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live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.' Acts 17:24-28.

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Editors' Note

Different preachers use their own peculiar styles both in preaching and in writing. These differences have been maintained in this book rather than changing each to conform to one particular standard. We ask those who are greatly concerned by these differences to be forgiving of the editors.

Everywhere we look we see the Glory of God!

Why is it that man cannot see these things? The wonders of Creation preach, testify, and demonstrate the glory of our God and our Creator.

Robert Jastrow said: "For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries." [<http://www.godandscience.org/love/sld014.html>].

After the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1983, a young Marine, blinded by the explosion and unable to speak, was in a hospital in Germany. The commandant of the Marine Corps General Kelly (four star general) visited the wounded Marines in that hospital. When the general told this Marine who he was, he wrote on his tablet asking if he could count his stars. The General leaned over his bed and put his hand on his stars. When the Marine had counted them he took his pencil and wrote: *Semper Fi!* How is it that a blind Marine can count the stars on a General's uniform and recognize the Commandant and honor him as such but men see the glory of God in the wonders of creation and give praise to Evolution? Only Depravity can account for that!

Paul put it like this:

'God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we

Spider's Web

The spider's web is stronger than steel. The spider can spin this web very rapidly and some of them can turn out five strands at a time. If I were a young man I would set myself to find a method of cultivating spiders and weaving rope from their webs, much as silk from the silk worm. Such rope would exceed the strength of almost all other materials and it would be extremely valuable for the military for parachutes mountain climbing, and a thousand other uses. Who taught the spider how to make his web?

Electric Eel

The electric eel is one of the few animals on the planet that can make, store, and discharge electricity.

Their bodies contain about 6,000 specialized cells called electrocytes that store power like tiny batteries. They can discharge these cells simultaneously, emitting a burst of at least 600 volts (five times the power of a wall socket)! The electric organs of the eel are located in its tail, which is roughly four fifths of the animal's body. These organs are made up of a large number of disks (as many as 200,000) piled in rows. The nerve endings located at the end of the electroplax discharge the electricity. The head is positive and the tail negative. No theory of evolution can explain the electric eel but God created this animal with his special features.

Creation Is Inscrutable

With all the knowledge man has accumulated, with all that he has learned especially in the last century, with his electron microscope, the discovery of DNA, with astronomy and thousands of other scientific discoveries, man is only barely able to peep into the creation of God! There are vast areas which man does not now know and never will know about the most basic things of creation.

Introduction

On August 4-6, 2009 our church, the Victory Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, held its 28th annual Sovereign Grace Conference. The theme was Biblical Creation and six men of God were assigned two sermons each on twelve subjects relevant to the theme. These men were asked not to preach on science but on what God's word says about the creation of the universe.

The messages were such a blessing to our church and to the many visitors who attended the conference that we decided to publish them in the form of a book. This was done in hopes that the influence of this great conference will spread far and wide like ripples on a pond. So critical is what God's word has to say on this subject that I strongly suggest you read this book with and to your children and grandchildren.

It is our hope and intention in printing these sermons that many young lives will be influenced by the truth of God's word and protected from Satan's soul destroying errors concerning origins, that God will be glorified, that Christ will be exalted and that souls will be saved.

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

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But how does the blood get to the whole body?

The Heart

What machine lasts for 100 years? What machine that never shuts down lasts for seventy years? Yet the heart of man will beat 2 and 1/2 billion times in a lifetime! This pump drives five quarts of blood a minute to every cell in the body constantly cleansing and nourishing as it rushes through the body!

The heart has its own pacemaker which is set off by the sinus node causing an impulse which races down to another node and causes a contraction which makes the heart pump. If this sinus node fails, there is a back up system which takes over and begins the heartbeat! The valves are as thin as tissue but stronger than steel!

The heart must pump with great pressure to send the blood to every part of the body but it must send blood under lower pressure to the lungs. If the same pressure was sent to the lungs as to the other parts of the body, it would drown us in our own blood. Who planned that?

The Lungs

Capillaries in our lungs serve an essential purpose. They bring blood into such close proximity to fresh air that the carbon dioxide bound to the hemoglobin will exchange places with the oxygen from the atmosphere. Seventy times a minute the heart pumps a new supply of blood into the lungs. Its capillaries must complete the gaseous exchange in less than a second.

I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

We think of some other creatures which manifest the glory of God.

The River of Life or the Blood

The blood supplies the vital gas, oxygen, to each of the sixty trillion cells in the body—a transportation system par excellent. It transports food, wastes and hormonal messengers. It rushes to the stomach after meals and to the lungs during exertion and to the face in embarrassment. It cools when and where there is overheating; warms where there is cold or danger of freezing. It defends the body-destroying alien invaders. If the wall of a blood vessel is sliced open with a knife blood quickly rushes to seal and mend.

Take for example the hemoglobin molecule of the blood composed of ten thousand atoms. It is built around four atoms of iron which act like magnets and attracts oxygen atoms but it can only attract four oxygen atoms. It must hold these oxygen atoms as it is pumped through the arteries and vessels. Yet at just the place where the body needs oxygen, it must be able to break this bond and leave the oxygen there!

But how is the blood manufactured?

Bone Marrow

Starling called this *the wisdom of the body* [Sterling on The Blood. 31]. Giving God's glory to the creature! It is the wisdom of God—not the wisdom of the body! In adults, the marrow of the skull, ribs and spine manufactures most red blood cells, but any bone marrow in the body can be called upon to contribute in an emergency. [Ibidem 31]. When tissue of the body runs short of oxygen it sends a messenger hormone to the bone marrow. Once there it signals a dormant cell to develop. This cell divides and divides again until there are 16 red blood cells. As it accumulates protein it does something else—it expels its nucleus, self-sterilization and it can never reproduce again. This cell is called a corpuscle. This cell can live only 120 days in an ordinary lifetime. The marrow of one person in a lifetime will produce more than a ton of these blood cells!

The Authority of Scripture in the Matter of Origins

Bill Lee

I don't know of any better place to start this message or this conference than from here. For if what we read here is not correct, if it is not so, and if we do not believe it, nothing else really matters. 2 Timothy 3:16; "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

If you would, keep this passage in your minds, and I want to read you a quote taken from W. R. Downing's book entitled "A Baptist Catechism." He wrote this: "If the Bible is the very word of God preserved in written form [inscriptuated]-and it is-then there are certain things that are necessarily true. The Bible is the *inspired* Word of God, not merely the work or words of men. Because the Bible is the very Word of God, it is authoritative, the very highest *authority*. As the very Word of God inscriptuated it is *infallible*—incapable of error and without deceit. As the inspired, authoritative, infallible Word of God inscriptuated, it is necessarily *inerrant* or without error, and wholly true in every aspect. Because the Bible is the very word of God, and completely trustworthy in every respect, it is *sufficient* as our only rule of both faith [what we are to believe] and practice [how we are to live]." I use this because I certainly could not put it in any better words than W. R. Downing has written.

We run into a problem sometimes when we are dealing with those who oppose the Word of God, especially as we are dealing in this conference with the matter of origins. When you deal with people and you talk with them, they will invariably ask you, "What do you believe?" And you will tell them what you believe, whether it

is concerning creation or other things that are related. Then you might be asked, “Why do you believe that?” Your answer would be, “Because that is what the Bible teaches.” Well, the next logical question is, “How do you know the Bible is right?” How do you answer this question? You might say, “Well, the Bible says it is right.” Then you get into circular reasoning. “I believe the Bible.” “How do you know it is true?” “Well, the Bible says it is true.”

Well, it goes a little bit further than that. In the matter of regeneration and new birth, God gives faith to His people. This God-given faith enables us to believe the Word of God, no matter *who* or *what* may oppose it. And this is sufficient with us, without making any apologies in any way whatsoever. We should always be ready to state what we believe and unashamedly say, “I believe it because the Bible says so!” Again, make no apologies for that—never apologize for believing the Word of God.

Let me just say this also, since I am the first speaker of the conference. Every preacher here is going to have personal opinions about some of these things. And invariably in a Bible conference, personal opinions will leak through. We are just earthen vessels, and personal opinions sometime come through. Be careful to check everything you hear by the word of God. For it does not really matter what I believe, what Brother Justice believes, or what any other preacher here believes. The question we must answer, what we must search out is; “What saith the Scripture?” *What saith the Scripture* is what we are looking for in this conference.

And, let me add this. I am not, and I am sure you are not, concerned with scientific knowledge or intellectual concepts and theories in the matter of origins. I am not interested in that. Some people are, but I am not. I looked up the word *science* and I want to read to you what Webster said the word *science* means: “knowledge acquired by observation, deduction or testing.” Well, always remember this. Science is always conducted by fallible

- Man's countenance which directs his gaze is upwards
- A capacity for varying facial expressions;
- A sense of shame expressing itself in the blush of man;
- Speech

Then to the inner side of the divine image:

- On the material side of man's inner make-up stands immortality
- On the intellectual side is self-consciousness, reason, and abstract thought
- The ability to discern good and evil;
- The freedom of the will, conscience, the right use of moral capacities [Luepold on Genesis 90].

I would only add two things:

Faith! First, man is to believe what God has revealed; second, man is a responsible creature.

These things indicate the distinction between man and the other creatures and indicate the likeness which man has to God.

The Cell Displays the Glory of God

The simple cell is not simple at all but a marvelous factory and are unbelievably complex. All eukaryotic cells are composed of a plasma membrane, a nucleus and cytoplasm. Some of the things of the cell are so minute that an electron microscope cannot see them. The membrane controls everything that comes into the cell and everything that goes out. The nucleus is the brain. It controls all activities of the cell and determines what is to be made and what is to be stored. The cytoplasm includes everything between the membrane and the nucleus. The cell takes in the raw supplies and converts them into products which the body orders.

But how do these products of the cell get to the rest of the body?

The Bible Commands Us To Give Glory To God

“Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” Ps 29:1-2.

We Are To Give Glory To Him As the Creator As Did Jonah

“And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land” Jonah 1:9.

Even the Earth and the Creatures of It Instruct Us To Give Glory To God For Creation

“But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?” Job 12:7-9.

The Design of Man Gives Glory To God

Man is made in the image of God according to Scripture:

And God 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” Gen 1:26-27.

But how? Not in appearance. Man is made in the image of God in some other manner. Animals are not made in the image of God. Leupold suggests these differences between creatures and man:

men, with finite minds, and with finite means. And science is always changing. What was a scientific fact one hundred years ago has now been proven false by modern science. And if this earth continues, what is a scientific fact in modern science will be disproved in the future.

Look with me in your Bible back to 1 Timothy 6:20; “Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called.” There is something about science, and I don’t know just exactly what it is, but there is something about science that always seems to be bent against the truth of God’s word. Paul had to deal with it in his day, evidently, and it is always a problem. Verse 20 speaks of “the oppositions of science” and then Paul added “falsely so called.” Why is it “falsely so called”? It is because science is ever changing knowledge. Science never remains the same. Scientific knowledge is not what it once was. It is just not reliable. It is just not trustworthy. One year you are told that something is good for you; the next year you are told it is not good for you. Eat all the oatmeal you can this year—then next year it is peanut butter or something else. But, it is always changing. You cannot trust it. You cannot rely upon it.

Let me tell you, as we live in this world, we have one tangible thing that we can trust, we can depend upon, and that is our Bibles! As Christian people we should never look to science or the intellectuals of this world to substantiate or to confirm the Word of God. I am not interested in science confirming the Word of God! They cannot! And always remember this; anything anyone uses to verify or to substantiate the Word of God must be viewed by them to be of a higher authority than the Word of God. You cannot use something of equal or of lesser authority to substantiate anything nor to validate anything. You have to use something greater. And whatever you may use to validate the Word of God, in your mind, that has more authority than the Word of God. Whatever you put above the Scriptures, you view as a higher au-

thority than the Scripture. I saw just a little while back an individual sitting with his Bible. And this may offend someone, I don't mean for it to offend. He sat with his Bible and had a quarterly Sunday school book on top of his Bible. I said to myself, "That is fitting, he has the Sunday school book on top or above his Bible", when it should be the other way around. But that is the way people view things.

All the scientific knowledge that comes out today and all of the archeological digs that go on, and all of a sudden we get headlines, they have discovered something in Egypt or somewhere in Israel. They dug it up and maybe this will substantiate what the Bible says. I don't care! I remember, it has been a number of years now, I went to Israel and was looking forward to going into the empty tomb. I don't know if that was the same tomb that Jesus was buried in, but I was looking forward to going in there. I don't know what I was expecting to feel, but I was really expecting to feel something. The day finally came when I was able to walk into that tomb, and I walked in there and I was so disappointed. I did not feel anything! Didn't feel a thing! I had heard about the empty tomb; I had read about it and I wanted to go in there, I wanted to see it! I did not feel a thing! And I thought about it later, just how foolish I was. I don't need to *see* an empty tomb to validate my faith in an empty tomb. And we are like that sometimes, we want something to prove it—show me. That is the way we are by nature. And science comes out with their Hubble telescope and they are able to see something, supposedly prove something that somehow might get back into Ezekiel's prophecy. We will say, "There that proves this." We don't need that! We have the very Word of God.

Brother Chamberlain, don't get scared. I am not going to get on your subject, Hebrews 11:3. Brother Chamberlain is preaching next and he is preaching on "Faith" and I told him earlier, I don't know how you preach on the authority of the Word of God without talking about "faith." If you don't believe it, it does not really matter to you personally. Notice, if you would, Hebrews 11:3:

"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names" Psalm 147:4.

"Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south" Job 9:8-9.

He made them with His own hands and fingers!

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained" Psalm 8:3.

"I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded" Isaiah 45:12.

The Heavens Give Glory To God

The heavens are a perpetual beacon! They are the strongest radio signal. You can hear it with a diode radio! It has no language barrier and crosses all boundaries. No one can jam this signal. It is a true science film constantly running.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard" Psalm 19:1-3.

God Not Only Created But He Preserves What He Created

"Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee" Nehemiah 9:6.

“Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created” Psalm 148:5.

He created everything by His wisdom. This is the diametric opposite of the big bang! The word of God says he made the Heavens but Evolution says it blew up—without powder, blasting cap, detonator—or anyone to push the plunger! Scripture says Creation was by Design; Evolution, by an accident! Our God made everything by His wisdom.

“To him that by wisdom made the heavens” Psalm 136:5.

“The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heaven” Proverbs 3:19.

This world system speaks of intelligence, design, and wisdom on every page and in every flower! It is opposed to blind chance. The Lord made heaven and earth by himself! He did not seek the help of Evolution!

“Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein” Nehemiah 9:6.

When He calls to non-existing things they respond!

“Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together” Isaiah 48:13.

The Lord Claims the Constellations As His Work

The astronomers now estimate that there are 125 billion galaxies and in our own galaxy there are said to be 100 billion stars! He created everyone of them and He calls them by name!

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” I want you to notice this, “By the word of God.” Here is the authority of Scripture relating to origins — origins of all things. It does not matter what! It came into being by the word of God. And I am looking forward to Brother Chamberlain’s message because I know it takes faith to believe this. Hebrews 11:3 states, “by the word of God”, by divine fiat. Through faith we understand that the worlds were created by a command from God, a command with authority. Keep this in mind, if you would, this matter of fiat, God ordered it! He demanded it! He commanded it! It was by the word of God! This is so important—simply by the word of God.

Go back with me to Psalms, if you would—and in Psalms 33. And again, I am going to say, as I did at the beginning of this message, it seems like circular reasoning if you preach on the authority of the Scriptures and then you are going to teach from the Scriptures that the Bible is right. You go in a circle, but it is a pretty good circle to stay in! Psalms 33:6, “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” Let us stop there. All Scripture is given by inspiration. All of you know, I am sure, that God breathed it out. That is why we call it “the word of God.” It is the very breath of God. So stated in the New Testament. So stated here in the Old Testament; “by the breath of his mouth.” Verse 7, “He gathered the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.” Why? Why should all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him? “For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.” By divine Fiat, a command with the authority of Almighty God.

Now let’s look at Psalms 148:1-5: “Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye

heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD.” I will ask the question again, “Why”? Why is it repeated in these verses that we should praise the LORD? The answer is obvious, “for he commanded, and they were created.” Just by his command, creation came into being.

Let me go over to the Book of 2 Peter just a moment. In 2 Peter 3:1-5 “This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after 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 the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.”

Let me show you a paradox: Verse 3, “the scoffers, who shall come,” and they are here, “walking after their own lusts.” The scoffers in verse 4 will tell you it is a foolish doctrine to believe in the coming of the Lord. They will deny the Lord. They will certainly deny the second coming of the Lord. And the argument they will use is, “all things continue as they were.” They will say this on the one hand and on the other hand they will teach evolution. You put that together. They say that all things continue as they were, but yet they believe things are still evolving. That is the ignorance and stupidity of this great heresy. But notice in verse 4, they allow for creation: “all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” There are many different ways an individual can be ignorant and not every way is something bad. All of us are ignorant about something. But if you will, look at verse 5, to be “willingly ignorant” is the worst ignorance of them all. They willingly are ignorant that it was by divine fiat this world came into being.

But nothing existed until God spoke everything into existence. Put all the elements of life in a bottle and churn it forever and you will never see life! Life is something more than the physical elements! It is not a natural thing but supernatural and life must be given and only God knows how to do it.

“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.

Creation Displays and Declares a Creator

Wherever you look you see the wonders of creation. Look up into the heavens. Look down into the depths of the earth. Look within yourself. Look at your soul; look at your mind; look at your conscience and you will see the image of your Creator! Everything shows the wonder of creation and the glory of the Creator:

“The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory” Psalm 97:6.

God Created the World in Short Order

God not only Created the world and everything in it but he did it on the tight schedule of six days! He did not work overtime nor did he work on Sunday!

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

He Created Everything By His Command

There is no room either in time or space for an evolutionary process. Scripture maintains initially and constantly throughout that the origin of everything exists by a Divine fiat! It was not a big bang, but a big command!

of detraction to give this glory to another, which is what those do who believe in Evolution.

Evolution teaches that every living thing that exists, exists solely by chance. In this scenario God is excluded. He had no more to do with creation than the Hottentot had to do with development of the F-22 Raptor! But the Bible teaches that creation was a designed certainty, a necessity, a destined thing, a foreordained thing in the purpose and plan of God! The whole of creation was predestinated! Acts 15:8. God created everything by His plan and He was involved in every step of it. Instead of a creation of wisdom and design, the evolutionists maintain the whole observable creation was a chance thing, a fluke with no personal reference, a thing which is a purposeless consequence of nothing by nothing and for nothing!

The Lord declares that He not only Created the world and everything in it but he did it on a tight schedule of six days. He did not work nights nor any overtime! He never had one single failure. He did not have any flaws in the design. He never had to reorder materials. Everything He made worked on startup! He did not have to redo any thing He made. Everything He did was very good!

“And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein” Acts 14:15.

Chance Happens Only With Existing Things

Given gravity, water flows downhill. Given a copper wire with an electric charge introduced into it, current will flow. Given oxygen, fuel and ignition, fire results because of the law of combustion.

Let me go back to Romans 4:17 for just a moment. You can read it all when you have opportunity, but I am just going to point out here the last few words in verse 17. Our God is able to call “those things which be not as though they were.” Think about that! Our God, being God of all, an omniscient and omnipotent God, is able to speak of those things that be not as though they were. When God first said, “Let there be light”, there had never been any light. He called it as if it were already. He said, “Let there be light, and there was light.” By divine fiat God is able to command things that are not as though they were. He commands things into existence. This boggles my mind: that God can command a thing that does not yet exist, but he can command it into existence. But here we get a glimpse of the greatness of our God.

Notice Acts 17. I am not going to take time to read all of this. You are all familiar with the account of when Paul was at Athens, and he went to Mars Hill. And you know about him running into these idolaters. They had a god for this and a god for that, and just in case they had missed one, they had one for the “unknowable” god. Paul told them in the latter part of verse 22, “ye are too superstitious.” This word “superstitious” means “religious.” Paul told these people “you are too religious.” And I can tell you this, there are some people today who need to be told and convinced they are too religious. You cannot be too godly, but you can be too religious.

I brought you to this passage of Scripture to show you this, verse 23; “For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.” Now, here is a lesson for all of us. When Paul would teach these Athenians, these idolaters, about the true and living God, notice in verse 24, he goes straight to the matter of creation! Now, you think of all the other things that were at Paul’s disposal, things he could have preached and taught these Athenians. But the Holy Spirit moved him to preach creation. “God that made the world” is where he began. He said; “God that made the world, and all

things therein,” seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;”

Let me tell you, the One who created heaven and earth is the Lord, the Master and the God of heaven and earth. Paul also goes a little bit further here, verse 26, “And hath made of one blood all nations of men...” God created the heaven and the earth. He created all people. God is the Creator of all things. When you want to talk to someone about the Lord, here in Acts 17 is a good place to start, with creation. That’s where the Apostle Paul started and it is a good place for us to start.

Look in your Bibles back to Genesis 1:1. Everybody here can quote this verse, but if you have a Bible, you should use it. Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” That one little verse is placed at the very front of your Bible, and it is just like the flaming sword that kept the way of the Garden of Eden. If you can’t get by this one verse, you will never believe anything else found in the word of God. So many people can’t even believe the first verse of the Bible! And then they want to argue with you about baptism or some other biblical doctrine. Well, get by Genesis 1:1 first. Go back there first. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

And Paul told us in Romans 1:20 that in God’s creation, “his eternal power and Godhead” are made known. You will never know His eternal power and Godhead if you don’t believe the first verse of the Bible! I am never interested in discussing anything from there on to Revelation with anyone who does not believe the first verse of the Bible. I don’t have time for it! If you do not believe the first verse of the Bible, I have some serious, serious doubts about your salvation.

I mentioned, and I am going to mention it one more time, and try not to get on Brother Chamberlain’s message, Hebrews 11:3, “Through faith we understand.” This word “understand” has to do

The Wonders of Creation

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There are two texts.

First: “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them” Psalm 139:14-16.

Second: “These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep” Psalm 107:24.

In this message we begin by calling attention to the fact that Scripture declares everything that exists, exists because God purposed it and He created it “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else” Isaiah 45:18.

Everything He created was for His own glory! The angels were created for the glory of God! The earth was created for the glory of God! The heavens were created for the glory of God! All the creatures were created for the glory of God! Man was created for the glory of God. Everything that exists was created by God for His glory! He started with nothing. There were no materials visible or invisible. No matter. No atoms. No quarks. No light waves! Nothing! He made everything. Everything gives glory to God! Creation reflects the wisdom and glory of God and it is a great sin

with our mind—our intellect. When God saved you, He saved you wholly, totally. He did not leave out your brain. Have you ever read about the renewing of your mind? You know, we talk about being a new creation, but I think sometimes we forget our brain is included. In regeneration God gives us a new heart, a new spirit, and the renewing of our mind. This is what enables us to grasp the Word of God. We believe the Scriptures because God has given us faith. And more than that, He works with our understanding, our intellect.

I believe Genesis 1:1. I was not there, I did not see it happen, but I am convinced “In the beginning”, whenever that was, “God created the heaven and the earth.” I am going to state once again, science cannot ever add to my faith and neither can science take away from my faith. Science cannot alter my faith. God gave that faith to me, and neither man nor science can change it. I like that song, *I Know Whom I Have Believed*. I like those words “I know”! There are a lot of things we don’t know and there are a lot of things we will never know. But we know what we know by God-given faith. Let no one ever shake you from it. It does not matter what science says. You should never look to them for biblical truth.

If you want to know the truth of origins, let me give you a hint and then I am through. If you want to know the truth of origins, don’t go to the History Channel, don’t go to National Geographic, don’t go to the Discovery Channel. Come here. Come to the Word of God.

The First Creation Will Be Renovated, Made New

Isaiah 65:17: “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth” and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”

2 Peter 3:10,13: “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works therein shall be burned up. Nevertheless we, according to His promise look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

Our Creator And Saviour Will Come For Us

1 Corinthians 15:51: “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed.”

1 Corinthians 15:53: “For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal put on immortality.”

The Challenge

Dr. Kent Hovind has a website in which he says, “I have a standing offer of \$250,000.00 to anyone who can give any empirical evidence (scientific proof) for evolution. My \$250,000.00 offer demonstrates that the hypothesis of evolution is nothing more than a religious belief.”

In over a decade no one has ever claimed the money.

We as God’s children have something much more valuable than silver or gold.

This has come to pass. This is called uniformitarianism. It began with a man named Hutton and was expanded upon by Charles Lyell.

- C. This false doctrine is used to negate events like the flood or any national disasters. It teaches that the earth has undergone eons of time and it remains as it always was. Lyell's motto – "the present is the key to the past."

The Creator, Our First Cause, Has Visited His Creation Personally

- A. Old Testament Appearances
1. Abraham-The Pre-incarnate Son of God visited Abraham several times.
 2. Noah was visited and given a message and a plan for building the Ark.
 3. Moses was visited at the burning bush.
 4. Lot was visited before the destruction of Sodom.
 5. God came down to destroy the tower of Babel.
 6. Joshua prayed and God gave him a longer day.
 7. Hezekiah saw the sundial go backward ten degrees.
- B. The Eternal Son was born of a woman and lived on this earth that He had created.
1. His life and birth is recorded in history, both secular and sacred.
 2. The Lord Jesus shows His mastery over all that He created: over death, over the waters, over the wind, over the sky, over all kinds of disease, over animals, over demons and Satan.

Creation and Faith

Dan Chamberlin

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (Hebrews 11:3)

There is no clearer statement in Holy Scripture than this concerning the subject of faith as it relates to the origin of all things. It is a most important and fascinating statement with far-reaching implications.

In the context, the faith of God's elect in the Old Testament time, was based on God's bare word alone. Believing His word, they confidently acted upon it. We, likewise, must believe His bare word and then act upon it in whatever way He bids us to the saving of our souls, and to practical obedience in living the Christian life.

Today we who believe God's word find ourselves in conflict with those who do not. This is indeed the conflict of the ages! One hot part of the battlefield involves the issue of the origin of things. Unbelief is present everywhere: especially in classrooms, museums, zoos, but also boardrooms, politics and Hollywood, even some pulpits. (Lest we think this conflict is new, let us remember that the Puritans had to defend biblical creationism in their day, long before Darwin and Dawkins!)

Our opponents today argue against our biblical position by accusing us of being unscientific and simply falling back on faith. They say to us, "We have science; you only have faith. We walk by sight, but you walk by blind faith. We are objective, you are subjective." They accuse us of closing our eyes, sticking our heads in

the sands of faith and ignoring the plain facts that prove evolution. (They are so objective and honest! They never fabricated any evidence! Truly, their dishonesty is appalling. The history of modern evolution from Darwin till now is one full of fabrication of evidence which they wish they could actually find.)

Let me make a few simple observations about creation and faith that I hope will help clarify the issue.

All Explanations For the Origin of Things Require Some Sort of Faith

Sight is of no use to us in this question, because none of us, whether Christian or atheist, *saw* the beginning! It occurred once and cannot occur again. All who are honest must admit that there are limitations to science. Science observes the observable. But the *origin* of these things is unobservable. We see the evidence, but not the source; we see the effect but not the cause. Science simply cannot tell how it all got here. Science is out of its league in addressing this question. There is no *scientific* proof for the origin of things. Not even a scientist who believes in creation (and there have been, and are, many) can prove creation *from science*. Our text does not say, “By science we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...” Rather, it is “By faith...”

What is the scientific method? (1) Observation (2) experimentation (3) hypothesis. But here is the problem: the beginning cannot be observed, tested and repeated. We were not there! I was not there. *Were you there?* No evolutionist was there. But evolutionists, with neither observation or experimentation, have jumped to their hypothesis!—which they insist is more than hypothesis, and more than theory, it is *fact!* Therefore, their claim that science disproves biblical creationism is a big lie. They simply are showing their natural bias against God and His word.

sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”

- F. A law is set into effect - the Second Law of Thermodynamics. I call it the law of sin and depravity. Its premise—order tends to disorder. This law destroys evolution. The evolutionary scientists have no good answer for it.

The World-Wide Flood

- A. Job 22:15-17, “Hast thou marked the old way which men have trodden? Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflowed with a flood: Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?”

Matthew 24:38-39, “for as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.”

2 Peter 2:5: “And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

- B. Its evidence is everywhere, but it is ignored or explained away. Notice what Peter predicted:

2 Peter 3:3-4: “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after 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 the creation.”

Genesis 1:22, “And God blessed them saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas and let fowl multiply in the earth.”

They mated and multiplied.

9. In God’s creation, God created man in His own image. Genesis 1:27, “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.”
We know that God does not look like a monkey or any other wild creature.

The Fall Of Mankind

- A. Romans 5:12: “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men. For that all have sinned.”
- B. Sin entered into the world that God had created. By disobeying God, Adam and Eve lost their holiness. Their nature was changed.
- C. Death now made an entrance into the world. Cain slew his brother, and God killed a lamb to cover Adam and Eve.
- D. Everyone who has ever lived on this earth has a depraved nature. All have sinned. No upward improvement here.
- E. The earth was placed under a curse by God.

Genesis 3:17-19: “And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life: Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field; In the

Since none of us were present at the beginning, we must *rely* on something or someone else to explain to us how everything came to be. Thus we are immediately in the realm of “faith” relying on something or someone else.

In other words, we all naturally *presuppose* certain ideas, and we cannot escape our presuppositions. Our finiteness requires us to look outside ourselves for a source of knowledge. As Dr. Downing has said: “Although modern man would fain consider himself to be scientific and empirical in his epistemology [science of knowledge and truth-claims], he is necessarily brought to a principle of faith, and therefore a presuppositional stance for what he considers to be true and truth.” (*A Baptist Catechism*, p. 32.)

The Faith of the Evolutionist Rests in Irrational Impossibilities

To be fair, many beginner evolutionists blindly *trust* their college professor, or their textbook, or the great number of scientists out there who insist that only their explanation fits with science.

But the faith of “studied evolutionists” rests in impossibilities such as these:

- (1) the power of impersonal matter to self-exist. Trace any of the evolutionary systems back as far as evolutionists will allow, and you will always find *something* out there to begin with... some cause...some lifeless matter that for no reason was just “there”, such as hydrogen, oxygen, carbon and nitrogen and helium. The question we rightly ask is, “Where did *that* come from?” But evolution gives no answer. It simply takes the existence of the first substance(s) *by faith!*
- (2) the power of matter to add genetic information to itself, and to choose which information to add...especially, the power of a species to change itself into another species. For example, a fish decided to grow legs and walk on land. Now, while changes within a species certainly do occur, there has never

been a change from one species into another. In truth, genetic information may be rearranged or become recessive or lost within a species but never gained. (Our modern genetic engineering involves intelligent person(s) from outside the system adding it, and even then there is no change of species.) Dr. Lesley Walls, a well-studied brother in Christ, assures me that all alteration of the human genome has been for the worse, not for the better. Things only tend to dissolution, disintegration and death. Even Isaac Asimov admitted that things tend to move from a state of order to disorder. But he and his fellow evolutionists contradict themselves by insisting that atoms organize themselves into increasingly complex, orderly, beneficial arrangements, even though no one has ever witnessed such an event. They simply take this contradiction *by faith*.

- (3) the power of chance over a long period of time. “Given enough time, anything can happen.” Thus, evolution hides under the veil of supposed millions of years that are assumed to provide plenty of room for impossible things. But large amounts of time do not make impossibilities any more likely to occur! Given endless time, impossibilities are still impossible! To think contrariwise requires *blind faith*. What we are accused of!

These kinds of presuppositions of anti-creationists defy reason and are an insult to our intelligence, not to mention a blasphemy against the Creator. The whole scheme is a sham, conclusions built on faulty premises. It only advances by means of peer pressure, intimidation and caricature of creationists as unsophisticated and ignorant. It cannot advance by scientific evidence because it has no evidence. It must be taken by *faith*.

It is really too kind to call these presuppositions “faith.” We ought rather to call them absurdities, fantasies and very unsound thinking. Iain Murray recently wrote, “The truth is that it is unbelief rather than Christianity that depends on the irrational for its survival.” (*The Undercover Revolution*, p. 7.)

6. It was fixed as concerning kinds or species. 1 Corinthians 15:38-39, “But God giveth it a body as it had pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.”

No scientist has ever been able to upset the fixity of the species.

In the mid 1920s, Professor Ilya Ivanov began his project, funded by the Soviet Government, to hybridize humans and apes by artificial insemination.....He first attempted to produce male chimpanzee female hybrids, and all three attempts failed. Ivanov also attempted to use ape males and human females to produce hybrids but was unable to complete the experiment because at least five of the women died.

7. In God's creation, the living creatures were vegetarians. Genesis 1:29-30, “And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.”

The animals did not prey on one another nor eat one another until after the fall. No natural selection here. All the species were created before the fall.

8. In God's creation, the animals and birds were created male and female.

- b) Psalms 148:1-6: "Praise ye the Lord, praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. Praise Him all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him all ye stars of light. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for He commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass."
- c) Genesis 1:3: "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."
2. It was created out of nothing.
Job 26:7: "He stretched out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."
3. It was pronounced by God as being "very good." Genesis 1:31, "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and morning were the sixth day."
- "Very good" as spoken by God, does not need to upwardly evolve to something better.
4. It was circular.
Isaiah 40:22, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in."
5. It was completed.
Genesis 2:3, "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."

There was nothing else to add to what God had created. God always completes that which He starts.

The Faith of the Christian Rests in the Eternal God, His Word and His Veracity

Since none of us was at the beginning, we have no good option but to trust the testimony of the only One who was there, namely the Creator. He is God alone and over all. He is above creation and above time. He is eternal. He self-exists. He did not create Himself, that would be an impossibility. Rather He necessarily eternally self-exists. (We said a moment ago that *impersonal* matter cannot self-exist. However, a *personal*, infinite, supreme Being can and must self-exist.) He is the "uncaused Cause of all causation." He has revealed Himself in His word as Creator. In His word, He has revealed *that* He created and *how* He created (by the word of His mouth—and thus there is no room for "theistic evolution") and *why* He created (for His own glory). We must take this by faith...and we do so unashamedly!

The basic Christian presupposition is, *In the beginning God* (Gen. 1:1). But the basic evolutionist presupposition is, "In the beginning hydrogen and helium." Again, our text states our presupposition, "...the worlds were framed by the word of God." Everything we know stems from this presupposition which we believe and cannot but believe.

Objection: "But you are guilty of circular reasoning! You believe the Bible is the word of God because it says it is."

Answer: In discussing ultimate issues, circular reasoning is all that is available to any of us. As *finite* beings, there is no other way to reason on the great issue of origins! We creationists begin with presuppositions and we return to those presuppositions. But so do atheists and evolutionists, as we have seen! They presuppose there is no God, and they return again and again to that presupposition. However, if the Bible is not a reliable guide, then there is none, and our existence is ultimately meaningless. Those who follow such unbiblical thinking end up in total relativism, debating profound questions like, "Am I here?"!

The Biblical Explanation is Consistent with Sound Reasoning.

Our text says, “so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Something greater than matter is necessary in order for matter to exist. Matter is not eternal. Matter cannot make itself. It cannot make its equal. It cannot make its greater. John Blanchard put the truth succinctly when he said, “Matter matters”, a chapter title in his book *Does God Believe in Atheists?*. Even a pagan can understand this basic principle! Observing the world around us, and especially our own bodies and souls, we must conclude that a power greater than this world made it all to exist. (The same truth is taught in Romans chapter 1.)

Thus, though there is no *scientific* proof for the origin of things, there is *logical, philosophical* proof, which any rational person will readily admit. And Scripture agrees with rational thinking. But Scripture also exceeds human reason, and fully satisfies our thirst to know who we are, how we got here, and what is the meaning and purpose of our life. (Here is a weakness of the “Intelligent Design” movement: it is content with *philosophical* proof of creation. The value of the ID movement is limited because it cannot tell us *who* the intelligence was and *why* the intelligence did what it did.)

God’s word never contradicts reason. It supersedes reason, but is never below sound reason. God never requires us to believe anything that is unreasonable or silly. Thomas Manton said, “Religion is not illiterate. Grace doth not make men simple, but rather perfects human learning. None discern truth with more comfort and satisfaction than a believer; [faith] solves all doubts and riddles of reason... Faith and reason must go together, though reason must be subordinate.”

The question is not, “Who has faith and who has science?” because all explanations of origins require faith. (We all work with

3. Let us look at some Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:15-17, “And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

Psalms 111:7-8: “The works of His hands are verity and judgment; all His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.”

Isaiah 40:8: “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand fast forever.”

Matthew 5:17-18: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, til heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

The battle is not one of young earth versus old earth, or in billion of years versus six days, or creation versus evolution. The real battle is the authority of the Word of God versus man's fallible opinion.

B. The Creation Of The Universe.

1. It was created by the voice of God.
 - a) Colossians 1:15-16: “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him.”

BUT IT IS!

2. Listen to the words of an enemy to creation, Thomas Huxley:

“I am fairly at a loss to comprehend how anyone, for a moment, can doubt that Christian Theology must stand or fall with the historical trustworthiness of the Jewish Scriptures. The very conception of Messiah, or Christ, is inextricably interwoven with Jewish history; the identification of Jesus of Nazareth with the Messiah rests upon the interpretation of the passages of Hebrew Scripture which have no evidential value unless they possess the historical character assigned to them if the covenant with Abraham was not made; if circumcision and sacrifices were not ordained by Jehovah; if the ‘Ten Words’ were not written by God’s hand on the stone tables; if Abraham is more or less a mythical hero, such as Thesus; the story of the deluge a fiction; that of the fall a legend.”

Huxley then gave a lesson on New Testament Theology. He quoted Matthew 19:4-5, “Have you never 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?’” Huxley commented, “If divine authority is not here claimed for the twenty-fourth verse of the second chapter of Genesis, what is the value of language? “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” And again, I ask, if one may play fast and loose with the story of the fall as a ‘type’ or ‘allegory’ what becomes of the foundation of Pauline Theology?”

All the Holy Scriptures are woven into one inerrant, infallible Book.

the same scientific data, but how we interpret that data is a matter of faith.) The real question is, “Whose faith is well founded? And whose faith is consistent with sound reason?” The faith of the evolutionist is built on unreasonable impossibilities. The faith of the Bible-believing Christian is founded upon the true and living God, the ultimate Authority, the only Witness to the event of creation. He alone was there, and He cannot lie.

Or we may put it this way: either you believe that God is eternal or you believe that matter is eternal. Eternal God or eternal slime! Those are the only options.

It all comes down to this: we all must trust an authority outside ourselves. Whose authority do you trust: that of the God of truth, or that of those who hate Him, who follow Satan the liar? Do you believe the One who always tells you truth or the habitual liar? Friend, if you believe a habitual liar, you are, in the fullest sense of the word, a fool!

The choice is clear and the implications are momentous. I urge you to believe in God! *Believe that he is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him* (v. 6). Seek Him and you will find Him who is your Creator and your Redeemer!

Some day, there will be no evolutionists. All will be creationists as they bow and confess the Lordship of Christ. But it will be one day too late for those who go to hell. Friend, *believe* God’s Word today! *Believe* every word, every jot and tittle. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!”

animals in degree, but they arose by organic evolution as just an interrelation of chemical and physical properties, which are not yet understood.

4. Death - extinction of personality and individuality. When the matter, which makes up a person, is disorganized at death, that person disappears and no longer exists.
5. History - a linear stream of events linked by cause and effect but without any ultimate purpose.
6. Ethics - related only to human beings as values are man-made.

A Look at God's Side

A. The Authority And Truthfulness Of The Holy Scriptures.

Isaiah 45:18, “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God Himself formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; there is none else.”

1. Let us glance at the debate between Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan. Why did Bryan lose his debate with Darrow? Mr. Bryan made a seemingly small but very telling error.

“In his questioning, Darrow pitted Bryan’s faith in the Bible against his belief in modern scientific thinking. Darrow asked Bryan about the meaning of the word ‘day’ in Genesis. Bryan’s answer rejected the clear teaching of Scripture, which indicates that the days of Genesis One are six actual days of approximately 24 hours. Bryan accepted modern evolutionary thinking when he said, “I think it would be just as easy for the kind of God we believe in to make the earth in six days, or six years, or in six million years, or in 60 million years. I do not think it is important whether we believe one or the other!”

C. Natural selection.

1. Survival of the fittest.
2. Continual change upward.
3. All things remain the same.

2 Peter 3:4, “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 the creation.”

James Hutton introduced the concept of uniformitarianism.

“This method of interpreting the geological strata assumed that changes occurred over long period of time by such natural agents as erosion, sedimentation, glaciation, and volcanization.” In other words, “there was no need to invoke miraculous catastrophes; all had been accomplished by natural causes.”

Dr. Thomas Chalmers originated the “gap” or ruin-restoration theory.

The “high priest of uniformitarianism” was said to be Charles Lyell. The long-accepted global deluge, from Lyell’s perspective, was totally mythical. Lyell’s familiar quote is, “the present is the key to the past.”

We know that evolution must have billions of years to do its job.

D. The basic tenets of evolution:

1. Prime reality - matter exists eternally as all that there is. There is no God that exists.
2. Cosmos - exists eternally as a uniformity of cause and effect in a closed system.
3. Human beings - complex machines which have arisen as a result of the operation of organic evolution. Man's intellectual, social, and spiritual nature are exceptions among

Attempts at Compromise Between Evolution and Creation

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“In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” Gen 1:1-2.

How we understand these two verses is most important. The Genesis record of the beginning of all things is the superlative account of the actions of God. Nothing in all literature approaches the beauty, clarity, simplicity and glory of the first two chapters of Genesis.

This Profound Account Echos in the Soul of Man

Immediately upon reading this account one has the true sensation that this is real history! This is truth! This is Divine Revelation! This is the voice of God! Genesis answers my questions about origin!

I remember the inspiring broadcast of Anders, Lovell and Borman reading the first ten verses of Genesis 1 while they circled the moon some forty years ago! They were 18 times further from home than any human had ever been before!

Some Attempts To Compromise With Evolution

Compromise is a term that suggests an adjustment or settlement by *mutual* concessions. When we look at attempts of compromise between Evolution and Creation, I want to emphasize that the compromise is never on the side of the Evolutionists! The Evolutionist never compromises his position! It is those who believe in

creation who do the compromising! Since when did you hear an Evolutionist (no matter what discipline) say,

“We wish to emphasize that we could be wrong and it is possible that everything was created in six days a few thousand years ago.”

Or, “We realize that Evolution demands and puts tremendous weight on a chance beginning of life, and the chance progression of life, and the innumerable essential chances of diversification of life forms, and consequently, Creation certainly is the more likely scenario.”

And that is the truth!

Or, “We have so many great problems which are inexplicable that we must admit Creation is a viable alternative and is much simpler.”

Or, “We admit everything had to have a beginning.”

Or, Let us be perfectly candid. We do not know how the universe began nor do we know how life began.”

And that would be the truth!

Kerkut in his book *The Implications of Evolution* after he had decimated the theory of Evolution as it is usually presented concluded with this question: Why then do we believe in evolution? Simply because we have no other temple in which to worship!

Various Theories of Origin

There are several theories about origins. These are summarized by Dr. Gary Chiang [Dr. Gary Chiang, Redeemer University College Lancaster, Ontario].

Let me give you an outline of an evolutionary sermon with three points:

1. Life is Godless - Sir Julian Huxley
2. Life is Purposeless - Richard Dawkins
3. Life is Meaningless - William Provine

Now let us take a very quick look at evolution.

A Look at Man's Side-Evolution

- A. The most popular theory today would be “The Big Bang.”

Dr. Carl Sagan was a well-known scientist of our times. The Associated Press said, “One of the most brilliant scientists of our times.” Listen to the good doctor. “Ten or twenty billion years ago, something happened—The Big Bang—the event that began our universe. Scientists agree that our universe did have a beginning. Prior to that moment there was nothing.” There are many misconceptions surrounding the Big Bang theory. “For example, we tend to imagine a giant explosion. Experts, however, say that there was no explosion. There was (and continues to be) an expansion.”

- B. The origin of life. It is thought to have occurred in six phases:
 1. Cosmic Evolution - the origin of space, time, matter and energy from nothing.
 2. Chemical Evolution - the development of the higher elements from hydrogen.
 3. Stellar and Planetary Evolution - origin of stars and planets.
 4. Organic Evolution - organic life from a rock.
 5. Macro Evolution - the origin of major kinds.
 6. Micro Evolution - the variation within kinds.

Only the sixth phase has been observed and documented. The first five are assumed.

1. Who knows more about science? God or human scientists?
2. Who knows more about how the universe was formed? God or human scientists?
3. Who knows more about how life on earth came into being and how humans were formed? God or human scientists?
4. If there is a conflict between what God says and what human scientists say, whom should we trust? God or human scientists?

B.B. Warfield and Charles Hodge chose the scientists.

Both Christianity and Evolutionism are religions. One has the Holy Scriptures, the other, the wisdom and knowledge of man. Both require faith. Dr. Michael Ruse, perhaps the most eloquent spokesman for evolution today, has admitted:

“Evolution is promoted by its practitioners as more than mere science. Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion—a full fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality. I am an ardent evolutionist and an ex-Christian, but I must admit that in this one complaint...the literalists are absolutely right. Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution today.”

Why do states like California and Texas fight homeschoolers and Christian Colleges and schools? California is refusing to allow students entrance to attend state universities that have not been taught evolution.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on April 24th, 2008 told the Institute of Christian Research Graduate School that it could not move its twenty-seven year old Master of Science Program to Texas, nor could it recruit students from Texas, to apply to its California Graduate School. Why? Because the Institution for Christian Research does not teach science from an evolution-only viewpoint.

1. Atheistic evolution.
Big Bang. 15-20 Billion years ago. Everything exists by the big chance. Death ends all.
Proponents: Carl Sagan; Richard Dawkins; Strahler.
2. Deistic evolutionism:
A supernatural force created the Big Bang, made physical laws. This force is no longer involved in the universe. We exist via “evolution”, and are here by chance.
Proponents: Albert Einstein, Fred Hoyle.
3. Theistic evolutionism:
God is the supernatural force who created the Big Bang and set down all the physical laws in order for evolution to occur. He used evolution to “create” the right environment and the right vehicle in which to place a living soul. When the time was right for Adam to appear, God took an evolved pre-man, and gave him a spirit and/or soul to create man in the image of God. This theory gives evolution a purpose, and in this way, it differs from Deistic evolutionism.
Proponents: B.B. Warfield, James Orr, C.I. Scofield
4. Old Earth Creationism:
This category describes theories that accommodate the belief in an ancient earth with the belief that God created more-or-less as described in Genesis 1. Genesis is interpreted to provide the millions of years needed for fossil formulations. There are two subcategories 1. The Gap Theory and 2. The Day—Age Theory.
 - a. The Gap Theory: also called the “ruin-reconstruction” view. The belief that there is a considerable amount of time between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 and that the cosmos, which was originally created long before the creation week in Genesis, *became* without form and void. In the creation week in Genesis, God “re-created” the earth and told mankind to replenish it. This theory has its

origin with the founders of modern geology (e.g. T. Chalmers, H. Miller). This view is found in the Scofield Reference Bible, Dake's Annotated Reference Bible, and the Newberry Reference Bible.

Proponents: Thomas Chalmers; Hugh Miller; G.H. Pember; Arthur Custance .

b. The Day/Age Theory:

The creation days in Genesis describe creative periods of time, not six literal days. During each creative period, God increased the complexity of life by creating new life forms while also changing the earth to accommodate these new forms.

Exponents: Bernard Ramm, Kenneth Taylor, Millard J. Erickson, James Montgomery Boice, Gleason Archer

5. Young Earth, Recent creationism (Scientific creationism): God created everything in 6, 24 hour days, sometime about 10,000 years ago. God created everything with the appearance of age. It is in total disagreement with modern scientific dating methods for ages beyond 10,000 years, but is in total harmony with the literal translation of the creation week. Proponents: Henry H. Morris, Duane Gish; Institute for Creation Research and the Creation Research Society.

There is another mode of explanation for Genesis 1& 2 and it is called *The Days of Revelation Theory*. Wiseman proposed that the six days of Genesis 1 were six days of 24 hours during which God recounted to Adam the sequence of events that took place when he created the world. [Bowden. *True Science Agrees with The Bible*.]. This had taken millions of years but it was over a period of six days that He gave Adam a part of the story each day. So the account in Genesis took God six days to tell it but it took ages to accomplish it!

All of these theories (Deistic, Theistic, Old earth creationism, Gap theory, and Days of Revelation) have one thing in com-

Why Evolution Is Wrong

Roger Dohrer

Isaiah 45:18, Colossians 1:15-16, Hebrews 1:10-12

I would like to begin this sermon with a challenge for you. Would you like to make \$250,000.00? You must listen carefully. I will tell you how at the end of this sermon.

I would like to read you just a small portion of an article in “The Tulsa World” dated 11/22/2008. Hugh Ross of the “Reason to Believe Foundation” is working to reconcile creation with evolution.

He states:

- The universe began some 13 billion years ago in a creation event that scientists called the Big Bang.
- The universe is an incredibly fine-tuned system created to enable life on planet earth to exist.
- Plant life and animal life were created, not evolved, on earth over millions of years.
- Many of these life forms, such as dinosaurs, became extinct and new ones were created as conditions changed on earth.
- Adam and Eve were the first humans, parents of the entire human race.
- They were created about 50,000 years ago and did not evolve from lower animals
- The scientific method sprang from the Protestant Reformation, and the Bible, and biblical faith and science are compatible.

Right from the very beginning, I would like to ask you four questions.

mon—they attempt to compromise with the supposed long ages of Evolution.

The Origin of the Gap Theory

Dr. Thomas Chalmers first put forth the gap theory in 1814 to combat the long ages proposed by James Hutton 1726-1797 who is called the man who made the wedge and overthrew Biblical authority.

Charles Lyell wrote *Principles of Geology* in the 1830s. He wrote this book to undermine a literal belief in Genesis. Darwin's *Origin of the Species* came out in Nov. 1859. This indicates there was in the early 1800s considerable pressure on the young earth position of Genesis 1. This pressure has greatly increased since then.

On what do those who teach the Gap Theory base it?

Does Was Mean Became?

In Genesis 1:1, does the verb *was* mean *became*? It is argued that the earth was not created in this form but it became void from some great catastrophe. Isaiah 45:18 is used to support this view:

“For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.”

The Gap theory also says because the term *void* is used here it indicates the earth was the scene of a fall previous to Genesis 3 when Adam sinned. “And the earth became void...” Those who teach this theory argue that Genesis 1:2 begins with a watery chaos but Genesis 2 begins with a dry earth, hence a great change is implied. While this is true there is no necessity for this supposed chaos in Genesis 1:2. These two accounts are of the same thing and are in perfect harmony without any catastrophe.

The phrase *in vain*, in the passage in Isaiah, is the same as *without form* in Genesis 1:2. Of course while it is grammatically possible for a gap to exist between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, there is nothing in the text or context, near or far, which demands this theory. The arguments pro and con for this theory are quite involved, but let me insist that the plain ordinary sense of our common version is good.

Creation and Apparent Chaos

Some ask: Is this not a statement of chaos in Genesis 1:2? Just because something looks chaotic does not mean that it is. Many things in the early stages of development *appear chaotic* which are not so at all. Building sites look chaotic but they are not. A fetus looks chaotic to the untrained eye—but it is a marvel of creative design which man is only beginning to understand. A painting looks crude and is unrecognizable in its beginning.

The making of a Damascus sword, with multiple heatings to white hot temperature, the frantic forge welding, the folding and the forge welding again and again with multiplied folds which are repeated dozens of times, and finally when the blade is shaped it is then heated again to the quenching temperature and quenched in cold water. Then heated again to draw it back. To the untrained eye, this whole process appears to be not only chaotic but destructive, and without order. It looks as if it is a ruination instead of creation! Yet every heating, every fold, every stroke of the hammer is in perfect order for the creation of a sword. So it is in Creation. Things in Genesis 1:2 may sound as if they are chaotic but there is no chaos here but rather in the forging of God every stroke is full of design!

Do the Terms of Genesis Indicate Two Creations

The argument runs like this: *Created means made from nothing* but *made* means *to make from something*. This is possible. Yet it seems certain that such a distinction is not borne out in the use of

say “the last” that means the last! There will never be another Adam.

In the original creation, when God created Adam, He created him as head of the race and representative of a people! And then you have the last Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the representative of a people, and there will never be another. He is the LAST ADAM! Then in verse 49, “as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” The first man is of the earth. The Second Man is The Lord of Glory!

Let me show you one more thing found in Isaiah 64. We read at the beginning of our message, “For dust thou art”! Unless the Lord returns before then, everyone in this building is going to die. More than likely someone is going to bury you in the ground. You are going to go back into the ground from which you came. And if enough time passes, someone in the future can exhume your body, and they are going to find a casket full of dirt. Just dust! You will return to dust! Isaiah 64:8; “But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.” The prophet speaks of the potter and the clay. Paul also reminds us of this in Romans 9:20-23. We read Paul’s writings in this text and usually our minds are concerned with the sovereignty of God in salvation, and rightfully so. But also in these words by both the Prophet and the Apostle, we can find the matter of creation and the origin of man.

God is the potter! We are nothing but clay! Dirt! Dirt! And if I understand what Paul says in Romans 9, we are all of the same lump! This is true in the origin of man. I am going to close by just making this observation. What a great God we have! Our God is able to take dirt, and make out of that dirt a vessel of honor, prepared unto glory, to make a vessel of wrath prepared unto destruction. My God can do that. And He can do it out of the same lump of clay. How thankful we ought to be! We know our origin is no more than dirt, dust, clay, but yet the Potter is conforming us into the image of Christ! What a great God! Amen.

I am going to go back to Acts 17. I read part of this passage the other evening in my first message. Paul is in Athens and he makes his way to Mars Hill. And when Paul would declare unto them the true and living God, he goes directly to the matter of origins, the matter of creation. And in verse 26 Paul said this concerning God; “And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.”

Here is where you leave a lot of people, or a lot of people will leave you over this: the fact that God has of one blood made all nations of men to dwell upon this earth. It does not matter whether you are Caucasian, Negro, Asian or what you may be, if you belong to a nation, and everyone does, all of us are made out of one blood. It all goes back to Adam and Eve, when God created them, blessed them and enabled them to produce offspring, and they populated the earth. And, I am not going to go through the Tower of Babel and through the Ark, but it all goes back past these things to one single man and one single woman, Adam and Eve. A lot of people have a difficult time accepting that God made all out of one blood. But if you believe the Bible, you must believe this: Adam, the first man—Eve the mother of all living. What is the origin of man? Well, there it is: when God created man, and He created male and female, the first man Adam and Eve the mother of all Living. That is our ancestry! That is our history! That is our origin!

I am going to go back to I Corinthians one more time before I close. I don't want to pass over mentioning this. In 1 Corinthians 15:45 we are told, “The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” I read this again to just tell you this. Language is important. Notice the phrase “the last Adam.” Over the years I have heard a lot of people from pulpits and others speak about the second Adam. That terminology is really not correct. Sometimes “second” might leave room, or might even imply there is a third, or even more. But when you

these two words in Scripture. Note that in Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning *created* God...” But in Genesis 1:7 *And made God the expanse*.

Again. Let us *make* man in our image, after our likeness... So God *created* man in his own image. Genesis 1:26, 27. Other examples of the use of the verb *made* where it seems the meaning of *create* cannot be questioned:

Genesis 1:7, And God *made* the firmament;
 Genesis 1:16, *Made* the lights of heaven
 Genesis 1:25; 3:1, *Made* the animals,

Surely this use of *made* concerning animals is creation. While this difference between *create* and *make* is possible, it certainly is not a necessary meaning and seems only to be used in an attempt to account for the vast ages of Evolution. [Keil & Delitzsch, Genesis 46] say:

“...this construction is invented for the simple purpose of getting rid of the doctrine of a creation ex nihilo.....”

Next let us consider some objections to the gap theory:

Death Came By Man

If indeed there were these ages before Adam and creatures lived and died in them how can we harmonize Romans 5 with that theory? Death is the result of sin, according to Scripture. No sin, no death!

One sin—Adam sinned! Romans 5:16
 One disobedience, Adam's disobedience, Romans 5:19
 One Death by Adam's offense! Romans 5:12, 15, 17,18
 Death reigns by one—Adam! Romans 5:17
 Judgment was by one —Adam! Romans 5:16

Whatever ill is in this world, the Bible says it lies at Adam's door!

The Bible Speaks of This Creation as the Original Creation

Genesis 1 & 2 tells about creation without any missing chapters. Nothing is left out in this account. The origin of the earth is here. The origin of the heavens is here. The origin of the animals is here. The origin of man is here. The origin of sin in the world is here. The origin of death in the world is here.

But if the fossils are the remains of living creatures before Adam, then we have death before Adam! We have sin before Adam in this world. We have judgment before Adam in this world! Adam, in this case was not what Romans 5 says he was. This seems to indicate that the gap theory is a mistake.

The Term *Evening and Morning* Speak of a Normal Earth Day

The long days of the gap theory is a compromise with the evolutionists who give the age of the earth as 3.5 billion years; some as much as 12 or 15 billion years. If we take the shorter period of 3.5 billion years, a day would be 500 million years! That is quite a day! No one would ever think of such a day from reading Genesis. That idea must be put into the text and it comes about from trying to adjust the Bible to the theory of evolution. Besides, each of these days had an *evening* and a *morning*. *Evening and morning* is all the same as if the writer had used the term *hours*, because an evening and a morning are parts of a twenty-four hour day.

God Rested on the Seventh Day

When God would give a memorial of His creation to Israel He speaks in Exodus 20:

death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." If this means anything, it means that by one man sin entered into the world and death entered into the world by sin. I cannot understand these words any other way.

If there were a pre-Adamic race of people, they would have had to die before Adam, but there was no death before Adam. There is certainly no record in the Scripture of their continuing to live alongside of Adam. Even though in reading and preparation for this conference, I did come across some pretty strange things. I mentioned Acts 17 the other evening. This is the account of when Paul was in Athens on Mars Hill, and he spoke to the Athenians concerning the true God as the Creator. Paul mentioned, and I will read this in a moment, that God made all nations of men from only one blood. I have read in a couple of sources in studying for these messages that the Athenians believed they came from a pre-Adamic race of people. And these writers were writing of the boldness of Paul speaking to these Athenians about God creating all nations of men from a single source.

Look back to I Corinthians 15:21-22, "For since by man came death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." The wording of the Scripture is clear, "By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin." Before God created Adam there was no man. Adam is called "the first man." In Chapter 3:20, Eve is called "the mother of all living." Our sin nature is traced all the way back to Adam as our representative, but not only as our representative, it is also traced back to Adam in our natural relationship to him. We are related to Adam and Eve. If you could trace your family tree all the way to its root, you would go back to Adam and Eve.

one of the passages of Scripture I would use to contradict the idea of a pre-Adamic race of people. But, the theories of Isaac Peyrere, in one form or another, seem to just continually rear up their heads, and some people begin to buy this theory in different generations. I do not think that anyone who really believes the Bible could ever hold to a pre-Adamic race of people.

Look with me to I Corinthians 15:45; “And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” Notice these words, “The first man Adam.” These words are pretty conclusive to me. I do not think Scripture could be any clearer than this. Adam was the first man! “The first man Adam.” If you look in verse 47, “The first man is of the earth.” Hold your place there if you would as I go back to Genesis 3:19. We have already read that God formed man of the dust of the earth. In Genesis 3:19 we read, “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” The first man is of the earth! I really think sometimes people are prohibited by their pride from believing what the Bible says about the creation of man. If you believe what the Bible says you know we are made from dirt. This just deflates the ego of man. The first man is of the earth, taken from the ground itself. We are all made from dirt and we are all going to return to dirt. Look at this again, verse 19 of Genesis 3, “for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” I find very little, if anything, in the Bible that exalts man. This certainly will deflate the ego of man. The first man is of the earth!

I totally disregard any idea of a pre-Adamic race simply because the Scripture says Adam was the first man. God created Adam from the dust of the earth. But there is another reason I do not believe in a pre-Adamic race. It is that death came by Adam. I will go to Romans Chapter 5 and I will read verses 12 through 14. Now keep in mind, this is where Isaac Peyrere found his theory of a pre-Adamic race of people. Romans 5, verse 12; “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11.

The Lord parallels the day the Israelites were to keep with the day He rested in Genesis 2:1-3. This indicates that God meant for them to understand the days of Genesis in the same time frame as their own days. He rested one day; they were to rest one day.

Fossil Records

Do the fossil records support the gap theory? Some think they can compromise with evolution by allowing these long ages to develop the fossils. But the fossils of creatures still existing do not indicate what evolution claims. Look at a mosquito in amber. Is it the same as those that bite us today? Yet the theory of evolution claims the amber fossil is 25-50 million years old! Look at the fossil of a Ginkgo leaf and then walk down the street and compare it to the Ginkgo growing on your street, 150 million years removed. They are identical!

In 2005 Mary Higy Schweitzer of North Carolina State University discovered a Tyrannosaurus Rex thigh bone in Montana that still retained well-preserved soft tissue including blood vessels and cells. This seems to preclude the 65 million years which the evolutionary theory demands for the dinosaurs. Since this discovery the evolutionists have been very quiet about this as it flies in the face of everything their theory demands. Let it also be remembered that this discovery is as much against the gap theory as it is against evolution in general!

The Term *Replenish* and the Gap Theory

The argument is sometimes made that the word *replenish* in Genesis 1:28 means to *do again* because of the reduplication, *re*. Consequently, some say the word *replenish* conveys the meaning of fill *again* the earth with people. This is said to indicate there was a previous race on the earth before Adam and Eve were created.

Cambridge publishes a glossary in some of their Bibles which explains the meaning of certain words that have changed meaning since the 1611 KJV was first published. It gives *replenish* as a word which has changed meaning. The original word in English meant to fill, fill full.

The Hebrew word behind *replenish* means to fill. The reduplication is not in the Hebrew so we are not dealing with *re*-plenish but *plenish*. Cf. Genesis 1:22 [fill]; also 1 Kings 18:33. [Cf. Leupold; Green; LXX; Vine81; Keil & Delitzsch].

Did Fallen Angels Marry Women?

This old theory is based upon Genesis 6:2 and teaches that fallen angels cohabited with women and the offspring was the *nephilim* or giants. Because of this illicit relationship God sent the flood. This was the position of A.W. Pink, [Gleaning in Genesis 93-95] and others. But angels are spirit beings and have no reproductive powers, Matthew 22:30:

“For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.”

The objection made to this verse is very weak. They claim Christ here only refers to the angels *in heaven*. In other words, evil angels have power to produce offspring. But what is true of the individual is true of the group. Fallen angels do seek to indwell humans and animals [Mark. 5:12] but there seems to be no evidence

In Chapter 5 again, and in verses 1 and 2 we are told, God created Man...He created male and female. And he blessed them and called their name Adam. There are a few things I want to point out here. We are told, “The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground”, 2:7. I suppose most of the time when we think of creation, we think of God speaking something into existence. For example, God said, “Let there be light, and there was light.” He called something into existence just by speaking it. But in Genesis 2:7, we have something a little different. God formed man out of pre-existing material. But this is not any less a creation than God speaking this world into being. It is a creation, and is so stated in Genesis 1:27 three times. We learn in Genesis 2:7 of a creative act of God; “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.” The word “formed” is used, but the word “created” is also used when speaking of the creation of man. Notice in verse 7 of Genesis 2, there was first a lifeless man. “The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground.” This is a lifeless man until God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. And then notice it says; “man became a living soul.”

“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens”, Genesis 2:4. We are also told about, “every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth”, verse 5. Now notice this statement, “and there was not a man to till the ground.” Before God created Adam there was not a man. Genesis 2, verse 5, “there was not a man to till the ground.”

I emphasize this because there are those who believe in a pre-Adamic race of people. In 1655 a man named Isaac Peyrere published a book called “Pre-Adamite.” Mr. Peyrere stated in his book that he found a pre-Adamite race of people in Romans Chapter 5:12-14. It amazes me when I read that a man can find a pre-Adamic race of people in Romans Chapter 5:12-14. For this

image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

“And God said, Let us make man.” You are all familiar with this word “God.” It is “Elohim”, and is used to show a plurality. God was not speaking with nor was he consulting with angels or any other beings. I like what has already been pointed out in this conference. We are exhorted in the Scripture to consider our Creator in the day of our youth, and that word “Creator” is in the plural, (Consider our Creators). Never exclude the Holy Spirit or the Son from the matter of creation. “Let us make man.”

Notice this, if you would, in verse 27, the word “created” is used three times in this one short verse. Some commentators say this is an indication of the Trinity. I do not know if this is so or not, but the emphasis surely is on creation by the word appearing three times in this one verse. If you have a word-study Bible or some way of checking this, look back to Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” In Genesis 1:27 we have the words, “So God created”, used in reference to the creation of man. The same Hebrew word is translated “created” in both of these statements. If I know anything at all about language, and I readily admit I don’t know a lot, but I have attempted to study word meanings. In Genesis 1:1 the verb used and the tense of this verb means, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”, and He created it complete, perfect in a single act. God’s creation was complete and perfect from “the beginning.”

When I look in verse 27 and find the words, “God created man”, I know immediately God created man complete and perfect, just as He created the heaven and the earth complete and perfect. Being created complete and perfect, man needs no evolutionary process. God created a perfect and a complete man. Again, if language means anything, it must mean that!

that they can or that they even desire to cohabit with women. Whatever these giants were in Genesis 6, they did not end at the flood for we find them mentioned after that time, [Numbers 13:33]. If this inter-breeding was a possibility in pre-flood times why would it not still be going on? Every kind reproduces within its own kind because of the laws of the Creator and this would preclude angels cohabiting with women and producing offspring even if they had the desire to do so.

The Bible gives no place for a compromise with evolution. There is no evidence in Scripture of these billions of years demanded by evolution. These long ages are simply not available.

The Scripture in Genesis 1:1,2 teaches God created everything in six days—one week minus the seventh day— continuous days each with an evening and a morning. It names the days for us so we need make no error in our counting! The evening and morning were the first day unto the sixth! Just six ordinary days of creation and one of rest! This is what the Scripture says. These statements are designed for faith not compromise! Scripture will not allow us to compromise with evolution!

tell you, nothing is going to be learned on the moon or on Mars or in the farther reaches of outer space that is going to help us understand where we came from. Proof of origins will not be found in Space Exploration. It is found in God's word. We don't need to go to the moon or anywhere else to learn the truth concerning the origin of the universe, the origin of the earth, nor the origin of man.

I stated this in my first message and I will state it again now, all that is needed to understand the matter of origins is regeneration and the new birth. For along with these, God gives faith to believe His word. That is all that is needed to understand the matter of origins. Many theories have been advanced, and there has always been much speculation being offered, attempting to answer the question, "Where did we come from?" And it is all an exercise in futility when the Bible is ignored and God is excluded. Nothing is going to be learned from it.

Where did we come from? What is the origin of man? Others in this conference are dealing in their messages with evolution, and I am just going to leave that alone. Well, I guess I will briefly mention the subject. I will say this. I recall that during my school days, and that's been a number of years ago, there was a chart showing "evolution" from the small monkey up through the apes, man, etc. I remember that chart being displayed in our classroom. I had not seen it in quite a few years. Recently Janice and I took our two grandsons to the zoo in Memphis, and low and behold, right outside the primate area, there was that chart again! The displayed chart showed man right in the line with the apes and monkeys, etc. It was displayed very prominently in the Memphis zoo. This concept of evolution is not going away! It is being presented and displayed before our children, as well as adults, as a matter of fact, when it is no more than the figment of men's imagination, which still seems to be only evil continually.

The origin of man is very simple, and this message will be very simple. Genesis 1:26-27; "And God said, Let us make man in our

the world. And that is, that God is not acknowledged, morality is always very low. There is no such thing as the dignity of man where evolution or other absurd notions are upheld.

One thing that we noticed in Thailand, in the mountainous villages and jungles, as well as in other parts of Thailand, there is just no regard for human life. There is no value placed upon human life. The very reason we started our children's home in Thailand is that the children— orphaned children— were just abandoned and there was no value placed upon their lives. They were really treated like stray dogs, with no dignity of life whatsoever. And I find that wherever God is not acknowledged, wherever there is not a belief in a Creator, there is no value placed upon life.

I recall talking to a man in the city of Chang Mai one day about construction work I saw in the city. There, in the construction of high-rise buildings, they use bamboo for scaffolding. Several stories up, on the outside of the buildings, men would be working on bamboo scaffolding with no safety equipment at all. I asked the man I was speaking to, "Is this not dangerous?" His reply was, "Yes, it is very dangerous." I made another statement, "Those men can fall so easily", and his reply was "So what"? That was his response. He also said, "There are others waiting to take their place." There is no value placed on human life in this Buddhist country. I have found by observation, that when God is left out, and there is no belief in a Creator, there is no value placed upon human life and the result is that morality is always very low.

I want to mention another observation. Recently the United States observed the 40th year anniversary of man landing on the moon. I am always interested in watching this type of program on TV, but I am always amused when I hear commentators, especially from NASA, but also from the news media. When I hear the discussions of our space program, invariably someone will say, I guess in defense of space exploration, "this will help our understanding of where we came from." I hear this over and over again. Let me

Was Charles Darwin a Christian?

Roger Dohrer

Charles Darwin - The Man

A man who has greatly influenced the world of science and religion. A man born into a wealthy family. This gave him much free time. A man with an inquisitive mind, one who possessed great power of observation. A man of religion. He was familiar with the Anglican Church, The Unitarian Church, Deism, and Naturalism.

He was born February 12, 1809, the same day as Abraham Lincoln was born. He was sprinkled November 17, 1809 at St. Chad's Anglican Church. He died April 19, 1882 at age 73. He is buried in Westminster Abbey, in close proximity to Sir Isaac Newton.

What kind of person was Charles Darwin? How would history remember him? He was a very complex individual. He claimed great affection and respect for the Holy Scriptures. He approved the work of missionaries. He was a student of natural science and geology.

As a young man, Charles indulged himself. In his college life he ran with the wealthy, upper class students. It is said they attended classes only when they were "fun." He joined the Gourmet or Glutton's Club. The students enjoyed long, drawn out dinners. They played cards and sometimes drank too much.

Charles Darwin's Family Life

Father - Robert Waring Darwin (1766-1848). A gigantic man six foot six inches tall and weighing 330 pounds. Charles writes of

his father: “His chief mental characteristics were his power of observation and his sympathy which I have never seen exceeded or even equalled.” He was an atheist. Charles knew the contempt his father held for Christianity.

Grandfather - Erasmus Darwin (1731-1802). A preeminent physician of the eighteenth century. He supported the colonists in their struggle for freedom. He was the first declared English evolutionist. He held the “Enlightenment” spirit. In his book “Zoonomia; or, the Laws of Organic Life” (1794-1796), he rejects the claims of the Bible as a supernatural authority. Erasmus was a Deist, but his son Robert became an atheist.

Mother - Susannah Wedgwood (1765-1817). Nothing much has been written concerning her.

Wife - Emma Wedgwood (1808-1896). After a short engagement, Charles and Emma were married on January 19, 1839 at St. Peter’s Anglican Church. They attended the Unitarian Church on Little Portland Street.

Daughter - Henrietta Litchfield (1843-1929) had these recollections of her mother: “She went regularly to church and took the Sacrament. She read the Bible with us and taught us a simple Unitarian Creed, though we were baptized and confirmed in the Church of England.”

Emma believed the greatest peril her beloved husband faced in rejecting the Bible was that he would not participate in the resurrection from the dead with her. This was a hope that she cherished with utmost sincerity. She wrote, “Everything that concerns you, concerns me and I should be most unhappy if I thought we did not belong to each other forever.”

Three Older Sisters - Emily Catherine, Caroline, and Susan Caroline tried to encourage Charles to read his Bible more, which he promised to do.

The Origin Of Man

Bill Lee

Last evening Bro. Paul Brown’s subject was, “Does True Science Conflict with Christianity?” He mentioned he could just say “No” and sit down. My subject tonight is: “What is the Origin of man? I could just say, “God created man” and sit down, but I won’t do that.

Genesis 1:26-27; “And God 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

If you would, go with me to chapter 5, verse 1; “This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.”

Now chapter 2, verse 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 soul.”

Let me say this before I get into my message, and I was thinking about this when Brother Royce Smith was speaking last evening on origins and morality. I have been blessed by our God to be able to go into several different parts of this world. And most of you know I am involved in mission work in Thailand. I have seen a lot of things and had a lot of different experiences in Thailand. There is one thing I have noticed in Thailand and in other parts of

Brother - Erasmus Alvey Darwin (1804-1881). Erasmus was interested in literature and art.

Men Who Greatly Influenced Charles Darwin

Joseph Priestly (1733-1804). Charles Darwin's mother and father were educated under Priestly. He grounded the family in Unitarianism. Priestly had rejected the teaching of the Church of England.

Priestly wrote "A History Of The Corruption of Christianity," in which he attacked the most important tenets of historical Christianity. He denied the deity of Christ, the existence of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus' atonement for the sins of human beings. "Jesus, a mere man, underwent inexpressible suffering to exhibit a most perfect example of voluntary obedience to the will of God."

Dr. Robert Edmond Grant (1793-1874). Dr. Grant was a highly respected Zoologist. He encouraged Charles to join the Plinian Society. The Plinian Society was composed of a group of twenty-five students. They met together to provide a forum in which they could discuss matters of science. About three weeks after joining the Plinian Society Charles and Dr. Grant attended a lecture by John James Audubon. This pushed Charles over the edge. Gone was any desire to study medicine.

Dr. Grant, like Charles's father, was an atheist. Grant admired Lamarck. Lamarck was a Deist. His book, "Zoological Philosophy", was written with "an explicit goal or purpose to destroy the belief in the biblical concept of the fixity of kinds."

Charles Lyell (1797-1875) was a lawyer turned geologist. He would come to be known as "the high priest of uniformitarianism." He was raised as an Anglican but later converted to Unitarianism or Deism. Lyell gave himself to the task of demolishing any credibility of the Genesis Flood as a means of exploring

geological formations of the earth. Lyell's principle was, "The present is the key to the past."

Darwin's Vocations

Charles started out to be a physician. Charles, being sixteen years old, entered the University of Edinburgh on October 15, 1825. This school was known as the "Athens of the North." It was not confined to any doctrinal statement of faith like Oxford, or Cambridge. It was a home for religious rebels and dissenters, independents and atheists. Evolutionary themes were bandied about and held to by many.

Charles enrolled in the facility of Medicine. He considered most of the lectures to be very boring and dull. So in November 1826, Charles returned to Edinburgh alone and Erasmus, his brother, enrolled at Cambridge.

Charles began to think about his future. He knew that he would never have to worry about making a living. There was no need to prepare for a career. Charles began attending lectures in geology and zoology instead of medicine.

In the summer of 1827, with his father's blessings, he transferred to Cambridge to take up studies for the Anglican ministry. Why did Charles Darwin choose to become a minister? His father knew that Charles was drawn to natural science and many ministers were also naturalists. Becoming a respected minister would give Charles a secure position, much time for leisure, and there was no risk of failure.

The Darwins were high on the social ladder and the ministry would open the door to many of the "high and mighty." Charles then needed a degree from an English university. Family tradition prevailed and Cambridge became the university of choice. Charles, nor Robert, his father, ever imagined the idea that a min-

God Did Not Need Six Days to Make the Heaven and Earth, Much less thousands of Millions of Years

He spoke and it was done (Psalm 33:9). He used six literal days to establish a pattern and order for man whom He has commanded to work six days (Exodus 34:21). He rested on the seventh day to teach man to do the same, thus establishing the seven-day week, a measure of time used by man to this very day. No precise pattern could thus be given to man, if the days of Genesis 1 had been geological ages. Therefore, we believe the *seven days* of Genesis 1 & 2 were and had to have been literal days of twenty-four hours duration.

When the sabbath was instituted in the Mosaic Law, it was not something new; it had already been observed by Israel before being commanded in the *Ten Commandments*. Cf. Exodus 16:22-31. The six days in which Israel would gather the manna God had given them were very clearly six literal days, twenty-four hours in duration. The seventh or sabbath day was of the same length. If it were not, then the people, after eating for six indefinite periods of time, would have not had any food to gather for another unspecified period which could have been for thousands of years, for if the days of Genesis 1 & 2 were not literal days, who is to say the days of Exodus 16:22-31 were literal days? That the days of both of these passages were of the same length is evident from *Jehovah's* statements in Exodus 20:8-11. Exodus 20:11 connects this entire passage with creation thusly: "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

If one is consistent in his interpretation of Scripture and makes the days of Genesis 1 geological periods, then he must make the seventh or sabbath day to be the same. If this were the case, would we not be in the seventh or sabbath age now? But since God rests from His work in the seventh day or age, we would not expect to find Him doing any work therein. Yet Jesus proclaimed, ". . . My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). Again, He said, ". . . My meat [food] is to do the will of him that sent, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). These words nullify any interpretation that would make the seventh day a geological age, because man would have had to be living in that age from Adam to the present day. That being the case, God the Father would be resting, not working. Yet our Lord Jesus said the Father had worked to the time He came into this world, and that He Himself was sent to finish the Father's work. To make the days of creation anything more than literal days of twenty-four hours length is to create all kinds of problems for common-sense and consistent Bible interpretation.

ister was called by God, to preach the Gospel and to bring glory to God.

The two universities, Oxford and Cambridge, were controlled and operated by the Church of England. Upon graduation each graduate had to sign a pledge that he held to and supported the thirty-nine articles of faith. Charles was at that time a Unitarian. The first article had him trapped, but the end always justifies the means.

The first of the thirty-nine articles of faith reads: "There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts or passions, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

Charles states, "As I did not in the least doubt the strict and literal truth of every word in the Bible, I soon persuaded myself that our creed must be fully accepted. It never struck me how illogical it was to say that I believed in what I could not understand." Alas, Charles had no calling. His heart was never moved.

Charles Darwin's Accomplishments

- His trip on the ship, "The Beagle."
- His studies on Beetles.
- His studies on Earthworms.
- His Theory of Evolution.
- His many other published works.

Charles Darwin's Destiny

In his autobiography, Darwin states, "I had gradually come by this time (1836-1839), to see that the Old Testament was no more to be trusted than the sacred books of the Hindus or the beliefs of barbarians."

Darwin finally accepted, in 1837, what he had come to believe to be a fact - that all species were mutable (and accordingly, his conversion to evolutionism). He could not avoid the belief that man must come under the same law. In 1871, Darwin came to terms with this problem in his book "The Descent Of Man And Selection In Relation To Sex."

Its thesis was "the unity of man with the rest of the evolving world of animate life on earth." Twelve years had gone by since the publication of "Origin." But the question still remained in the minds of Victorians, that being, were their ancestors Adam and Eve or were they a product of natural selection? Darwin's "Descent of Man," firmly and positively stated that all humans had a bestial past.

Around 1880, Charles wrote, "I am sorry to have to inform you that I do not believe in the Bible as a divine revelation, and therefore not in Jesus as the Son of God."

"The more we know of the fixed laws of nature the more incredible do miracles become...that the men at that time were ignorant to us...that the Gospel cannot be proved to have been written simultaneous with the events."

Hebrews 10:31, "The Lord will judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God." Charles realized that Divine judgment would include his father, brother and almost all of his best friends who would be everlastingly punished. This was "a damnable doctrine."

Concerning his wife, Charles states, "As a biblical Unitarian, Emma believed in an eternal God; Jesus was a creation of God. Living a perfect life, this same Jesus provided eternal life through His death, burial and resurrection for all those who were morally good."

That the first day of the *feast of unleavened bread* was twenty-four hours long, no reasonable person would deny. Since this feast lasted seven days every year, it is obvious the length of the days were always the same or twenty-four hours. Exodus 2:13 speaks of the *second* day that Moses went out to visit his brethren. Would anyone dare suggest this second day was anything other than a twenty-four hour period corresponding to what we still call a day in 2009? That my thesis might be verified by three witnesses, I cite Genesis 22:4, "Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off." Did Abraham see Mount Moriah on the third day of his journey or did he have to wait until a third indefinite period of time to see it? When used with ordinal numbers, the word *day* is always limited to a literal twenty-four period of time.

God Sanctified the Seventh Day (Genesis 2:3)

What the first six days were in length, so was the seventh. If the first *six* days were ages, we are faced with a real problem regarding the *seventh* day because it is always considered a solar day of approximately twenty-four hours in duration. "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Genesis 2:3). Obviously, God did not need to rest from His creative work because He was tired; He rested in the sense that He ceased His work on the seventh day. The Hebrew word *shaveth* translated *rested* in Genesis 2:3 is translated *ceased* in many Old Testament passages such as Isaiah 14:4; 24:8; Lamentations 5:14-15. His sanctifying or setting apart the seventh day was for man's benefit. This day was called the *shabbath* or sabbath because it was to be a day of rest and worship for man. Leviticus 23:3 declares "Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings." Very obviously, it was one day of a week, not an age, that was set aside as a time of rest.

LORD.” In Numbers 20:15, *yom* is used of a long period of time: “How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time. . .” Finally, in Genesis 2:4, *yom* denotes a *comprehensive* or *inclusive* period of time: “These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.”

When a definite *cardinal* or *ordinal* number accompanies the word *yom* or *day*, a twenty-four hour period is meant without exception. There is a definite cardinal number with each of the days of creation: *day one, day two, etc.* Cf. Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31 (ordinal numbers are used in the A.V., but the Hebrew text uses cardinal numbers).

Other examples of the Hebrew word *yom* or *day* being used with a cardinal number restricting it to a twenty-four period of time are found in Genesis 27:45, “. . . why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?” Would anyone affirm *one day* in this passage is an indefinite period of time? 2 Samuel 1:1 is another example: “Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag.” No credible Bible scholar would argue these *two days* differed from two of our days or forty-eight hours. One more example will suffice: Exodus 5:3 contains Moses’ request of Pharaoh that he let Israel go *three days’* journey into the desert to sacrifice unto the Lord. To interpret these three days as three unspecified periods of time would be to miss the obvious meaning of the text and do great injustice to the literal interpretation of Scripture. Any day defined by a cardinal number is never to be interpreted figuratively but literally of a twenty-four hour period of time.

In many passages of the Old Testament, the word *yom* or *day* is accompanied by an ordinal number which restricts that day to an ordinary twenty-four hour day. I cite three examples. The phrase *first day* is used in Leviticus 23:7 thusly: “In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.”

During the morning church service, the Darwins regularly showed their disdain for the Trinitarian doctrine clearly taught in the Anglican Thirty-Nine articles. When the congregation turned towards the altar to recite the creed, the Darwins faced the other way and sternly looked into the eyes of the other church-goers.

“From his notebook from 1837 to 1839. Darwin made it plain that, in the adherence to Naturalism, there was no need for God to be involved in the ongoing process of the world since the beginning. Natural laws in every sphere, whether they be in the physical or moral, were entirely sufficient to account for change and development.”

Did Darwin undergo a deathbed conversion? Stories about his salvation began to appear, it seems, as early as May, 1882.

The best known is that attributed to a Lady Hope, who claimed she had visited a bedridden Charles at Down House in the autumn of 1881. She alleged that when she arrived he was reading the Book of Hebrews and that he became distressed when she mentioned the Genesis account of creation and that he asked her to come again the next day to speak on the subject of Jesus Christ to a gathering of servants, tenants and neighbors in the garden summer house, which, he said, held about 30 people. The story first appeared in print as a 511 word article in the American Baptist journal, the “Watchman Examiner”, and has been reprinted in many books, magazines and tracts.

What about the Lady Hope tract?

The main problem with her story is that it has been denied by members of Darwin’s family.

James Fegan (1852-1925), a contemporary of Lady Hope, in a letter written a few months before his death, made this startling revelation: “When Sir Francis Darwin, (Charles’ third son), says that Lady Hope’s story is a fabrication, that denial is quite enough

for anybody who knows the high standards of truth the Darwins inherited from their father.” Known as a man of impeccable integrity and steadfast commitment to the cause of Christ, Fegan laboured in boys orphanages and in preaching the Gospel.

Henrietta Litchfield, Darwin’s daughter, came home to be with her father. She closely observed her father’s condition. She made the following statement for “The Christian” magazine on February 23, 1922: “I was present at his (Darwin’s) deathbed, Lady Hope was not present during his last illness or any illness. I believe he never saw her, but in any case, she had no influence over him in any department of thought or belief. He never recanted any of his scientific views, either then or earlier. We think the story of his conversion was fabricated in U.S. A.”

Where was Charles Darwin in the end? In his later years he had studied earthworms. Consistent with deistic theology, Darwin believed that “his remains will move through the bodies of worms and perform some useful functions.”

“It is as though the earth is reborn again and again, passing through the bodies of worms. Here was how life was ever ongoing. Worms preserve the past, and create the conditions for future growth. No deity is required for these reassuring continuities. They buried to renew. They digested to restore.”

Darwin rejected the biblical picture of humans—that they were created in the image of God. Neither did they possess an innate spiritual nature.

B.B. Warfield states, “And thus, as he approached the end of his long and laborious life....he seemed to recognize the approach of death, and said, “I am not in the least afraid to die.” Thus he went out into the dark, without God in all his thoughts.

So, at the end of his life, was Charles Darwin a Saint or Sinner? You decide. But in the end, God will judge.

Each of the six days is said also to have included the morning. The morning, or beginning of the day or light, is mentioned secondly to signify accurately the spiritual order God has established (1 Corinthians 15:46). The period called *day* begins with darkness, but it ends with light. There is darkness in the day, but the day is not all dark. What a comforting message this is for all believers! “Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous” (Psalm 112:4).

The days of Genesis 1 did not differ from one another or any day of modern times in length. If language can be trusted at all, then all six of these days were approximately twenty-four hours long, as was the seventh day first mentioned in Genesis 2:2. If these days were *ages*, then there would be serious problem to solve: all plant life was created on the third day (Genesis 1:11-13) and requires alternating periods of light and darkness in which to grow and flourish. If the days were ages, then the night or darkness as well as the light or day would have been extremely long, prohibiting the survival of any plant life. However, when the days are understood of twenty-four hour periods, all plant life survived just fine as it does to this very day.

God Numbered These Days One Through Seven (Genesis 1:5-2:3)

The Hebrew word *yom* is translated 1181 times as *day*; 67 times as *times*, 30 times as *today*, 18 times as *forever*, 10 times as *continually*, 6 times as *ages*, 4 times as *life*, and 2 times as *perpetually*.

Day is used figuratively of an *indefinite period of time*. Isaiah 2:20 uses the word *day* in this sense: “In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats.” In this usage, no specific day is intended. *Yom* sometimes means *time* itself, as in Genesis 4:3, “And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the

God Bounded the Day With Evening and Morning (Genesis 1:5f)

Both *day* and *night* are used figuratively in Scripture at times, yet there is no passage in which either a figurative *evening* or figurative *morning* is used to bound a figurative *day* or figurative *night*. In its metaphorical or figurative usage, the word *day* is used only of the *light*, not of the darkness. 1 Thessalonians 5:5 states, “Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.” The words *evening* and *morning* appear together in the following verses of Scripture: Exodus 18:13; 27:21; Leviticus 24:3; Psalm 65:8; and Daniel 8:26. In none of these passages is either word used in a metaphorical sense. The first usage of *evening* after Genesis 1 is very obviously used literally. Genesis 8:11 declares, “And the dove came in to him in the evening; and lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. Similarly, in its first appearance after Genesis 1, the word *morning* is used in a literal sense in Genesis 19:15, “And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.”

Each of the six days is said to have begun when the evening began. Evening is mentioned first because it contains the night and darkness which denotes the order of natural things due to angelic sin. God has created darkness as a consequence of sin (Isaiah 45:7) even as He created death as a consequence of sin (Romans 5:12). Mankind experiences darkness spiritually before he does light. “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8). God does not reveal anything in Scripture just to satisfy our curiosity; everything He has given us in His Word is designed to teach us spiritually what we need to know. Neither does He say anything to mislead us. Every truth is stated in language we can understand if we have spiritually discerning minds (1 Corinthians 2:11-16).

the face of Jesus Christ.” God also caused the light to shine when He sent His Son, who is the light of the world (John 8:12), to dwell among men.

Having created the light, God saw that it was good (Genesis 1:4). It is interesting to note that when the Lord Jesus was baptized, the Father also saw that what He had done was good and declared with His voice from heaven, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17). After proclaiming that the light was good, God then divided the light from the darkness (Genesis 1:4). The order here is significant: He did not separate the darkness from the light; He separated the light from the darkness. Likewise, His people, whom He calls the light of the world are to separate themselves from the people of the world who dwell in darkness. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14).

Genesis 1:5 explains that God called the *light day* and the *darkness night*. To this very time in history men still use these same terms to distinguish between the light and the darkness. But Genesis 1:5 tells us something else: the entire period bounded by the *evening* and the *morning* was also called *day*. Again, this very same terminology is still used universally. Any twenty-four period is officially called *day*, even in 2009.

Genesis 1:5 establishes the length of the day. It is the period consisting of both darkness or night and light or day. God, not the sun, determines the length of the day. The sun was not fitted to rule the day or light until the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19). Yet the length of the days before the *fourth* day and length of the days after the *fourth* day were exactly the same. If they were not the same in duration, then the first week of seven days would have lacked uniformity. The sun did not change the day; it only ruled or had dominion over that portion in which there was light.

The Scriptures teach that God ended all his work which he had made at the end of the sixth day and rested on the seventh day from all his work, Cf. Genesis 2:1-2. This proposition is supported by four conclusive facts in Genesis 1:1-2:3 which we will consider in this message.

God Called the Cycle of Light and Darkness Day (Genesis 1:3-5)

Some believe the days of Genesis 1 are indefinite periods or ages, not twenty-four hour periods. The word *day* is sometimes used figuratively in Scripture for unspecified periods of time. 2 Peter 3:8-10 gives us an example of the figurative use of the word *day*. “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” No word, however, can be used in its figurative sense until its literal or actual meaning has first been established. The figurative or spiritual usage will make no sense at all if its literal or natural meaning is not understood. Christ is called the Rock in 1 Corinthians 10:4, but this metaphor would have no significance if one did not first know what an actual rock is. Thus, we read in 1 Corinthians 15:46, “Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.”

God first made the light to shine by His Word of command: “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” (Genesis 1:3). God is light (1 John 1:5), and He is the source of all light, whether natural or spiritual. In the same way in which He caused the light to shine in the midst of the darkness which was upon the face of the deep, He has caused light to shine in the darkness of men's sinful hearts 2 Corinthians 4:6 declares, “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in

Christ and Creation

Dan Chamberlin

In approaching this subject, we are brought at once to the doctrine of the Trinity. What a vital, foundational, sublime, mysterious, thoroughly biblical doctrine! So much rises and falls with it! It is imperative that we have clear views on the Oneness and the Threeness.

Christ is the eternal Son, the second Person of the Godhead, eternally generating from the Father, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is right that we focus on Him because He is the Mediator sent by the Father, and the One to whom the Holy Spirit bears witness.

We want to consider what the Scriptures tell us about Him specifically in regard to creation. Let us mark:

The Creation of All Things is Attributed to Christ the Son.

Several texts clearly state this truth:

- John 1:1-3,10: “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 by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ...He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”
- Colossians 1:16: “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”
- Hebrews 1:2: “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his

Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.” Note that Christ played a mediating role in creation. Also v. 10 refers to the Son: “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands.”

- 1 Corinthians 8:6: “But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” Again note the mediating position of Christ. We see the same in—
- Ephesians 3:9: “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.”

Other texts show creation to be a Trinitarian work:

- It is the work of the Father: Isaiah 40:28: “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?”
- It is the work of the Holy Spirit: Job 33:4: “The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”

Also, note the plurals in:

- Genesis 1:1: ...*God* (pl.) *created* (sing.).
- Genesis 1:26: *And God* (pl.) *said*, *Let us make man in our image* (sing.), *after our likeness* (sing.). When we talk about the Triune God, niceties of grammar do not always apply!
- Ecclesiastes 12:1: *Remember now thy Creator* (pl.).
- Isaiah 54:5: *For thy Maker* (pl.) *is thine husband*.
- Job 35:10: *But none saith, Where is God* (sing.) *my maker* (pl.)
- Psalm 149:2: *Let Israel rejoice in him* (pl.) *that made him*.

Sum: Without the doctrine of the Trinity we will get dizzy sorting out these passages! But the Trinity makes them more plain.

How Long Did Creation Take?

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Psalm 33:6-9, among many other passages of Scripture, provide us with a commentary in Genesis 1:1-2:3. Compare the phrase *God spake* with *God said* in Genesis 1:1. Both passages affirm that God created the heavens and the earth by His Word of command.

Unbelieving men, some of whom are scientists, believe the earth evolved over millions of years (how there could have been *years* during the time the supposed evolution was taking place, they do not seem to know). Nothing in the Biblical record indicates such time was needed. We believe the days of Genesis 1, 2 are twenty-four hour periods, but we do not believe it took God six days or twenty-four hours to do anything. *He spake and it was done!*

We have a high regard for true science or knowledge, the meaning of the word *science*. However, we do not seek to confirm God’s Word by science. Instead, we identify true science by God’s Word. Scientific theories are another matter, whether it be the theory of *evolution* or the theory of *theistic evolution*, the *big bang* theory, or any other unproven philosophical theory of men. To such we do not give any credence. Men’s theories are always changing and never can be proven.

We have an even higher regard for the Words of Scripture that we do for true science, for the best knowledge of men is always partial and incomplete. God’s Word, being directly inspired by Him, is always correct, Cf. 2 Timothy 3:16. The words of Scripture are *pure* words according to Psalm 12:6 and are always the truth (John 17:17; Psalm 119:160).

Christ Himself Was Not Created

1. The ancient heresy of the Arians (taught by Arius, c. 250-336 AD) was exactly this: that Christ was created, was a distinct substance from the Father. Athanasius correctly defended the biblical doctrine of the eternal Trinity at Nicea. At the time of the Protestant Reformation, Socinus taught that the Son of God did not exist until he was conceived in the womb of Mary. He and his followers called themselves “Unitarians” as opposed to Trinitarians. These same and similar heresies continue to this day under various names: Modalists (Sabellians), Unitarians, and every cult you can name (i.e. Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, etc.). All of them have some fatal flaws in their doctrine of Christ, which usually include the heresy that Christ was created.
2. What saith the Scripture?
 - John 1:1-2: “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.” When the beginning began, Christ was already there. Verse 3, “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” He could not make Himself, so He must be eternally self-existing as God...which is precisely what v. 4 says: “In him was life.”
 - Consider Christ’s many *I AM* statements.
 - Consider His *Alpha and Omega* statements in Revelation 1. If He were a created Being, He would have to say “I am Beta and Omega”!
 - Micah 5:2: “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” He is eternal!
 - Proverbs 8:22-23: Wisdom personified speaks: “The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before

his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.”

3. There are two supposed “problem texts.”

- 1) Colossians 1:15: “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.” But note that *firstborn* is not “first created”; there is a difference! Firstborn can signify highest in rank or authority. Geoffrey Wilson explains: “The term *firstborn* does not refer to temporal priority but to superiority of rank (cf. Psalm 89:27). ‘What is meant is the unique supremacy of Christ over all creatures as the Mediator of their creation’ (TDNT) As then all things were created through Christ, he stands over against the entire creation as its rightful Lord and Heir.” A.R. Fausset says that the phrase *of every creature* is a genitive that designates point of view or in comparison to, but not of the same kind. In other words, the idea is *the firstborn before all creation*.

If *all things were created by Him*, as v. 16 affirms, then it means He Himself was not created, for He is a *thing*! Furthermore, v. 17 says *He is before all things*, i.e. eternally pre-existent. This text actually disproves that Christ was created!

- 2) Revelation 3:14: “These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.” The word *beginning* (arche) can mean “origin, source, that by which anything begins to be. Young’s Literal Translation says, “the chief of the creation of God.” In other words, Christ is the One who created all things. Therefore, He could not be created Himself.

Far from being problem texts, these texts boldly affirm that Christ was not created, but that He created all things.

He couldn’t fool Adam into discounting their existence, as Adam named them 6,000 years ago. He couldn’t fool Noah. He fed them 4400 years ago. It is evident that over the next 4000 years most dinosaurs died off or were killed by man. By 1809 they were nearly extinct. That’s when we have the first large dinosaur skeleton discovered. Satan has seen this as a great tool to deceive modern man. His purpose is to cast doubt on God’s word.

But the more we learn about these creatures, the more we see the glory of God in their creation. We must not allow the atheistic evolutionists to distort these truths—to take what the Lord has made and use it for the glory of atheism. We must be stirred up with jealousy for the LORD of Hosts, our glorious Triune God. They need not be a stumbling block or a tool in the hands of the enemy. We must, like many of the creation scientists, use dinosaurs as a means of capturing the interest of the children and to introduce them to the wonders of our glorious God, His handiwork, and most of all to the so-great salvation that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Parents, let me close with what the Apostle Paul reminded Timothy of in 2 Timothy 3:14-16.

“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

It is your responsibility to be diligent to see that your children are faithfully taught in the Scriptures so that the enemy cannot easily deceive them. But more than that, so they will have that which is able to make them wise unto salvation (salvation for now and eternity) through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

pose that same alligator grew for 1,000 years? How big would it be? By the way, Wikipedia stated that alligators are known as “living fossils” because there are fossil records of alligators from 200 million years ago.

We know from the ages given in the Bible that people lived far longer before the flood. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. That is probably due to the protective vapor layer covering over the earth that existed before the flood. It stands to reason that animals and reptiles would live longer, too.

It also stands to reason that Noah would have taken young animals into the ark who would be able to breed and repopulate the earth. Just as it would make more sense for Noah to take a little, young alligator into the ark, he would have taken a small, young brachiosaurus with him. About 100 smallish reptiles could easily have fit into the ark.

But then, what happened to them? Why did they become extinct? The flood no doubt caused a massive change in climate. It was harder for all people and animals to find food. Survival was more challenging. Just as animals become extinct today because their natural habitat is compromised, so the dinosaurs didn’t fare well after the flood.

While, as we have seen, some did survive, they had shorter life spans, just as men did. They didn’t have the time to grow as large. They also were prey to man and other animals without the advantage of size. Men have always strived to be “the tough man.” And since they didn’t have “tough-man contests” or even football, don’t you imagine that there were many that wanted the title of being “the dragon-slayer”? By the way, most of the artwork through the centuries shows dragons as being much smaller than a horse.

Our adversary, the devil is one who ‘deceives the nations.’ Dinosaurs and their fossils are one of the great tools he has been using.

4. God could not create another God. If so, the original God would lose His supremacy over all things, because He would not be supreme over the new God. If He did maintain His supremacy over the new God, the new God would not really be a God at all!
5. A created being could not possess powers of creation, for as a created being he is necessarily finite and therefore limited in power.

Sum: It is a fatal error to reduce the eternal Son of God to a mere creature!

Christ Testified Concerning Creation.

We find our Lord making several passing references to creation:

- Mark 2:27: “And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.” He can speak with authority on this subject because He made both the Sabbath and man!
- Matthew 19:4: “And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female.” (Note the **humility** of the God-man not pointing to Himself as Creator, even though He was, as many texts say.) Then in v. 8, “He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.” He speaks with perfect knowledge of the beginning...because He was there!
- Mark 13:19: “For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.” Only He possessed perfect knowledge of the entirety of afflictions.
- John 8:44: “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a

liar, and the father of it.” Christ observed the devil’s departure from truth and his murder of mankind in Adam in Genesis 3.

Christ Sustains Creation

He not only created all things, but He makes them to continue to exist.

- Colossians 1:17: “...by him all things consist.” He makes all substances to *hold together*. Without His sustaining, all would disintegrate.
- John 5:17: “My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.” The Jews understood this statement better than the cults today—He was equating Himself with God! How? In the work of sustaining life; in this instance, the healing of a sick man.
- Hebrews 1:3: “...upholding all things by the word of his power.” The powerful word that created still carries or bears everything along.

Christ Redeems Creation

Friends, this is the most amazing story ever told! God sent His Son who created all things into that very creation. John 1:14, “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.” He who is above time stepped into time. He who created entered creation! He assumed a human body and soul in order to live the life we could not live and to die the death that we dare not die, for our redemption.

In this way He creates twice: (1) in the original creation, out of nothing; (2) in the new creation, out of worse than nothing—depraved humanity. He is twice a Mediator in creative acts. The same term, *create*, is used to describe redemption:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.”
- Ephesians 2:10: “we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.”

Why do pandas need sharp teeth? They eat only bamboo. An evolutionist has to say they used to eat meat and switched to bamboo in order to explain it. Just as the panda uses those sharp teeth to tear into bamboo shoots, the animals that are now meat-eaters probably used those sharp teeth to eat tough, fibrous plants. How about just assuming that God knew what He was doing when he created the animals and gave them the appropriate teeth?

So it really causes no difficulty to recognize that dinosaurs lived in the Garden, before sin. We can also take it as literal truth in Genesis 6 and 7 when God says Noah took aboard the ark two of every living creature and seven of the “clean” creatures. We know, then, that the dinosaurs couldn’t have all drowned—not if they were still “living creatures.”

Besides, as we already have discussed, dinosaur-like creatures have been talked of for centuries.

But how did Noah get them all in the ark? Dinosaurs, after all, are famed for their immense size. How could two of every one of the kinds of dinosaurs have squeezed into the ark and still left room for any other animals?

From fossil records, scientists have estimated that 50 pairs of dinosaurs would have covered all the species. Those would have contained the dna needed to account for all types of dinosaurs. Those 100 reptiles would not have had to be huge. We know that the average size of a dinosaur was actually the size of a sheep. Even the larger species could have been represented by a young, smaller creature. The largest reptile eggs discovered so far are the size of a football. Obviously, even behemoths and leviathans started life small.

They grew larger, but we don’t know much about their growth cycle. We do know that reptiles, even today, grow larger as long as they live. A baby alligator is about 7 to 8 inches long and can grow up to 15 feet long in their 50 year or so lifespan. Now sup-

South American cliff drawings show lions, camels, and something that looks like a stegosaurus. The Anasazi of North America left behind pictures that look like the brachiosaurus.

So, we can safely assume that “dragons” and “dinosaurs” or “great lizards” are synonymous, and also that dinosaurs did not all die off suddenly in some cataclysmic event. In fact, there might still be some around today.

Scientists have found dinosaur bones that still contain unfossilized material—not possible if the bones are as old as evolutionists claim them to be.

Every few years we hear of a fish or animal, thought to be long extinct, living in some remote corner of the world, like the coelacanth fish caught in the waters off Indonesia. So not only DID dinosaurs and men live at the same time, but perhaps, in some remote parts of the world, they still do! There are whole books written about modern sightings of dinosaurs, including *Dinosaurs, Dead or Alive? Cryozoology* by Philip O'Donnell, *Fossil, Fact or Fantasy?* by Joe Taylor, and numerous others and Web sites. Certainly, not all sightings are credible, but there are so many instances that we have to consider it at least a possibility.

So why aren't there fossil records of men and dinosaurs together? That's fairly easy to explain logically. They probably didn't live in close proximity to each other. Would you like to live in dinosaur country? Besides, fossils of vertebrates, particularly humans, are rare, anyway. To find them together would be highly unlikely—but may happen at some point. There are certainly plenty of archeological treasures still hidden to us. The archeologists haven't proclaimed themselves as “finished” having discovered all there is to find.

Another question that evolutionists pose is that, since all animals were vegetarian in the Garden of Eden, before sin and death, why do some animals—notably the dinosaurs—have sharp teeth?

- Ephesians 4:24: “...the new man...is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- Also note Colossians 1:18 as parallel to v. 15; Christ is first in rank and authority over those whom He regenerates, restores, and finally glorifies. All who believe in Him will be with Him *in new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness* (2Peter 3:13). Romans chapter 8 promises deliverance for creation.

This was God's eternal purpose all along!

- Luke 1:68-70: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began...”
- Acts 3:21: “Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”

It was all truly created *by him and for him* (Colossians 1:16).

Christ's attachment to creation will never end, for His glorified human nature lives forever. And we who know Him as Savior will see that glorified humanity in a state of glory ourselves!

How great is Christ's interest in creation! In Proverbs 8:31, Wisdom personified (i.e. Christ) was *rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men*. Imagine His thoughts as He created the spot where His human nature would be born!...where He would feed multitudes, calm storms, raise the dead!...where He would suffer and die and rise again for our salvation!

If the eternal Son of God delights in creation, let us also delight in it. If He delights in the redemption of creation, let us also delight in it. If He delights in us, let us also delight in Him!

about 1200 AD. The same type of creature is represented on pottery and in figures throughout the ages in China. Sketches during the Han Dynasty (around 200 BC) show men hunting the creature.

The Egyptian God, Set, looks somewhat like the Marduk dragon, although it predated that image by a thousand years.

So was it a dinosaur—one who obviously lived at the same time as men? The *Massospondylus* dinosaur could be the model for these drawings through the ages. From the fossil records, we can tell it looked much like the dragon. It was about three feet high and thirteen feet long, including its long neck and tail. It had hand-like front claws with five fingers and thumb. It had a small head and peg-like teeth.

This is just one example of the same dragon figure and dragon that appear in various areas of the world. Cave drawings, pottery, and primitive artwork from cultures around the globe show dragons.

Dragons figure prominently in Chinese legends and folklore, as well as in ancient artwork. The Chinese calendar uses 12 animals to depict the years. The dragon is one of those. Why would they use 11 actual animals and one imaginary one?

There are many tales of people fighting dragons in nearly every culture. The best known one, perhaps is St. George killing the dragon, which dates from 275 AD. The creatures in all of the stories resemble dinosaurs.

When Alexander the Great conquered parts of India in 326 BC, his soldiers were frightened by great dragons that lived in caves. They could have been some type of large lizard, or they may have been a pocket of surviving dinosaurs.

If God can, to display his glory, make a fish that can make its own light, could he not make a leviathan that leaves a luminescent trail behind it?

All through history and in nearly every culture there are stories and artwork of dragons—creatures which resemble dinosaurs. In 1902, a German archeologist named Robert Koldewey unearthed the Ishtar Gate in the ruins of Babylon. The gate was built in the time of King Nebuchadnezzar, about 600 BC. It was decorated with bas relief figures of lions, rimi (a type of extinct wild ox), and dragons. Are lions real? Why shouldn't a dragon creature be real? Psalm 91:13 places lions and dragons together, too. "the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."

The dragon of the Ishtar Gate is also known as the Marduk dragon. It's a strange creature—so strange that it is usually assumed that the creature is a mixture of several animals. It has a slender body covered in scales, a long, slender scaly tail, a long neck, and a serpent's head. The paintings show a long, forked tongue coming out of its mouth. It also appears to have hands or paws instead of claws on the front legs.

Other Babylonian artwork at that time shows the creature lying at the feet of King Nebuchadnezzar. The Apocryphal book of Bel and the Dragon—which isn't scripture and shouldn't be accepted as such, still is an ancient book. It tells of a living dragon "god" that Nebuchadnezzar kept and that the people worshipped. According to this story, he told Daniel, "How can you say this isn't a real god, when you can see him right there?" According to the story, Daniel answered by killing the dragon. That sounds like something Daniel might do, although we can't confirm this story. It does make us think, though, that possibly the dragon depicted on the walls of the gate was alive at the time of Nebuchadnezzar.

What is even stranger is the fact that this same "imaginary" animal turns up in ancient artwork all over the world in many different cultures. It looks just like the Sung Dynasty dragon, dated

Does True Science Conflict With God's Word?

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Sometimes it seems as if we are in a battle with science. Here we are, the Christians, with our stubborn shield of faith, standing against the lions of science with their sharp teeth of facts.

But is that really the case? Our English word "science" comes from the Latin and simply means "knowledge." As such science is not the enemy of the Bible. And so it isn't the enemy of Christians. We aren't pitted against each other—Christians with faith against science with evidence.

No, true science and Christians are on the side of the one who has ALL the facts and Who has ever seen the universe in its completeness. We can say with David, "Therefore I esteem all thy precepts (and all that You have said in Your Word) concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way." (Psalm 119:128) God is omniscient. He knows and has known all things all the time. He has never learned. People can only know in part. Though scientists give themselves to the pursuit of facts—to study systematically the natural order—they still know very little. But as they learn more and more, scientists invariably discover, though they may not admit it, that God's Word was right all along.

Yet, it is true that as we look around us it seems that everywhere we look and listen we find scientists and science textbooks that are in conflict with the Bible. That's because, though both believers and unbelievers have the same set of facts before them, we are looking at those facts through different sets of glasses. If you wear sunglasses, the world has a tinge to it according to the color of your lenses.

The unbeliever has a set of glasses that are colored with the idea that the earth is billions of years old. If everything started without God he has to allow eons of time to account for everything to come to be. He looks at the evidence of the earth through those glasses. He sees layers of rock in the Grand Canyon and says, "This must have been formed by water slowly over billions of years."

He has a problem, though. As he discovers the wonders of nature, he sees it is far more complex than he dreamed. He has to keep adding billions of years to account for the complexity he sees.

Take cells, for example. We are composed of trillions of them, but until as late as the 1600s, they were unknown. No one had seen and identified them until Robert Hooke "discovered" them with the aid of an early microscope.

Then, with more high-powered microscopes, it was found that cells aren't the smallest structure. As you study the cell, you see they aren't a simple building block, but an incredibly complex mechanism with many parts, which can take in food, repair itself, copy itself, and communicate with other cells. Scientists had to figure in a few billion more years to allow for development of the wonders of this invisible (to us) part of us. We have trillions of cells, all going about their business, keeping us alive and functioning. Just the study of these is amazing and stuns us with the immensity of God's power. And yet this whole microscopic world was only seen in the past few hundred years.

What other invisible things are yet to be discovered?

The Christian looks through the corrective glasses of Scripture. We don't have to allow for billions of years, because we know God created everything complete and perfect. We know about the Fall and the Flood from the Bible. We see the same Grand Canyon, and say, "Must have been caused by lots of water in a short

ointment. He maketh a path to shine after him..." He leaves behind a luminous trail as he swims in the sea.

These descriptions have made many scientists scoff. Stupid, they think, to believe in a fire-breathing sea creature.

But, when we consider the creatures we know about, it isn't so hard to allow for a fire breathing creature. Take the bombardier beetle, for example. This insect is just one-half inch long, but is amazingly equipped with a natural explosion-producing mechanism. When the beetle senses danger, it internally mixes enzymes from one chamber of its body with other chemicals in another chamber. The combination makes a caustic spray which explodes from its body at 212 degrees F. The approaching spider, frog, or other predator is zapped with a flaming torpedo. The beetle has dual rear nozzles that can rotate like a B-17's gun turret, so it can fire those torpedoes with deadly accuracy.

How unbelievable—a beetle that can fire boiling bullets. Yet, it is true and documented. Maybe a fire-breathing dinosaur had something similar on a larger scale. A mixture of chemicals could make it breathe out caustic, burning breath.

We also know of at least one fish, the deep-sea anglerfish, which can produce light from itself. It is equipped with a built-in "fishing rod" complete with artificial "bait." The rod bends down from the top of its head and the bait dangles in front of its mouth so any fish trying to nibble on the bait is in a prime position to be snapped up and swallowed.

There is one problem with this handy, built-in fishing tackle. The angler fish lives a mile deep in the ocean. It's dark down there! But the fish puts off a luminescence that lights up the bait so it's prey can find it.

we read on in Job 40 we see that, “he moveth his tail like a cedar.” You don’t have to be a zoologist to recognize that this description doesn’t fit. Neither an elephant nor a hippo has a tail anything like tree. “His bones are strong pieces of brass. His bones are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God.” (Job 40:18-19) God calls him the chief, the biggest, of His ways. Most likely the behemoth was a brachiosaurus or a diplo-docus. Some of the fossils have shown the brachiosaurus to be as tall as 60 feet, weighing up to 100 tons, as much as 14 school buses. And they had powerful tails—like a cedar tree.

When was behemoth made? Genesis 1:24-31 says God created all the land animals on the sixth day. Evidently they were still around in Job’s day because God said, “Behold now behemoth *which I made with thee.*” Clearly, God answers the question by this verse. Dinosaurs and men did live at the same time.

There is also the leviathan to consider. God spoke to Job about this creature in Job 41. Some think this to be a crocodile, but from the description God gives of him in Job 41:1-34, that idea is absurd. About the only similarity between the two is a set of sharp teeth. The leviathan has scales, which the crocodile doesn’t. They are so closely set that they are airtight. From verse 23, we learn that the “flakes (or fallings) of his flesh are joined together. They are firm in themselves. They cannot be moved.” That would appear to mean that the leviathan shed his skin, perhaps like a snake, and left behind solid, tough, pieces of skin. Crocodiles don’t do that, at least none do that we know of. The leviathan is impervious to arrows and spears. It is strong, breaking iron like straw and brass like rotten wood, according to verses 26 and 27.

The strangest attribute of the leviathan is that it breathes fire. In verses 19-21 we read, “out of his mouth go burning lamps and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals and a flame goeth out of his mouth.” Again, in verses 31-32, we read, “He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of

period of time, no doubt the flood God told us about in Scripture.”

Same facts—but we are looking at it with different viewpoints.

From time to time the godless scientists proudly trot out what they perceive to be evidence that Scripture is wrong. Time and time again, we see that the Bible, of course, was right all along. Over and over we see that, as learning increases, men see that the Bible is correct. Does true science conflict with the Bible? Absolutely not!

It’s important to note, too, that there are obvious truths in the Bible that the human writers had no way of knowing. It took thousands of years for us to uncover the scientific reason behind the things God told us to do.

We can see how God, who knew all about microorganisms, protected His people from disease and illness long before scientific discoveries led to modern sanitation.

In the books of Leviticus and Numbers is a long list of things the Israelites were to do to be a clean people. For example, they were to avoid touching a dead body (Numbers 19:11). If they touched a dead body they were to wash themselves with water and be declared unclean until evening. They didn’t know why they should do it. In those early years they had no knowledge of germs and contamination. They just did it because God told them to.

It wasn’t until 1847, a very recent date, that Ignaz Semmelweis, an Austrian physician, discovered the cause for the high death rate of new mothers in his obstetrical clinic. It was due to Puerperal fever, what we know now as septicemia. Three times as many mothers died in the clinic staffed by doctors as did in the second clinic, run by midwives. That’s because the doctors would come directly from doing an autopsy and examine the mother in

labor. They knew nothing of germs, and so spread disease from the dead body to the living mother.

Semmelweis had the doctors wash their hands after doing autopsies and before checking the mothers. The rate of deaths dropped from 10-30% to below 1%. He didn't know why, but saw the evidence. He tried to publish his work and to encourage other obstetricians to do the hand washing, too.

The response by the scientists and the established medical community? He was fired from his position as head of the clinics, even though he had so drastically reduced the death rate. No other obstetricians would listen to him. No scientific journals would publish his articles. He was mocked as “the hand-washing doctor.” In the end, he was committed to an insane asylum where he died two weeks later, ironically enough, of septicemia—probably from a severe beating from a guard. He was just 47 when he died.

That's the trouble with humans—especially those who decide to study the creation but deny the Creator. They tend to be know-it-alls and refuse to accept anything that differs from what they already know. They mock the truth until the truth can no longer be denied.

In about another 10 years, Louis Pasteur confirmed the germ theory and it is accepted today as a matter of course. But how would the Israelites know about it so many thousands of years previously? Why would the strict instruction about handling a dead body be in the Bible, unless the Creator, who already knew all about germs, put it in His instruction manual? He knew that people wouldn't understand for generations upon generations. They didn't have the background to begin to understand. To describe germs to ancient Israelites would be like trying to describe color to a blind man. So God just proclaimed it and said, “Do it.”

By the way, there is a whole series of instructions for new mothers in the Bible that we now know make an excellent plan for a

Not only is it clear from the Bible that God created all of the land animals on the sixth day, according to Genesis 1, but also that Adam named them. Certainly, then, Adam, a living human being, saw them in order to name the types of animals. Let's now look at evidence that dinosaurs did live at the same time as people, were taken into the ark with the other animals, and did not become extinct until relatively recent times.

We can find many references to dinosaurs in the Bible, though the word “dinosaur” itself isn't found in the King James. It was translated in 1611, and the word “dinosaur” wasn't coined until 1841 when Sir Richard Owen came up with the name. He was a famous British anatomist and the first superintendent of the British Museum. Incidentally, he was not a follower of Darwin, but was a firm believer in creation. He was examining the bones of the Iguanodon and the Megalosaurus and came to the conclusion that they weren't a variation of known reptiles, but were in a class by themselves. He called the creatures “dinosaurs” from the Greek words for “terrible” and “lizards.” A word not in existence until 1841 naturally wouldn't be in the 1611 translation. But we do see numerous references in the Bible, though, to creatures which are, no doubt, dinosaurs.

Most of those creatures are called “dragons.” The word “dragon” or *tan-neem* is used 34 times in the Bible. It is also translated as “serpent, whale, and sea monster.” “Leviathan” and “behemoth” are also names for dinosaur-like creatures.

The behemoth is mentioned by God, Himself, in Job 40:15-24. God says to Job, “Behold now behemoth.”

Whatever kind of creature a behemoth was, Job could “behold” it, so it must have been alive and seeable. Many commentaries and even reference Bibles have notes that say this most likely was an elephant or even a hippo. Perhaps some of the description will work for those well-known animals. An elephant eats grass and it can possibly be said that “His strength is in his loins.” But when

from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” These verses make it clear that the endless cycle of suffering and death touched all creatures as the result of Adam’s sin.

If evolutionists are correct, dinosaurs had to die before death existed. Their existence millions of years before people would call into question everything we believe about the Garden of Eden, the origin of sin, and the origin of death.

Then there is the “dinosaur trap.” Dinosaurs have been one of the primary tools of evolutionists to entrap our children into their godless beliefs. Dinosaurs fascinate people, especially children. Whether they are friendly, like Dino in the *Flintstones* cartoons, or scary like the T-Rex and the raptors in the movie *Jurassic Park*, kids are attracted to the creatures. Watch the children at any dinosaur exhibit at a museum or zoo and you can see the fascination at work. That wouldn’t be bad, except that children’s books about dinosaurs invariably begin with such words as “Millions of years ago when the world was a swampy jungle, strange-looking creatures called dinosaurs roamed the earth.”

Satan uses these creatures, created by God to give him glory, to cast doubts on the Bible and to subtly indoctrinate children in a system that has no place for God.

Children are constantly exposed to false statements, treated as facts. For example, *Explorit*, a science Web site for children begins the section on dinosaurs by saying, “Of course, no living human being has ever seen a live dinosaur.”

How do you suppose the author knows that? Did he talk to Adam or Eve, or their billions of descendants through the ages? Has he talked to everyone who is now alive? He obviously didn’t talk to Job.

healthy mother and baby. By declaring a woman who had just given birth unclean, the law required people who touched her to—guess what—wash their hands. This especially applied to the midwives.

Also, since she was unclean she was excused from cooking and housework, from travel, and from any social obligations. She had time to rest and to care for her new baby. Since no one could come around her, she and the baby were protected from viruses and bacteria carried in by the guests. Again, medical science agrees with the Bible. It just took a few thousand years for science to get there.

Whole books have been written about how scientific discoveries about diet, about sanitation, and about disease control are coming into line with the instructions written in the Bible. Could an ancient people possibly have known these things? Not unless an omniscient, loving God had told them.

Archeology is another science in which the Bible turns out to be correct, sometimes to the chagrin of the learned men who thought they knew it all. Take King Sargon for example.

In Isaiah 20:1 we read about Sargon. “In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him) and fought against Ashdod, and took it:”

An Obelisk stone was found in the 1800s, which listed, supposedly, all the names of the Assyrian kings. Professors of the University of Chicago called a press conference and announced that they had found a glaring error in the Bible. Sargon was not mentioned on the list. No mention of Sargon could be found anywhere in any of the artifacts they had uncovered. The Bible didn’t fall in line with archeological discoveries, so the Bible must be wrong, we see.

However, when the royal palace of Sargon was found, God had the last laugh. They had to acknowledge that this majestic palace, complete with 40 ton statues dedicated to Sargon, was the palace of Sargon—his name was engraved on the walls. Not only that, details of the battle with Ashdod spoken about in Isaiah were also engraved on the walls.

Again, were science and archeology our enemies? No, God's Word was true all along. God wasn't worried. Eventually, He allowed the scientists to uncover a bit more of His truth. This bit of truth just happened to weigh a few tons—too big to ignore.

Other discoveries that corroborate the Bible accounts include the discovery of the Ebla archive in northern Syria in the 1970s. There they found documents written some 800 years before Moses. The customs and place names that Moses wrote down were—surprise!—accurate. For that matter, archeologists had long said that Moses couldn't have written down the first five books of the law because writing wasn't developed yet. The Ebla tablets and the discovery of even earlier writing showed that not to be the case.

The Hittites were once thought to be imaginary people in a book of legends, until their capital and records were discovered at Bogazkoy, Turkey.

The wealth of Solomon was thought to be a highly exaggerated story. That is, until archeological discoveries showed that the wealth of the kingdoms of that area was concentrated around the king. Now the wealth of Solomon is acknowledged to be entirely feasible.

We could go on and on, discussing various people, places and kings which are recorded for us faithfully and accurately in the Bible. Do we need to worry when someone or some *fact* is called in question by non-believers? No, just wait. No doubt they will

Dinosaurs

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Dinosaurs are big—too big to ignore. Evolutionists have been pointing out “the Bible doesn't mention dinosaurs. The existence of these giant reptiles disproves the Biblical account of creation.” They ask, “How would Noah have ever managed to get those gigantic creatures on the ark?” They ask. “Why, if dinosaurs and men lived at the same time are there no fossil records of men and dinosaurs together?”

Christians, and particularly Christian parents, have been silent. Why should we care if there were dinosaurs or not? There are great reasons to care and to not be silent. But maybe we have just been ignorant.

All these questions have answers—and those answers are in the Bible. Let's take a look at dinosaurs and what God has to say about them—how they lived, why they died, what happened to them at the flood, and why dinosaurs and people don't appear to have lived together.

First of all, though, let's consider why it matters—and it does matter. If dinosaurs existed before people, then we can't believe Romans 5:12 which says “Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned.” That leaves no room for death before Adam's sin. There is no space for creatures living, dying and evolving. There was no death before Adam's sin.

Romans 8:20-21 says that “the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself, also, shall be delivered

uncover the truth, eventually. Meanwhile, we can just believe and not worry about it.

We've seen how medical science and archeology are just becoming advanced enough to agree with the Bible. Let's take a look at other scientific facts that God wrote down long before scientists could possibly have learned about them.

Job, probably the oldest book of the Bible, is full of examples of scientific truths that people had no way of knowing in ancient times. God said to Job, "Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?" (Job 38:16)

Probably Job and the readers of Job for hundreds of years thought God was speaking poetically. The word "spring" is "Nebek" which means places where water bursts forth from the earth. So what was God talking about? How could water burst forth from beneath the ocean?

In 1977, oceanographers found out what God meant. As technology allowed men to explore the deep, sure enough, they found underwater geysers that spewed out boiling water and minerals. In November of 1979, the National Geographic ran an article titled, "Incredible World of the Deep-sea Rifts." It bears the caption, "Scientists explore rifts in the sea floor where hot springs spew minerals and startling life exists in a strange world without sun."

How could the writer of the ancient book of Job have known about the deep-sea springs? While we don't know for sure when the book of Job was written down, we do know for sure it was before 1977!

But was it a fluke, just a chance poetical allusion that happened to coincide with revealed scientific truth? No, because other Old Testament passages also refer to the springs of the sea. When God describes the causes of the great flood in Genesis 7:11, he

says, “the fountains of the deep were broken up and the flood-gates of heaven were opened.” Fountains of the deep—another reference to geysers in the ocean which erupted at God’s command and sent water over the whole earth.

Psalm 33:6-9 also describes the waters gathered together at creation. “By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap. He lays up the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the habitants of the world stand in awe of Him.”

At creation, God stored water in “storehouses” miles deep within the ocean floor. No one could possibly know they were there—unless God told him. There is total darkness at that depth and the pressure is too great for a human to withstand, even with scuba gear. Yet those depths of darkness weren’t hidden from God. He knew they were there because He made them. He had it recorded for us in the Bible. And now He has allowed men to, bit by bit, discover pieces of His hidden wonders. Why? Not to prove Himself true, because He is true already, but to give us glimpses of His glory and power.

What did other ancient peoples—those who didn’t have the Bible—believe about the earth? The Hindus believed the earth was supported on the backs of four elephants which stood on the back of a big tortoise. The Altaic people of Northern Siberia thought three big fish supported the world, and the Tartars of Eurasia opted for a great bull.

Yet in Job 26:7, God said the earth was hung upon nothing. Photos from space don’t show any giant elephants or birds or bulls. They show the earth floating in space—hung upon nothing. How could the writer of Job have just made that up? It would be too much to believe that at the same time, or even before, other people believed in giant animals holding up the world, one ancient

wrote by inspiration, “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity” (2 Timothy 2:19). Although the Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven him of all his sins (Colossians 2:13), he is not in the least encouraged thereby to persist in his sins. After declaring that where sin did abound, grace did much more abound (Romans 5:20), the Apostle Paul rhetorically asked, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?” (Romans 6:1). Then he exclaimed, “God forbid, How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:2). Jesus Christ is Lord over all (Acts 2:36; Philippians 2:9-11). Yet He is only known as Lord by those trust Him as their Savior, and those who trust and acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior are recognized by the higher standard of conduct by which they conduct themselves as opposed to those who do not acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior.

What One Believes About Origins Will Have a Profound Influence in Both the Philosophy and the Conduct of His Life!

Belief in the theory of evolution is unbelief toward God and His Word. As quoted earlier, one cannot believe in evolution and God. Unbelief toward God and His Word is a great sin. Revelation 21:8 states, “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

The conduct of a society brainwashed by its belief in the theory of evolution is ungodly. Ungodly behavior in any generation anywhere will bring God’s judgment upon it and upon those who have espoused the false doctrines which contributed to it. “Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gain-saying of Core” (Jude 11). Cf. Revelation 2:20-23.

Contrast his attitude and actions with those of the Hebrew midwives who refused to kill the male children born to the Hebrews as Pharaoh commanded. “But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive” (Exodus 1:17). Because they feared the LORD, He blessed the midwives (Exodus 1:20, 21), but brought ten plagues upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians before destroying them in the Red Sea. Pharaoh's attitudes and conduct were defiant and cruel because He did not fear the LORD.

The second Biblical principle which influences behavior is the view that one has concerning God's Word. “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways” (Psalm 119:1-3). Psalm 119:11 adds, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Those who believe the Bible is God's Word and seek to live by its principles will conduct themselves in all areas of life differently from those who do not accept it as such. The very significant decline in moral standards and conduct among professing Christians may be traced in part to the low view of Scripture produced by the so-called *scientific method* of textual criticism advanced by B. F. Westcott and F. J. A. Hort. These men, as so many in Great Britain during the 19th century, were influenced by Darwinism. Westcott and Hort postulated that the oldest manuscripts of the Bible were the most reliable even though the oldest text types were in the minority. Is this hypothesis not an adaptation of Darwin's theory of the survival of the fittest? Their theory and the resultant textual criticism and multiplied translations have undermined and destroyed the credibility and authority of the sacred Scriptures in the post-modern world. The consequent change in the behavior of society at large cannot go unnoticed.

The third Biblical principle which affects behavior is the faith one has in Jesus Christ. In fact, we may say that nothing so influences one's conduct as does his trust in Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul

people had it exactly right—unless they were told by One who knew. Again we see science falling in line with the truth.

Similarly, the Bible talks in Isaiah about the universe expanding. Isaiah 40:22 teaches that God stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent. We see the picture of the universe spreading out, increasing in size. You can't tell that by looking. The sky tonight will look about as big to your naked eye as it looked last night.

Scientists used to believe that the universe was static. The idea that it was getting bigger was thought to be a ridiculous idea. Isaiah 40:22 was probably dismissed as just a figure of speech, or an example of the fallacy of Scripture.

But in the 1920s scientists found that the galaxies were moving away from each other. Just like the spots of a balloon get farther apart as the balloon is blown up and expanded, so the galaxies moving away from each other showed that the universe was expanding.

The Bible was right again! The idea of an expanding universe was recorded thousands of years before men had the technology and equipment to discover it to be so.

How many things are in the Bible that seem inexplicable to us today? Do you think that, in areas where science can't find a reason for one of God's decrees, that it might be that science just isn't far enough along yet? The mocking shouldn't bother us. Certainly, we can't just accept that scientists today already know everything. There are whole worlds we don't have an inkling about. There are whole ranges of concepts that we don't have right. We don't have to depend on doubtful, emerging science. We don't have to fear it, because the more it advances, the more it will prove the truth of the Bible. It is God's Word. He, who knows it all, tells us in the book everything we need to know. Does true science conflict with the Bible? Again, Absolutely not!

When we come to the last book of the Bible, we find the saints in Heaven falling down before the Lord and saying, “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou has created all things, and for they pleasure they are and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

“Lord,” they cry, “You are worthy to receive the glory, for You have made it all.”

True science, the searching out and discovery of God’s wonders in the world He has made, should always lead to that sentiment. “This is so amazing.... God YOU are so amazing! ‘To God be the glory great things He has done....’”

Some of you do not know the Lord. God has displayed His glory in His creation that you might know where you came from, why you are here, and why He gave His Son to die on the cross of Calvary.

God has made you and all things (Genesis 1; Acts 17:25). He has made you to glorify Him and to enjoy Him forever (Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 10:31). But you and all men have sinned (Romans 3:23). We have all in our sinfulness gone astray and turned away from our Creator (Isaiah 53:6). The just sentence upon our sins is death—eternal separation from our Holy Creator (Romans 6:23). But here is the wonder and good news, in the fullness of time He sent for His Son, Jesus Christ, born of a virgin and without sin. He, Who had no debt toward God, for He was God, fulfilled all righteousness for sinners. He, the infinite Son of God, on the cross of Calvary died, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18). And this, in order that now you can be forgiven of all your sins.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 says this, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him *to*

stated, results from either believing there is no God or that God was only indirectly involved in creation. What are these three Biblical principles which influence conduct?

The first Biblical principle which affects one’s behavior is the fear or reverence of the LORD. Proverbs 16:6 teaches: “. . .and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.” The fear of the LORD is defined in Proverbs 8:13 as follows: “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil. . .” To hate evil is absolutely necessary to departing from it. No wonder the fear of the LORD is said to be the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10). Two illustrations from Scripture show how a lack of the fear of the LORD affects behavior in a negative way:

First, Abraham was afraid for his life among the Philistines because he sensed no fear of the LORD among them (Genesis 20:1-11). Not exhibiting great fear of the LORD himself, Abraham had told Abimelech that Sarah was his sister. Abimelech, having taken Sarah into his harem, was told in a dream by God that he was a dead man because he had taken another man’s wife. The heathen king protested his innocence in the matter and eagerly restored to Abraham his wife. When Abimelech inquired what Abraham had seen that caused him to do what he had done, Abraham answered, “Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife’s sake” (Genesis 20:11). From this incident we conclude that where there is no fear of the Lord, a man is much more apt to take another man’s wife and kill him than he is where He is revered.

Second, Pharaoh refused to obey the LORD because he did not fear Him. “And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go” (Exodus 5:1, 2).

Big business is still another area of society affected by Darwinism. John D. Rockefeller is reported to have said, “The growth of a large business is merely the survival of the fittest. . . This is not an evil tendency in business. It is merely the working out of a law of nature and a law of God.” In other words, unscrupulous tactics which undercut and drive competition out of business, are nothing but the survival of the fittest, the foundational tenant of the theory of evolution.

Religious *modernism* may be largely traced to Darwinism, for the rise of modernism in the 19th and early 20th centuries followed the scientific propaganda of the advocates of evolution. The liberal elements of major Protestant denominations and some Baptists adapted their Biblical exegesis and theology to accommodate the theories proposed by Darwin, and as a result, departed from the Biblical account of creation. Even certain evangelicals adopted a variant concept of evolution called *theistic evolution* in which they asserted that God did create the heavens and the earth, but He did it through a process of evolution.

Darwinism, through the unholy philosophies it has spawned, has contributed to the destruction of both marriage and the home, the promotion of illicit sex, the birth of unwanted babies and their abortion, mass murder, revolutionary and guerrilla warfare, unionism, and in short, every evil in our world, and especially the political confusion in Washington, D.C. So-called *Liberation Theology* and the concept that there is good in all men—which belief denies the fall of man because it assumes man is constantly evolving to a higher plane, a theory which is contradicted by the fall of man—have been influenced by Darwin’s theory of evolution.

Biblical Principles Relating To Origins and Behavior

There are three Biblical principles which obviously affect behavior, and each of these three principles presuppose a belief in both a Creator and creation. A belief in evolution, as we have before

be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

How is this mine? John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Come to God by faith, surrendering all, holding nothing before Him for your acceptance with Him but what Jesus Christ did for sinners on the cross.

Asia. Communism enslaves people, reduces them to poverty, and eliminates unwanted factions of the population.

Friedrich Nietzsche and Ernst Haeckel were both rabid advocates of Darwinism who adapted this theory to political philosophy in Germany in the 19th century. Their political philosophy became the basis of intense German militarism in the 18th and 19th centuries. Benito Mussolini's thinking was dominated by evolution. He actually used Darwinian catchwords to mock the concept of perpetual peace, lest such peace hinder the evolutionary process. Thus, the theory of evolution and *fascism*, which was first instituted in Italy in 1922, are ingloriously linked together.

Nazism was bred in the same cesspool of thought. Adolf Hitler's mind was captivated by evolution. In fact, evolutionary ideas formed the basis of the worst of his philosophy in *Mein Kampf* as well as in his public speeches. In his quest to eliminate inferior people and establish a *master race* through mass murder and gas chambers, Hitler was but applying Darwin's theory of the survival of the fittest. Consequently, millions were murdered and World War II was ignited in which millions more were slaughtered.

John Dewey is yet another historical example of one whose philosophy was influenced by Darwin's theory of evolution. Dewey, the father of *progressive education*, was completely evolutionistic in his approach to education. Who can measure the inestimable moral and spiritual damage his educational system has inflicted on several generations of American youth?

Sigmund Freud was also influenced in his thinking by Darwinism, adapting the theory of evolution to psychology from which he formed his theory of *psychoanalysis*. This genius and his system of psychology encourages people to blame their ungodly deeds on someone else—primarily on one's parents—instead of taking personal responsibility for their own behavior.

While there were earlier versions of belief in evolution, the modern theory of Evolution may be traced to Charles Darwin. Darwin set forth this theory in his *Origin of the Species*. Darwin's theory centered in the *natural selection* and *survival of the fittest*. His theory is by its very nature materialistic and atheistic, for, in denying that God is the Creator of all things, it argues against the existence of God. Henry Morris quotes one atheist professor who says, "The whole history of evolution reveals there is no intelligence back of the process. You cannot understand evolution and believe in God" The process of evolution, especially the evolution of man from lower species, is believed to have required millions of years. One cannot help but wonder if this were the case, who made the years? So much is assumed by evolutionists: the measures of time had to have had a beginning, but time had to have existed before it could be measured. How, then, can evolutionists speak in terms of millions of years when there were no means of measuring time before the earth began to rotate around the sun? If the sun and the earth evolved, then there was no way of measuring time before this process took place.

The theory of evolution has not been confined to natural sciences, such as biology and geology alone. This false belief has been applied to social sciences and political philosophies with destructive consequences to civilization. C. L. Prosser wrote: "*The Origin of the Species* has had more influence on Western culture than any other book of modern times. It was not only a great biological treatise, closely reasoned and revolutionary, but it carried significant implications for philosophy, religion, sociology, and history. Evolution is the greatest single unifying principle in all biology" (*The Origin after a Century: Prospects for the Future.*" *American Scientist*, Vol. 47, December, 1959, p. 536).

For example, Karl Marx, who wished to dedicate his book, *Das Kapital*, to Darwin adapted Darwin's theory of evolution to social and political thought, resulting in *socialism*, *Marxism*, and *communism*. Who can estimate the havoc, mayhem, and death communism caused to millions in Russia, Eastern Europe and parts of

Origins and Morality

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"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good" Psalm 53:1.

Does one's view of origins influence his moral behavior? The answer is an absolute *yes*. Dr. W. A. Criswell once observed: "For years we have taught our children that they are animals; now they act as though they were animals." Beliefs have consequences. The low moral standards of the 21st century may be traced to the indoctrination of at least two, if not three, generations with the theory of evolution taught in public schools and universities.

That beliefs affect behavior is obvious from our text. The fool who says there is no God has a belief system which has an effect on his behavior. Three statements are made about this *empty-headed* fool [the Hebrew word for *fool* is *nabal* which means *senseless*, suggesting he is an *empty-headed* fool] in Psalm 53:1.

First, he is corrupt or perverse. The same Hebrew word used here for *corrupt* is found in Genesis 6:12 which states, "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." By his moral depravity he would destroy himself, resulting in his being destroyed by God, as Genesis 6:13 explains: "And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." Interestingly enough, the words corrupt and destroy come from the same Hebrew word.

Second, he has done abominable or abhorrent iniquity or wickedness. As a larger number of the citizens of our country deny the

existence of God, belittle His Word, and accept evolution as truth, the more abominable iniquity becomes accepted as normal in our society. Decency is ridiculed and the most outrageous behavior, whether public or private, is officially approved

Third, neither he nor any other fool does good in the sight of God. What they do may seem good to men, but man's standards are not God's (Isaiah 55:8, 9). As a result, men often call *good* what God calls *evil*, and *evil* what He calls *good*. Thus, a *woe* or threatening of judgment is pronounced upon all who dare to pervert God's standard (Isaiah 5:20).

However, behavior also affects belief. The reason the *empty-headed* fool says there is no God is that he is corrupt and has done abominable iniquity, causing him to experience severe and painful guilt. When guilt becomes too severe to handle, one must either confess his sins or redefine his beliefs. The empty-headed fool will always redefine his beliefs and thus, he declares in his heart that there is no God. Concerning such a person, the Apostle Paul commanded, "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted [perverted], and sinneth, being condemned of himself" (Titus 3:10, 11).

Anyone who does not believe there is a God obviously does not believe in Biblical creation or in giving an account to God for his actions.

Philosophical Implications Regarding Origins and Behavior

What one believes about God clearly affects his behavior, as we have already noted. He that says in his heart there is no God does only evil, not good in the sight of God, as Psalm 53:1 states. Have you noticed that there are no hospitals or orphanages named after atheists?

What one believes about origins likewise influences his behavior. If he does not believe himself to have been created immediately by and in the image of God, he does not regard himself to be directly accountable to God. In spite of one's denial that he was created by God in His own image, Scripture declares he was. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:26, 27). What if some do not believe this fact? In the words of the Apostle Paul we answer: ". . . let God be true, but every man a liar. . ." (Romans. 3:4). That every man will also give an account of himself directly to God is clearly asserted in Scripture as well: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans. 14:12).

One belief leads to another. If a man believes he is not God's direct creation and does not have to give account to Him for his conduct because he has evolved, then he will reason he may do what he pleases, regardless of how wicked his deeds may be. The only limits on his conduct are those imposed upon him by his upbringing—these standards are thought to be psychological *hang-ups*—and by the customs, mores, and laws of a civilized society, all of which are ever changing. Consequently, there is no recognition of an absolute standard of right and wrong among those who believe man is not created by God. As a result, *relativism* becomes the sole determining factor of right and wrong in a godless society.

Historical Examples Relating To Origins and Behavior

There have always been *empty-headed* fools who say in their hearts there is no God. Such fools obviously did not believe in the direct creative work of the Creator. Thus, they developed belief systems and philosophies which reflected their beliefs. All of these systems have had a very negative impact on the behavior of all contemporary societies.