
EVOLUTION

Genesis 1:1, 27

INTRODUCTION

In the history of mankind, few theories have had the impact of evolution. This theory, propagated by Charles Darwin and many others, not only removes God from creation, but it has caused many people to abandon moral absolutes. Famous Christian attorney Wendell R. Bird, when addressing Darwin's book, *On the Origin of Species*, writes, "That single volume has had a massive influence not only on the sciences, which increasingly are built on evolutionary assumptions, but on the humanities, theology, and government."

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Terms to _____:

1. Evolution – "A gradual _____ in which something changes into a different and usually more complex or better form."

"The process of _____." --*American Heritage Dictionary*

2. Evolutionism – "A _____ of biological evolution, especially that formulated by Charles Darwin." --*American Heritage Dictionary*

3. Creationism – "The _____ that the account of the creation of the universe given at the beginning of the _____ is literally _____." --*American Heritage Dictionary*

4. Creation Science – "An effort to give scientific _____ for the account of the creation of the universe at the beginning of the Bible." --*American Heritage Dictionary*

B. A man to _____:

- Charles Darwin was the British naturalist who was born in _____ in 1809 and became famous for his theories of evolution.

1. In _____ Darwin released his book, *On the Origin of Species*, which theorized that all animals evolved from common primitive ancestors through purposeless forces over _____ of years.

2. Twelve years later, Darwin released *The Descent of Man*, in which he asserted that _____ arose from the same common ancestors as well.
 - a. Virtually every founder of modern science believed in _____!
 - b. For the first _____ years of modern science (1620-1860), the belief in the _____ of the world was the dominant view in the scientific community!
 - “This most beautiful _____ of the sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful _____.” --*Sir Isaac Newton*
3. Darwin and his _____ made evolution into a surrogate for God, the Creator!

II. **BURNING ISSUES**

- A. The most difficult question (problem) for the evolutionist is, “Where did the _____ come from?”
 1. The evolutionist points to the _____ of macroevolution.
 - a. That the first life (like a _____-_____ amoeba) came together by spontaneous generation, _____ from intelligent intervention.
 - b. From that one-cell creature came _____ life!
 2. For _____ macroevolution to be true, the first life must have generated spontaneously from _____ chemicals.
 - The problem, of course, is that there is no adequate explanation of the _____ of nonliving chemicals!
 3. The creationist _____ the question of first life with the Scriptures!
 4. Evolution is basically a _____ philosophy, a _____ system!
 - The American Heritage Dictionary defines religion as: “Belief in and reverence for a supernatural power or powers regarded as _____ and governor of the universe. A personal or institutionalized _____ grounded in such belief...”

- As Bible-believing Christians, our faith is in _____ and in His revealed _____ – Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 11:1,3,6
5. The creation-evolution debate is _____ about religion versus science. Likewise, it's not about faith versus reason—it's about _____ faith versus _____ reasonable faith!
- B. What would the evidence have to look like for _____?
1. A universe that came into being out of _____ – Genesis 1:1
 - In 1916, Albert Einstein proved his theory of General Relativity, meaning the universe was _____ eternal but had a _____.
 2. A universe with _____ 100 fine-tuned life-enabling _____ for this small planet called Earth! Consider:
 - a. _____ level – on earth, oxygen comprises _____ percent of the atmosphere.
 - b. _____-Earth Gravitational Interaction – If the interaction were greater than it currently is, _____ effects would be too severe. If it were less, orbital _____ would cause instabilities.
 - c. _____ Dioxide Level – If the level were higher than it is now, a runaway greenhouse effect would develop, meaning we all would _____ up. Any lower, we would all _____!
 - d. _____ – If the gravitational force were altered by O. (followed by 37 zeros) 1 percent, our _____ would not exist, and, therefore, neither would we!
 3. Life that arises only from _____ life!
 4. Life that is molecularly _____ between basic types!
- C. Who _____ God?
1. Everything that came to be has a _____, and the universe came to be!
 2. Since the universe had a beginning, it must have had a "_____."
 - This is known as the (scientific) Law of Causality!
 3. Why doesn't God need a _____?

- a. The Law of Causality does _____ say that everything _____ a cause...
 - b. It says that everything that _____ needs a cause!
 - c. God did _____ come to be!
 - d. As we already established, the _____ had a beginning—it was caused!
4. What is this First Cause _____?
- a. A First Cause must be _____-existent!
 - b. A First Cause must be _____!
 - c. A First Cause must be _____!
 - d. These characteristics of the First Cause are _____ the characteristics that Christians ascribe to _____!

For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.--
Robert Jastrow: Agnostic Astronomer

- D. How is it possible for so many scientists to be _____ in their _____ in evolution!
1. A false theory can be accepted by mistakenly assuming there are _____ legitimate theories to _____ it!
 2. A false theory can be accepted because scientific _____ can be misunderstood or _____!
 3. A false theory can be accepted because scientists _____ the theory to be true because of _____ support or little interest in challenging the theory!
 4. A false theory can be _____ because they prefer its philosophical or _____ implications!

III. BIBLICAL INSIGHT

- A. Creation was the work of a _____ not a _____ – Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; Jeremiah 32:17; Acts 14:15; Hebrews 1:10; Revelation 4:11

- B. Creation by _____ power was accomplished in _____ literal, 24 hour days – Genesis 1,2
1. God _____ the word “day” – Genesis 1:5
 2. The numerical _____ used with the word “day” indicates this.
 3. The word is defined by the _____ “the evening and the morning.” – Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31
- C. Creation was pronounced as being “_____ _____” by God Himself – Genesis 1:31

To look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is to me impossible.

*--Astronaut John Glenn
While looking out of the
Space Shuttle Discovery, 1998*