

Faith And Creation

“Belief in the theory of evolution is exactly parallel to belief in special creation.” [Harrison Matthews, Scientist and Evolutionist]

To accept the theory of evolution you need great faith.

Faith that biogenesis did occur, that a living cell did come into existence.

“Evolution is based upon belief in the reality of what is not seen, belief in fossils that cannot be produced, belief in embryological evidence that does not exist.” [Dr. Arthur Field]

“Evolution is based and accepted on faith, alone, for three quarters of the record is non-existent and there are systematic gaps that cannot be covered.” [Dr. John Howitt]

Two kinds of evolution

a) Microevolution

A scientist can produce thousands of generations of insects, whose life-span is sometimes only a few hours, and demonstrate in the laboratory the possibility of some kind of small-scale evolution. **But this does not involve the production of new species.**

b) Macroevolution

The evolution from one species to another. This is the present study means of evolution, but the evidence of this is lacking and the “*missing links*” cannot be found despite a century of searching.

Note:- What scientists call species The Bible calls “kinds”.

Genesis 1:21, 24 [NIV] *“So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”* ... *“And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so.”*

When all the facts are rightly understood and accepted there will be no conflict between scripture and natural science.

Hebrews 11:3 [NIV] *“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.”*

This is the scriptural stance. God created all we see out of nothing. God’s integrity is put on the line by this statement.

The issue is:-

Will we believe [have faith in] God’s Word for its own sake?

Or must we pay homage to the empirical proofs [physical evidence] of science before we can trust God’s Word?

Every generation of Christians have had to face its own stigma by which their faith is severely tested.

a) **First century Christians**

Claiming Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies relating to the Messiah.

b) **Fourth century Christians**

Affirming that Jesus Christ is co-eternal and co-substantial with God Almighty.

c) **Sixteenth century Christians**

Trusting in faith alone in what Jesus did for us on the cross saves us without personal works of righteousness.

d) **Our century Christians**

Belief in God's account of creation without any empirical proofs [physical evidence].

The most hotly contested issue at any time makes the believers in the scriptural truth, being the minority, appear to be foolish.

The issue is what is our priority.

a) The internal witness of the Holy Spirit that The Bible is true without physical evidence. That is faith in God's Word.

b) The need for an external witness of amassed physical evidence that is stated in scripture is true and reliable.

That is a lack of faith in God's Word. We have to make a choice as a practising Christian, but **the choice of faith in creation will make us look like a fool to this generation.**

Why?

Because of the godless conspiracy against Christian faith in God and His Word.

"It is clear that the doctrine of evolution is directly antagonistic to that of creation. Evolution if consistently accepted, makes it impossible to believe The Bible."

[Sir Julian Huxley, Evolutionist and President of UNESCO]

"I am appalled that any Christian would try to embrace evolution."

[Jacque Monod, Nobel prize-winning French Scientist]

"If all animals and mankind evolved ... then there were no first parents, no Eden, no fall, and if no fall, then the future historical fabric of Christianity ... the story of the first sin and the reason for the Atonement. All these collapse like a pack of cards."

[H.G. Wells]

"Why do you think that evolution caught on so quickly? We all jumped at the 'Origin of Species' [Darwin's theory] because to have the idea of a Creator God interfered with our sexual mores [morals]."

[Sir Julian Huxley]

"Getting rid of the idea of God which evolution enables me to do, frees me up to my erotic desires."

[Bertrand Russell, Philosopher and Evolutionist]

Why is this study important?

It is essential to remember that acceptance of creation as described in Genesis is by faith without sight or scientific evidence.

To accept theistic evolution [that God chose evolution as the method of creation] is not scriptural but a theory invented by some scientist.

The very gospel is ultimately at stake in this matter.

The scriptural position

Hebrew 11:3 [NIV] *“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.”*

This passage is very carefully worded.

We cannot believe *“creation out of nothing”* and evolution at the same time.

Creation means that at some time there was nothing but God.

Evolution assumes that matter has always existed [yet they talk about carbon dating!!]

Hebrews does **not** say by faith we prove creation.

If we have or seek proof it is not by faith.

Proverbs 9:10 [NIV] *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*

By a respectful awe [fear] of God’s Word we have a massive breakthrough to perfect knowledge.

For example:-

By believing God’s Word we understand that time and space [which are linked] were created by the Word of God.

Faith in creation is a family secret.

Note in Hebrews it says *“we understand”*!!

This world may not understand.

Scientists may not understand.

The Bible confirms they will not understand but *“we”* do.

Creation was never meant to be understood outside the *“family of God”*.

It is **not** a matter of believing first in creation then being adopted into the Christian family, but first having faith in Christ’s redemptive blood sacrifice and becoming Christians, then we discover the truth about Creation by the same faith.

Creation out of nothing

Genesis 1:3 [NIV] *“And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.”*

Until God spoke, time, space and matter had no existence at all.

All things have come into existence by the voice of God.

John 1:1-3 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”*

The Word of God has always existed.

John 1:14 [NIV] *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

The Word joined for a period of time His own Creation.

Anyone who has a theistic evolution belief has run slipshod over what Hebrews and John tell us in God’s Word.

This is the danger of basing our faith on nature or science.

Genesis 3:17 [NIV] *“To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.”*

Nature is under a curse.

Romans 3:23 [NIV] *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

All have sinned [including scientists], therefore cut off from God, the source of all knowledge.

This is hardly a sure foundation for our faith.

Some scientists do have sufficient integrity to admit their own inconsistencies.

Admit that the theory of evolution “flies in the face” of some of the best established laws in the scientific world.

It violates the first and second laws of thermodynamics.

It violates the law of probability.

It violates the laws of mathematics. *[Test made at the Witsar Institute in Philadelphia].*

Evolution to be viable needs an entirely new set of natural laws in chemistry, chemico-physics and biology. This means that there would have to be an entirely different universe before evolution can be true. [Dr. Murray Eden, Massachusetts Institute]

When **Dr. Calvin Patterson** who was a senior palaeontologist at the Natural History Museum of London asked a group of scientists at the Field Museum if they could name one thing they knew for sure about evolution he was greeted with total silence.

Dr. Patterson said evolution is an “*anti-theory*” that not only produces no true knowledge but produces “*anti-knowledge*”.

Dr. Paul LeMoine, a prestigious French scientist, said that evolution is a “*fairy tale for grown-ups*”.

Dr. Francis Crick, the discoverer of DNA, discovered that there was no possibility that the DNA molecule could ever in the entire history of the earth have originated by chance.

Sir Fred Hoyle, former Professor at Cambridge University, a mathematician from India, after extensive work concluded that the coming into existence in the entire history of the universe [15-20 billion years] of one simple cell would be 10 to the 40,000th power years.

There is more chances of a tornado blowing through a junkyard creating a Boeing 747 than such a cell being made.

The evolutionary theory makes it difficult to be an atheist and should in a sense make it easier than ever to accept The Bible account of creation.

Conclusion

To affirm creation “*out of nothing*” is to affirm what is perhaps the most profound thing that can be said about God.

That He always was, and He became the Creator God because He chose to create.

Even if the majority of scientists affirmed the Genesis account of the existence of this universe we would still need faith.