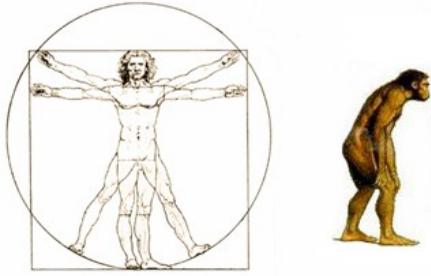


Creation vs Evolution



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

(Genesis 1:1-3)

The Creation of the Universe

According to the Genesis account, in six days God created all that exists. The swiftness of God's work is meant to shock the reader, for God's ways are not man's ways. God is infinite; man is finite. The creation of the world was done in such a way that "your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:5)."

The more that is discovered about the natural world through pure science, the more the Biblical record of creation is verified. Disbelief in God is not because there is too much science, but too little science. God has given us a written record of Himself both in nature and Scripture.

The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun.

(Psalm 19:1-4)

Science verifies Genesis

1. In the 19th century, scientists believed that our universe had a fixed size and consisted only of our galaxy. Then in the 1920s, astronomer Edwin Hubble discovered that the universe not only contains billions of galaxies but is also expanding. Physicists conclude that an expanding universe implies that the universe must have begun at one central point. From that moment forward, scientists accepted the first point of Genesis: the universe had a beginning.

2. Astrophysicists theorize that the universe was created out of a Big Bang that propelled all time, space, matter, and energy. There may be some Biblical parallel in that the many Scriptures state that God "stretched" or "unfolded" the heavens.

Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out. (Isaiah 42:5)

3. Until recently scientists discounted the idea that God made everything out of nothing, "ex-nihilo". Now modern physicists believe that the Big Bang created everything out of nothing. Although many scientists do not acknowledge God as the first cause, they concede that before the Big Bang there was nothing.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. (Hebrews 11:3)

4. Given the observed size of the universe, scientists have extrapolated backwards to conclude that the universe is 13 billion years old. However, modern science now allows for the possibility that the universe was made in a day. Some astrophysicists believe that, within minutes after the Big Bang, the universe expanded to the size of our galaxy. In the early universe, empty space was expanding faster than the speed of light. If the same rate of expansion continued, our universe would have reached its present size in just a few hours. The rapid creation of the universe is possible.

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them. (Exodus 20:11)

5. Historically, philosophers and scientists assumed that time and space never changed, but in the 20th century Einstein developed the Theory of General Relativity which radically overturned everything mankind believed about the universe. Although this is hard for many people to comprehend, time is flexible. Time moves at a different rate in the universe based on the fabric of space, speed, and gravitational forces. While one million years may pass at one point in the universe, only an hour may pass in another. This is not a fantasy meant to defend a six-day creation account; this is basic astrophysics.

Since time is relative, claiming the universe is 13 billion years old is subjective. Nobody knows how fast time moved in the early universe compared to our present 24-hour day. It would certainly humble the pride of modern man for scientists to someday discover that the universe was actually created in 24 hours "earth standard time".

But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. (2 Peter 3:8)

For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it passes by, or as a watch in the night. (Psalm 90:4)

For centuries mankind has made wrong assumptions about the universe. Ancient people used to believe the earth was flat because they did not understand the laws of gravity. Discoveries have always overturned conventional thinking. The Theory of General Relativity was undiscovered for centuries because it was counterintuitive to the way man naturally thinks about nature. That being the case, physicists expect future discoveries to overturn everything we now believe about how the universe works. Modern science is still in its infancy.

"We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything." (Thomas Edison)

God knew His Genesis creation account would be inconceivable to man. It is not that God deliberately wanted men to doubt, but man's unbelief is the

natural outgrowth of man's ignorance and pride. The ignorant will always doubt and rage against truths they do not understand. Higher wisdom is always considered foolishness by those with primitive wisdom. Remember, the medieval world mocked the idea that the earth travels around the sun (a heliocentric solar system). Today there is the same uninformed criticism of God's power to create the universe. It is certainly unwise to begin with a prejudice against the Genesis record. God's truth will be vindicated.

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come... it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water. (2 Peter 3:5)

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away. (1 Corinthians 2:6)

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

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)

The Creation of Man

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Genesis 1:26, 2:7)

Genesis states that God made man instantaneously on the sixth day of creation. There are some who attempt to unite a belief in God with the current theory of evolution (Theistic Evolution). The theory is that God used evolution as the secondary means to create life. However, Genesis does not allow for the vast amount of time necessary for evolution, and the text

specifically states that God created species to reproduce “after their kind (Genesis 1:12, 21, 24).”

If there were some scientific evidence for evolution, Theistic Evolution would be worth considering. As it is, scientists have yet to discover a force or intelligence in inorganic matter capable of creating life. Evolutionists insist that the force in matter is time and random movement, but it is a scientific law that chemicals move toward disorder. Chemicals certainly do not self-organize into complex systems.

In the 1860s there was a Creation-Evolution debate between Samuel Wilberforce and the famous Darwinist Aldous Huxley. Huxley claimed that six eternal monkeys, typing on six typewriters, given enough time, could, by randomly striking the keys, produce a Psalm, a Shakespearean sonnet, or a whole book. Therefore, random molecular movement, given enough time, could produce Aldous Huxley himself.

This argument is false, but many are fooled by it. The mathematics that Huxley failed to show his audience is that with 50 keys on a typewriter, and six monkeys, it has been statistically determined that to come up with the 603 properly arranged letters of Psalm 23 is one in 50^{603} . At one strike per second, the average time necessary would be 9.5×10^{1016} years. There is not enough time for these chances to occur since the universe is only 1.3×10^9 years old (according to current theory).

In addition, when it comes to the human genome, we are not dealing with something as simple as Psalm 23 which has only 603 letters. A DNA chain of a simple bacteria has 3 to 4 million base pairs. As Richard Dawkins claims, there is enough information in a single cell to fill the Encyclopedia Britannica – all 30 volumes – 3 to 4 times over. Harold Morowitz, professor of biophysics at Yale, has arrived at the probability for the spontaneous formation of one complete bacterium DNA as one in 10^{100} billion. He states, “The origin of the first life was a unique event which cannot be discussed in terms of probability.”

But if there is any chance, isn't evolution possible? No. For chance to work there must be something organizing the molecules. Where are these monkeys to organize the molecules?

In chemistry, there are no active agents attempting to binding molecules together in various patterns. In probability, you have someone flipping a coin and someone recording the results – not so in chemistry. The protein of DNA will not form meaningful information on its own, even as the ink in a jar will not arrange itself into a copy of the *New York Times*. Ink just sits in a puddle; it does not have the power to write messages – only minds do. If you examine a solution of amino acids or proteins, nothing is forming. There are no attempts to form strains of DNA information. Natural selection is not at work in organic chemistry. There are no monkeys at typewriters. In fact, any chemical reactions in the formation of DNA chains would soon break down. It is as if the six eternal monkeys at typewriters are followed by six eternal monkeys with erasers. Furthermore, even if DNA code formed by chance, there would be no functioning cell to utilize the code. It would be like the creation of a CD with no computer to read it.

The irony of Huxley's illustration is he needed living monkeys to do the designing. Huxley, and all those who speak of the probability of life forming by chance, are wrongly associating theoretical probability with the realities of chemistry.

This is the universe we live in. Matter does not organize itself into complex systems; matter tends toward disorder. Life cannot evolve because there is no mechanism or law in the universe to organize complex systems. Secularist Paul Davies, professor of mathematical physics at the University of Adelaide, admits, “There is no law in physics able to create information from nothing.” Evolution has never been proven, explained, or demonstrated.

- * The fossil record shows a variety of extinct species, not transitional species.
- * Numerous fossils are evidence of the Noahic flood that quickly buried living organisms.
- * There is no definitive evidence that any species has ever significantly advanced its DNA information.
- * Varieties among species are due to isolation of the gene pool as seen in the varieties of domesticated dogs.
- * Viral and bacterial adaptations are not evidences of evolution, but either the result of genetic variation or temporary and limited mutations.

* Evolution is impossible due to irreducible complexity. For an organism to function and reproduce, the entire structure of the cell must come into existence.

God is the only explanation for life on earth. God is not dead; but with new discoveries in the complexity of DNA, it is the Theory of Evolution that has died. Science once again points to the Genesis creation account.

God's Revelation

Christians believe that the Creator God has communicated to His creation through the Biblical prophets.

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.
(Hebrews 1:1-2)

God's revelation is necessary because finite man is unable, on his own, to discover the essential truths of the universe – God, man, creation, the future, and salvation. Atheists make a tragic error in refusing to accept any information outside of their own powers of observation and reason. Man is considered the measure of all things. For this reason, any talk of God or Intelligent Design is anathema among atheistic scientists. It is a foregone conclusion that all truth must be derived by man's power. This is debilitating pride.

Atheism could be excused if it were an honest ignorance of the unknown, but the Bible states that the direction of a man's mind is driven by a moral will that is opposed to the authority of God. Scientists may think they are neutral and objective, but they interpret the data based on their affections for or against God. Critics complain that they would believe in God if He would reveal Himself to them. Yet God has revealed enough of Himself to mankind, leaving mankind without excuse. The problem is not the evidence; the problem is man's will. What you do with the evidences for God is based on the moral disposition of your soul.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

(Romans 1:18-21)

“The same God who shows himself to those who love Him, hides himself from those who hate Him.”
(Blaise Pascal)

Our investigation into the creation of the world is not really to find out from where we have come, but to discover where we are going. Is there a God to whom we must bow?

God made us to live forever with Him. It is our choice whether we will live with Him in glory or live apart from Him in darkness. May God grant you the faith to choose life.

And the record is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
(1 John 5:11-12)

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