

## Debunking the Evolution Myth

My father once said to me, “Evolution is a religious belief. It takes just as much faith to believe in evolution as it does to believe in creation.” I didn't really know what he was talking about at the time. Furthermore, I wondered, “What's the big deal?” Years later, now I know. The public education system's proliferation of the myth of evolution has had a profound effect on our society. But first things first: Let's address the myth of evolution.

### **From a scientific perspective...**

There is a great absence of evidence to support evolution from a *scientific* perspective.

- There is ***no*** fossil record to indicate ***transitions*** from one species to another.
- Such “transitions” are pure speculation. Because of the way evolution is promoted, this might come as a surprise to many people. However, this is common knowledge in the field of paleontology. Just as one example: Colin Patterson, a committed evolutionist, himself made this point clearly in a letter to a fellow scientist.<sup>1</sup>
- Charles Darwin himself admitted “(that) organs of extreme perfection and complication could have been formed by *natural selection*, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree possible.”<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, he also wrote for future generations of scientists regarding his theory of irreducible complexity: “If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.”<sup>3</sup> With what science has discovered in recent history, by Darwin's own criterion his theory of evolution cannot work.
- Today, the acceptance of evolution as fact serves as a litmus test for ‘legitimacy’ in the fields of scientific research and education. That is a real head-scratcher when one considers this: Robert Boyle, Isaac Newton, Johannes Keppler, Joseph Lister, and Louis Pasteur are just a few brilliant ***scientists*** from the recent past who strongly refuted evolutionary theory.<sup>4</sup>
- Finally, the idea of a “missing link” is a ridiculous notion. The classic artist's rendering of the primitive ape walking on all fours transitioning into an upright, fully developed human man is pure speculation. There is no “missing link.” As a matter of fact, there is not even one single link in this progression that can be fully shown by empirical scientific evidence. For example: Eugene Dubois' evidence for *Pithecanthropus erectus*, also known as “Java man”, consists of nothing more than a skull cap, three teeth, and a femur that was found fifty feet away from the other parts! In addition, the same dig actually produced two human skulls. This vital piece of information was only included in Dubois' bureaucratic reports and was “not intended for the public or for the scientific community.”<sup>5</sup>

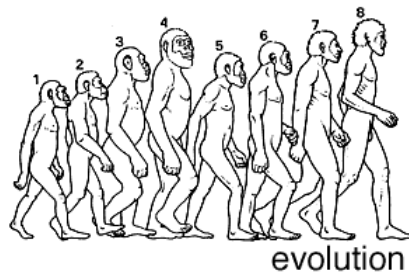
<sup>1</sup> Patterson, Colin. *Darwin's Enigma*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Santee, Calif.: Master Books, 1988).

<sup>2</sup> Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*. New York University Press.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*, 154.

<sup>4</sup> Hanegraaf, Hank. *Fatal Flaws: What Evolutionists Don't Want You To Know* (Nashville, TN: W. Publishing Group, 2003) 56.

<sup>5</sup> Lubenow, Marvin. *Bones of Contention*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1992) 104.



In other words, there are holes all over evolutionary theory.

### **From a theological perspective...**

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

“Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the

breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.”  
*Genesis 1:26-31*

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” *Hebrews 11:1-3*

- Prior to *The Enlightenment*, the view that the universe was created by a ‘higher being’ was overwhelmingly accepted throughout the entire world—even by those outside of Christendom.
- Judaism, Islam, and The Christian Church (all of whom accept the *Old Testament*), have put their trust in the *Genesis* account of creation and the belief that God created the world in 6/24 hour days, for thousands of years (*Genesis ch.’s 1-2*). Only as a result of the influence of evolutionist teaching have some in the Church (relatively few) tried to somehow “marry” evolution and creation. This is usually done in one of two ways:
  1. It is done by interpreting the Hebrew word *yom* (day) as meaning “an undistinguishable period of time” i.e., a thousand or a million years. There is a big linguistic problem with this: We don’t see the Hebrew word *yom* used in the singular form to mean anything but “a day” and context and usage make it clear that a “sun-

up to sun-down” 24-hour day is intended in Genesis (i.e., Genesis 1:5 “There was the evening and there was the morning—the first day.”).

2. Still others make a move that was never done by Christian theologians before *The Enlightenment* (17<sup>th</sup> Century): The Genesis account must simply be allegorical, a symbolic narrative that tells a moral story but never actually happened at all.
- If the Genesis account of creation is perceived to simply be an allegory, the entire grand history of God and **His** creation becomes entirely irrelevant. This is true for several reasons:
    1. If death did not come as a result of man rebelling against the Creator, what place does the Creator have to claim the redemption of His creation through Jesus? (see *Job 38:1-4; 19:25; Isaiah 41:14; 44:6 & 24; Mark 4:35-41; John 11:5-44; Romans 5:12-21*)
    2. According to evolutionary theory, death is a good thing, a vital cog in the evolutionary machine: As the species develops from muck into an actual creature the weaker ones die out in a more rapid fashion leaving the stronger to reproduce and every subsequent generation becomes superior.
    3. However, according to the entire Scriptures (not only Genesis 1 –3), death is the result of sin and did not occur until the curse was brought on creation when Adam and Eve sinned (see *Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12-21; 6:23*). Never in the entire Scriptures is death seen as part of the creative process. Death only occurs after human beings are already created. Therefore, there is no way for evolutionary theory and Christianity to exist as compatible world views.

### A final word...

For the first 1,800 years following Jesus Christ, the majority of the Western world stood with the Church in believing that God created life in our universe. The philosophical thought and new world view that arose out of *The Enlightenment* embraces atheism as its foundation. If, as Nietzsche wrote, God is dead or never existed to begin with, humans then become gods to themselves, free to pursue whatever it is *they* want. This *new* world view (developed over the last 200+ years) puts humans in charge. It allows them to decide for themselves what is right and wrong, good and evil, as decided by those who are strong enough to impose their own will. The now prevalent use of abortion to terminate pregnancies is a prime example of the fruit born of this new world view. It is no wonder, then, that people who’s world view is shaped by Enlightenment philosophy **must** cling to evolutionary theory no matter how little evidence there is to back it up. Why? Who is, or is *not*, in charge is at stake.

The bottom line is this: It takes just as much **faith** to believe in evolution as it does to believe in creation. It is simply a matter of what, or better said, *whom* you are going to believe in.

“...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” *Joshua 24:15*

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