

“Which Verse Do You Start Believing the Bible?” 2/11/18

Genesis 1:1

Evolution Sunday (weekend)- Churches from 50 states and 13 countries are celebrating Darwin’s theories with their Sunday sermons. 14,500 pastors have signed affirming evolution as a foundational truth. “To reject this truth or to treat it as ‘one theory among others’ is to deliberately embrace scientific ignorance and transmit such ignorance to our children.”

“For they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.” (John 12:43)

Science- the systematic study of the nature and behavior of the material and physical universe, based on observation, experiment, and measurement, and the formulation of laws to describe these facts in general terms (i.e. empirical data).

Materialism- the philosophical theory that regards matter and its motions as constituting all that exists in the universe, and all phenomena, including those of the mind, as due to material agencies.

Intelligent Design-belief that scientific evidence shows that unguided evolution cannot account for the beauty & design found in nature based on current physical laws.

Theistic Evolution- God created matter, but evolutionary processes took over from there.

Progressive Creationism- God created earth billions of years ago and at certain points of need, introduced necessary levels of genetic information for evolution to succeed.

Creationism- God created all things as good in the recent past and animal life in their respective “kinds”, but because of sin, we now observe a fallen world which is decaying according to the law of entropy. Macro-evolution has no scientific basis or foundation.

Micro-evolution- limited changes within the species level; variations in genetic frequencies; not capable of producing intermediates; (wolves, pugs, etc. are still “dogs”)

Macro-evolution- all life somehow originated from non-life; single cell mutated into more complex life through mutations and natural selection; all have common ancestry.

What does the Bible clearly teach?

- Genesis 1:1-2:3 (<http://www.icr.org/article/biblical-hebrew-creation-account-new-numbers-tell/>)
- *Yom*- Hebrew word for “day” is 24hr with ordinal; Eve/Morn; Ex 20:11
- 2 Tim 3:16; Heb 1:2; 11:3; Col 1:16; John 1:1-3; Job 38:4; **Mark 10:6;**
Luke 11:50-51; John 8:44; Romans 1:20.

What does genuine empirical Science observe?

- Micro-evolution (variation within species). Dog breeding as an example
- Mutations occur, but must be positive and occur gradually
- The fossil record does not show gradual intermediate forms

Astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle- If the entire universe was filled with pre-biotic soup it would take $10^{40,000}$ years. Evolutionist claim the universe has existed for 15 billion (1.5×10^{10}). It would be easier for a tornado to sweep through the junkyard and assemble together a 747 or 10^{50} blind people solving the Rubik’s cube at the same exact time.

If the first verse is not true in its normal / literal sense, then how can we trust in any subsequent verses in their normal / literal sense? Matthew 4:4; 1 Cor 15:14-19

How Evolution Happens

Stephen Jay Gould proposed that the degree of gradualism commonly attributed to Charles Darwin is virtually nonexistent in the fossil record, and that stasis dominates the history of most fossil species. Instead, things jump quickly in the fossil record... true, but no evidence of common descent.

Mutations-

Dr. Lee Spetner, 1997 book, *Not by Chance! Shattering the Modern Theory of Evolution*, "But in all the reading of the life-sciences literature, I've never found a mutation that added information... all point mutations that have been studied on the molecular level turn out to reduce the genetic information and not increase it" (p. 131, 138).

Michael Pitman, "Neither observation nor controlled experiment has shown natural selection manipulating mutations so as to produce a new gene, hormone, enzyme system, or organ." *Adam and Evolution*, p. 68

Evolutionist Richard Goldschmidt,

"It is true that nobody thus far has produced a new species or genus, etc., by macromutation. It is equally true that nobody has ever produced even a species by the selection of micromutations." (Quoted in *Tornado in a Junkyard*, p. 50).

Fossil record

"The complete absence of any intermediate forms between the major groups of animals, which is one of the most striking and most significant phenomena brought out by the study of zoology, has hitherto been overlooked, or at least ignored... No matter how far back we go in the fossil record of previous animal life upon the earth we find no trace of any animal forms which are inter-mediate between the various major groups or phyla. This can only mean one thing...if we are willing to accept the facts we must believe that there never were such intermediates, or in other words that these major groups have from the very first borne the same relation to each other that they bear today."

The New Evolution: Zoogenesis, p. 168, 189. Austin Clark, evolutionary zoologist of the Smithsonian Institution.