

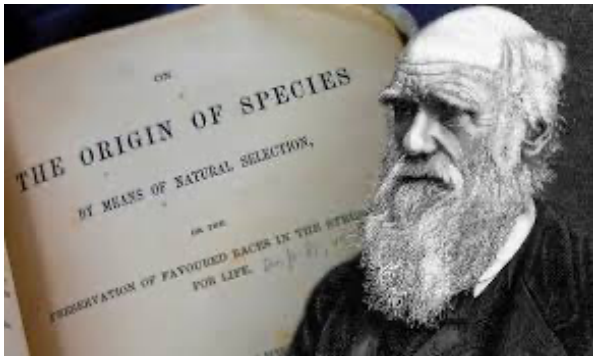
CREATION or EVOLUTION? WHAT IS TRUE?

Until the mid-1800s, it was generally accepted that a Divine Designer, God, had created man, all living things, the earth, and the universe. About that time, a belief in naturalism and uniformitarianism and evolution took root.

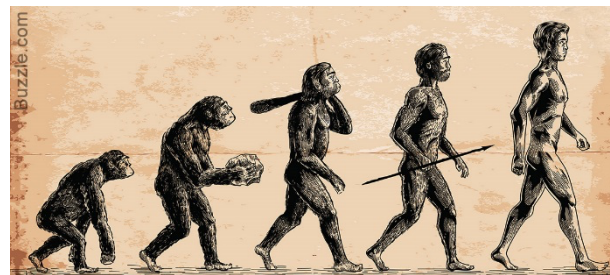
DEFINITIONS

CREATION – the belief that divine intelligence and power is the only reasonable explanation for a universe of such magnitude, majesty, and precision. It includes changes within a species. For example, God created each animal and each plant with a gene pool that would develop into varieties within the species or “kind”. Example, there was enough of the gene pool in even 2 dogs, to develop many kinds of dogs (after the Flood), dependent upon their environment which acted upon the genes. This doctrine of creation begins in Genesis, and continues through the entire Bible.

Paul wrote in Romans 1, **“Ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Yes, they knew God, but wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks.”**



EVOLUTION



The crux of Darwin's Theory of Evolution focuses on the elimination of inferior species gradually over time, through a process called 'Natural Selection'.

Darwin's theory said that new life forms evolved gradually from old ones in a constantly branching, spreading tree of life. A living cell spontaneously arose out of a warm pool. All life on earth, he believed, came from that one cell. The current theory is that the location of first life was a nuclear geyser. Many elements (nitrogen, hydrogen, oxygen, etc.) are required for life and an energy source is essential. No one has ever replicated creating life in the laboratory without using something previously alive. According to evolution, all organisms are the result of time and chance and mutations, natural processes, and that species can evolve into a more complex life form through the mechanism of natural selection, commonly called, the “survival of the fittest.”

Evolution says life began as one cell and then these aquatic life forms gave rise to the first plants and animals living on land; amphibians developed into reptiles including dinosaurs; ferns led to flowering plants. The extinction of most dinosaurs was followed by the spread of mammals and flying descendants of dinosaurs, called birds. Darwin expected to find transitional forms beyond number. None have been found.

Transformation: Dinosaurs to Birds-a video for children; notice no evidence given.

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FOUNDATION OF EACH WAY OF LOOKING AT ORIGINS

The first step of the scientific method is observation. Since no one observed when the earth or life began, any idea about origins is a belief, sometimes chosen for very personal and moral reasons, more than reasons of logic or evidence. Notice that both above are called, a "belief". This is an important distinction. Often evolution is regarded as more scientific, and creation as more of a religious belief. But both are beliefs based on assumptions, none of which are observable or provable, and therefore not scientific.

The only Persons who participated in the origin of life, the earth and the universe were the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. There were no other observers!

"In the beginning God (the Father) created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty,... the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day." Genesis 1:1-5

"Christ...existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see... Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together." Colossians 1:15 – 17 (scientists still have no idea what holds the atom together, protons, electrons and neutrons moving with great speed.)

"Through the Son, God created the universe." Hebrews 1:2 Jesus prayed, **"Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began...Father,...you loved me even before the world began."** John 1:1–4;17:5,24

Assumption of Creationism:

Moses wrote an accurate, historical record, as inspired by God.

Through the entire Bible, the creation is referred to as true history. In the N.T., Adam and Eve are referred to as real persons, and genealogies go all the way back to Adam. Ex. **"The son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God."** Luke 3:38 **"The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit... The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is**

from heaven.” **“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray.”** 1 Cor. 15:45, 47; 2 Cor. 11:3



“God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing... He created the horizon when he separated the waters; he set the boundary between day and night... His Spirit made the heavens beautiful,... These are just the beginning of all that he does, merely a whisper of his power. Who, then, can comprehend the thunder of his power?” Job 26:7-14

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” 1 Psalm 19:1

“The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. Let the whole world fear the LORD, And let everyone stand in awe of him. For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command.” Ps 33:5-9

“Praise the LORD, everything he has created.” Psalm 103:22

“Have you never heard?... The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth.” Isaiah 40:28

“Oh Sovereign Lord, you made the heavens and the earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!” Jeremiah 32:17

Jesus about divorce: **“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?”** Jesus replied. **“They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female...’** Matthew 19:4

Paul, talking to the unbelieving Greeks, told them about the Creator God: **“He is the God who made the world and everything in it.... He himself gives life and breath to everything... From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth...”** Acts 17:24

“The first man didn’t come from woman, but the first woman came from man. ...For although the first woman came from man, every other man was born from a woman, and everything comes from God.” 1 Corinthians 11:8, 12

“By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.” Hebrews 11:3

“In the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires... They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood.” 2 Peter 3:3 – 6

“Every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God.” Hebrews 3:4

The entire Bible refers to creation as history. Therefore, to say we believe in the inspiration of the Bible by God, and not accept that Genesis is literal history is a logically impossible position.

The assumptions, also unprovable, of evolution are naturalism and uniformitarianism. Naturalism is the belief that there is only the natural world. There are no spirits, deities, or God. An atheist is to someone who does not believe in the existence of a god(s).

Charles Darwin is history’s most famous naturalist. He rejected the possibility of the supernatural. However, later in life, Darwin clarified his position in response to a letter from John Fordyce: *“In my most extreme fluctuations I have never been an atheist in the sense of denying the existence of a God.— I think that generally (& more and more so as I grow older) but not always, that an agnostic would be the most correct description of my state of mind.”* An agnostic is someone who doesn’t know whether there is a god, or even if such a thing is knowable. Darwin was a naturalist.

Uniformitarianism is the belief that the geologic processes that shaped the earth are uniform through time, that all processes we see in the present functioned in the past at exactly the same rate. Ex. if a river, such as the Colorado River, takes many, many, years to erode a layer of the Grand Canyon, then it must have taken billions of years to form the entire canyon. But what if there was a universal Flood-sedimentary layers that we see in the Grand Canyon would form in a short time, as the waters receded. The assumption of uniformitarianism is unprovable and out of the realm of observation or experimentation in the past.

A NEW DEVELOPMENT: INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Interestingly the “consensus” of scientists holding to evolution is breaking. Scientists, intellectuals, and ordinary thoughtful adults are giving up the old pledge of allegiance to Darwin. Three Nobel Prize-winning scientists endorse chemist Marcos Eberlin’s case for intelligent design, argued in his brand new book *Foresight: How the Chemistry of Life Reveals Planning and Purpose*. Well over a thousand PhD scientists declare themselves publicly as evolution skeptics. Modern ID theory’s founding scientist, biochemist Michael Behe, engages in an extended written debate with one of the world’s most distinguished evolutionary researchers, National Academy of Sciences member Richard Lenski, over Behe’s new book *Darwin Devolves* — and wins. Stephen Meyer has many videos on this topic. Google him-videos.

IMPLICATIONS OF EACH WAY OF LOOKING AT ORIGINS

What difference in our everyday life make whether you believe in evolution or creation? Foundational questions human beings ask: who am I? Where did I come from? What is my purpose? What happens to me after I die?

Evolution: Materialism- nothing exists except matter. You are the result of mutations, time, and natural selection-the most advanced animal, but not unique. You are in charge of your life. You are not accountable to any higher being. Your life ends at death. You have no spirit or ultimate purpose.

Creation: You were individually created by the Living, Personal God. **“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body ... Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous”** Ps 139: 13 – 14, Creation includes Human Exceptionalism, which is the view that the human race has unique and unparalleled moral, intellectual, and creative abilities. You have purpose for your life. You have a spirit with which you can communicate with God. You are immortal, choosing Heaven (with God through Christ) or Hell (separated from God).

Why do so many people believe in evolution when the evidence is so scant?

1. They had never been exposed to solid creation thinking.
2. They do not know much about the Bible. If they do, they do not understand good principles of interpretation of Scripture. Example. Genesis is historical narrative and is accepted as history through the whole Bible. This is called, “exegesis.” Everything we read, including the newspaper, we use certain laws for understanding or interpreting what it says. The Bible is no different.
3. They are afraid of being different. They have unwittingly bowed at the feet of so called “science.” Example: It’s difficult to be a student in a university or even in many high schools and be certain that creation is true.
4. Deep in our hearts is the desire to run our own lives. Acknowledging that we are creatures, created by God, makes us accountable to him. We don’t want that.

ISSUES and QUESTIONS

1) ENTROPHY-THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

The universe is running down, running out of usable energy. Evolution says there is increasing complexity, which contradicts what we see all around us, which is entropy.

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2) AGE OF THE EARTH

Believing in evolution demands very long periods of time for natural selection to occur. By dating the rocks in Earth's rocks, scientists have calculated that Earth is **4.54 billion**

years old, with an error range of 50 million years. These dating methods, such as K-Argon, radiocarbon dating, uranium-lead, etc. are based on uniformitarianism, that these elements continue to break down (half-life) at the rate we see in the present. This assumption cannot be proven or observed or tested. Also, it ignores “appearance of age”. If you had entered the Garden of Eden and seen Adam, you would assume much more time had passed, when only 7 days had occurred.

Interestingly, according to the 2019 Gallup poll, “forty percent of U.S. adults ascribe to a strictly creationist view of human origins, believing that God created them in their present form within roughly the past 10,000 years.”

According to the Jewish new year, 5,782 years have passed since God began the work of creation. This number is determined by adding the ages within the genealogies which begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. Ex. Mt. 3:23-38 from Adam to Jesus.

3) GENETICS; MUTATIONS

Mutations are largely harmful. Darwin knew nothing of genetics. The complexity of DNA wasn't discovered until about 1953. Is it possible that all the different varieties of human beings, such as the Japanese, small in build, very tall Hollanders and the Australian aborigines all trace their origin from the gene pool of Adam and Eve? A biologist, Ann Gauger and a Swedish mathematician, Ola Hossjer published, “BIO-Complexity,” a computer study using accepted population growth and mutation rates and starting with a genetic Adam and Eve with 4 unique sets of chromosomes, found the current diversity as possible to develop in a few hundred thousand years.

4) FOSSILS

<https://vimeo.com/290548930>

When an animal or plant dies, it ordinarily decays and leaves no record of its existence. To form a fossil, it must be buried immediately to be preserved. 95% OF fossils are marine (sea) animals and plants-they scream of the Flood. Gen. 6-8 Many religious and tribal beliefs include man's wickedness and an angry deity sending a global flood.

We see the results of the Genesis flood in our rock strata and in fossils. The flood was unbelievably destructive and killed all living things on land except for Noah, who was righteous, and his family. Effects of the flood include: a) the underground waters and lava erupted from the earth. b) there were torrents of rain for 40 days and 40 nights. c) water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, rising more than twenty-two feet above the highest peaks. c) all living things on earth died d) after the waters remained at that level for hundred 150 days, God sent a wind to blow across the earth, and the floodwaters began to recede. e) The underground waters stopped flowing, and the torrential rains from the sky were stopped. So the floodwaters gradually receded from the earth. Exactly five months from the time the flood began, the boat came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. Two and a half months later, as the waters continued to go down, other mountain peaks became visible. Noah and his family spent 371 days in the

ark; f) the supercontinent, created by God on the 3rd day of creation, broke into today's continents some time during the flood. Scientists agree that they fit together.

The global flood of Genesis is the only plausible explanation for: fossils of sea creatures on every continent; about 10,000 adult duckbill dinosaurs found together in a huge burial; thousands of dinosaur and marine fossils mixed together in sedimentary rocks in the American West; fossilized jellyfish and other soft tissue; a huge dinosaur of 75 tons has been found in Argentina; a herd of 25 dinosaurs found buried in Mongolia, often in body positions of suffocation. Many animals can only be fossilized by huge amounts of sediment-laden water traveling faster than they could swim and burying them quickly.

We find layers and layers of sedimentary rock with no erosion between, meaning they were all laid down at the same time. Example: the Grand Canyon. In 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted in Washington state creating much of what is claimed to take a very long time to form, in a very short time.

Before the flood, the Bible records people living very long times. After the flood, we notice a tapering off of length of life is probably can be explained by a change in the atmosphere after the flood. When God created Adam and Eve, they were never meant to die, so it makes sense that they would have lived long even in a fallen world, until the earth change radically after the flood. There is evidence also for an ice age following the Flood related to changes in the temperature of the ocean because of the lava, which rose when the fountains of the deep broke up. A thorough explanation can be found on the Institute of creation research website in a booklet called, THE ICE AGE AND THE FLOOD.

The Genesis flood is mentioned by Jesus: **“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. People didn’t realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.”**
Matthew 24:37-39

5.) ORDER OF CREATION

This Genesis account describes the seven days of creation: **the first day** –space, time, matter, or, lights, and darkness. **the second day** – separation of the sea and atmosphere; **the third day** – creation of the supercontinent (land) and vegetation; **the fourth day** - the Sun, Moon and stars were created to regulate the 24 hour day created on day one; **the fifth day** –birds and marine animals according to their kinds; **the sixth day** - animals that live on the land and finally humans, made in the image of God, were created; **by day seven** - God finished his work of creation and rested, making the seventh day a special holy day.

The Biblical word for “day” in Genesis, **“yom”** is only used to mean a 24 hour day when used with an ordinal (1st, 2nd, etc.) The **“day of the Lord”** means a period of time.

2 Peter 3:8 “**A (24 hr) day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a (24hr) day.**” This passage means that God is outside of time.

6.) What does it mean that Adam and Eve were made in the image of God?

Human beings are very different from the rest of creation. GOD made us all in His image (Genesis 1:26-31) for relationship: spiritual, intelligent, volitional, morally responsible, emotional. Our image has been marred since Adam and Eve rebelled (sinned) against our Creator. The good news is GOD took the initiative to bring us back into relationship by sending Jesus. Evolution says we developed from an animal, such as an ape. This does not fit what we know about humanness. We are not just more complex. We are unique. We have the ability to connect with God – we have a spirit, which is immortal. The image of God was marred by sin. But no matter how human beings look or behave, they were made in the image of God. Ex. Australian Aborigines-put a suit on Neanderthal. Ex. Homo Habilis, Not much smaller than Japanese today!

Final Word “**In the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, ...ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good... They will be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will **reject the power** that could make them godly.**” 2 Timothy 3:1-5

HOW GREAT THOU ART <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nqwxnpT8tM>

RESOURCES

THE INSTITUTE OF CREATION RESEARCH ICR.ORG

50years of research by PhD scientists. Offers books for children and adults, e-books,



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