

Creation vs. Evolution

The first chapter of the first book of the Bible has caused great debate throughout history, all centered on this question: *Did God make man or did man make God?*

In 1859 Charles Darwin, at the time an eminent scientist, published "The Origin of Species,"¹ a scientific theory that populations are not created by a divine Creator, but rather evolve over the course of generations via natural selection. The premise, according to Darwin himself, is this: "All animals and plants are descended from one prototype. All organisms start from a common origin; from some such low and intermediate forms, both animals and plants may have been developed and all the organic things which have ever lived on the earth may be descended from on primordial form."²

According to this theory, all higher forms of life (which includes you and me) have evolved from lower forms of life; we've shifted from simple organisms to complex organisms. Life began with primitive protozoa being transmuted to worms, and worms became fish, and fish became amphibians, and amphibians became reptiles and reptiles became birds, and birds became mammals, and mammals became man.

By the fortuitous concourse of atoms, by selective chance or natural selection, by spontaneous generation, *everything* that we have now, according to evolutionary theory, came into being. Based on what proponents of this argument say, frogs really can become princes.

But this is not at all what God says.

"In the beginning," Genesis 1:1 says, "God created the heavens and the earth." Later in the same chapter, we read that God said, "Let

¹ Original title: On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life.
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the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds" (v. 24); and, still later, that He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" (v. 26).

In other words, according to Scripture, *God made it all.*

Population did not spontaneously appear and then evolve over time, from one species to another. No, population arrived by the spoken word of God – intentionally designed, supernaturally created, divinely loved. When God made you, He breathed into you the breath of life, in an *instant* declaring you a living soul. And that soul will live for eternity – either with God in heaven someday, or else apart from God in hell. You and I need to know this. Our friends and family members need to know this. Every person walking the planet needs to know this crucial truth, which is why I'm so passionate about spreading the Word.

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In case you are afforded an opportunity to explain the differences between creating and evolution, let's look at the three primary reasons that the theory of evolution falls flat on its face. First: there is the *problem of logic*.

The Problem of Logic

Evolution theorizes that nothing times nobody equals everything. And despite the theory's widespread acceptance, despite the fact that our kids are having it shoveled into their mouths, courtesy of biased textbooks and ill-

informed teachers, nothing times nobody *never* equals everything. Even scientists who once espoused evolutionary theory are starting to back away. Consider Dr. Newton Tahmisian, a physicist for the Atomic Energy Commission, who says, "Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con men, and the story they are telling people may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact."³

Scientists such as Tahmisian are backing away because they simply cannot cross the bridge of the origin of life. If all of life came from one singular primordial amoeba, then where did that primordial amoeba come from? From whence did that tiny green germ of life arise?

All evolutionists can do is guess. "The first germ of life came to earth riding a meteor from

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outer space!" they cheer. Or, as one MIT scientist supposes, "a prehistoric visitor from outer space left his garbage can on planet Earth, and from that garbage, life was produced." He went on to say that we

should leave our garbage cans on other planets to help life get started elsewhere.

How true it is that it takes more faith to believe evolutionary theory than to simply believe the Word of God. One Princeton University professor has said that to suggest that life happened by accident has about the same probability of suggesting that a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary came about from an explosion in a printing factory.

I happen to agree with that professor.

A second logic-bridge that evolutionists cannot cross is that of the fixity of the species. Genesis 1 is careful to confirm that God brought forth animals and man "according their kinds." In other words, transmutation between species was never part of God's design, and it has never

been demonstrated by man. A rose may have numerous varieties, but still, it is a rose. A rose has never produced a banana. Roses always produce *roses*.

Yes, archaeologists have located millions of fossil records throughout history, but never once has a transitional form be found. Never. Once. Not one transmutation can be proven, which isn't to say we're simply missing a link. It's to say the entire *chain* has somehow disappeared. Again, the logic just is not there.

The Problem of Morality

I also reject evolutionary theory on the basis of *morality*. If man is but a higher animal – a modified monkey, as it were – then man is living in a morass of meaninglessness. We're nothing more than a genetic glitch, waiting to evolve. If there is no God, there is no need for morality, which reflects the righteousness He prizes and possesses and promotes among the crown of His creation. And based on empirical evidence, when you begin teaching people that they came from animals, it isn't long before they start acting like animals.

I read recently of a group of young people who committed themselves to moral purity by taking a pledge during a youth conference. In the article, a spokesperson from the liberal organization Planned Parenthood was quoted as saying that it was "unreasonable" to expect young people to be morally pure today. According to recent trends, more than 70 percent of high-school seniors have had sexual intercourse; in essence, this spokesperson was saying, "So, why bother?"

I found it interesting that n adjacent article in this particular newspaper showed the results of a recent Gallup poll, in which more than 70 percent of today's young people don't believe in the literal truth of the Bible. Do you see what I see? When there is no God, when there is no authority on truth, when there is no accountability for living uprightly, we give ourselves over to a meaningless life.

The Problem of Theology

Finally, I reject the theory of evolution for *theological* reasons. The Word of God simply doesn't endorse evolution, regardless of how many people try to bend various Scriptures that way.

British author H.G. Wells, who himself was not a Christ follower, once astutely observed that, "If all animals and man evolved, then there were no first parents, no paradise, and no fall. And if there was no fall, then the entire historic fabric of Christianity, the story of the first sin, and the reason for the atonement, which is the reason for the cross, collapses like a house of cards!"

Mr. Wells had it right.

The Bible teaches us that God created man supernaturally and substantively, He placed that man in a n environment in which man sinned and rebelled and fell into depravity, and that because of His great love He provided His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the debt that rebellion incurred. Man did not *evolve*, for if this were the case, man still would be evolving. And a quick scan of our societal horizon tells us that, if anything, we're *devolving*, not evolving. Yes, we are greater in terms of intellectual capacity and technology, but morally, we are spiraling down.

Which is why we so desperately need the new life afforded by Christ alone.

The Bible says that when God created the heavens and the earth, He did so from a formless reality. Darkens was on the face of the deep. A huge void was all there was. But from this void, God spoke *life* into existence. He continues to do this today.

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Despite man's dulled conscience, his life now dead in sin, his understanding darkened, God whispers, "I'm ready to give you life!"

The moment you receive Christ into your heart, the light and life and love of God comes to reside there. That is salvation, in a nutshell, and this is what ensures your eternity with God.

So, yes, it is critical to know of our origin, to understand how we arrived on this big, blue, beautiful planet. But equally important – perhaps more important still – is grasping where we're headed, based on what we do with Christ.

Nothing plus nobody has never equaled everything. But your desperation plus God's divine intervention will always equal everlasting life.