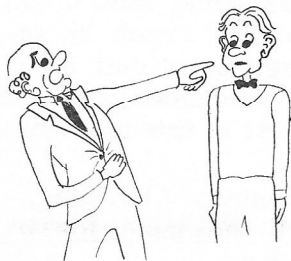


# GENESIS & EVOLUTION

"You may have come from a monkey but I didn't." Is this the last resort of the person who believes God created man and the earth in seven days? People who hold to this belief should do so by faith; but, is there any basis, any physical evidence, any raw data that support the literal interpretation of Genesis? Why should there be any reason for not accepting evolution as the physical manifestation of the creation story? If the present theory of evolution is questionable, why do sincere men of science adhere to it so rigidly?

Let's take a look at these questions in reverse order. To understand why evolution is accepted, one needs to look at the educational system. Almost all teachers from grade school to graduate school teach evolution. A person who expresses opposing views is most often ridiculed. So, we see that our educational process molds evolutionists. In other words, there is a "natural selection" for evolution, to use evolutionary language.



"WHAT? You believe in CREATION?"

But what about the opposition to evolution? Most has come from the clergy; but the clergy is not accepted in scientific circles, so they have little chance to influence what is taught our children in school. Part of the problem may be the arguments some have given against evolution. One we have heard is this: Why should we believe in evolution when the evolutionists do not agree among themselves how it happened? This argument is even used by people as a reason for not believing the Bible when they see so many denominations, and it should be abandoned. Others just say, "The Bible says the earth was created in seven days." Though this is a very valid argument, modern belief is that the above statement should not be taken literally, and in fact creation may have taken seven epochs, each lasting millions of years. Many other arguments have been offered, but all have failed to dislodge even open-minded scientists.

Since scientists refused to budge on evolution, several theologians worked out an elaborate system of compromises. Cutting the Bible to make it fit evolution may leave



only half a Bible. Some say God used evolution to create man, and Genesis only shows man's relationship to God. Well, that sounds just great, BUT: the whole theory of evolution, from the primeval soup of the sea to man, can be explained without any reference to a supernatural being. One freshman biology teacher explained the whole theory of evolution then said, "Well, that's the theory of evolution. Those of you who want God in it can stick Him in anywhere you like." Other theologians say, "Evolution is OK for animals but God Himself made man." "Well," says the scientist, "Why did God make man so much like monkeys then?" It is clear from embryology studies that all the mammals had the same type of origin, whether by evolution or creation." Other theologians say that evolution occurred unaided, then God stepped in and put a soul in man. "But," says the scientist, "there is yet no physical evidence for a soul, hence a soul does not belong in a strictly scientific theory." (This does not mean that there is no such thing as a soul, only that modern instruments cannot detect it.) Many other attempts have been made at a working compromise, most are classified as "Theistic Evolution." Many are accepted by men of science who see the glory of God in the universe but do not know of the increasing mountain of evidence against evolution.

Why can a Christian not accept whole-heartedly the "scientific" theory of evolution? As pointed out above, evolution makes no provision for a soul, therefore no life after death. In addition, there is no room for miracles in the evolutionary theory. Evolutionists lay aside all the great miracles of the Bible as mythology. Lastly, and most important, there is no room for someone who is God and man. In other words, there is no CHRIST in any theory of evolution. Indeed, they say there is no NEED for Christ, since man's fall into sin as well as his perfect creation is passed off

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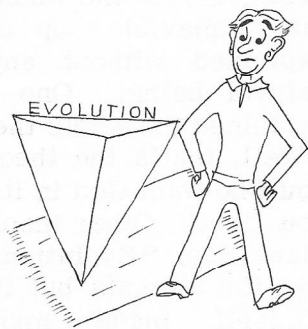
"MIRACLES ARE Myths."



"Then why can I WALK?"

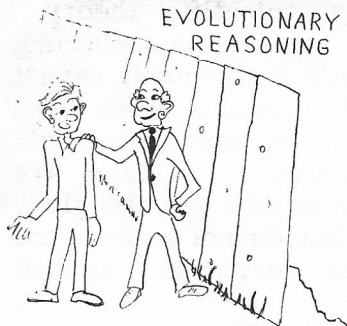
as mythology. This means evolution can lead to agnosticism, if not pure atheism, when accepted without reservation or alteration. What hope is then left for mankind?

Now let us look more closely at the theory of evolution. As it now stands, the theory of evolution is like a pyramid built upside down on a rug. We now proceed to give the rug a pull.



The first thing one does, to develop a theory, is to decide what assumptions to make. Assumptions are the foundation of the theory, but they must be taken for granted since there is no way to prove them when the theory is first developed. If these assumptions are later shown to be false, then the theory is not valid and must be discarded or reworked. The most basic assumption of evolution and historical geology is this: The present is the key to the past. In other words, the history of the earth can be explained by looking at present processes in nature (for example, mutations, erosion, sediment formation) and extending them back in time. It's like a person buying a lot with

a fence too high to see over. It is nice in front, so he deduces it is nice in back, but it may not be. At this point, let me say I support (scientific) research into the present processes (in nature). However, these processes should be studied to influence man's



"I'll TAKE IT."

future rather than speculate about his past.

The problem is that evolutionists look at the variations that develop within a species (for example, the different races of man) and by giving these processes millions of years, they account for the development of the entire plant and animal kingdoms. This assumption was first expounded in the early 1800's by a lawyer (amazing how modern science is based on a lawyer's assumption), and it was used by Darwin in formulating his theory of evolution. Does the Bible agree with this assumption? No, but that is not enough for today. Can this assumption be attacked on purely scientific grounds? Definitely!

The biggest single evidence for evolution is the FOSSIL RECORD. The fossils have been

arranged in the order of the evolutionary tree, therefore evolutionists say the process is recorded in rock for all to see. But hold it! Can you look at present RATES of fossil formation and account for the fossil record? No, you can not! When the majority of animals die today, they either rot or are eaten by scavengers and do not form fossils at all. So, if fossil formation has been going for millions of years at the same rate it is going now, there should be very few fossils. But in fact, there are millions of fossils, thus the basic assumption of evolution is inadequate.

Turning to geology, we find many contradictions of this basic assumption. One example is the formation of volcanic rock. Volcanic rock is formed when hot lava flows from under the crust of the earth through a volcano, then cools to form rock. Looking at the volcanic rocks, we find the Columbia plateau in the Northwest United States with an area of 200,000 square miles and several thousand feet thick, all from a single huge volcanic crack in the earth's crust. You have never seen that much lava flowing from modern volcanoes, so the present does not explain the past in this instance. That is another tug on the rug!

More examples are mountain building, glaciers, sedimentation, and the huge fossil graveyards with an unbelievable variety of fossils. Why spend so much time on historical Geology and fossils? One can show through Geology that the basic assumption of evolution is not valid. Geologically, things just are not happening now like they did in the past. Even Peter tells us that, in II Peter ch. 3, when he speaks of the earth covered with water and only Noah's ark being saved.

We have been jerking on the rug and the pyramid is wobbling. Now for one last heave! Fossils are the biggest "evidence" for evolution and have led away from the Bible. Fossils are also the only means of returning to the Bible with physical evidence.



Looking at the fossil record, as interpreted by evolutionists, we see that the huge dinosaurs of the past were extinct nearly 75,000,000 years ago, before the primitive men evolved some one million years ago. Looking at the Bible, we see that both man and these great huge dinosaurs were living side by side, since they were created ON THE SAME DAY! What's this? Evolutionists say man and the dinosaurs

were not contemporaries and the Bible says they were. Let us re-examine the fossil record and see which is true.

Let us go back to the year 1936 and take a trip to Texas with Dr. Robert T. Bird. There in a traders store, are two rocks bearing obviously human footprints but dating over 100,000,000 years old. "But that is impossible," says Dr. Bird, "Let's investigate this further."

We now go to the farm of Mr. Jack Ryals in Glen Rose, Texas. He tells us that a whole trail of these "man tracks" has just washed out recently, but he thinks he can show us one. We go to the spot he tells us, and there on the creek bottom is another human footprint, in the same riverbed with several dinosaur tracks. Being a well trained evolutionist and dinosaur expert, Dr. Bird explains that these could not possibly be human tracks and sets to work on more dinosaur tracks, some of which are now located at the American Museum of Natural History.

However, since then, more and more human footprints are being found in rocks with dinosaur tracks. A human skull has been found in coal deposits supposedly formed long before the appearance of man. Such fossils are generally disregarded in scientific literature since they conflict with what is "known" about evolution. They are waiting for Christian scientists to give them their full significance, exposing the theory of evolutionary history as one of the greatest farces in modern history.

In conclusion, we have shown that evolution and the Bible do not agree with respect to the existence of the soul, miracles, and Jesus, as well as with Genesis. But, the ACTUAL DATA of Geology and the fossil record may be better interpreted if one uses the literal interpretation of Genesis. Space does not permit a full explanation of the data (some good ones are in the references) but briefly, volcanoes and mountain building are explained in the Bible as fountains of the deep broken up, the glaciers and rain may be the windows of heaven opened, sedimentation and the fossil graveyards would have come from the flood waters on the earth for nearly a year, and man did indeed walk with (or maybe ran from) the dinosaurs during the time before the flood.

Finally, in view of the evidence, we must reject evolution as history and return the Bible to its rightful place.

(This article was written to and for Christian youth. Often we are taught the Genesis story of creation by our mothers and Sunday School teachers but given no basis for believing it.

As children we accept what they say as truth, but when we get to biology courses in school, we run into seemingly vast amounts of evidence for evolution with no mention of God. Many desert the Church entirely and others work out a compromise or avoid thinking about it. Contrary to what our teachers would have us believe, the theory of evolution is far from fact.

The actual evidence FOR Historic evolution alone would hardly fill a small pamphlet. The evidence AGAINST it would require an encyclopedia, but there are libraries full of SPECULATION on Historic evolution, much of which is taught as fact.

Christian geologists and paleontologists are needed now to get the facts, and interpret them from a Biblical background. For those who would like to have further information, the following books are excellent. I apologize to those critical readers who would like to have documentation of any statement I have made, but I did not want to clutter the text with references. Most of the original references can be found in the books listed below.)

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## FOSSIL AGES: *The Art of Guessing*

Look in any Biology or Geology text and you will find a chart called the Geologic time scale. The ages of fossils are determined, then their evolutionary family tree is drawn. The question is, HOW are their ages determined? There are several methods of determining age. Let's look at the big three.

1. Estimates based on a knowledge of mutation rates. These are the WILDEST guesses since mutation rates vary so widely in different groups of animals. They are hardly worth further comment.
2. Radioactive element determinations. These may be Carbon-14, Uranium-Lead methods, Potassium-Argon methods, etc. They assume there have been no additions or subtractions in the amounts of the minerals in question since the fossil formation. A good analogy is the hour glass. If you know how fast the sand is falling and how much remains in each chamber, you

could determine when the glass was turned over. "Geologists would never grant that such a closed system exists in the crust of the earth." Quoting this expert further, "all applicable dating methods and all possible materials are being used. This shotgun approach is not thoroughly satisfactory, but is recognized as part of the evolution of science. **THE POSSIBILITY THAT ALL METHODS USED TODAY ARE WRONG MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED.**" We DO acknowledge this possibility and EMPHASIZE it.

Based on the Biblical descriptions of the earth before and after the flood, it appears there have been definite changes in the atmosphere since the flood. (It never rained before the flood.) Carbon-14 is formed in the upper atmosphere as an effect of cosmic radiation and is dependent on the amount of water vapor in the upper atmosphere. Therefore, the Carbon-14 method may be of no value in determination of pre-flood dates. Animals which were killed by the flood may have had much lower carbon-14 levels so would appear, by carbon-14 dating, to be much older than they are.

3. Stratigraphy. This is the method of deciding how many rock layers are above the fossil and the age of each layer in order to determine the age of the fossils therein. "Index fossils" (animals "known" to have existed only for a "short" period of time) are used to relate different geographical areas. This is necessary since nowhere is there a complete stratigraphic record. Though this was the best method before radioactive discoveries, it should be abandoned as was the horse and buggy.

In short, there are now NO ACCEPTABLE methods of determining the age of FOSSILS, so the search goes on. (The age of the EARTH is another story. Mr. Patten has an excellent discussion of this topic in his book, "The Biblical Flood and the Ice Age.") Experts in each method realize the shortcomings and are working to eliminate them. It is reasonable to assume they will, but it may take several years to establish truly reliable systems of dating fossils. When this happens, we can look forward to some radical changes in the text books. When the history of the earth is finally written and is no longer a subject of speculation (maybe several thousand years or until Christ returns) we will expect it to start, "In the Beginning GOD CREATED the heavens and the earth....."

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# WHAT IS TRUTH?

New discoveries in science are showing ideas which were accepted as fact to be fantasy. Impossible things are happening all the time. New theories are made and old theories discarded. Even Einstein's theory of relativity is subject to criticism. As a result of the rapid pace of change, many teachers tell their students that the facts they are learning today may be false tomorrow. They say that nothing is absolute, and there is no such thing as truth. Youth, confronted with a world that is turning over and spinning around, want something solid to stand on. The Bible fills this need. By accepting the Bible as truth, you have a standard with which to measure your life. You can tell for yourself which theories are probable, and which are merely imagination, by checking for conflict with the Bible. Let me give a historical example.

Several years ago, the Continuity theory stated that all animals were made of the same cells. The Bible, on the other hand, states that all animals have different flesh. The Continuity theory thus proved the Bible false. BUT, further research showed that the flesh of different animals IS different, sometimes within the same species. That is one of the problems in heart transplants. The body knows the tissue is foreign and rejects it.

We see now that the Bible IS CORRECT, and the Continuity theory has long since been discarded. There are many such examples. My point is: Though it may be unpopular at times, the Bible is still the BEST GUIDE for determining WHAT IS TRUE.

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