

The Bible View Of Man Versus The Atheistic/Evolutionary View

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Atheists deny the universe and man were created by God (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:7; 2:18ff), and that God even exists (Psalm 14:1). Instead, they believe and teach "The General Theory Of Evolution" that says: (1) originally there existed only dead, mindless, physical matter; (2) some of it supposedly made itself become alive ("spontaneously generated") and some didn't; (3) some of it developed mind, consciousness, conscience (man), and some of it didn't (trees, plants); (4) man is "Ape-Man" evolved from apes, which evolved from other lower life forms, which evolved to life from the original dead matter.

Thus while atheists are not believers in God, they are *believers* of a world view which has specific *beliefs* they must be able to defend.

(1) What The Issue Is Not: The issue between atheists and Christians is not Christians believe *in a Creator*, and atheists do not. For both believe in a *source* or *Creator* of our existence. Christians *believe* God (Spirit) is the source of our being (Creator). Atheists *believe* evolved physical matter, originally dead or lifeless, is the source of our being (creator).

The issue between atheists and Christians is not that Christians believe in our Creator *by faith*, and atheists do not. For we both acknowledge the source of our being *by faith*. Atheists *believe* (have faith) matter is eternal and at some point, that dead matter spontaneously generated and evolved into the universe we now know. Christians *believe* (have faith) God is eternal and that "in the beginning God created the heavens and the

earth". Neither was there to see either atheistic evolution or God's creation occur.

The issue between atheists and Christians is not that atheists' beliefs are based in science and Christians' beliefs are based in non-scientific ignorance, myths, and legends. For "*The Scientific Method*" of investigation only applies to that which can be reproduced, as in a laboratory setting, where its findings can be duplicated for others to examine and see. But the origin or beginning of the universe is an historical event and cannot be duplicated. So belief in atheistic evolution is just as un-scientific as belief in God's "creation". That's okay. It just means atheists and Christians can therefore only attempt to prove their beliefs concerning the beginning of ourselves and our universe, by "*The Historical Method*" of investigation of evidence.

(2) What The Real Issue Is: The real issue therefore between the atheist and the Christian concerns *the nature* of that something each believes is the source of our being. Is it the atheist's dead, mindless, physical matter, or the Christian's living, omniscient, omnipotent God)? Whichever it is, it has been *the cause* or *source of being* of life and all other things.

(3) How Christians Know The Original Cause Or Source Of Our Being Is Eternal: Both atheists and Christians must believe whatever we owe our existence to is eternal. Atheists like to ask Christians: "If *God* made man, then *who* made God?" In reply, the Christian can ask the atheist: "If *matter* made man, then *who* made matter?" The true or factual answer is that both atheists and Christians must believe the original source of everything is *eternal*.

Why? Because of two basic facts. (James Bales, "*You Believe*", pgs. 8-9) First, we all can factually observe that *something now exists*. We can see ourselves, the universe, and other things existing in it. Second, *you cannot get something out of nothing*. For out of nothing, nothing comes. Since out of nothing one gets nothing, and since something now exists, *something must have always existed*. If there was ever a time when

absolutely nothing existed, then it is positive nothing would be existing today.

(4) The Bible's Answer: Either the universe (1) *was created by dead, mindless, physical matter*, or (2) *it was created by the living, omniscient, omnipotent God*. That's a fact! But how could the universe, with all its abundance of living things, be created by dead matter which has no mind? That is, how could the universe create itself, including man and all living things, before it was alive and had any mind? The answer in both cases is, "**it can't!**" Therefore we affirm, as the Bible, that both It (I Thess. 2:13) and the universe (Gen. 1:1) are products made by the same eternal Creator – God!

A. We know God is the Creator or source of our being ***by the law of cause and effect (Romans 1:19-20)***. For every effect must have had a cause sufficient to produce it. The universe is an effect, manifesting extreme power, intelligence, etc. to produce it. God is the only power (cause) sufficient to have made the universe (effect).

B. We also know God is the Creator or source of our being ***by the law that life comes only from life (Acts 17:23-32; note verses 27-29)***. For we are living beings with mind and intelligence, thus our Creator must be also, with awesome intelligence, power, etc. That can only be God (Acts 17:27-29). Dead, mindless, unconscious, and conscience-less matter taught by atheists and others in their "General Theory Of Evolution" (no matter how many millions or billions of years atheists want us to believe in) could never on its own produce living, conscious, conscience-filled, intelligent-minded people. Or putting it in a way atheists want us to speak: If in the future scientists in a laboratory were able to put a little of this and a little of that together and make it come to life, this would still only prove that *life comes from other life!* That is what God and the Bible say, not what atheists and "The General Theory Of Evolution" say!

(5) “Special Evolution” Versus “The General Theory Of Evolution”: “Evolution” means “change”. “Special Evolution” is the Bible position, *the Christian’s position*, which teaches that changes can occur *within God’s true law of reproduction*. Thus “Special Evolution” refers to changes which can occur, but always within the specific “kinds” of life which God created from the beginning (Gen. 1:11-12, 20-25). That is, corn always comes from corn, dogs always come from dogs, etc.

Sometimes “The General Theory Of Evolution” advocates try to prove their position by referring to “*Special Evolution*”. They say that because changes can occur within the same “kinds” of animal life and plant life, etc., like the cross breeding of dogs which produces new breeds of dogs, and the cross pollination of corn which produces new kinds of corn, etc., this proves their position. *But this is not their position, this is the Christian’s position*. They cannot get free from the error of their “General Theory of Evolution” by changing the subject to “Special Evolution”, where in every case, only corn produces corn, only dogs produce dogs, only people produce other people, etc., which is the Christian’s position. No, they must prove their “General Theory Of Evolution” position, which is that man comes from apes, called “Ape-Man”, etc. Don’t let them confuse God’s “Special Evolution” with atheist’s “General Theory Of Evolution”.

(6) Theists Who Believe In Evolution Are Wrong Also: Some evolutionists believe in God and call themselves Theistic evolutionists. But there is no way they or atheists can reconcile the facts of Genesis 1 and 2, that “God created”, with The General Theory Of Evolution.

They say plants, animals, and man evolved. Genesis 1 and 2 says God created plants, animals, and man in full grown form.

They say man and living things today evolved from other forms of life (ape to man,

calling us “Ape-man”, etc.) Genesis 1 and 2 says each life form only produces “after his kind” (Gen. 1:11-12,21,24-25,28).

They say “day” refers to millions or perhaps billions of years. But the narrator of Genesis 1 and 2 is Moses, who lived beginning around 1,500 B.C., and was originally speaking there to Jews at Mount Sinai of that same time period. Thus, “day” in Genesis 1 and 2 refers to the regular 24 hour time period in the manner the Jews referred to it (“the evening and the morning”). Exodus 20:10-11 also tells us that the days in Genesis 1 and 2 were literal 24 hour days.

They say dinosaurs died out millions of years before man lived on earth, that they did not live at the same time. Genesis 1 and 2 says man and all land animals lived at the same time being created on the same 6th day (Gen. 1:24-27,31).

In all these things, God and the Bible are right, evolutionists (both atheistic and theistic evolutionists) are wrong!

(7) Atheism’s/Evolution’s Fruits And Failures (Matt. 7:16,20): “The General Theory of Evolution” is just one of many modern attempts of the devil and those in league with him to destroy man’s belief in God, the Bible, and all true spiritual belief and hope. If they succeed in corrupting a person’s understanding of who he is and where he came from, it will then be an easy step to turn him from the life and blessings which God wants for us all (I Tim. 2:3-4). Atheist’s and “The General Theory Of Evolution’s” highest estimation of man *is on all fours — as just an animal* — and that is why many are living that way! For they believe atheists rather than God.

But as we have seen:

A. There is no way to reconcile their “General Theory Of Evolution” with the genuine account of God’s creation of the universe and man found in Genesis 1 and 2.

B. Not one of the specific tenets in “The General Theory Of Evolution” has ever been found to be true.

C. Nobody has ever observed life spontaneously generating or “poofing into existence” from non-living matter.

D. Not a single case of evolution of one species into a different species can be proved, only imagined and made up. For example, all their alleged ape-men are forgeries (check out what they call “Piltdown Man”). Why, out of just a piece of a skull and maybe a tooth, evolutionists want us to believe and actually tell us that they know these bones came from slump shouldered, hairy-bodied, ape-men. They even draw them that way in books and on television. They assert these same kinds of science fiction deception to the public concerning dinosaurs. Their whole evolutionary theory is premised on such manufactured “evidence” which is limited only by their imaginations, proving that it is actually based on science fiction, but certainly not reality or real science and certainly not God and the Bible.

E. Therefore, all the supposed “links”, necessary to their beliefs, are still missing.

Conclusion

Amazingly, many who teach “The General Theory Of Evolution” deny that the Bible came from God, because it records God’s creation of the universe (Genesis, Chapters 1-2) and other miracles He did during the miraculous age (I Cor. 12:8-10), *but they still believe in the miracle of spontaneous generation* taught by their evolutionary theory. Surely if they can believe in the miracle of spontaneous generation, they should have no problem believing in God and His miracles.

Thus there is every reason to believe in God and the Bible, but none to believe in either atheistic or theistic versions of “The General Theory Of Evolution” (Psa. 14:1; Mt. 13:14-15).

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