

God's Eternal Plan #1
The Controversy of Creation
Genesis 1:1

Let me take just a minute to look at some of the facts surrounding the theory of evolution. Gallup Poll in July of 1982, 1,518 people sampled from 300 areas across the nation: 44% agreed we're here by special creation. 38% God guided the evolution of man. Only 9% believe God is not in the picture.

Another fact is Science and the Bible are not in conflict. That is, there is not one scientific fact that contradicts biblical truth. The conclusions of both are sometimes biased. **But we have nothing to be afraid of by honest evaluation.** There are thousands of Christians who are scientists-they just so happen to be outnumbered by thousands who are evolutionists. Yet they are both looking at the same evidence.

Hugh Ross, a Christian astrophysicist, who earned his PH.D in astronomy, wrote, "The work of secular scientists is the friend, not the foe, of Christians. Their efforts have given us some of the strongest evidences for our Creator, God, and Savior."

Let's first of all look at the claims of the bible about creation. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created." The Bible does not tell us *when* God created. That is, there is no time line.

Throughout the Bible the truth of God's creative work is discussed. Jesus said in Mark 10:6, "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female." The statement Jesus made was from Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." The psalmist put it this way in Psalms 19:1-4, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies announce what his hands have made. Day after day they tell the story; night after night they tell it again. They have no speech or words; they have no voice to be heard. But their message goes out through all the world; their words go everywhere on earth." Throughout his writings, Paul talked about the *creation*, as seen in Romans 1:20, "There are things about God that people cannot see--his eternal power and all the things that make him God. But since the beginning of the world those things have been easy to understand by what God has made. So people have no excuse."

The theory of evolution is based on two major assumptions that explain our origins. Please note the word "theory" of evolution. The reason the word "theory" is used is simply because that is what it is – a "theory." The dictionary defines a "theory" as "supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something." The World Book Dictionary defines "theory" as "an explanation based on thought." The unfortunate thing about the *theory of evolution* is it is

taught in many of our school *not as the theory of evolution but as the fact of evolution.*

How did we get the conditions on planet earth that brought us our first one-celled animal from which all life forms supposedly evolved? In tonight's introduction, we are going to look at these two assumptions: Spontaneous Generation and Mutations.

The first, and for a very long time, the most popular, is Spontaneous Generation. For many years, evolution explained our origins by "spontaneous generation." Simply stated, this means that under the proper conditions of temperature, time, place, etc., decaying matter simply turns into organic life. **Obviously, if spontaneous generation actually did take place in the distant past to produce the first spark of life, it must be assumed that the laws which govern life had to be completely different from what they are now.** But wait a minute! This won't work either, because the whole evolutionary theory rests upon the assumption that conditions on the earth have remained uniform throughout the ages.

Astrophysicists have found that there are over 60 criteria that are necessary for life on earth. For you to live. Life could not exist or form if any one of the following were true:

Earth's rotation was slower, or faster.

We were 2% closer or further from the sun. Earth had a 1% change in sunlight.

Earth was smaller or larger.

The moon was smaller or larger.

We had more than one moon.

Earth's crust was thinner or thicker. Oxygen/Nitrogen ratio was greater or less. Ozone layer was greater or less.

This creates a dilemma. To believe that life spontaneously emerged requires great faith in the impossible - no evidence - the same accusation hurled at those who believe the world was created by an intelligent God. Dr. George Wald, Nobel Prize winner of Harvard University, states it as cryptically and honestly as an evolutionist can: "One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. Yet here we are - as a result, I believe, of spontaneous generation." **That statement by Dr. Wald demonstrates a much greater faith than a religious creationist can muster.** Notice that the great evolutionary scientist says it could not have happened. It was impossible. Yet he believes it did happen. Why did he get a Nobel Prize?

Darwin, father of evolution said, "To suppose that the eye could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." Look long and hard into the eyes of a baby or spouse or friend. You'll agree. The eye is a miracle of creation.

This idea dominated scientific thinking until 1846, when Louis Pasteur completely shattered the theory by his experiments. He exposed the whole concept as utter foolishness. Under controlled laboratory conditions, in a semi-vacuum, no organic life ever emerged from decaying, nonliving matter. Reluctantly it was abandoned as a valid scientific issue. Today no reputable scientist tries to defend it, but it was hallmark of evolution for decades. That is why Webster says it is "now abandoned."

The second assumption is that of mutations. *Mutations* do not mean growing fangs and long hair during a full moon. Mutation is where minor changes take place within animals. Butterflies change spots. Every species has its own particular number of chromosomes which contain the genes. Within every human being are 46 chromosomes containing an estimated 100,000 genes, each one of which is able to affect in some way the size, color, texture, or quality of the individual. You are a result of those genes. The assumption is that these genes, which provide the inherited characteristics we get from our ancestors, occasionally become affected by unusual pairing, chemical damage, or other influences, causing them to produce an unusual change in one of the offspring. Like having a child with 12 fingers, or one blue eye and one brown eye. This is referred to as a mutation. Through gradual changes brought about in the various species through mutation, it is assumed by the evolutionists that, given enough billions of years, the amoeba would eventually turn into an invertebrate, which became an amphibian, then a reptile, a quadruped, an ape form, and finally a man. In other words, the species are not *fixed* in the eyes of the evolutionists. That is, the evolutionists believe families are forever drifting over into another higher form as time progresses. This means that all the fossil records of animal history should reveal an utter absence of precise family boundaries. Everything should be in the process of changing into something else - with literally hundreds of millions of half-developed fish trying to become amphibious, and reptiles halfway transformed into birds, and mammals looking like half-apes or half-men. Now everybody knows that instead of finding those billions of confused family fossils, the scientists have found exactly the opposite. Not one single drifting, changing life form has been studied. Everything stays within the well-defined limits of its own basic kind and absolutely refuses to cooperate with the demands of modern evolutionists.

This is the difference between micro-evolution and macro-evolution. Micro-evolution are adaptations and mutations that do effect minor changes within certain species and animals, but these never produce a new family or type. Creationists believe in micro-evolution. You'd have to. **But evolution theory**

demands a belief in macro-evolution: that mutations occur over enough time to create whole new kinds of animals. A frog becomes a bird becomes a slug becomes a televangelist. There has never been any scientific evidence of this. This is, of course, a huge blow to the evolutionary theory.

Ten times in the book of Genesis we read God's decree concerning the reproduction of His creatures - "after its kind." Genesis 1:25 says, "And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good." The word "**kind**" refers to species, or families. Each created family was to produce only its own kind. This forever precludes the drifting, changing process required by organic evolution where one species turns into another. This is exactly what the fossil records reveal.

Take note that God did not say there could be no changes within the family. He did not create all the varieties of dogs, cats, horses, fish, etc. in the very beginning. There was only a male and female of each species, and many changes have since occurred to produce a wide assortment of varieties within the family. **But the reality is that cats have always remained cats, dogs are still dogs, and men are still men.** *Mutation* has only been responsible for producing a new variety of the same species, but never originating another new kind. Selective breeding has also brought tremendous improvements such as hornless cattle, white turkeys, and seedless oranges, but all the organisms continue to reproduce exactly as God decreed at Creation – "after its kind."

Therefore, the "common ancestor" that evolution demands has never existed. There is not "**a missing link**" when it comes to evolution. The whole chain is missing. **For example, man and monkeys are each in a group of their own!** Even chimpanzees and many monkey groups vary tremendously. Some are smart, others dumb. **Some have short tails and some long.** Some have no tails at all. Their teeth vary in number. **A few have thumbs and others do not.** Their genes are different. Their blood is different. **Their chromosomes don't jibe.** Interestingly enough, apes only breed with apes, chimpanzees with chimpanzees, and monkeys with monkeys.

In his work entitled "Life and Letters, Volume 3, page 25, Darwin confessed, "There are two or three million species on earth. A sufficient field one might think for observation; but it must be said today that in spite of all the evidence of trained observers, not one change of the species to another is on record." Charles Singer, who wrote, "A Short history of Science in the 19th Century" that "Evolution is perhaps unique among major scientific theories in that the appeal to its acceptance is not that there is evidence for it...!"

The more one studies true science, the more evidence of biblical truth comes to light.