Scriptures Claim Inspiration by God

¹ Warfield, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, III: 1473

As the passage from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 points out, every scripture is inspired of God. The phrase “Inspiration of God,” as found in the King James Version, is from the single Greek word *θεόπνευστος* (*theopneustos*)²—it is a compound word from two Greek words: *theos* (God) and *pneo* (breathe). It means that the Scriptures were “breathed out by God,” i.e. “God breathed, the product of the creative breath of God.”³

What, then, is included in the term “scripture”? It comes from the word *γραφή* (*graphē*)⁴—this can be used in three senses: writing, scripture, or as the “oracles of God.” The word *graphe* is used 51 times in the New Testament. H. S. Miller gives an analysis of the passages where the words “scripture(s)” occur, showing that “they always refer to the Oracles of God.”⁵

Another passage of the Scriptures that claims inspiration of God is 2 Peter 1:20-21 (ASV)—

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.”

The testimony concerning Jesus did not rest on “cunningly devised fables,” but on eyewitness testimony— *“For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”* (2 Peter 1:16, ASV)

Prophecy, by its fulfillment, is even more certain than eyewitness accounts (see 2 Peter 1:19). It is not of “private interpretation,” and it did not originate with the men who spoke the words. Peter says that prophecy came not “by the will of man” (1 Peter 1:20-21)—the prophets spoke as they were “moved” by the Holy Spirit. This is the claim of the Bible—Scripture—inspired of God!

“Thus saith the Lord”

The Bible writers claimed to be speaking the word of God. The expression, “thus saith the Lord,” or its equivalent occurs more than 2,000 times in the Old Testament. Here are some examples:

- David—*“The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue.”* (2 Samuel 23:2, NKJV)
- Isaiah—*“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: ‘I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me.’”*

² Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

³ Warfield, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, III: 1473, 1474

⁴ Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

⁵ General Bible Introduction, pp. 44-46

(Isaiah 1:2, NKJV)

- Zechariah—“*Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which Jehovah of hosts had sent by His Spirit by the former prophets: therefore there came great wrath from Jehovah of hosts.*”
(Zechariah 7:12, ASV)

Notice that this last passage illustrates the entire process of revelation: the **word** came from **Jehovah** (the Lord), by His **Spirit**, delivered to the **prophets**.

The Great Fish Story and other “Tall” Accounts

The Old Testament has some rather “implausible” stories in it that are at the very least remarkable and amazing.

Jonah and the “Great Fish”—Jonah 1-4

Even those in the world are familiar with this story from the Bible. There are many miraculous aspects of this story. Jonah was thrown into the sea by sympathetic comrades, and the sea was miraculously calmed (Jonah 1:15). The Lord prepared a “great fish” (דָּג - dāg “fish”) to swallow Jonah (1:17). Jonah then remained in the belly of the fish for three days and nights (1:17). Finally, the Lord spoke to the fish and Jonah was vomited out upon the dry land (2:10).

This text is criticized for several reasons:

- Casting of the lots to choose the “guilty” (1:7)
- Jonah’s “volunteer” punishment (1:12)
- Sailors’ statement, “lay not upon us innocent blood” (1:14)
- Three days in the belly of a fish (1:17)
- Jonah praying from this belly (2:1)
- Being vomited upon dry land (2:10)
- The quick repentance of Nineveh (3:5-8)
- A great King repents (Nineveh, capitol city of the Assyrian Empire!) as a result of Jonah’s preaching (3:6)

The Great Flood—Genesis 6-9

Many aspects of the Bible’s recording of the Great Flood make it a miraculous tale. The dimensions given of Noah’s ark make it one big boat—300 x 50 x 30 cubits, which is approximately 450 x 75 x 45 feet! (Genesis 6:15). And even with this enormous ark, only eight people were to be saved (7:13). The whole earth—“that were under the whole heaven”—was covered with water (7:19). It is important to note here that all major translations of the Bible record this idea. Not only was all of the earth covered by water, but the Bible even records that

the highest mountain was covered by at least 22.5 feet of water (7:20). All flesh died in the flood except for Noah and those which were with him:

“And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both birds, and cattle, and beasts, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, of all that was on the dry land, died.” (Genesis 7:21-22, ASV)

The flood lasted for a long time—the Bible records that the waters prevailed upon the earth for 150 days—that’s five months! (Genesis 7:24) The Bible also tells us that Noah and his sons replenished the earth (9:1).

The Destruction of Sodom—Genesis 18:16-19:29

There are multiple reasons that make this story “miraculous.” First of all, there is Abraham’s plea with God not to destroy the city if He can find 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, or ten “righteous” men (Genesis 18:22-33). Why would God consult Abraham, a mere man? Second, the wickedness of the city is so completely and utterly grave (thus the term “sodomites”) (18:20, 19:5). Lot’s deliverance from the city—by the force of angels—is also miraculous (19:15-17). The physical destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (with fire and brimstone) itself is a miraculous occurrence (19:24-25). Finally, the death of Lot’s wife—being turned into a pillar of salt—is a miraculous, albeit grave, event (19:26).

The Sin of Adam—Genesis 3:1-24

This account from the Bible tells us how sin entered through this gateway into the world. It starts off with God’s prohibition to Adam and Eve—they were told not to eat of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil,” (3:1-3), or they would “surely die” (3:4-5). The Bible then tells us about their transgression, (3:6), and the results of it: their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked; sorrow for woman (during childbirth) was multiplied, and the ground was cursed for man; they were cast out of the garden, and the tree of life was removed from their presence. Because of this transgression, man (Adam) would now die both spiritually and physically (3:7-24; 5:5).

The Creation—Genesis 1:1-31

This passage of the Bible records for us the events that took place as God created the heavens and the earth (1:1)—

- Day 1—Creation of light (1:3)
- Day 2—Making of the atmosphere (1:6-8)
- Day 3—Separation of land and water; creation of vegetation (1:9-13)
- Day 4—Forming of the sun, moon, and stars (1:14-19)

- Day 5—Creation of sea creatures and fowls (1:20-23)
- Day 6—Creation of mammals and mankind (1:24-31)

It is then recorded that creation was “finished” (2:1) and that God “rested” on the seventh day (2:2). This Bible record states that it took just six days (six 24-hour days) to create everything! These accounts claim the inspiration of God. Can intelligent, rational beings be expected to believe these amazing accounts? Does God intend that we believe all of this?

The New Testament’s Answer

What did Jesus and the New Testament writers and characters believe? If we are to base our faith upon God’s word, then we need to examine it closely. And if Jesus and others in the Bible believed these stories, then we are to believe them as well.

- Jesus believed the story of Jonah:

“But He answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given it but the sign of Jonah the prophet: for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, a greater than Jonah is here.”⁶

(Matthew 12:39-41, ASV)

“And when the multitudes were gathering together unto Him, He began to say, This generation is an evil generation: it seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah. For even as Jonah became a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be unto this generation. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and shall condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, a greater than Jonah is here.” (Luke 11:29-32, ASV)

We often miss the point here arguing about the three days and three nights—the point is that Jonah was received as a prophet because he was delivered from certain death. Jesus was to be received as a true prophet because He was resurrected from death.

⁶ Jesus had just performed a miracle, so their request shows that they wanted something different. We learn from Mark (8:11) that they wanted a sign, not coming from Him, but from heaven, such a sign as other prophets and leaders had given (e.g. Exodus 9:22-24; 16:4; Josh 10:12; etc.) In Jewish superstition it was held that demons and false gods could give signs **on earth**, but only the true God signs **from heaven**” (Alford). It was not the first of such requests – cf. John 2:18. Jonah was shown to be a true prophet of God, and Nineveh received him as such because he was rescued from the fish’s belly, and Jesus was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the death – cf. Romans 1:4 – The Fourfold Gospel, J.W. McGarvey – pp. 305-308

- Jesus believed the story of the Great Flood:

“But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only. And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the coming of the Son of man.” (Matthew 24:36-39, ASV)

“And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.” (Luke 17:26-27, ASV)

So did the apostle Peter—*“And spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought flood upon the world of the ungodly.”* (2 Peter 2:5, ASV)

- Jesus believed in the story of Sodom:

“And thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? Thou shalt go down unto Hades: for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in thee, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.” (Matthew 11:23-24, ASV)

“Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.” (Luke 17:28-29, ASV, cf. Matthew 10:14-15)

So also did Peter, and Jude—*“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly,”* (2 Peter 2:6, ASV).

“Even Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire,” (Jude 1:7, ASV).

- The following New Testament writers believed in Adam:

- Luke—he records Adam in the genealogy of Christ (Luke 3:38)
- Jude—says Enoch was the seventh from Adam, thus proclaiming the validity of both Adam and Enoch (Jude 1:14)
- Paul—(Romans 5:14, 1 Timothy 2:13-14)

“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive,” (1 Corinthians 15:22, ASV). This is stated as a true and theological statement, based on a past fact. Do you believe in Jesus Christ? If the story of Adam is not true, then salvation through Jesus Christ is not true either!

- Jesus believed in the creation:

“But from the beginning of the creation, male and female he made them.” (Mark 10:6, ASV)

“For those days shall be tribulation, such as there hath not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never shall be.” (Mark 13:19, ASV)

“But from the beginning of the creation, Male and female made he them.” (Mark 10:6 ASV) ⁷

Other New Testament writers proclaim the Creation—

- John: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that hath been made,”* (John 1:1-3, ASV).

“And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer,” (Revelation 10:6, ASV).

- Paul: *“For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse,”* (Romans 1:20, ASV).

“And to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things,” (Ephesians 3:9, ASV).

“For in Him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through Him, and unto Him,” (Colossians 1:16, ASV).

⁷ Note: Jesus based the New Testament marriage law on the time of creation (from the beginning). Jesus will again make a true and theological statement based on a past fact. Cf. Mark 10:7-9 – His marriage, divorce, and remarriage law.

- Peter refers to the “Creator”—“*Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator,*” (1 Peter 4:19, ASV).
- The author of Hebrews: “*God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds,*” (Hebrews 1:1-2, ASV).

Isn't it interesting there is not a single mention of the general theory of evolution in the Bible?

Conclusions

To deny Jonah, the Flood, the destruction of Sodom, Adam, or Creation is to deny the Word of God and the veracity of Jesus Christ. Do you believe in Jesus Christ and His resurrection from the dead? Then you should believe these other parts of the Bible as well! Belief in Jesus Christ, and ultimately salvation, are tied directly to the creation (cf. Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; John 1:3; Revelation 4:11).

The skeptic might call these narratives from the Old Testament “absurd, implausible, impossible, or inconceivable,” and might even put them in the categories of yarns, tall tales, fables, legends or myths. The believer may call these same accounts “amazing, awesome, extraordinary, fantastic, or remarkable,” but they will (and should) also call them “factual, reliable, actual, authentic, genuine, and true”!

A famous scholar of the 19th century (J.W. McGarvey) wrote this profound statement well over a century ago, amidst the hey-day of “higher criticism”—

*“No man can accept the divine authority of Jesus, and reject His endorsement of the Old Testament.”*⁸

Those who reject the Biblical account because of an “academic” perception of themselves are like those of Romans 1:22 and 2 Corinthians 10:12—

“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,” (Romans 1:22, ASV).

“For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with certain of them that commend themselves: but they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding,” (2 Corinthians 10:12, ASV).

⁸ J.W. McGarvey, Jesus & Jonah, p. 6

Proponents of Evolution are ultimately trying to take God out of the picture altogether: *“The ultimate reason for denying the credibility of the narrative is that which is the avowed reason of the unbeliever—an unwillingness to accept the miraculous in the story—and this is the very essence of skepticism.”*⁹

To “pick and choose” portions of the Bible to believe is not to believe it at all. If you can eliminate a portion, and I can eliminate another, and someone else yet another, what is left? Jesus thought of Scripture as something that could not be broken (cf. John 10:35), and Paul taught that all Scripture has its origin with God (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ASV). Our view of Scripture should be no different!

Those who deny the validity of the Old Testament Scriptures often do it in an attempt to escape the consequences of certain New Testament doctrines. First, they try to deny the inevitability of death and the all-encompassing judgment of God—

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,” (Hebrews 9:27, NKJV).

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad,” (2 Corinthians 5:10, NKJV).

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation,” (John 5:28-29, NKJV).

They also try to deny the existence of Heaven for the righteous believer—

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also,” (John 14:1-3, NKJV).

“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away,” (Revelation 21:3-4, NKJV).

⁹ *ibid*, p. 32

Ultimately, the evolutionist also tries to deny the reality of Hell and eternal condemnation for the unbeliever—

“And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years,” (Revelation 20:3-4, NKJV).

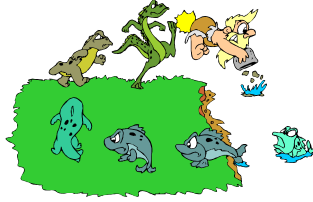
“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death,” (Revelation 21:8, NKJV).

I believe every word of inspired Scripture!

I am not a scientist as self-defined by the “scientific” community. I do, however, believe in true science—not “science falsely so called” (cf. Timothy 6:20, KJV; ASV “knowledge”). I am a believer in the inspired word of God. Everything I believe, everything I teach, everything I do, and how I live is influenced by this belief and this conclusion!

Chapter 2: Creation or Evolution?

Which is More Reasonable?



“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1, NKJV)

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Did God create the heavens and the earth supernaturally? Did He Create life? Could the cosmos and life have begun spontaneously, and evolved to present levels?

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Introduction

Our Questions: Did God create the heavens and the earth supernaturally? Did He create life? Or, did the cosmos and life begin spontaneously and evolve to present levels? Which is more reasonable to believe?

Our Objective: To show by limited observation of evidences that it is more reasonable to believe in God and creation (organization – intelligent design) than it is to believe in evolution (chaos).

Authors Belief: Based on examining the evidence that surrounds me –“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”. God has provided adequate evidence. This evidence produces the faith that just men live by (Romans 1:17-19). Men have rejected both God and His evidence. There are consequences to our beliefs. This study is not just an academic exercise.

An Observation: Some suppose that because evidence can be looked at from different vantage points, that there are multiple possibilities of truth. This is not so. Truth is not affected by our interpretation of the evidence.

It would be wise to remember that knowledge is not limited to those who espouse evolution. Christians and creation believers should not be intimidated by unbelievers.

Evolution Defined

“Theory that all life on earth originated from non-living matter and that all forms of life on earth today came from the same original form of life by a connected series of changes, which at every point were only natural, and therefore explainable by science.”

The *general* theory of evolution is the theory that “all living forms in the world have arisen from a single source which itself came from an inorganic (i.e. non-living) form.” The *special* theory of evolution is the theory which states that “many living animals can be observed over the course of time to undergo changes so that new species are formed.”

Creation Defined

The idea of *Creation* is the belief of God supernaturally bringing into existence that which previously did not exist (i.e. Genesis 1:1), and that the supernatural, intelligent, all-powerful God made something from nothing.

What is “science?”

Science is defined as the possession of knowledge, as distinguished from ignorance. It is very important to know that true science involves absolute knowledge, not things that cannot be proved with evidence. A thing may be a “fact” (true) without being “scientific.” It is also important to point out that things can be (and often are) true without our knowing or understanding them.

The “*Scientific Method*” is a process used to determine if a hypothesis (idea) is a fact or not.

I. Hypothesis

II. Experimentation

III. Demonstration

For a hypothesis to become fact it must explain all of the known facts and any alternative explanation must be shown to be false. The principle of simplicity must be applied—it states that the scientist should first consider the simplest explanation which agrees with available evidences. This principle warns against needlessly multiplying explanations when simple ones are satisfactory. We might note that explanations for evolution are multiplied almost daily.

In the Evolutionist’s Words

The following statements by Evolutionists tend to epithetical in nature:

- “Evolution of the animal and plant world is considered **by all those entitled to judgment** to be a fact for which no further proof is needed.”¹⁰
- “There is no hypothesis, alternative to the principle of evolution...that **any competent biologist** of today takes seriously”
-- Dr. H.J. Mullen
- “When the vast majority of skilled men agree on something¹¹...one must surely be cautious in rejecting their joint opinions. When men of science, philosophy, and sociology **confirm** the finding that have **elevated evolution to a “law”** of nature **in the minds** of most men, when no scientific discovery denies that evolution has occurred^{12 13} it seems futile indeed simply to reject evolution **without proper training, observation, or reading”** (all emphasis are mine – RDB)¹⁴
-- Peter Gastonguay, *Evolution for Everyone*¹⁵
- “The assumption ... is that Christianity, i.e. creation is for emotional cripples who can’t make it through life without a crutch.”
-- Paul Little

Never mind that evolution is not even science!

Evolution cannot be demonstrated by the scientific method—hypothesis, experimentation, and demonstration (observable and repeatable). For a hypothesis to become “fact” by the scientific method, the following things must be true: 1.) the hypothesis must explain ALL the known facts; 2.) ANY alternative explanation must be shown to be false.

- *For example: The hypothesis that “Juvenile children lose their teeth around the age of six because they eat ice cream” is shown to be false not because the children don’t eat ice cream, or because they do not lose their ‘baby’ teeth, but because the evidence does not explain all the known facts (those who don’t eat ice cream also lose their baby teeth—why?) and alternative explanations are not shown to be false (permanent teeth are pushing out the temporary teeth).*

Such inability to prove through the scientific method doesn’t show evolution false in and of itself, but it does eliminate it as being “scientific.” A thing may be “factual” without being “scientific” according to the scientific method. Scientific experimentation may verify the

¹⁰ R. B. Goldschmidt, *American Scientist*, 1952

¹¹ What about the former theory “The earth is flat”? The vast majority of skilled men agreed on that at one time, but it did not make it true.

¹² What about spontaneous life?

¹³ Michael Behe, “If you search the scientific literature on evolution, and if you focus your search on the question of how molecular machines – the basis of life – developed, you find an eerie and complete silence.” “In this book I will examine several fascinating molecular machines, then ask whether they can ever be explained by random mutation/natural selection” – Michael J. Behe, *Darwin’s Black Box*, pp.5, on the origin of life.

¹⁴ Men of religion are conspicuously absent.

¹⁵ Note the circular, self-serving reasoning behind these statements.

validity of a hypothesis or theory, making it factual, but if it was true before discovery, it will not be any truer after discovery! Known or unknown, understood or misunderstood, does not have any effect upon truth...**any truth!** All true things are true before and after discovery (or understanding).

We admit that Creation isn't provable by man's "scientific method." We admit the element of faith in Creation (*Hebrews 11:1- (ASV) Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen*). Our point isn't that things cannot be accepted by faith, but that when we do accept them by faith, we should not pretend that they are proven in the sense of scientific demonstration.

Many modern and well-prepared non-evolutionary scientists have successfully demonstrated that evolution is *not* science. However, even more revealing perhaps, is the fact that its non-scientific nature is recognized by scientists that ascribe to the evolutionary theory themselves. For example, Loren Eiseley says

*"With the failure of these many efforts [to demonstrate evolution], science was left in the somewhat embarrassing position of having to postulate theories of living origins which it could not demonstrate. After having chided the theologian for his reliance on myth and miracle, science found itself in the unenviable position of having to create a mythology of its own: [and, I might add, a miracle of their own—i.e. the origin of life, RDB] namely, the assumption that what, after long effort could not be proved to take place today had, in truth, taken place in the primeval past."*¹⁶

Evolutionists are therefore in the same boat as the creationist concerning scientific demonstration—neither can be proven by the scientific method alone. Additionally, to say that the entire spectrum of knowledge can be investigated and advanced except for "religion" is censorship of the worst kind. Because of this censorship and scrutiny, many fear that to question evolution is to commit academic suicide.

Evolution: General Assumptions & 'Evidences'

Big Bang Theory

This is also called the "Universal Oscillation Theory"—it involves explosion and energy condensation. Some say that what is now the universe began with an energy ball the size of a fist or baseball. There's a problem here—what caused the "energy ball" to exist in the first place? And they say that believers in Creation are gullible!¹⁷

¹⁶ Loren Eiseley, *The Immense Journey* (New York: Random House, 1957), p. 199

¹⁷ The Hadron Collider, a multi-billion dollar experiment with 111 countries participating is "the latest and most powerful in a series of particle accelerators that, over the last 70 years, have allowed us to penetrate deeper and deeper into the heart of matter and further and further back in time"(Official Website). It not only weighs more than 38,000 tonnes, but runs for 27km

Theory of Drifting Continents

This is the theory that all of the continents were once connected as one super-continent, called by some “Pangaea.”¹⁸ Supposedly, this theory helps scientists establish eons of “time” and is backed up by fossils found on different continents. The problem with this theory? It has not been proven that continents *drift*. Some scientists, on the other hand, believe in the “socket” theory—that each continent is locked in its own place. Consider the following passage:

“To what were its foundations (sockets?) fastened (made to sink?)? Or who laid its cornerstone?” (Job 38:6, NKVJ)

Vestigial Organs: Theory of “unnecessary organs”

Science used to say there were over 100 organs of “vestigial” nature. It has been recently declared, however, that there are *no* vestigial organs in the human body and each organ has a specific function. The tonsils¹⁹ and the appendix have even recently fallen from the ranks of vestigial organs.

Ephesians 4:15-16 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-22 both teach us that each part of the body has a function—*“Those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble are necessary.”* Just because we, as humans, have not gained an explicit understanding of the function of every organ in the body, does not mean that there *is* no reason for them to be there!

Natural Selection: Survival of the Fittest

This theory supports the idea that those species or animals that are best equipped are the ones that survive, and the weaker ones die off. The problem with this is that it may be only a matter of perspective of what are subjective (and often ambiguous) standards—what constitutes the “fittest”? Smart? Strong? Fast? Domicile? Not only is there a problem with defining the terms of this theory, but it often contradicts what we actually observe in the wild.²⁰

Descended from Monkeys: Similarities in Human and Chimp Blood

Many scientists believe that similarities exist between human and chimp blood, indicating that they have a common ancestor. What is problem with this theory? They are still in reality, vastly different—in fact, they are so different that they are not similar at all! Also, you could just as easily conclude that the two species had a common Creator.

Genetics Argument

This is an involved argument that deals with genetic change, defined as “the gradual

(16.5m) in a circular tunnel 100 metres beneath the Swiss/French border at Geneva. It was/is intended to duplicate the “big bang” and prove the theory – it immediately malfunctioned upon startup and is presently (June 2009) being “repaired”. It has essentially been a colossal failure!

¹⁸ Pangaea – Hypothetical land area believed to have once connected nearly all of earth’s landmasses together.

¹⁹ Have been shown to be a major part of the defense system of the body against infection.

²⁰ We are told that only the best specimens breed, survive, but then see that very specimen killed or removed from the flock while a weaker member is left. It is commonly accepted by deer biologist that weaker animals often do the breeding.

transformation of some members of a species so that they can no longer breed with other members not transformed.”²¹ It also includes the idea that a person cannot evolve per se, but his *genes* can.²²

The problem with this theory is that there is absolutely no demonstration of this hypothesis. All men can interbreed although their genes have been mixing for centuries. There is no example of this in the animal world either.

To “prove” this, the example is used of the leopard frog and its inability to mate in different regions—but when all is said and done, they are still frogs!

The idea of quick genetic change is incorporated into this theory. However, most examples of quick genetic change do *not* result in a breed that can reproduce in kind—when a donkey mates with a horse, you get a sterile hybrid (a mule), and therefore a genetic dead end.

Recently, scientists have said that they believe that genetic codes are “fixed” among species. Why do you think this is? Could it possibly be the fact that God designed them that way?

Spontaneous Generation: How Life Began

This theory suggests that life came about by ‘lucky’ chemical combinations. Much is said about how life “could” have begun—and scientists even claim that “*experiments... have shown that primeval evolution COULD have produced MOST of the chemical molecules that are essential for the living process.*”²³ How many essentials can you leave out, though? One, two, 100, 1000? If they can be left out, then they are not essential, are they?

Consider the following statement: “*Evolution postulates spontaneous generation—the doctrine of evolution (that) asks us to believe that life came into existence originally in the absence of life to precede it.*”²⁴ What are the problems with this theory?

First of all, life begets life. This is a scientific fact—observable, repeatable, and historical. Even single-celled organisms are so complex that evolutionists have yet to duplicate them, and they want us to believe that the formation of the first single-celled organisms was a relatively simple occurrence. Even if man was able to produce “life” in a single-celled organism, would this not prove that it takes an *intelligent* mind to do so?

Spontaneous generation is also, mathematically speaking, highly improbable. For example, what is the probability of 10 pieces of paper, numbered 1-10, being placed in the proper order while blindfolded? One in 3.6 million. Now, consider the fact that there are 206 bones in the human skeleton. What is the probability that someone who has never seen a skeleton can

²¹ Peter Gastonguay, *Evolution for Everyone*

²² Ibid.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Creation does the same thing, except that it’s proponent’s point to the Living & Eternal God for the beginning of life in the Creation.

arrange them in the proper order? One in 10^{375} ! (Experiment by H. M. Morris)

Another problem with this theory is the common language used to back it up. Words such as “nearly,” “to some extent,” and “could” are repeatedly found in evolutionists’ statements. Consider the following: *“Man has produced in the lab NEARLY all the chemical substances found in living cells, learned, TO SOME EXTENT, how cells are put together, but only with parts from already living cells; and devised a scheme to describe how simple chemical substances COULD have progressively adapted to become so complex as to be called alive, and has PROVED in the lab... that this scheme is not impossible.”*²⁵ Would such flimsy language be accepted in court?

And finally, is there “enough time” to back up the theory of the naturalists? Le Comte De Nouy, a French scientist, calculated the mathematical odds of having evolved from non-living matter at 10^{243} billions of years! Even evolutionists only claim upward to a few billion years—so by their own calculations, there has not been “enough time” to support the theory of spontaneous generation.

Theory of Uniformitarianism

This theory holds that the origin and development of all things can be described in terms of the same material laws and processes that function today, and that there was no creation or catastrophes in the past.²⁶ However, there is abundant evidence of catastrophes in the past! The eruption of Mount St. Helen (May 18, 1980) is a great example of the impact a catastrophic event has—and it happened in our lifetime!^{27,28} Perhaps scientists are trying to remove the possibility of catastrophes in the future with this theory (such as destruction of the earth and Hell itself).

“Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.” (2 Peter 3:3-6, NKJV)

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.” (2 Peter 3:10, NKJV)

Time (and lots of it!)

Evolutionists need lots of time to prove their theories. They believe that if given enough time,

²⁵ Peter Gastonguay, *Evolution for Everyone*

²⁶ Note: Contradicts idea of spontaneous generation that needs a catastrophic event!

²⁷ Scientist are now studying the fossil remains created instantly in this eruption (qualifies as a catastrophic event).

²⁸ Some have tried to answer this problem by inventing another theory – the “Saltation Theory” – the supposed leap of one life form to another instantaneously (sounds like “creation” doesn’t it?)

anything can and will happen. Previously, evolutionists believed that the earth was 3 million years old. Now, some are projecting 4 to 5 billion years!

Paleontology, the study of fossils, is based around the evolutionists' concept of time. We cannot deny the existence of fossils—but we can deny that they prove vast amounts of time. Many scientists believe they came about because of great catastrophes, such as the Flood.

Trans-mutation

This is the process of changing from one form, substance, nature, or state to another. Evolutionists believe that many of the species on earth today are the result of mutations by species of the past. The problem with this idea is that mutations are usually harmful, and even when they are good they are not necessarily transmitted to the next generation. Also, most things that evolutionists claim as the result of trans-mutation are impossible by mutation—hair, teeth, feathers, poison in snakes, etc.

Embryonic Recapitulation

This is the proposal that the embryonic development of an individual organism followed the same path as the evolutionary history of its species. It was elaborately promoted beginning in 1866 by the German zoologist Ernst Haeckel. This theory has, since the early twentieth century, been refuted on many fronts. Haeckel's drawings, now admittedly liberally using artistic license, continue to be mainstays in many textbooks and articles about evolution.

Cambrian Explosion

The Cambrian period, according to evolutionists, is the period of geologic time, 570 million to 500 million years ago, during which invertebrate animal life, including trilobites, appeared, and marine algae developed. They claim that an explosion happened during this time period, effecting great changes to life on earth. This is their attempt to explain away all of the “missing links” and lack of intermediate life forms that would support their theories.

Evolution's Missing Links²⁹

- *The very beginning of life.*
- *Absence of transitional forms or intermediate species.*
- *Suitable explanation of the modus of evolution (the how).*
- *Links between vegetable and animal kingdoms*
- *Links between animals and man.*
- *An explanation for the origin of the soul—rationality, esthetics (capability for feeling), sense of moral responsibility, and desire for immortality.*
- *(Lack of) adequate proven time.*

²⁹ Gastonguay claims “few” missing links and considers fossils major evidence. How would we know how many “links” are missing?

Creation—is it reasonable?

Scriptural Claims

Creation is backed up by scriptural claims. (To list them all would be unnecessary since they are already combined for us in the Word.) However, here are a few passages that confirm that the earth was created by God:

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” (Colossians 1:16-17, NKJV)

“Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.” (Psalms 148:5, NKJV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (John 1:1-3, NKJV)

Life from Life, Kind after Kind

There are other reasons that Creation is more reasonable. For one, it is demonstrated that life comes from life. God is the all-powerful source of life and intelligence, so it follows logically that life which comes from life, ultimately comes from Him.

Also, everything (every living species) produces itself, kind after kind: *“And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”* (Genesis 1:25, NKJV) This is in accord with known science.

Where the evolutionist confuses similarity with identity, (i.e. commonalities between apes and man), the creationist recognizes the fundamental differences between kinds of living organisms. Consider the following: *“All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.”* (1 Corinthians 15:39, NKJV)

Creation also explains the soul of man, on the basis that man is created in the image of God: *“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”* (Genesis 1:27, NKJV)

The Creator and Sustainer

The creation is being sustained by the Creator. Consider the following passages:

“And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” (Colossians 1:17, NKJV)

“You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.” (Nehemiah 9:6, NKJV)

No Creation Today

There is no new creation today because it is finished (Genesis 2:1). The evolutionists try to define evolution merely as “change”—they really mean it as directional change: molecules changing into men over eons of time.

Scientific Accuracy of the Bible

There is actually no conflict between true science and real religion—every fact known can be attributed to Creation, and God has recorded it for us in His word. For example:

- *The earth is spherical.* The world didn’t realize this until at least 384-322 BC, and it was not “confirmed” until 1500-1700 AD. There are scriptures, however, dating as far back as 1033 BC that describe the earth as spherical (Proverbs 8:27, Isaiah 40:22, NKJV).
- *The earth revolves daily.* Aristotle, (384-322 BC), recognized the possibility of this, but it was rejected and replaced by Ptolemy’s theory, (that the sun, moon, and stars revolved around the earth), until the 16th century. Again, there are scriptures from 2000-1015 BC that confirm knowledge of this (Job 38:12-14, Psalms 89:36-37, NKJV).
- *The earth “hangs” unsupported.* The idea that the earth is not supported (held up) by anything in the universe was not accepted until 1543 AD. Man came up with all kinds of ideas of his own about how the earth was held up (on the back of a giant turtle, on the shoulders of Atlas, etc). However, Job recognized this fact in 2000 BC, stating that God “hangs the earth on nothing” (Job 26:7, NKJV).
- *The stars are innumerable.* Even as late as 150 BC, Hipparchus taught there were less than 3,000 stars. Modern telescopes have proven that there are in fact innumerable stars, but this fact—that the “host of heaven cannot be numbered”—was stated by Jeremiah as early as 628-588 BC (Jeremiah 33:22, NKJV).

The evidence is overwhelming! There are many other examples of things that the Bible states are true and have since been proven by science:

- Entire earth has been underwater (Genesis 1:2, Genesis 6)
- All seas lie in one bed (Genesis 1:9-10)
- Recesses in the deep (Job 38:16, 2 Samuel 22:16)
- Springs in the ocean (Job 38:16a)
- Ocean currents (Psalms 8:8)
- Water cycle (Job 36:27-28, Eccl. 1:7)
- Life in blood (Leviticus 17:11)
- Mankind is of one blood (Acts 17:26)

Creation—Are there problems?

While evolutionists consider things such as fossil evidence and the amount of “time” necessary for change to be stumbling blocks to the creationists’ beliefs, the only actual problem that we face is that of our own limited knowledge. We cannot possibly begin to understand exactly how God created this world because we cannot think like Him—

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the Lord”
(Isaiah 55:8, NKJV).³⁰

Conclusions

There is no room for evolution in the mind of a true Bible believer. He may think that the ideas can co-exist, but they cannot—in reality it is just unbelief! The more that man learns, the more he will understand that the Bible is truly the inspired word of God—it may be often blasphemed and ridiculed, but it has never been proven wrong.

Remember that evolution is a hypothesis, a theory—even a FAITH. It is not a scientific fact. Charles Limburg called evolution “science fiction,” and C.E. Allen Turner even accused evolutionists of being “intellectually dishonest.” And ultimately, evolution requires atheism:

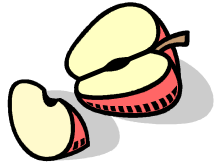
“The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.” (Psalms 14:1, NKJV)

Belief in evolution requires there to be no God, so there is no need to try to reconcile evolution with the Bible. There is no need to compare today’s scientific thoughts to the Scriptures if they clearly contradict God’s revelation to us.³¹

³⁰ The brevity of this section does not intend to ignore that opponents of creation have built 1,000s of straw men to burn with their argumentation.

³¹ Evolution is already beginning to fall into disfavor.

Chapter 3: The Fruits of Evolution



Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

(Matthew 7:13-20, KJV)

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

A tree is commonly determined by its fruit. An apple tree is known as an apple tree because of the fruit that it produces. When examined by sight only, however, fruit can be deceptive. A quince looks like an apple, feels like an apple, and smells sweet—but one taste is all it takes to discover that the bitter fruit is *not* the apple that it appeared to be.

In this study, we will examine the “fruits of evolution” and see if it is a good tree bringing forth good fruit, or a corrupt tree bringing forth evil fruit—kind after kind.

Where it All Started

Evolution is not the *cause* of all our social and spiritual ills, it is rather the *conductor* of the modernistic thinking that preceded Charles Darwin and continues to today. The skepticism and modernism of the 17th and 18th centuries profoundly influenced Darwin. He enhanced ideas germinated by those that preceded him into the definitive theory of evolution and published his “Origin of the Species” in 1859³² and “The Descent of Man” in 1871. These books soon became the “bibles” of skeptics and modernists.

³² It is interesting to note that Darwin did not disclose the “origin” of species in his book by the same title.

It must be noted that “Darwin’s theory” of evolution did not begin with Darwin³³ – so he didn’t “invent” any of the things we will be discussing – but his theories did serve to “crystallize” some previously existing thoughts.

The Permeation of the Theory of Evolution

The secular doctrine, (and it is a doctrine—a system of beliefs), of evolution permeates our society. It seems that there is no discipline or venue where it is excluded.

- **Science**—The science disciplines are dominated by its premises.
- **History**—Tainted by evolution’s suppositions (e.g. “ice-age,” “pre-historic,” and different supposed eras of pre-human existence, etc.).
 - Note that the Bible confirms that early man was able to:
 - Play music (not a necessity)—Genesis 4:21
 - Count, tell time, and record history—Genesis 5
 - Build fires, till the ground, etc.—Genesis 4:3-4
- **Paleontology**³⁴—Most paleontologists interpret fossils with the eye jaundiced by the presupposition of evolution.
- **Archeology**³⁵—Often begins with the premise of long “eons” of time. It is interesting, however, that when an ancient tool is found, it is often presumed to be human-made via an intelligent designer!
- **Medicine**—(e.g. long misguided by the premise of vestigial organs)—I suspect important medical discoveries have been retarded by the paradigm of evolution.
- **Mathematics & Economics**—I have seen numerous references to evolution in my son’s textbooks on these subjects.
- **“Nature” Television Programming**—(Animal Planet)—Most shows include numerous references to evolution.³⁶
 - In one recent half hour program, we were informed as “factual” that:
 - Porcupines migrated from South America 3 million years ago.
 - Tortoises were developing their protective shells long before the dinosaurs “evolved.”
 - Skunks evolved their odorous “stink” defense as protection.

³³ Darwin “rushed” publication of *Origin of the Species* when it appeared that **Alfred Russell Wallace** was about to publish a similar theory. The idea has been promoted that since Wallace and Darwin evidently came up with the same theory at virtually the same time, supposedly independent of each other, this is evidence of the truth of evolution (cf. *On the Origin of a Theory*, Richard Conniff, *Smithsonian*, June 2008 – pp. 86-93).

³⁴ Study of fossils

³⁵ Study of material remains – fossil relics, artifacts, monuments, etc.

³⁶ The narrator in a recent animal discovery show said “These antelopes have hooves that are *designed* to allow them to cross swampy terrain without sinking to their knees.” If they evolved, who *designed* them? Did evolution *design*?

- Beavers evolved their abilities to make and build dams so they could produce and use a wider area of habitat.
- **News Programming**—it is not uncommon to hear references to evolution in news programming.
 - Bill Press of “Buchannon & Press” said during an interview with a creationism science proponent, “There is no evidence for creationism... the Bible story is a parable... evolution is science, creationism is not.” (Aired on MSNBC, August 26, 2002).
- **Religion**—a constant compromise with so-called science in trying to present the Bible and evolutionary theory to be compatible.
 - Roman Catholicism’s Pope has declared that he sees no conflict between evolution and the Bible. The Catholic hierarchy has long taken a “theistic evolutionary” approach.³⁷

Not only is evolution ever-present in these areas, but even our children are inundated with this doctrine from their earliest school experiences. Henry M. Morris writes, “...*not only is evolution taught in the schools as a scientific dogma, but as basic in all the social sciences and humanities as well. It is, in fact, a complete world-view, purporting to explain the origin, development and meanings of all things.*”³⁸ In our school systems today, evolution is portrayed as “fact.” Consider the following excerpt from a handout given to first graders in a West Virginia school: “*Evolution is a fact. Facts are indisputable. It does not matter what your parents, Sunday school teacher, or preacher says—Evolution is a proven fact.*”³⁹

The theory of evolution is so totally accepted that no major college or university offers an alternative explanation to origins other than evolution. Few textbooks dare to examine the many problems with the evolutionary theory.⁴⁰

The Theory of Evolution: Academic & Intellectual Snobbery

There is definite snobbery associated with the theory of evolution, even though “academic freedom” is held to be sacrosanct⁴¹ in the study and promotion of evolution—meaning, primarily, the ideas of evolution may be “investigated” and promoted without restriction. Such does not apply equally to the investigations of “creation science” (e.g. Bill Press would not

³⁷ Reference my written discussion, early 1980’s, in the *Nicholas County Chronicle*, Summersville, WV.

³⁸ Henry M. Morris, Ph.D., “The Religion of Evolutionary Humanist and the Public Schools,” Institute for Creation Research, September 1977

³⁹ Science paper given to 1st grade students at Canvas Grade School, Canvas, WV, 1980.

⁴⁰ Stanfield’s *The Science of Evolution*, Macmillan, 1977 is one of the very few exceptions.

⁴¹ Sacrosanct: most sacred or holy

permit his interviewee to answer his statement that evolution is science while creationism is not).

There are dozens of scholarly books that are critical of evolution, (*Darwin on Trial*, *Darwin's God*, *Darwin's Black Box*, to name a few), but few students are made aware of them, nor are they made aware of the plethora of questions regarding evolution's legitimacy. "*Most students assume evolution is proven, the missing link is found, and all that is left are a few rough edges to smooth out.*"⁴² In fact, many of our academic institutions serve as apologists for humanism and also for evolution.⁴³ It is perceived to be proper and legal to present arguments against creation and for evolution, but it is considered inappropriate to criticize evolution or to present a creationist alternative. The creationist position, if it is discussed at all, is often ridiculed in ways that are neither objective nor scholarly.

Here are some examples of extreme attitudes and statements:

- *Anyone "who denies evolution is either ignorant, stupid, insane or wicked."*
--Richard Dawkins as quoted by A. Rorsch.
- *"...an understanding of evolution should be a part of the intellectual equipment of all educated persons."*
--Paul Moody, *Introduction to Evolution*.
- *"There is no basis for scientific creationism"*
-- Bruce Tiffany, Evolutionary Biologist, University of California.

Their reasoning is obviously circular: I'm intellectual. Therefore I don't believe in God. How do I know that God does not exist? Because I'm intellectual!

The Religion of Evolution

The more recent "creation movement" and the resistance of secular educators to this movement have clarified a very important fact: our schools and universities are controlled by the religious philosophy of evolutionary humanism.

The doctrine and theory of evolution *is* a religion.⁴⁴ Though many evolutionists would hotly contest this statement, many others admit (and even agree) that it is true.

⁴² Jerry Bergman, Ph.D. – Syllabus, "Does Academic Freedom Apply to Both Secular Humanist and Christians?"

⁴³ Bergman makes the point that the very fact that evolutionist do not mention religion or religious issues means that they are teaching very definite ideas about religion (as in "there is no place for religion in the mind of educated people"). Think about it ... religion is going to be taught in schools one way or the other ... it will (in this case) either promulgate secular evolution or a Divine being.

⁴⁴ **Religion** – Definition: "A cause, principle, or system of beliefs held to with ardor and faith" ; Ardor: "extreme vigor or energy" (i.e. Richard Dawkins -- rdb); **Faith**: "something that is believed, especially with strong conviction" – Merriam-Webster

- Michael Rusc admits that evolution is a secular *religion* and that its cathedrals are the museums of natural history. (Does that make the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History the National Cathedral of the religion of evolution?)⁴⁵
- Julian Huxley established a religion known as “evolutionary humanism.” It was reformed and refined by John Dewey into “religious humanism” in 1933. The results? Humanist Manifestos I & II. Both Hitler and Stalin were subscribers to its doctrines.

Just as a religious doctrine, evolution has a “creed” of its own—“*[Evolution] is a general postulate to which all theories, all hypothesis, all systems must henceforward bow and which they must satisfy in order to be thinkable and true. Evolution is a light which illuminates all facts, a trajectory which all lines of thought must follow.*”⁴⁶

Evolutionary theory also has its own form of excommunication—exile of the non-believer (in evolution) from the academic community, and censorship of their academic works.⁴⁷

Since evolution has not been proven, even in the slightest degree, to believe in it is to rely on “faith.” Evolutionists, like creationists, walk by faith, not by sight! “*Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” (Hebrews 11:1). What the evolutionist lacks is the “substance of things hoped for”!

The Atheism of Evolution

There is no doubt of the existence of skepticism and atheism well before Darwin and the development of his theoretical doctrine of evolution. There have been, almost since the creation, those who “knew not God” and those who fell under the edict of Psalms 14:1 and 53:1—“*The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.*” Epicurus (341?-270 BC) was an atheist whose disciples are mentioned in the Bible (Acts 17:18). Darwin himself was no doubt influenced by the noted deists, atheists, and skeptics (sometimes referred to as modernists) that preceded him, including Thomas Burnet (1635-1715), Edmund Halley (1656-1742), William Whiston (1667-1752), and David Hume (1711-1776). However, there can be no doubt that evolution is the present conduit the Devil is using to foster unbelief.

There is disagreement among “academics” as to whether Darwin’s theory led him to atheism or his skeptical core beliefs led him to evolution. Phillip E. Johnson, author of “Darwin on Trial,” contends that Darwin descended from being a believer to an unbeliever. Cornelius G. Hunter, author of “Darwin’s God,” argues that Darwin and those who were his contemporaries and his subsequent disciples have always been motivated by their skepticism. Bales contends that

⁴⁵ Michael Rusc, (Florida State University) symposium at the University of California, Santa Barbara, “Science, Religion and the Human Experience – Darwinism & Atheism: Marriage Made in Heaven?”

⁴⁶ Pierre de Chardin, as quoted by Theodosius Dobzhansky in ‘Journal of Heredity,’ Vol. 68, No. 3, 1977, p. 3.

⁴⁷ For verification of this statement see the documentary **Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed** by Ben Stein

Darwin campaigned against the idea of God after the death of his beloved daughter. Hunter disagrees that Darwin was an atheist, but Charles Hodge counters that Darwinism *is* atheism in his book, “What is Darwinism?”

Michael Rusc argues that Darwin was “a pretty ardent Christian.” He claims that Darwin, in his early years, (presumably before his Cambridge Education?), “...took the Bible absolutely literally.” However, Rusc reveals, as his speech progressed, pertinent facts that are contradictory to his summary conclusion: 1.) that Darwin’s grandfather and mother were at the very least deists⁴⁸ and probably Unitarians; 2.) that Darwin’s grandfather had already toyed with the idea of evolution; and 3.) Darwin wanted to be “the Sir Isaac Newton of biology” and went looking for a “mechanism” that would distinguish him from the norm. He assumed the theory of “unbroken natural law” and considered that he found his mechanism in “natural selection.”

Michael Rusc also historically connects Darwin to other skeptics and atheists of his day—e.g. Thomas Huxley. Huxley made no secret that he professed the need for a secular religion to fight against the Church. He found his religion in the doctrine of evolution.

Evolutionists’ Atheistic Proponents

This list could be almost inexhaustible, but here are a few who have achieved a fair level of influence and notoriety.

- Carl Sagan (1934-1996).
- Stephen J. Gould (1941-2002)—Harvard University.
- Richard Dawkins (perhaps the most adamant and outspoken)—Oxford University. Author of the God-critical and caustic book, “The Blind Watchmaker.”
- Peter Gastonguay—Author of “Evolution for Everyone.”

Even to the evolutionist, religion must have an explanation, and they have one. They say it was a comforting remedy invented by the fearful ignorant to explain away the “unknown.” Religion is now, according to the evolutionist, unneeded because man has enlightened himself. Thus, in their way of thinking, religion is a result of evolution, appearing quite naturally, but now unneeded like a “vestigial” organ. This is the reverse of Paul’s statements in Romans 1:21-25. Evolution is their way of worshipping the “creature” and not the Creator (See also Jeremiah 10:23).

Richard Dawkins is correct when he proclaims that “there is no room for belief in God in the doctrine of evolution.” Cornell University professor William Provine insists that the conflicts between evolution and religion are inescapable, to the extent that the person who manages to

⁴⁸ Deism – System of thought advocating natural religion, and in the 18th century the interference of the Creator with the laws of the universe – Merriman- Webster

retain religious beliefs while accepting evolutionary biology will have to “check [their] brains at the church house door.”⁴⁹

Secular Humanism

Jerry Bergman gives us a good definition: “Secular humanism is based on belief that man created God as a projection of his own mind, and that the mind of man is the final arbiter of morality and the only source of information about ourselves, others, and our world.”⁵⁰

Secular humanism, thus defined, is a form of existentialism—a philosophy that emphasizes the uniqueness and isolation of the individual experience in a hostile or indifferent universe, regards human existence as unexplainable, and stresses freedom of choice and responsibility for the consequences of one’s acts.

In a sort of reversal, evolution has become the adopted step-child of Secular Humanism. Evolutionary humanism in our schools is not only a religion, but it is a religion that opposes Christianity and the Bible in no uncertain terms. Kai Nielsen states that “...*in cultures such as ours, religion is very often an alien form of life to intellectuals. Living as we do in a post-Enlightenment era, it is difficult for us to take religion seriously. That people in our age can believe... [in God]... is something that attests to human irrationality and lack of sense of reality.*”⁵¹

Morality is ultimately the victim—evolution does not require a Supreme Being (God). If God is not needed for creation, then there is no need of God (i.e. the Genesis account is not true, and if the Genesis account is not true, then no part of the Bible is true—cf. Psalms 43:3, 117:2, 146:6, and John 17:17). If there is no God, then there can be no accountability! For every false teaching, there is a consequence.

Philosopher Aldous Huxley (1894-1963), grandson of evolutionist Thomas Huxley (1825-1895) and brother of evolutionist Julian Huxley (1887-1975), one of the early advocates of a “drug culture” and sexual permissiveness, wrote:

“I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning; consequently assumed it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption... The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics; he is also concerned to prove there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do... For myself as no doubt for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was simultaneously liberation from an economic system and liberation from a certain

⁴⁹ Darwin on Trial, Phillip E. Johnson, InterVarsity Press, 1993, page 126

⁵⁰ Jerry Bergman, Ph.D.

⁵¹ Kai Nielsen, “Religiosity and Powerlessness: Part III of ‘The Resurgence of Fundamentalism’, “The Humanist, Vol. XXXVII, May-June 1977, p. 46

*system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.*⁵²

Huxley blatantly admits that he has an agenda in his atheism. But note, if there is no God, no accountability, and no hell, then there is also no heaven, and no salvation.

Secular Results—Disregard for Life and Misplaced Priorities

The evolutionary world-view has removed moral order and replaced it with chaos. The results are devastating to society as a whole and to individual souls. If there is no God, then there is no hope (Ephesians 2:11-12).

There is also an impact on the regard for life. The results of evolutionary philosophy are “logical”:

- I. If life evolved from nothing, it is essentially meaningless.
- II. If meaningless, and we are not accountable to the Supreme Being, what restricts us from eliminating that meaningless life?

Darwinism teaches that “our lives are brief and inconsequential in the cosmic scheme of things”⁵³ and that “life has no ultimate purpose because there is no heaven, hell, or afterlife...”⁵⁴ Chet Ramos, (in *Skeptics & True Believers*), adds that since Darwinism has demolished the belief that the universe and human beings have an ultimate purpose, our educational system must inculcate, (impress upon the mind by repetition—synonymous with “brainwash”), young people in “cold and clammy truths like descent from reptilian or amoebic ancestors” and “our lives are brief and our fate is oblivion.”⁵⁵

Brethren, do we really want our children taught that life has no ultimate purpose and that our minds are merely a computer made of meat?

Richard Dawkins, in a speech entitled “A Scientist’s Case Against God,” argued that Darwinism “has shown higher purpose to be an illusion.”

- III. This “logic” isn’t always verbalized, but it is often actualized! Evolution is not the originator, but it is the promulgator!
- Many evolutionists are proponents of abortion—the murder of unborn infants. Carl Sagan promoted the idea that life in the womb traces an evolutionary history (he himself was a proponent of abortion). The attitude demonstrated by these proponents

⁵² Aldos Huxley, “Confessions of a Professed Atheist” – as quoted by Henry M. Morris, “The Religion of Evolutionary Humanism and the Public Schools” September 1977.

⁵³ Chet Ramos, *Skeptics and True Believers*, p. 110

⁵⁴ *ibid*, page 42

⁵⁵ *ibid*, pages 144 & 222

only further emphasizes the disregard that evolutionists have for the value of life:

“The one regret that I have about my own abortions is that they cost money that might otherwise have been spent on something more pleasurable...” (Barbara Ehrenreich, b. 1941, U.S. author and columnist. *The Worst Years of Our Lives, “Their Dilemma and Mine,”* 1991)⁵⁶

- Infanticide—the practice of killing newborn infants.
- Euthanasia—the act or practice of ending the life of an individual suffering from a terminal illness or an incurable condition.
- Suicide—the act or an instance of intentionally killing oneself. This is the number one cause of death among teens in the U.S. Why? Because they have been taught that they have no purpose and no future!
- Mass murder—school and post office murder is almost common.
- Genocide—the systematic and planned extermination of an entire national, racial, political, or ethnic group.
 - It is interesting to note that Lenin, Stalin, Marx, Mao Tse-Tung are all claimed among the “honor roll” of atheists—and Adolph Hitler, though perhaps not an avowed atheist, was certainly an evolutionist. He thought he could “help along” a master race; though we might not be able to accuse Marx of participating in genocide, his philosophy almost certainly seduced others to practice it.

Misplaced Priorities, Prejudices, and Harmful Cultural Effects

- **Racism**—Paul G. Humber chronicles the relationship between evolution and racism in his paper entitled *“The Ascent of Racism”* (published by the Institution of Creation Research, February 1987). For years the National Geographic Society has designed and presented models that portray an ascendance from apes through Negroes to Caucasians. What, then, can be the inference? Evolution did not invent racism, but it has certainly been a proponent of it.
- **Women’s Inferiority**—Darwin believed and taught that women were intellectually inferior (“evidenced by smaller brains”) but that they were “better than dogs for companions.” This belief, when coupled with other results of evolutionary belief, may well contribute to the physical abuse that is so prevalent in today’s society.
- **Environmental “Concerns”**—Today, it is quite often that environmental concerns take priority over the welfare of humans; people would rather hug a tree than hug a child. If

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we think about it, the environmentalist creates the perfect test for the “survival of the fittest” theory—and whatever does not survive did not need to survive anyway. If this is how life is valued, of what consequence is extinction to an evolutionist anyway? Though we are most certainly to be good stewards of our planet, we need to constantly remember these things were put here for our use: *“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”* (Genesis 1:28, KJV)

- **Animal Rights**—Since man is, in the minds of many, only “another animal,” they often come to two extreme conclusions:
 - 1.) that human life is no more valuable than that of a rat, cat, or bat;
 - 2.) that animals are to have “rights” equal to or exceeding human rights—lower life is to be protected even at the expense of human life.

The Bible teaches that animals should not be misused or treated cruelly: *“A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel”* (Proverbs 12:10, KJV). However, it is clear that man is to have dominion over the animals (Genesis 1:28).

Cultural Implications of Humanist Conclusions

Humanist ideologies stemming from evolutionary theory have a great impact on several aspects of society. A few of these are:

- *Decline in honesty and integrity (since there is no accountability).*
- *More vulgarity and profanity.*
- *Materialism and greed.*
- *Increased drug and substance abuse.*
- *Destruction of the family—if we believe we are animals, we act like animals and forget we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).*
- *Crime and violence.*

The list goes on and on!

Compromise Amongst God's People

The road of compromise looks attractive to many—but it is a one-way street. Has compromise ever persuaded the evolutionist to meet the creationist halfway? No! There is no room for compromise in evolutionary theory, and we as Christians must recognize this fact. There is no room for compromise with a Pantheistic Evolutionist (one who identifies the Deity with the universe) or a Deistic Evolutionist (one who believes that Deity created the universe, then abandoned it).

There also is no room for concessions with a Theistic Evolutionist—one who believes that God “got the evolutionary ball rolling” by sparking life and then perhaps even gently guiding evolution in the direction He wanted. This theory is the basis of our present “Day-Age” theory controversy (many claim today that they don’t know how long a “day” is—and use this as a way to explain that the 7 days of creation were really long periods of time). If the Genesis account of creation is wrong, then the entire book cannot be trusted. And if the entire Bible cannot be trusted, then we have no hope and are actually without God in the world (refer to the Oliphant-Smith Debate).⁵⁷

Compromise cannot be made with *Neo-Creationism* either (belief that the Biblical account is not relative to the question of creation; some even seem apologetic for it). We need not be ashamed of the mighty work of the word of God! I believe that this movement began as a result of many being ashamed to be described as “religious fundamentalists” and being dismissed as ignorant. We cannot be afraid to stand up for what the Bible states as truth!

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.” (1 Corinthians 1:18-21, NKJV)

“Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Corinthians 1:25, NKJV)

“But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.” (1 Corinthians 1:27, NKJV)

Solutions

Whatever solutions are considered, they must start in the home and be solidified in the teaching of the church. We must have an uncompromising faith in and teaching of the creation as described in the Bible (i.e. not suggesting that the 7 days of creation were longer periods of time). There must also be a free exposure of the deficiencies of the evolutionary doctrine—we

⁵⁷ The Oliphant – Smith debate was held in Shawnee, Oklahoma, August 15 and 16, 1929 between W.L. Oliphant and Charles Smith. Smith was at the time President of the American Association for Advancement of Atheism. Oliphant was a preacher for the church of Christ. Oliphant denied believing in the literal six days of creation. Smith retorted that Oliphant was no more a believer than he was!

must show the hoaxes for what they are: full of contradictions and lacking in sustainable evidence.

Not only must we expose the flaws of evolutionary theory, but we must constantly affirm the wonders of Creation about us: *“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well”* (Psalms 139:14, KJV). One place where evolution is obviously prevalent is in public schools—remember that home schooling is a viable option! Short of that, we will be busy critically editing our children’s curriculum! We must stand and protest against the establishment of this secular religion in our schools. We have every right to challenge their bigotry—they claim a separation of church and state, but what about the religion of evolution?

We must refute the claims of evolution. Their merely saying, “It is a fact,” does not make factual. Empirical evidence denies evolution! (Kind after kind—Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24). We must point out the inconsistency of their often repeated (inculcate) prevarications.

Conclusions: Look to the Scriptures

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (Romans 1:16-25, KJV)

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. (Romans 1:22, KJV)

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. (2 Corinthians 10:12, KJV)

Chapter 4: Theistic Evolution

Unnecessary Compromise



“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent.”

(Romans 16:17-18, ASV)

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There is no room for creation in the theory of evolution; likewise, there is no place in the belief of creation for the tenants of evolution.
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There is a growing trend in religious and theological⁵⁸ circles of failing to honestly examine the evidence given in Scripture. Because of this, some professed Bible-believers have attempted to reconcile belief in God and the Bible with evolution. Many have been convinced that if they reject evolution, they will be excluded from academic and educated circles. This effort to reconcile the two views of evolution and Creation has led to a position dubbed as “theistic evolution.”⁵⁹

What is Theistic Evolution?

The word “theistic” comes from the Greek word *theos*, meaning God. Therefore, when one claims to be a “theistic” evolutionist, he is claiming to believe in both God and evolution at the same time. There are evidently many in the religious world, and perhaps not a few in the church, who think that Genesis can and must be harmonized with the theories of evolution.

⁵⁸**Theology:** the study of religious faith, practice, and experience ; *especially* : the study of God and of God's relation to the world – Merriman-Webster

⁵⁹ Also known by the synonyms: “religious evolution,” “mitigated evolution,” “progressive creation.” or “threshold evolution”

Dr. R. L. Wysong wrote, “*Basically, theistic evolution contends that abiogenesis (the spontaneous formation of life from chemicals) and evolution (amoeba to man through eons of time) have occurred, but a creator was instrumental in forming the initial matter and laws, and more or less guided the whole process.*”⁶⁰

The theistic evolutionist believes organic evolution was simply “the way God did it” as He brought the universe and all it contains into existence. There are almost as many “varieties” of theistic evolution as there are people who espouse it, but there are a few characteristics that are germane to all. They all believe in:

- *An ancient universe/earth (multi-billion years old).*
- *Wholly and completely natural processes were responsible for life as we see it, once the initial matter was “struck” into existence by God.*
- *Figurative (non-literal) interpretation of the Genesis account of creation.*

Make no mistake about it—conventional and dedicated evolutionists make no such claims as these. They deny that God was involved in any way at all.

The Theistic Evolutionist

As evolutionists, theistic evolutionists believe that they are intellectuals; also claiming to believe the Bible makes them see themselves as flexible. They try to “walk the fence” between the two beliefs of creation and evolution, and are forced to make serious modifications to both theories to reconcile them into theistic evolution. What is the result of this?—the stance of theistic evolution is looked on as absurd by both the evolutionist and creationist.

The Popularity of Theistic Evolution

You might ask, since it is looked down on by both creationists and evolutionists, is theistic evolution popular? The answer is yes, and immensely so among many “religious” people.

Some accept it because they do not believe it is contradictory to the Bible. In fact, they say, that it is even *compatible* with the Scriptures:

- *“The concept of evolution is neither degrading to man, detrimental to human dignity, nor in conflict with the Bible.”⁶¹*
--Dr. Neal Buffaloe

⁶⁰ Dr. R.L. Wysong, **The Creation—Evolution Controversy**, Inquiry Press, East Lansing, Michigan, 1976, p 63

⁶¹ Dr. Neal Buffaloe, **God or Evolution?**, *Mission*. April, 1969. Pp 17,20, 21 – as quoted in Reason & Revelation. March, 1983 Vol. III, No. 3

- *“If we look carefully at the issues about which we are talking, however, we can find that evolution and the Bible show amazing agreement on almost all issues and that one is not mutually exclusive to the other.”*⁶²

Others accept theistic evolution because they feel it does not matter all that much. Dr. Buffaloe remarked, *“What do we care that man the animal is a product of evolution as long as man the spirit is begotten of God?”* We do care, and it *does matter*. Consider Matthew 22:29 (KJV)—*“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”*

Many believe in theistic evolution because they have been intimidated by fancy proclamations of “proven facts” and impressive scholarly credentials set in ornate phraseology by the scientific community. This is even true of some from within the church. We need to be aware of them—*“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the **doctrine which ye learned**: and turn away from them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and **by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent**”* (Romans 16:17-18, ASV, emphasis mine, RDB).

Paul states in the beginning of his letter to the church at Rome that *“the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse”* (Romans 1:20, KJV). Some might object that this is a misuse of this passage. I admit that Paul is not addressing the modern day debate about evolution, but in the greater context of Romans—the righteousness of God being revealed from faith to faith, and the just living by faith (1:17)—and the gospel of Christ being God’s power unto salvation (1:16)—Paul includes the argument that God can clearly be seen through His wondrous creation.

Christians have also become victims of sustained smear and propaganda campaigns. We have been taught that “anyone entitled to judgment” believes in evolution, that “all reputable scientists” accept evolution, and that “belief in evolution is a part of the learning process of all thinking persons.” This sort of mindset, this intimidation, has convinced some that evolution must somehow be worked into the Bible.

⁶² John Clayton, **The Source**, Privately Published by the Author, South Bend, IN, 1976. P. 130 – as quoted in **Reason and Revelation**. March, 1983 Vol. III, No. 3

Difficulties for the Theistic Evolutionist

Not from the Scriptures

The first, and most important, difficulty is that this doctrine is not found in the Scriptures. To compromise the matter of origins is to compromise the entirety of the Bible. You cannot simply “pick and choose” parts to believe and discredit others. If the first chapters of the Bible are not trustworthy, then none of the Bible can be trusted! Theistic evolution is nothing more than the denial of what God said that He did.⁶³

Absence of Any Biblical Statement

Secondly, there is no Biblical statement, example, or even inference which would demonstrate theistic evolution to be true. Wouldn't you think it peculiar that if God “got the evolutionary ball rolling,” He would neglect to reveal that fact to us, somehow, in His word? Robert Camp, in *A Critical Look at Evolution*, wrote “...God could have accomplished the origin of life in any way He chose, by evolution or by creation, but an admission that there is a God and that He made such an accomplishment in any way, means that we are totally dependent upon His revelation to determine which way. His revelation declares creation, not evolution.”⁶⁴

Yes, God is powerful enough to have brought about the creation of the universe in any way He chose. But the Scriptures tell us that He created it in six days, and that is what we need to hold up as true. Biblical texts plainly teach fiat⁶⁵ creation:

“For in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”
(Exodus 20:11, ASV)

“It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.”
(Exodus 31:17, ASV)

“Thou art Jehovah, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and thou preservest⁶⁶ them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.”
(Nehemiah 9:6, ASV)

We are plainly told that the entire creation took place in six days, not over multiplied billions of years. If it was billions of years, wouldn't God have revealed *that* to us? Any interpretation

⁶³ Comment: If you give a man a false concept of his origin, you can be sure he will have a false concept of his destiny.

⁶⁴ Robert Camp. *A Critical Look at Evolution*. Atlanta, Georgia. 1972. Pp 205-206

⁶⁵ Fiat: 1 : a command or act of will that creates something without or as if without further effort – Merriam-Webster.

⁶⁶ “preservest” is from Hebrew -- Hebrew Word: חָיָה, Transliteration: hāyâ meaning whether literal or figurative; causative to revive :- keep (leave, make) alive, × certainly, give (promise) life,—Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

which attempts to “stretch” the instantaneous, creative work of God over millenniums finds itself in direct conflict with the *direct* and *plain* statements of the revelation of God:

“By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: He layeth up the deeps in store-houses. Let all the earth fear Jehovah: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” (Psalms 33:6-9, ASV)

No Explanation for Adam

Thirdly, theistic evolution cannot explain Adam as the first man. If the world was created by God, through evolution, then shouldn't there be evidence of intermediate species, or “trial” runs? Both Moses and Paul make it clear that Adam was the first man, created by the breath of Jehovah:

“And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Genesis 2:7, ASV)

“So also it is written, the first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.” (1 Corinthians 15:45, ASV)

If Adam is a lie, then Jesus Christ and His resurrection is also a lie, and we as Christians are also liars (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:15, “false witnesses”), and of all men most miserable, (15:19), as we have no hope of a resurrection unto eternal life!

No Explanation for the Origin of the Soul

Fourthly, theistic evolution cannot explain where man acquired his soul. It seems that to be consistent, theistic evolutionists must maintain that the image of God in man—man's soul and spirit—was evolved through time. This means that they have to rely on the miraculous power of God to grant man a soul—so why are they so hesitant to believe that God miraculously gave life to the physical body, creating it from the dust of the earth? The non-theistic evolutionist no more accepts the concept of the soul of man than they accept the creation of the body of man, because it does not make sense to deny one concept and embrace the other.

The Bible plainly states that God created man in the image of God, and He gave that man a soul:

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27, NKJV)

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Genesis 2:7, KJV)

Remember, we are Christians who believe in the “saving of the soul” (Hebrews 10:39)—can we possibly support the idea that the soul evolved along with all the other parts of man? Attempting to deal with this serious problem has led to the false concepts of “progressive creation” and “threshold evolution”—the idea is to show that God “intervened” in the evolutionary process to “place” a soul in man. Can we see the problem with this? Evolutionary processes are based upon uniformitarianism—the concept that the present is the key to the past, and that processes now going on have always gone on at standard, uniform rates. The minute that you let God “stick His hand” into the alleged evolutionary process, you have destroyed uniformitarianism once and for all. The supernatural (God) and uniformitarian (evolution) events are mutually exclusive. In the case of man’s soul, it is impossible to have both evolution *and* God’s intervention.⁶⁷

Denial of Biblical Catastrophes

The Bible contains records of several catastrophic events—the flood (Genesis 6-8), the plagues of Egypt (Exodus 7), the destruction of Sodom (Genesis 18-19)—and the concept of the miraculous is an intrinsic part of the Bible. To deny the miraculous is to deny the Scriptures and the power of God—the same mistake that the Sadducees made in Matthew 22:29. Evolution requires uniformitarianism with its trite phrase, “the present is the key to the past” as its watchword. Evolutionists state emphatically that all things are going on today just like they always have, and always will. The Bible plainly denies this idea—the resurrection of Christ, in itself, is enough to deny evolution’s uniformitarian theory.

“But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up; if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.”

(1 Corinthians 15:13-19, NKJV)

Contradicts Bible Record of Finished Creation

Evolution, theistic or not, openly contradicts the Bible record of a finished creation. It is clearly recorded in Genesis that at the end of the sixth day, creation was complete: *“And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.”* (Genesis 2:1, ASV)

⁶⁷ Comment: People all over the world practice some form of religion, but no one has ever known of a religious monkey or dog!

Contradicts Doctrine of Fixed and Distinct Kinds

Evolution clearly contradicts the doctrine of fixed and distinct kinds (species). Evolutionists believe that species have the ability to adapt and change over time, eventually leading to the development of new species altogether. The Bible tells us no such thing:

“And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the ground after its kind: and God saw that it was good.” (Genesis 1:25, ASV)

“But God giveth it a body even as it pleaseth Him, and to each seed a body of its own.” (1 Corinthians 15:38, ASV)

These “facts”—that there are distinct and never changing kinds—have been proven repeatedly, and never once disproven.

Denial of the Six Day Creation

Theistic evolution denies the six day creation that is attested to by Divine inspiration. Instead, proponents of theistic evolution theorize that the “days” of creation were not 24 hour days, but long eons of time instead, lasting perhaps even billions of years.

First, the usage of the Hebrew word יוֹם (yōme) in Genesis 1, as it describes the first day, second day, etc., means a *24 hour day*. Second, the word is further defined by the use of evening and morning—so in the context of Genesis 1, where we have established day and night, light and darkness, it means an entire day (24-hours), with an evening and a morning. Third, the connection between this account and Exodus 20:11, 31:17 cannot be mistaken:

“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.” (Exodus 20:11, NKJV)

“It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.” (Exodus 31:17, NKJV)

The whole reason for the emphasis upon the sixth day and the seventh day is to show why God chose the seventh day to be the day of rest He ordained for Israel. In order to do this effectively, the days of Genesis 1 and the days of Exodus 20:11, 31:17 must be 24-hour days! Moses emphatically spoke of the six days of creation, and the seventh day in which God rested. Until it is reasonably shown that Moses was making a figurative use of six days, it remains that he *said* that the whole universe was made in six days.

Another reason is that Genesis 1:14-18 states that the sun, moon, and stars were made “for signs, seasons, days, and years.” If we are to believe that the days were actually long ages, then what were the seasons and years?

Romans 1:20 claims that “someone” has been here, to see and understand God’s power, since the creation of the world. This is not a problem for those who believe that man was created within the same actual week everything else was created. But, those who believe each day represents a long age have a problem. If man was created after the other elements of creation, then this passage makes no sense. Jesus’ own statement—“From the beginning of the creation God made them male and female” (Mark 10:6)—confirms this line of reasoning. The day/age theory places man at the end of millions or billions of years of geologic time, not at the beginning.

If the days were long ages, as needed by theistic evolutionists, we have the wrong chronological order of events in the Genesis account. Plants were created on day three, but insects were not created until days five or six. Plants depend upon cross-pollination to thrive—how did plants survive, then, for long ages without their insect helpers?

Theistic evolutionists teach that we live in an ancient universe, while we actually live in a relatively young universe that was created in six literal days by our omnipotent God. Why, then, did the new creation have the appearance of age?—because God created the world in mid-cycle. Adam was created as a grown man. The trees he ate from were grown, fruit-bearing trees. The animals and plants were created full grown (Genesis 1:11, 12, 20-25). The rivers flowed through riverbeds already carved out of the earth. Coal was already present in the earth—fossils were probably there as well. Light was already put in place. The list goes on!

Conclusions

So, all things considered, what do we need to do with what God has revealed to us through the Scriptures? We need to be able to say, “I must take what the Bible says with honor and respect.” We must make the effort to understand the creation around us in the light of God’s revelation. The ‘book of nature’ must be interpreted by the book of revelation—not vice versa!

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
(Hebrews 11:1, NKJV)

We need to have faith in the revealed Word of God. Any attempt to compromise what the Bible says, any attempt to take the untenable approach of theistic evolution, is to “sleep with the enemy.” Evolutionists see no such compromise between Creation and evolution, and they see theistic evolutionists for what they are—absurdly contradictory!

*“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, **immovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:55-58, NKJV)*

Chapter 5: This is My Father's World



“Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with the inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshipped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being..”

(Acts 17, 22-28, NKJV)

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***This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of
the spheres! (Maltbie Babcock—1901)***
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One who contends against the creation contends against God.

It is proper to use the avenues of evidential apologetics in teaching about the existence of God. Paul used the natural world in his presentation on Mars Hill in Athens. In this passage, he proclaims to the listeners that God made the world and everything in it. He also told them that God is the Lord of heaven and earth, and therefore has authority over it. God is not limited to the physical temples of men, and He gives life, breath, and all things. He has determined their “pre-appointed times” and the boundaries of their dwelling—thus showing the omnipotence of God in every realm.

Again, in Romans 1, Paul uses aspects of the natural world to prove God’s existence and power:

“So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is revealed

a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness; because that which is known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them. For the invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse: because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened,” (Romans 1:15-21, ASV).

In this passage, Paul confirms that God made Himself known to man through the invisible things (that have been clearly seen since creation), and that His creation demonstrates His everlasting power and divinity (cf. John 1:1-3, Hebrews 1:1-3, etc).

We want to take a very limited look into the book of nature at a few of the wonders of God’s magnificent creation. If we cannot see the intelligent design of our omnipotent God, we have been blinded by the god of this world—

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them,” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, KJV).

We will take brief looks at the earth and heavens, the animal kingdom, and the human body.

Considering the Earth and the Heavens

The Earth

The earth may appear to some to be randomly scattered in the universe, but we know that there is a certain precision in its location, at least in relationship to the sun and moon.

The earth is placed exactly the right distance from the sun (neither too hot, nor too cold), and in the right spot, and within a magnetic field to protect us from harmful radiation. Even the tilt of the earth (23.5°) is ideal to regulate heat. If the tilt increased to 45°, summers would be too hot, and winters too cold. If the tilt were decreased, the equator would be too hot and the poles would be too cold.

The mass of the earth is just right to create the gravitational pull that holds onto life sustaining gases.

Life requires liquid water; the earth sits just the right distance from the sun to allow water to flow as a liquid. Three quarters (3/4) of the earth is covered by water! No other planet is known to have this essential ingredient to life.

The earth has just the right chemicals to sustain life. About 99% of the universe is made up of hydrogen and helium (at least as far as we know), but the earth is different. It is made up of heavier elements which can form compounds essential for life.

The earth has a large moon that lights the night while regulating the tides and keeping the oceans from stagnating.

Isaiah wrote that the earth was specially designed by God to be inhabited:

“For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:18, NKJV)

Plants

Plants are “energy processors”—they absorb energy from the sun and convert it into usable energy (food) for other living things. Some of the functions of plants are:

- They produce food.
- They produce oxygen (converted from carbon dioxide).
- They provide homes for animals.
- They retard (prevent) erosion.
- They retain moisture.

Plants testify to God’s wisdom and His provision—*“Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so,” (Genesis 1:30, NKJV).*

The Sun

The sun was created by God to “rule” the day and to give light upon the earth. It also marks signs and seasons, and is completely unique—it is the ideal size to support life on the earth (not too small, not too big). The sun is an extremely efficient source of constant energy—every second it produces enough energy to run one billion major cities for a year!

The Stars

We are part of a galaxy of stars called the Milky Way. It is estimated to number over 100 billion stars! It is also claimed that there are an estimated 100 billion galaxies in the visible universe alone.

The stars were created to light the night skies, to mark the passage of time, and to declare the glory of God—*“Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the*

heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good,” (Genesis 1:16-18, NKJV). Consider also the following passages—

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.”
(Psalms 19:1, NKJV)

“He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.” (Psalms 147:4, NKJV)

The Animal Kingdom

More than a million different species and organisms are known to inhabit the earth. About 70% of these are animals. Their scope in numbers and diversity are truly remarkable. Even a drop of salt water contains an impressive zoo. Within this diversity, we find each has been designed by God to meet the challenges of its everyday existence.

The Scriptures echo across every hillside, desert, and plain. For within the precepts of order and design so inherent throughout the animal kingdom, the fingerprints of God are indelibly etched. Observation will bring a new sense of wonder.

The writer of Job says, *“But now ask the beasts and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?”* (Job 12:7-10, NKJV)

Let us look briefly at a handful of illustrations that will teach us. We will want to ask as we go along, how could these complexities have *evolved* into what they are now?

Spider

The spider spins its web perfectly the first time, and every time! The fibers are as durable as those used in bullet-proofed vests and stronger than steel of equal weight. What could have prompted such evolution and how could they have survived without their essential webs before hand?

Archer fish

This fish, from the coastline of Malaysia, is able to shoot powerful blasts of water at targets up to four feet away with uncanny accuracy while overcoming the visual obstacle of refraction, knocking them from perches into the water so they can be caught and eaten.

Bats

Bats, creation’s only flying mammals, are guided by a sophisticated sonar navigation system. They are able to detect accurately the size, distance, texture, and relative velocity of any

target—so accurate that some species of bats can tell the difference between the ripples made on the surface of a pond by a fallen leaf and those caused by a fish breaking the surface. (Did you know that some bats fish?)

Honey Bees

Honey bees have amazingly complex communications. Some people have supposed that scout bees lead others to food sites. However, there is an even *more* amazing process!

Scouts find the food and return to the hive to share their discoveries by passing out samples. They then relay the information as to location via a “dance”—which communicates the sugar content (the more intense, the sweeter), and the direction of the food (by the angle of dance from the sun). They are able to relay the distance and wind speed by the number of waggles and buzzes. The bees will only go to the food source described by their scout.

Honey bees pollinate the vast majority of the planet’s vegetation, assuring a continuation of oxygen and more food for every living mammal.

Monarch Butterflies

These butterflies depend upon the milkweed plant. The last brood of the year travels thousands of miles to a wintering ground (east of the Rocky Mountains to Mexico—West of Rockies to the California coast). The butterflies go where they themselves have never gone before, and they will never return home—but their offspring will!

The Australian Platypus

This animal has fur like a beaver, a bill and webbed feet resembling those of a duck, spurs with venom like a snake, large cheek pouches for holding food like a monkey or a squirrel, short legs parallel to the ground like a lizard, it lays eggs like a bird and nurses its young like a mammal!

From what type of animal did the Platypus evolve? From a mammal?—but mammals don’t lay eggs. From a lizard?—but lizards don’t have fur. From a duck?—but ducks don’t nurse their young. From a snake?—but snakes don’t have webbed feet. From a squirrel or monkey?—but squirrels don’t have duck bills.

It really seems to be a combination of them all—defying the theory of evolution! It appears as a distinct creation (and perhaps shows that God has a sense of humor along with his confounding the wisdom of men?).

The Illustrations are Endless!

Our illustrations could be multiplied thousands of times. We will note, before moving on, that time and again, science and technology have looked to the animal kingdom for inspiration and design—flight (airplanes), submarines, dams—the designs found in the animal world have

inspired concepts that lead to invention. Imitation of nature has yielded spectacular results!

British naturalist Jon Rey structured his discourse on animal physiology and behavior around these thoughts: *“The vast multitude of creatures, both small and immensely great, are effective proof of God’s almighty power. Let us then consider the worth of God and observe the operation of His hands. Let us admire His infinite wisdom and His goodness in the formation of them, reflecting upon their great architect and give Him the praise and glory due Him.”*

No other creature in this world, besides man, is capable of so doing. Rey understood the basic and paramount truth that lies behind all of creation—that God reveals Himself to man through the things He has made. Each day, in the world around us, God reveals Himself in His creation!

I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made—The Human Body

The human body is composed of 11 major organ systems:

1. **Circulatory system**: pumping and channeling blood to and from the body and lungs with heart, blood, and blood vessels.
2. **Digestive system**: digestion and processing food with salivary glands, esophagus, stomach, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, intestines, etc.
3. **Endocrine system**: communication within the body using hormones made by endocrine glands such as the hypothalamus, pituitary gland, pineal gland, thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenals.
4. **Immune system**: protecting against disease by identifying and killing pathogens and tumor cells.
5. **Integumentary system**: (intĕg’ ūment – to cover)skin, hair and nails.
6. **Lymphatic system**: structures involved in the transfer of lymph between tissues and the blood stream, the lymph and the nodes and vessels that transport it including the Immune system: defending against disease-causing agents with leukocytes, tonsils, adenoids, thymus, and spleen.
7. **Activity system**: movement with muscles and human skeleton (structural support and protection with bones, cartilage, ligaments, and tendons).
8. **Nervous system**: collecting, transferring and processing information with brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and nerves.
9. **Reproductive system**: the sex organs, female and male.
10. **Respiratory system**: the organs used for breathing, the pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchi, lungs, and diaphragm.

11. Urinary system: kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra involved in fluid balance, electrolyte balance and excretion.

These organ systems are designed to work together simultaneously, (in fact they must), and in perfect harmony.

From the moment of conception—the joining of the male sperm to the female egg, 46 chromosomes with 30,000 genes combined to determine all your physical characteristics: sex; facial features; body type; color of hair; eyes and skin. Even more amazingly, intelligence and personality—the way you think and feel—were already in place within your genetic code (DNA). So, at the moment of conception you were essentially and uniquely you! Within 6 hours, the cell begins to divide and form a human being. As this one cell begins to divide, something unique happens—the cells begin to form different types of tissues. Some become what will eventually be heart tissue, kidney tissues, some skin, some bones. Contained within the initial cells is all the information to build two eyes, two ears, a nose, a mouth, ten little fingers and toes and to put them all in the right place. How do these cells know what to do?

Each of us individually progressed from a single cell to a tiny human being with all organs present and functioning. The conception to birth process, in and of itself, is amazing evidence of design and creation. Long before modern technology allowed us to look into the womb via cameras, David wrote,

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be,” (Psalms 139:13-16 NIV).

Brief considerations of the functions of some of these organ systems:

The Defense System

In understanding and appreciating the human body one only has to look at its defense system. The white blood cells (leukocytes) are the fighting troops of the body. They live for only a few days. The body is constantly producing new ones to replace those that die. On any given day there are 30 - 40 billion white blood cells on duty to fight infections and foreign organisms. The moment you cut your finger, millions of these blood cells are moved into the area to fight a potential infection. It has only recently been discovered that there are greater numbers of

these white blood cells in the tonsils, lungs, the lymph nodes and the appendix making these important areas of first line defense.⁶⁸

The Life Blood

The blood of the human body is one of nature's most amazing fluids. A drop of it, just 1/25th of an inch, contains 5 million red blood cells (erythrocytes), 7,000 white blood cells and thousands of platelets. A red blood cell lives about 120 days and during that time it makes 300,000 trips through your blood stream, almost two times every minute! 10,000 wear out every second. If one could take all the red blood cells in the body and place them one on top of another like a stack of coins, the pile would stretch half way to the moon! Yet, every one of them dies in 3 or 4 months and is replaced by new healthy ones at amazingly efficient rates— You don't run out!

The Irreplaceable Heart

Not too long ago the medical profession was excited about the idea of artificial hearts. Today it is very common to hear of a heart transplant on the news. Considering the shortage of donors, why is it that the use of artificial hearts is not a more common procedure? Perhaps part of the reason is the inability of biomedical engineers to develop a mechanical heart that can replace the human heart. Science, with all its technology that 'can put a man on the moon', has barely touched on designing artificial hearts. They simply cannot design one as well as the original!

The human heart weighs less than a pound yet it beats 36 to 40 million times a year. The arteries and veins, "the plumbing system" in your body, if stretched out, would cover a distance of about 12,000 miles. Imagine having a pump that would pump fluid a distance of about 12,000 miles! The heart pumps 2.5 gallons per minute or 1,314,000 gallons a year through those arteries and veins. Man has not come close to inventing a pump that can perform like the human heart.

The Lungs

The lungs are a beautiful example of how design benefits function. The lungs use about 90 gallons of pure oxygen every day. There are little sacs called "alveoli" which are finger-like projections lining the walls of the lungs. Each of your lungs is not much longer than an outstretched hand, yet the inside surface of them with these projections is approximately 40 - 60 square miles! Imagine having 40-60 square miles of surface area in your chest! You breathe approximately 9 million times a year, pumping air at the rate of two gallons a minute when at rest and 26 gallons per minute when exercising.

⁶⁸ Note: Since these findings, medical science has ceased, if only gradually, the unnecessary removal of the appendix and the tonsils. It is important to note that not being aware of their function did not make those organs any less important.

We could look more intensely at each of these and many other parts of the body ...

- The eye...
- The skeletal structure...
- The hand...
- The irreducibility of the knee...
- The eye lash – unique in hair design. It is hair, but limited in growth, keeps debris out of eye, curved to stay out of the way, regenerative if damaged, etc...
- The examples could be endless!

Conclusion:

We have not been exhaustive in our presentation of different evidence (though we may be exhausted!)—there are so many more examples in God’s creation that show is careful design! I believe we have presented adequate information to safely conclude that it is more reasonable to place our faith in intelligent design (Jehovah God) than to place our faith in the disorganized chaos of evolutionary theory.

Let us consider a handful of relevant Scriptures:

Paul’s address to the Athenians had spiritual purposes. He wanted them to think of God as living and powerful, not as an impotent idol, and to know that He is a God that demands repentance. He also let them know that He is a God who has appointed a day of judgment by the one whom was resurrected from the dead (Jesus Christ).

“Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” (Acts 17:29-31, NKJV)

There have always been foolish men who have rejected God while calling it wisdom.

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we

preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Corinthians 1:18-25, NKJV)

Remember, one who fights against the creation fights against God (cf. Job 38:2 ff). The gospel of salvation will be veiled to those who have allowed their minds to be blinded (deceived).

“But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, NKJV)

Rejection of this truth will *not* negate a coming judgment.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10, NKJV)

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13, NKJV)

We who are Christians should never be ashamed of the gospel of Christ!

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” (Romans 1:16, NKJV)

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God. He came to Earth, lived a perfect and sinless life, was crucified, buried and resurrected from the dead (God’s testimony to His Sonship). Thus He became the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Will you believe this? Repent of your sins? Confess Christ to be the Son of God? Die with Him while you are buried with him in baptism for the remission of your sins? (cf. Romans 6: 8, 10; Acts 2:38)

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