

Creation in 7 Days?

Many years ago I was faced with the task of convincing my own teenagers of the authority of the creation account in the Book of Genesis. I failed. At the time I found it impossible to overcome the influence of the teaching about evolution which they received at school, primarily because, as an artist, my own belief was then founded upon an intuitive recognition of the Creator's hand, which I could recognise in the landscapes I painted. Romans 1:19-20; *'because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.'*

But, I was up against a convincing plethora of "scientific" evidence, which I found it impossible to overcome for my children at that time.

Now, almost a quarter of a century later, even eminent molecular biologists can exclaim "scientific discoveries are rapidly making Darwinism less and less plausible, and this is becoming more and more obvious to new students and to others not already committed to the old way of thinking." – Jonathan Wells Ph.D, author of "Icons of Evolution, Science or Myth?"

Science has advanced, and I have also learned more about the Bible, and both of these now help me to put together a few points which you may find useful in convincing the doubter about creation.

But first, let's notice who it was who was involved in the act of creation, John 1:1-3; *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.'* And also verse 14; *'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.'*

Jesus Christ was actually the hands-on Creator, the executive arm as it were, of the one who was to become His Father in heaven. That's why God is referred to in the plural in Genesis 1:26, *'Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.'*

There are all kinds of complicated arguments about God which are best avoided, because our minds at this point are physical and temporal, while God is spiritual and eternal, so that we cannot comprehend His existence in a dimension we can neither experience nor understand, no more than we can picture in our minds an endless piece of string.

What we do have is His word, His revelation to us, of how and why we came into existence, in the Bible, which, as time goes by demands less faith to believe, as science gradually reconciles itself to the scriptures. John 17:17; *'Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.'* And Hebrews 11:3; *'By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.'*

Conversely, while science is learning the truth of that, it is taking more and more faith to accept the increasingly hollow theory of evolution.

Maybe that is why the God deniers like Richard Dawkins seem so angry. I was watching a TV program called 'The Bible: a History' recently, where Anne Widdecombe, a British member of Parliament, interviewed others while discussing her belief in the Bible. Both eminent atheists she interviewed were full of anger and would obviously love to see religion eradicated. One finally jumped up and stalked off in anger at her belief! God knows about such reactions – Ecclesiastes 7:9; *'Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.'*

It was apparent that what lay behind their animosity, was Law – the teaching of the Bible regarding right and wrong and that’s quite common now that many have cast off permanent moral values and restraint, Romans 1:29-29; *‘And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers.’*

Human nature prefers to have no restraints, and so we should recognize that scientists too can have ulterior motives – agendas which make their ‘science’ less than unbiased – witness what we have seen recently in ‘climate-gate’! Psalm 14:1; *‘The fool has said in his heart “There is no God.” They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good,’* and 2 Peter 3:3; *‘knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts.’*

Science cannot explain why the universe is governed by laws – eternal laws without which life on this earth cannot exist. A whole myriad of the laws of physics govern the possibility of life on Earth, and if just one was suddenly to cease to exist, so would we. For example, if the earth wandered just a little from its course, the planet would become too hot or too cold for life to continue.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that *“The Lord is our Lawgiver”* (33:22) and the truth is that if we break His laws, His commandments, they eventually break us. Just as we cannot escape gravity, if we begin to break the 10 commandments, society suffers, and we see the evidence daily on the news. 1 John 5:3; *‘For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.’*

Alternatively, if we will keep His laws, our lives become successful and happy. You can read about that in Deuteronomy 28, but if you want proof, examine your own life. Do things generally work out for the best for you? Do you enjoy peace of mind, a happy family life and contentment? These things only come with a life long based upon the word of God.

People like Richard Dawkins do not actually attack the Bible, but their own ideas about what the Bible says - 2 Peter 2:12; *‘But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption.’*

They fail to provide the diligent study the Bible requires, chapter 3:14 *‘Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless.’* As a result their conclusions are unfounded and superficial.

For example, a detailed study of Genesis 1 reveals **not** that the earth and all life was created in 7 days, but that life was **re-created** and the earth replenished with plants, animals and men after a previous creation, which had actually lasted for millions of years and was destroyed in a Satanic rebellion against God. Genesis 1:28; *‘Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill (“replenish” in the King James version, just as in Genesis 9:1 after Noah’s flood) the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’* (Read the article ‘Dinosaurs’ in General Literature on our website)

The result is a distinct break in the fossil record at the end of the Cretaceous period, after which we see the fossil evidence that the earth suddenly became populated with the trees, plants and animals of a size suitable for man, but most people still think that the Bible has man around at the same time of the dinosaurs, which never occurred.

It is quite apparent that man is not like the animals God created *for him* though, because man alone is able to engage with the amazingly complex totality of the cosmos, which the animals cannot comprehend. The reason is simple – Genesis 1:26-27; *‘Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.’*

We, unlike the animals, possess an extra dimension, which, together with our physical brain power, enables us to gain understanding – Job 32:8; *‘But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding’*.

The book of Genesis talks about different kinds.

Genesis 1:21; *‘So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.’* We humans have the potential of the God kind, and though science may not be able to quantify or separate out spirit, it is that which makes us distinct from the animals, some of whose brains are almost identical to ours and just as large.

The man responsible for the theory of evolution, Charles Darwin, believed that life emerged from a “warm little pond” and what he saw under his simple microscope was what he considered to be made up of just a few elementary components.

Now, molecular biologists know that the simplest life forms we know, the prokaryotic cells (such as bacteria, which lack a nucleus) are themselves immensely complex. If eukaryotes (cells which do have a nucleus) are like state-of-the-art computers, then prokaryotes are like state-of-the-art mobile phones. There is no evidence whatsoever of earlier, more primitive life forms from which prokaryotes might have evolved.

All cells we now know share very complex attributes:

- information processing, storage and retrieval
- artificial languages and decoding systems
- error detection, correction and quality control systems
- digital data-embedded technology
- transportation and distribution systems
- automated parcel addressing (similar to zip or post codes)
- assembly processes
- self-reproducing robotic manufacturing plants

The theory of evolution would have us believe that all these amazing attributes of even the very simplest life forms came about by complete accident in the ancient seas. However, try as they might in their modern laboratories, scientists have never been able to create even one living cell, proving the absurdity of their theory!

DNA discoveries have revealed that all cells contain a genetic language vastly superior to any computer language found today. In his book ‘The Road Ahead’, 1995, p.188, Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, stated that ‘DNA is like a computer program, but far, far, more advanced than any software ever created.’

Each human DNA molecule contains some three billion genetic letters. The amount of information that could be stored in a pinhead’s volume of DNA would fill a pile of paperback books 500 times as high as the distance from the earth to the moon. It has revealed the awesome complexity of the arrangements needed to produce life – no wonder that our best brains have been quite unable to replicate even something as ‘simple’ as a living cell!

So, Darwin never understood that the Bible says the earth is much older than 6000 years and was not created over just seven days. Neither could he be aware of the molecular, chemical, biological and astronomical evidence, which has only been discovered in more recent years.

Twenty-five years ago it was not surprising that my own teenagers were skeptical about the Genesis account, but today, concrete scientific data clearly points to the perfect design of a Great Creator.

Many scientists though, and those eager to follow, remain unwilling to give up on evolution despite its patent absurdities, because the alternative is to recognize the authority of a Creator God, and His laws. Zechariah 7:12; *'Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the Lord of hosts.'*

Logic should tell us that when science reveals the astounding complexity of one simple cell, let alone the wonder of the human eye, it makes our creative achievements such as the high technology of a jumbo jet, seem juvenile. And yet, who would attempt to fly such an aircraft without any reference to the maker's manual? But most of us go merrily ahead with our lives without opening the instruction book God sent along with His much more complex product, human-kind, to ensure a well adjusted happy life.

Forty years after I accepted God's words in Genesis chapter one I have to agree with a scholar of biblical studies called Gleason Archer. He wrote: "As I have dealt with one apparent discrepancy after another and have studied the alleged contradictions between the biblical record and the evidence of linguistics, archeology, or science, my confidence in the trustworthiness of Scripture has been repeatedly verified and strengthened by the discovery that almost every problem in scripture ...has been dealt with ... by the biblical text itself, or else by objective archaeological information." (Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties 1982; p.12)

The final proof though, for me, I found in the fulfillment of just one of the many promises God makes to those who will believe and accept His eternal words. Joshua 1:8; *'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.'*