



Truth For These Times



7. THE ORIGIN OF LIFE

Use with Chart "Jesus Our Creator"

The declaration of Scripture is in direct conflict with the present day theory of evolution. The Bible says that man was created perfect by God, but evolution claims that life originated in the distant past, and over a period of millions of years, man has progressed to his present state. The Bible shows how man has degenerated because of sin, while evolution claims that man is getting better as time moves on.

Genesis 1:26,27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 2:7 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 being.

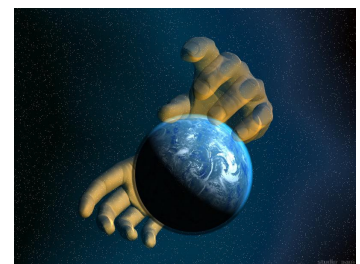
Here is the noble origin of man – created in the image of God – made from the dust of the ground.

Eccl. 7:29 Truly, this only I have found: that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

Man was indeed made upright in spirit and nobility, but he was also upright in stature. There is no valid evidence to this day that man originated from monkeys, apes or any other animal.

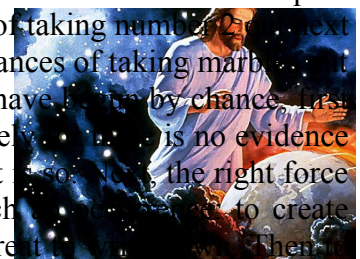
THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

Where does the evolutionist begin? Having discarded the Bible record, it is not easy for him, for he must rely on presumption and speculation. The evolutionists theory, (it is only a theory, for evolution cannot be proved) speculates that life began in the remote ages of the past when matter and force existed together, and by chance, life began. It is worth questioning where the force and matter came from. Who made the matter? Who released the force in the universe? Without God, the finite mind finds no satisfactory explanation of life and nature.



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Let us suppose that matter and force did act upon one another in the distant past – what chance would there be of single cell life being formed? To illustrate the possibilities of such a coincidence, let us suppose that we have ten marbles, all numbered from 1 to 10. We place them in a hat and pick one out, The chances of taking number 1 out first is 1 in 10. The chance of taking number 2 out next is 1 in 100. The chance of taking number 3 out next is 1 in 1000. The chances of taking marbles out in sequence from 1 to 10 without looking, is 1 in 10 billion. For life to have been formed by chance, first of all, the basic substances of a living cell must be present. This is unlikely. There is no evidence of such existing naturally in the world today. But we are assuming that it is so, the right force must be present, which would also be miraculous. The chances of such a coincidence to create single cell life – the lowest form of life – would be 1 in a number too great to imagine.



We are made by design, not by chance.

think how man is so complex in his structure – not just single cell life – the thought of life just happening, is absurd. The Psalmist said, We are “fearfully and wonderfully made”. Psalm 139:14. Only a Creator could have designed the intricate body of man. Each part of the body works in co-operation with every other part – not by adaptation, but by design. Surely it would take more faith to believe in evolution than creation.

There is another form of evolution called, “Theistic Evolution,” which tries to marry the Bible story of creation with modern evolution. The thought being that God created original matter, and life has continued to evolve. It is impossible to believe this theory and the Bible too, as they are in conflict. The Bible story is that God created all things in perfection; there is no room for progressive evolution.

THE MISSING LINK

The theory of evolution supposes that life started in its lower forms and gradually ascended to animal life, then finally to man. The evolutionist concedes that there is a long gap between the ape and man. For generations he has been frantically searching for something to fill the gap in an effort to prove the theory. Various finds have given some hope, but always failed to measure up to the missing link. When the Piltdown man was discovered, it was felt that this was the evolutionist’s answer. However, it was found to be a man made hoax when tested by modern equipment some years later.

AFTER HIS KIND

Genesis 1:21,24,25 So God created great sea creatures, and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, ACCORDING TO THEIR KIND, and every winged bird ACCORDING TO ITS KIND. And God saw that it *was* good. Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature ACCORDING TO ITS KIND: cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth *each* ACCORDING TO ITS KIND”; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth ACCORDING TO ITS KIND, cattle ACCORDING TO ITS KIND, and every thing that creeps on the earth ACCORDING TO ITS KIND. And God saw that *it was* good.

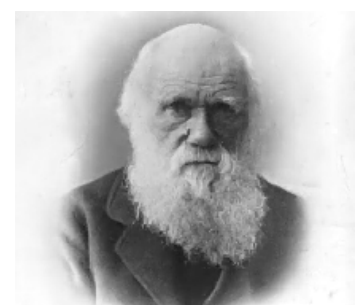


God created the family groups for every creature – you can’t cross-breed across groups (eg cross a bird with a dog).

The Bible teaches that the different kinds of plants and animals, reproduce after their own kind. As we examine nature we can see that this is so. By cross breeding, different shapes, sizes and colours can be developed, but they remain the same basic types of plants or animals. Interbreeding is possible between dogs and wolves for example, but they are still in the dog family. Interbreeding is not possible outside family groups. eg. Horse and Cow. A Christian will readily admit that certain changes do take place, caused by diet, environment, mutation and other factors, but the changes do not make another kind. Certainly there is no evidence of a change from ape to man. The renowned zoologist, Professor Fleischmann said,

“The Darwinian theory of descent has not a single fact to confirm it in the realm of nature. It is not the result of scientific research, but purely the product of imagination.”

This imagination factor is demonstrated when reading or listening to an evolutionist’s explanations. The words “perhaps”, “probably”, “mysteriously”, “may have,” “for some unknown cause”, “about”, “gradually”, are frequently used, showing how they are playing a guessing game.



Charles Darwin – the author of evolution.

THE EVOLUTION OF MAN

To illustrate the thinking of evolution these are some of the facts that are used to give weight to the theory.

1. The Heidelberg man – This was built from a jawbone that was conceded by many to be human.
2. The Nebraska man – Was scientifically built up from one tooth and later found to be the tooth of an extinct pig.
3. The Piltdown man – The jawbone turned out to belong to a madam ape after the hoax was discovered.
4. The Peking man – All evidence has disappeared.
5. The Neanderthal man – At the International Congress of Zoology (1958), Dr. A.J.F. Cave said that his examination of the Neanderthal skeleton found in France over 50 years ago is that of an old man who suffered from Arthritis.
6. The New Guinea man – Dates back to 1970. This species has been found in the region just north of Australia.
7. The Cro-Magnon man – One of the best established fossils, equal in physique and brain capacity of modern man – so there is really no difference.
8. Modern Man – Believes we came from a monkey.

Romans 1:22 PROFESSING TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

Perhaps this text describes the wisdom of men in our modern day who have chosen to disbelieve the Word of God.

CREATION

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

It is true, that creation cannot be proved, as well as evolution. The Christian accepts the Bible's explanation by faith. However, it is not a blind faith, for in previous studies we have seen how the Bible is a proved book. The evidence has shown it to be true in fulfilled prophecy and in archaeology finds. If it is so accurate in everything that can be tested, we can have the assurance that it reveals the truth concerning man's origin.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

This is the simple truth taught in the Bible. God is the Creator.

Psalm 33:6,9 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast.



The heavens declare
God's glory.

By His own power, God literally spoke worlds into existence.

Psalm 19:1-2 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

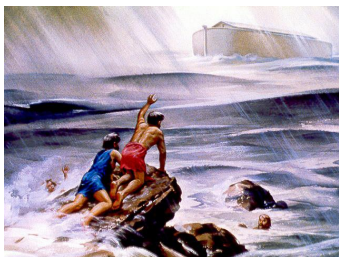
God's power and glory can be seen as we observe His created works.

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

God's existence is obvious when we observe His created works. In creation we see beauty, order and design – evidence of a Creator. The Creator has revealed Himself to us in the Bible.

THE AGE OF THE EARTH

The Bible records show that man has been on this earth for about 6,000 years. This is a far cry from the multi millions of years taught by modern man. The evidence used to determine the age of the earth is found in buried fossils. The remains of different creatures are found in the various rock strata of the earths' surface. The simpler forms of life are usually found in the lower strata, and



The flood caused the creation of many fossils by burying objects quickly under layers of sediment.

more complex life is found in the higher strata. Although there have been occasions where this is not so, this is the general rule. The evolutionist and geologist determine the age of a stratum by the fossils found therein. The age between the strata is based on a uniform deposit of materials, which under normal conditions would take millions of years. The reasoning is based on uniformity and does not allow for any catastrophic event happening outside of the normal disasters – volcano etc.

However, there is an alternate explanation. The flood, recorded in the Bible, covered the whole earth. In the gigantic waves and cyclonic winds, layers of sediment would have been deposited all over the earth in a very short time – not millions of years. The lower forms of life, being generally weaker, would be buried in the lower strata, while the higher forms of life would be more able to flee disaster than the others and thus be buried in higher strata. Noah's flood thus provides a perfect explanation of the fossil record. Many of the fossils found indicate the degeneracy of man and beast; not an improvement as evolutionists believe. Frog fossils have been found much larger than frogs today, and elephants double the weight of present elephants. The same can be said of plant life. Men are floundering, trying to find an explanation for the origin of things, unwilling to accept the theory of divine creation. Man is not a development of the animal kingdom. He has fallen from his high estate of human perfection as a result of disobedience to God, but thankfully his case is not hopeless. By faith, he looks forward to God's promise, for those who accept Him will receive the reward of eternal life in a land as beautiful as this earth when God first created it.

Matthew 19:4-6 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined



Jesus taught and believed in creation.

together, let not man separate.”

Jesus Christ Himself believed in creation. Here He refers to the creation of Adam and Eve.

Some feel that the carbon-14 method of measuring the age of fossils etc. is most accurate. In some cases this is so, but it has not been reliable in a number of instances. One example of this is when a living mollusc was tested by carbon-14, and found to be dead for 3000 years. “*Creation Research Society Journal*” June 1970. Obviously the Carbon-14 method was wrong in this case. It is generally conceded that it takes millions of years to produce oil in the earth, but scientists working in a laboratory produced a barrel of oil from one ton of garbage in 20 minutes. “*Machine Design*” May 14, 1970. Many things, assumed to take millions of years, could have been done in a relatively short time. When scientists mention millions of years, they are only guessing.

CREATION WEEK

Genesis 2:1-3



The Sabbath reminds us the world was made in six days.

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

God did not need millions of years to create this world. His work was completed in 6 days and He rested on the seventh.

Genesis 1:5,8,13 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day....And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day... So the evening and the morning were the third day.

The evening is the dark part of the day (night), and the morning is the light part of the day (day). This is a 24 hour period. God created the world in 6 literal days.

Exodus 20:11.

For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Very plainly, God Himself says that He made the earth in six days and rested on the seventh. Now He commands His people in the 4th commandment, to do the same. Six days work and one day rest.

THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD

Psalms 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

God is still able to create. He created life in the beginning and today He can make us anew if we come to Him. He will give us a clean heart. When we come to the cross of Jesus Christ we will be “born again”.



God is all powerful and the source of all life.

Only God can create life. Some publicity has been given to the statement that man has created single cell life in the laboratory. This is not true. Man has taken the materials from living cells and put them together, but he is dependent upon living cells for his basic material. This cannot be said to be creating life. Test tube babies are

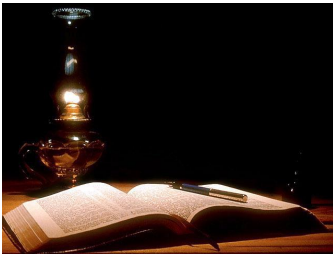
dependent upon a real female ovum and real male sperm. While a great deal is known about life, the secret of life is still a mystery to man.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

If we have chosen Jesus Christ, we are new creatures. God’s creative power is at work when we have been converted, just as it was when Adam was formed.

CONCLUSION

The theory of evolution is an effort to get rid of God. The hypothesis of natural evolution places God in obscurity – in fact makes Him unnecessary. It also degrades man to the lowest forms of life and makes him a descendant of the brute, instead of a creature formed in the image of God. If it were true that man has ascended from the brute creation, there should be evidence of it everywhere. All about us would be signs of life in transition from one stage to another. This transition is found nowhere.



Will we trust God’s word or man’s theory?

The Bible is the sure word of God, and those who build their faith upon it will never be confounded. God’s truth will go on forever. It has weathered the storms and criticisms of countless generations, yet it shines brighter today than ever before. Those who believe God’s word will never be moved. They have built their house upon a solid

rock.

Luke 3:38 *The son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

Acts 13:28 And though they found no cause for death *in Him*, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.

Man is not only mere dust of the earth. He is of royal descent. He is kin to God. He is greater than the beasts of the field over which he was originally given dominion. He is God’s masterpiece in creation He is God’s kind. Is it any wonder that God values us so highly. This is why Jesus was prepared to pay the highest price – His life – that we might be saved. He created us, and He redeemed us. Now He wants to mould us that He might one day glorify us.

Review Sheet – Creation and Evolution

ASSIGNMENT – Read the Bible study carefully before answering the following questions.

1. In whose image was man made and of what material was he formed? Genesis 1:26,27; Genesis 2:7

Answer _____

2. What probability is there of life commencing by chance? Explain.

Answer. _____

3. How does the Bible explain God's creation of all creatures, showing their distinction one from another? Genesis 1:21,24,25

Answer. _____

4. How do we accept the truth of creation? Hebrews 11:3

By _____

5. What power did God use in His work of creation? Psalm 33:6,9

By the word _____ --- For He

6. What makes God's existence obvious? Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world _____

7. What alternative explanation can be given for the age of the earth in answer to the evolutionist?

Answer _____

8. Did Jesus Christ believe in creation? Matthew 19:4-6

Have you not read that _____

9. Explain how the days of creation week were 24 hours in length. Genesis 1:5,8,13

Answer. _____

10. How long did God Himself say it took Him to create the earth? Exodus 20:11

For in _____
_____.

11. Is God's creative power still evident today? 2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is _____

12. What is man's noble origin? Acts 17:28

For we _____.

Do you believe in creation as taught in the Bible? YES _____ NO _____