

Why Evolution Is Wrong

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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.

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.

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.

C. Natural selection.

I. 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 vulcanization." 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:

I. 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 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 manmade.

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!"

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.

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, thoroughly 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 billions 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."

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.

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.

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 shall 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 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 overflown 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."*

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.

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.