

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding” (Job 38: 4).

+ Lecture 1: The Creation Evolution Controversy +

I) The Theory of Evolution:

The theory of evolution has two major aspects. The First is the ‘Origin of Species’ which is the title of the famous book by Charles Darwin (1859) in which he suggested that simple creatures have evolved into more complex (higher) creatures over a long period of time. Fish supposedly evolved into amphibians. Amphibians evolved into reptiles. Reptiles evolved into birds and mammals. Darwin hoped that the discovery of ‘Transitional Species’* would support his theory.

The second aspect is the ‘Origin of Life’ in which evolutionists suggest that the first single celled organism evolved on the primitive earth due to a variety of processes leading to the formation of simple organic compounds. These compounds combined together to give more and more complex structures until one was formed that could be called living (Chemical Evolution). The problem with all the aspects of ‘Origin’ is that if they occur by evolution they occur too slowly to be observed today. The best one can do is to theorize, or speculate as to how it *could* have happened. Based on current knowledge and laboratory results, to get proof on how it actually happened is not possible.

But as far as evolutionists are concerned the fact that we are here means it *must* have happened. In doing this God is automatically eliminated as a possible cause. This is precisely what evolution does, it claims that instead of being created by God we have evolved from animals, instead of being created in the Image of God we have descended from the apes. The theory of evolution has been the source and inspiration of a number of sinful philosophies including *Humanism*, which effectively makes man his own god.

Our Lord said: “For a tree is known by its fruit” (Matt.12: 33).
“Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit” (Matt.7: 17). So if we judge the tree of the theory of evolution by its fruits, then we are left with no other conclusion than that tree needs to be “cut down and thrown into the fire” (Matt.7: 19).

II) Arguments against evolution:

- 1) There is no scientific law that allows something to evolve from nothing on the contrary the law of conservation of energy states the exact opposite. If there was nothing in the universe to begin with, obviously nothing could happen to cause anything to appear. Juggle the figures any way you like, but without a CREATOR you are not going to get anything, let alone everything.
- 2) No scientific law accounts for non-living things coming to life. The soil in your garden didn’t turn into trees and flowers. The plants came from seeds, cuttings, or grafts from other trees and flowers. Chemical evolution has not yet found how the first single celled creature could have evolved. Suppose that man was able to make a living cell in the test tube from raw chemicals, what does that demonstrate?
Simply that intelligence is required to create life.
- 3) Darwin suggested that all the forms of life we see on earth today have descended from more primitive ancestors by slow gradual change over millions of years. This is so slow that it would be impossible to observe during our lifetime. If this actually

* Also known as the ‘missing links’ between different species.

happened then the fossil evidence should show a gradual change from one species of animal into another. In Darwin's days, and still today, the fossil evidence does not show these intermediate life forms. It shows the final species that would be expected with special creation.

- 4) Why if species have descended from other species by insensibly fine gradations, do we not everywhere see innumerable transition forms? Why is not nature in confusion instead of the species being, as we see them well defined? Darwin's theory of natural selection is incapable of finding the link to prove how one kind of creature could evolve into a completely different kind when it doesn't have the genetic coding to do so (mutations overwhelmingly destroy genetic information and produce creatures more handicapped than the parents. Bacteria may be an exception for this rule because they benefit from mutation but a bacterium remains a bacterium after mutating).
- 5) Goldschmidt, Material basis of evolution, Yale Univ. Press.
"To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, *seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree*".
- 6) The inability to explain how the first living organism evolved and the lack of transitional forms demonstrates that the theory of evolution is at best 'a theory', it is not a proven fact. Despite this the majority of people believe evolution to be proven. Faith rather than being based on facts hold the theory of evolution. If we therefore adopt a forensic methodology and look at the evidence that is before us, then the belief in evolution as a mechanism for our origin *requires far more faith* than the belief in a Creator because of the ample evidence all around us that there is indeed a Designer. "The heavens declare the glory of God. And the firmament shows His handiwork" (Ps.19: 1).
- 7) Sir Fred Hoyle said about the theory of evolution: "*That is about as ridiculous and improbable as the proposition that a tornado, blowing through a junkyard, could assemble a Boeing 747.*"

III) What does the Bible teach?

1) The Bible starts and ends with God as creator:

The Book of Genesis of course describe the creation and in the Book of Revelation it is written: "You are worthy, O Lord to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things and by Your will they exist and were created" (Rev.4: 11). "Worship Him who made heavens and earth, the sea and springs of water" (Rev.14: 7).

2) Faith is the key:

Scientists and evolutionists confess that there are many things about the origin of life that they don't understand but we say with St. Paul: "*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" (Heb.11: 3).

3) There is no excuse:

There is no excuse to those who don't believe in God as the Creator. St. Paul said: "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*" (Rom.1: 20).

4) The days (periods) of creation:

We need to realize that the word 'day' used in the first two chapters of the Book of Genesis doesn't mean a '24 hour day' but rather a period of time that could extend millions of years. The solar system and the stars were not created until the fourth period (day) therefore time, as we now know it did not exist until then. The holy scripture uses the word 'day' in different meanings, 'The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and notable *day* of the Lord" (Acts2: 20). Here 'day' means eternity. Also St. Peter said: "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2Pet.3: 8).

5) The seventh day:

Notice that it wasn't said about the seventh day 'so the evening and the morning were the seventh day' that means that this seventh 'day' (period) extends from the creation of Adam and eve until today. In other words all the years from the creation of man until today are actually the seventh day!

IV) Q & A:

Q: Could God have created through evolution?

A: God *could* have used evolution to create. *But He didn't.*

In spite of the fact that the creation could have taken millions of years, Holy Scripture states that God created every living thing that moves, every winged bird that flies, and every plant 'according to their kind' (Gen.1: 11,21). This means that God created mature animals and plants ready to reproduce more of their own kind. Also Holy Scripture tells us that the first man was created from dust not from an ape-like creature.

Theistic evolutionists (those who believe that God used evolution to create the world) are really stretching the facts and only get a theory that harmonize with neither textbook evolution nor with the Bible.

Q: What is the difference between evolution and adaptation?

A: Adaptation occurs within the same species to accommodate to outer environment. This process doesn't lead to the formation of a new species as evolution suggests. For example the human beings were created vegetarians (Gen.1: 29) and it wasn't until after the flood that God permitted them to eat meat because all the crops were destroyed (Gen.9: 3) so the digestive system of man 'adapted' to the new type of food but he remained a human being.

Q: I have a classmate who is really convinced that humans evolved from apes. What can I do to help him?

A: Pray for him, give him a copy of this lecture, give him a book from the list mentioned below. If after all this he is still convinced that his great grandfather was a chimpanzee; the only thing left for you to give him is a banana!

V) Recommended books:

- **Evolution: The Fossils still say No!** Duane T Gish, Creation-Life Publishers.
- **The Controversy.** Donald E Chittick, Multnomah Press.
- **What about Origins.** Dr. A J Montey White, Dunestone Printers Ltd.
- **True science agrees with the Bible.** M Bowden, Sovereign publications.

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