

In The Beginning

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

In today's culture, we are challenged by two worldviews. The evolution worldview says that we are products of chance and are not a part of God's divine plan. The biblical worldview says that God has created us for a purpose. The Bible says that we must trust Christ by faith, walk by faith and live every part of our life by faith in our God and His purpose for our lives. Does faith mean that we have to be blind to the evidence or should the evidence all around us build our faith? I heard one Christian defend her faith to an atheist by saying, "are you going to believe the evidence, or are you going to believe God?" Do we have to make that choice, or does the evidence point to God? I stand on the fact that the evidence points to God and because I know that what God has said is true, I can be confident that He is trustworthy to direct my future. You can't exempt faith, but you can support it. My point is that God does not demand that we deny reality, but that we acknowledge the work of His hands and based on what He has done, we are to have confidence in Him in the things we can't see with our eyes. This universe is a testimony to our God. What I plan to do is show that both evolution and creation require faith, but the evidence points toward creation and those who hold to evolution or a godless worldview are the ones who live by blind faith.

We read the first 5 verses of Genesis discussing the first day of creation. The remainder of creation follows:

Day 2 verses 6-8, God created the firmament (or expanse).

Day 3 God created the dry land and separated from the seas, and the plants. 9-13

Day 4 God created light, stars, moon and sun. 14-19

Day 5 God created life in the waters, birds 20-23

Day 6 God created animals on the land and the beasts of the field 24-25

Also on day 6, God created the crown of His creation. Man was created in the image of God.

Day 7 God rested to give man a day of rest.

Was man created by God and if so, Why?

Let's first break this study into two parts as the above question suggests. We'll look at the creation question first and then we will turn our eyes toward the spiritual application of the beginning as revealed in Genesis.

Note: if you are not interested in the science parts of this study, you may want to skip Part I. The Bible study portion begins on Part II.

Part I. Was man created by God?

If God did not create man but instead we are products of random chance, then the purpose of man is meaningless and any further discussion of living for God is irrelevant. Obviously, the debate of creation verses evolution can't be adequately addressed in a short study such as this. Many volumes have been written on this subject and many more volumes more will be written. When I approach a study such as this, I base it on the principle Jesus used in John chapter 10:

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

26 "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Those who belong to God will hear His voice and the evidence will draw us toward Him. Those who do not believe have rejected God and no amount of evidence will convince them. God has not called me to be a debater and my goal is not to overpower those who reject creation. What God has called me to do is present the truth and provide reasonable evidence that allows faith to stand or fall based on what we choose to

believe. I am absolutely confident that the evidence is overwhelmingly in support of the Biblical account of creation. However, what position we are seeking to validate is what we will ultimately choose. If an evolutionist sets out to prove evolution, he or she will be more than willing to ignore the facts that contradict this presupposition and cling to anything that can be forced into the evolution model. Watch any nature show and you will see this clearly. I listened to this comment the other day, "Laying eggs is usually reserved for birds and reptiles. Only two mammals lay eggs instead of giving live birth, the platypus and the spiny anteater. It is a mystery as to how evolution preserved this trait when these mammals descended from their reptilian ancestors". Anything that can't be explained is called a mystery and credited to the intelligence of evolution. Evolution is given attributes as though it is intelligent and the word 'design' pops up inevitably. Evolution documentaries do not deny the fact of amazing design, but they attribute it to the intelligence of the evolutionary process. This focus of this study will be on the beginning of Genesis. In our present culture, it would be a mistake to examine creation without acknowledging the challenge that evolution has presented.

One thing I will mention in passing is the erroneous concept of 'Theistic Evolution'. Many have taught that there is a gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 where evolution occurred. This clearly falls under the repeated warning of scripture not to add or take away from God's revelation of scripture. Science once believed in common spontaneous generation. This was the belief that life frequently evolved from the materials present. For example, how did weevils get into sealed bags of wheat? How did fruit flies appear in a closed jar? How did small animals appear in a jug of water? Before the knowledge of microscopic life, these were great mysteries. When Darwin first became a mainstream contender in the science world, he seemed to answer a lot of the unknowns. Darwin filled in many gaps that science had not been able to answer. Because of a lack of knowledge, Darwin's ideas made sense to a lot of people. In what I believe was an attempt to save credibility, many theologians tried to marry the biblical account with the evolution account. There are two main flaws with theistic evolution. First, evolution was born out of an attempt to find an atheistic response to our origins. It is also used by the pagan world that denies the existence of a personal God. It was a clear attempt to explain our origins without God. If there is a God and He created us, then there is a moral law and we are subject to Him. If there is no God or if there is but He had nothing to do with our origins and we are products of random chance, then we are only subject to our own ideas and our environment. Evolution is and always has been a rebellion against the God of the Bible.

The second flaw is that there is no evidence for it. In Darwin's time, these theories seemed to answer many of these questions. However, Darwin himself admitted that his theory could only hold up if future scientific findings would support his theories. Science has not proven Darwin to be true. Today there is nothing that is observed by science that contradicts the Bible. It is not the observations of science that create the points of contention; it is the assumptions that are not observed in science or the real world that are areas of debate. Evolutionists balk at the notion that God could have created the world from out of nothing. But we should note that evolution, taken back to its 'logical' beginning, starts at the exact same point. Both worldviews begin with something being created from nothing. The ultimate difference is that the Christian worldview has an explanation. The God who created this universe does have the power and is able to create. If we follow creation all the way back, we find God. If we follow evolution all the way back, we find a gaping hole that is 'a great mystery'. Evolution says a single 'super-dense' molecule was responsible for exploding and creating countless stars and now scientists say billions of galaxies (some say hundreds of billions) that are beyond our home galaxy. We either serve an infinite God who holds all things together or we are products of the infinite expanse of a single molecule. Evolution can never step all the way back to the beginning. They must stop at the molecule. To ask where the molecule originated is avoided in the 'big bang' theory.

More and more Christians are adopting evolution as a compatible doctrine with the creation story. So is evolution compatible with the Bible? Could God have used evolution to complete creation? No. Evolution is 100% incompatible with the Bible. The Bible tells us that death came by sin. Sin did not enter into the world until after Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Evolution requires death in order to arrive to Adam. Therefore, for a Christian who believes in evolution (even theistic evolution, the 'GAP theory' or progressive evolution) by default, must believe the Bible to be false. Not only do you have to discredit the first 11 chapters of Genesis, but also the New Testament. The foundation of the New Testament is that sin

entered through death and Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin (Romans 5:12). The Bible says,
16 ...For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation
17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned ... much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ

You cannot believe Geneses or these passages and believe in evolution. If evolution exists, then the Bible is false. Evolution proclaims that death did not come by sin but existed millions or billions of years before man arrived. Salvation through Christ is built on the need of salvation that began with Adam in Genesis. Romans builds the Christian faith on this principle. If this is wrong, so is the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no middle ground provided by scripture.

I don't want to turn this into an evolution rebuttal study, but I do see the need to address a few key points. My goal is not to answer all the questions, but to show that it takes more faith to believe in the godless world of evolution than to believe in the biblical account. I am going to address some of the proofs that are used to declare evolution as a 'proven fact'.

Carbon dating

Lets begin by looking at carbon dating. Willard Libby developed this process of testing the age of materials in the early 1950's. Carbon dating works by measuring the amount of carbon 14 in the atmosphere and comparing it to the amount found in a dead and buried plant or animal. Carbon 14 forms as the result of the sun's radiation hitting the atmosphere. It is radioactive which means it is unstable and decays relatively quickly as compared to more stable molecules. When C14 encounters oxygen it forms carbon dioxide. Plants breathe it in and it becomes part of the plant tissue. The amount in plants is usually very close to the amount in the atmosphere since this is the air they are using. Animals eat the plants and C14 becomes part of their tissue. The premise of carbon dating is to measure the amount of carbon in the atmosphere and comparing it to the amount found in buried plants and animals. The break down of C14 is measured in half-lives. A half-life cycle is the premise that half of the C14 molecules will break down in 5,700 years. C14 will be measurable up to 5 half lives which is roughly 30,000 years. Beyond that it is immeasurable. So if a plant or animal is found, and it has lost half its C14 molecules, it is just under 6,000 years old. If it has $\frac{1}{4}$, then it is assumed to be 12,000 years and so on up to 30,000 years. Anything beyond 30,000 years cannot be measured by carbon dating.

There are two major assumptions used in the carbon dating method. First, the rate of decay is constant throughout the C14's lifecycle. Scientists are assuming that it didn't begin to decay rapidly and slow down or vice-versa. The second assumption is that the atmosphere contained the same C14 content when the specimen died as it does today. We know that this is not the case. Each time the atmosphere is measured, the carbon 14 ratio goes up. This completely contradicts the evolutionary model and here is why. Evolution assumes that C14 has hit the equilibrium rate. Equilibrium is the point where the rate of decay is equal to the rate it is produced by the sun. If sunlight were to hit the earth today for the first time, C14 would immediately begin to be produced. It would be around 6,000 years before significant decay would occur. As the C14 supply slowly decays, and new molecules are produced, the C14 rate will continue to rise until equilibrium.

To put it into perspective, picture a barrel full of small holes. You are going to fill the barrel with water. As the water rises, it comes to the first set of holes and begins to leak. As the barrel continues to fill it encounters more holes. The rate of the water rising continues at a slower and slower pace as it encounters new holes until it is leaking out as fast as it is filling. That is the point of equilibrium. Picture the holes as the decay of C14 molecules. The quantity in our atmosphere will rise until there are as many decaying as there are being produced. This will occur in approximately 30,000 years (the maximum number of half-lives measurable). So if our C14 rate is still rising, this shatters the theory that the world is 4.5 billion years old but instead it dates the world between 6,000 and 30,000 years. We can't know exactly until we hit equilibrium.

Another interesting fact about carbon dating is that out of the 21,000 specimens submitted for carbon dating, 19,000 were rejected as inaccurate. If 19,000 were rejected, why were the other 2,000 considered to

be accurate? They fit the evolutionary model. One of the primary gauges for validating the age of a fossil is by the age of the geologic column. The geologic column dating was established in the middle of the 1830's. What is amazing about the geological column dating system is that the layers of the earth are dated based on the index fossils found within the layer. However, the fossils discovered are then dated according to the geological column. This circular reasoning is the only supporting evidence for dating fossils and insures that they fit within the evolutionary model. You date the fossils according to the layer in which they were found and the layer in which a fossil is found is then dated by the index fossils found within that layer. Another interesting fact about the geological column is that the only place in the world it can be found is in textbooks. It doesn't exist anywhere on the earth itself. It was developed as a theory by an avoid atheist Charles Lyle. The actual layers of the earth reveal serious challenges to Lyle's theory. One problem is that throughout the world, fossilized trees stand upright through multiple layers of rock. In some places these rock layers are dated from 5 million years at the top of the tree to 500 million years at the base of the tree. There are books written on these 'mysteries' of evolution trying to explain how this could have happened. Either these trees grew threw up to 75 ft of solid rock and fully developed without ever seeing sunlight, or the layers separated and settled around the tree before it could decay. A good experiment is to fill a glass jar halfway with dirt and finish filling with water. Shake it up and see how the dirt settles. That is very similar to how the sediment throughout the world is arranged. Then read the Bible's account of the flood and see which worldview fits the evidence science has found.

The geological column dating system is the established system and can't be challenged even if the evidence is compelling. Good science is to develop a theory, seek out data and see if it validates or refutes the theory. Evolution does just the opposite. The theory is declared as a fact and all the evidence is accepted or discredited based on whether it supports the evolutionary model. Instead of validating the theory by the evidence, they validate the evidence by the theory. That simply is not good science. This is founded solely on blind faith.

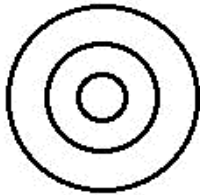
Speed of light

Another sited piece of evidence for the earth being billions of years old is the distance of stars from the earth. Many stars are estimated as being as far away as 5 billion light years. If the light of those stars takes 5 billion years to reach us, it stands to reason that the earth must be at least 5 billion years old. However, there is no accurate way of measuring the distance of stars from the earth. It is a completely theoretical science. One of the most common ways used to measure a distance to a star is by parallax trigonometry. In layman's terms this is the calculation between two fixed points of reference and the angle to the third point. In other words, if you have two fixed points, you can calculate the distance to a third point without having to reach it by using a geometric formula and using the angle as a reference for the third point. The problem with this method is that the two fixed points must be far enough apart to get different readings so a triangle can be measured to a distant object. If two surveyors stand side by side and try to calculate the distance to an object, it won't work because they are both using the same fixed point as a reference. The farther an object is, the harder it is to get a triangle.

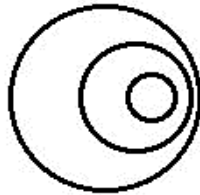
Astronomers use the earth's rotation around the sun to get a larger triangle. An astronomer will take a reading in June and then again in December to get two fixed points at 186 million miles apart – or one point of reference on each side of the earth's path around the sun. This may seem like a long distance, but in light distances, it is only 16 minutes. The sun is 8 light minutes away and the earth's path on the other side of the sun is 8 light minutes beyond the sun. There is over 525,000 minutes in a year, so 1 light year compared to our two reference points 16 minutes apart would only give an angle of .017 which is barely beyond a straight line (and there are no stars as close as 1 light year). To put this into perspective, imagine two surveyors standing 16 inches apart measuring the distance to a point that is 525,000 inches away or 8.3 miles. Scientists claim they can accurately measure the distance of a star up to 20 light years away but make no claims of accuracy beyond this distance. 20 light years is equal to two surveyors standing 16" apart and trying to measure the angle of a dot 1,992.3 miles away. If you began at the tip of Florida you would have to go 500 miles into Canada to equal that 1,900 miles. Accuracy would be a stretch at 20 light years, but the star in question is not 20 light years away, it is 5 billion light years away. You have only gotten $1/250,000,000^{\text{th}}$ of the way there. If we can only claim accuracy for 20 light years, how can we claim it to be a fact that we receive light from a star that is 5,000,000,000 light years from us? That is a huge leap of faith.

Red shift

Another scientific theory to the big bang theory is the red shift. Simply put, the red shift is the evidence that the universe is expanding away from the explosion point of the big bang. The red shift is a fact; it is the conclusion of what the red shift tells us that is in dispute. The red shift also known as the Doppler Effect. When an object is stationary it sends out wave fronts evenly. When an object is moving, it has different wave lengths. If a star is moving toward earth, the star will have a blue shift because the front of the light source will shorter wave lengths. If a star is moving away, the wave lengths will be longer or will have a red shift. This is the same effect that we get from radar. The speed of a cloud or even cars can be measured by how it reflects back to the radar. Short waves is movement toward the radar, long waves is moving away.



Wave Fronts for Stationary Source



Wave Fronts for Moving Source

Doppler Effect

There are some problems with the red shift theory. The first problem is that some galaxies that should be moving away from us are showing a blue shift indicating that it is moving toward us. This blue shift alone defeats the big bang model.

It is clear that the ‘facts’ stated by the evolution model are not as solid as they lead people to believe. If anything, science (true science) points away from the evolution model. Evolution can’t compromise their ‘facts’ for fear of pointing toward the Creator. In all other sciences, when experiments prove a theory or even part of a theory to be false, researchers have to go back to the point of failure or even to the beginning of their hypothesis and re-think their model. In evolution, this is not so. Because evolution – by design – excludes God from any part of science, anything that points to God must be rejected instead of analyzed. Anything that points away from evolution points toward a designer. So it is easy to see why they are so dogmatic about anything that challenges their beliefs.

A common response against creation is the claim that evolutionists and atheists are intellectuals and elite thinkers. I have repeatedly heard comments like, “I don’t let superstitions and petty religious views cloud my reasoning. You keep your religion in your little world, and I will stick to science.” The evidence against creation is that it is religion and not science. Anything that is attributed to creation is immediately classified as religious in nature and does not have to be addressed. It does not matter what evidence that supports it, it belongs in the religious file and can’t be mixed into science. That is why you have scientists that were once respected that are now completely ignored and discredited on the basis of religion. If findings support creation or contradicts evolution, it is labeled as religious and rejected from the scientific community. It matters little that the evidence is compelling. Today science can only be measured against the evolutionary model. That is just not good science. It hasn’t always been this way. Creation scientists founded most of the major scientific fields of study. But today, creation evidence is a big no-no and anyone who ignores that line will be discredited. A case in point is Robert Gentry.

Gentry is a prominent researcher and has been published in Science, Nature, Journal of Geophysical Research and other scientific journals. He fell from the ranks of mainstream science when he published his research on Primordial Polonium Haloes. Polonium is very radioactive, which means that it is extremely unstable and decays very quickly. The half-life for the isotope of polonium 214 is .000164th of one second. When these particles explode outward they form a microscopic ring or what is called the polonium radio halo.

In order for these haloes to form, the rock had to be solid at the time the polonium broke apart or within the same instant. Evolution says that the earth was a hot molten mass that cooled slowly over millions of years. If this were true, the polonium would have disintegrated almost immediately and disappeared long before the rock could form. To put into a visual image, if you explode a hand grenade in a lake and freeze it at the moment of the explosion, all the particles would be captured and preserved. Granite is the foundation of the earth, so the formation of granite gives insight to the formation of the earth. Robert Gentry studied granite from all over the earth and found that these polonium haloes were throughout the granite indicating that either the rock was a solid mass at the time the polonium broke apart or it had to have formed within $.001148^{\text{th}}$ of a second after the polonium breakup. To get a mental image of this, our eyes blink at around .3 seconds (or $3/10^{\text{th}}$) of a second. To preserve the halo, it would have to solidify hundreds of times faster than you can blink immediately after the earth formed. The polonium decays within 3 minutes max and could have been within seconds. The scientific implication is clear. The evolutionary model does not fit the evidence. The earth was not a molten rock when it formed, but a solid mass. Because polonium is extremely unstable it usually survives only a few seconds before the molecules begin to disintegrate. Therefore, the evidence points to a sudden formation of the earth in a cooled state. This finding has angered the scientific community because it points directly to creation. Genesis 1:2 says that the earth was covered by water at the time of creation. The science fits the biblical model but contradicts evolution; therefore it has been rejected and placed in the 'religious file'. There is no other explanation offered by evolutionist other than these are religious in nature.

I added this information to this study so to make sure that when we here these terms we understand what they mean. We don't have to know all the details, but it is important that we are not drawing a blank and unable to stand in defense of what we believe. I was also compelled to study this because I know that our culture has been echoing these terms as proofs for evolution. If we feel like the truth is against us, how will our faith stand? We don't serve a God of contradictions. We don't have to choose between faith and reality. God created all things and everything points back to God. The facts have to be re-shaped or discounted to keep them from pointing to our Creator. At the end of this study, I will include some more material for those who are interested.

Part II. Why did God create us?

Why does it matter whether God used evolution or creation to form man?

There are two major reasons this is a foundational issue. We are created in the image of God. Because we are the reflection of God, we have been created for the purpose of glorifying God. Unlike the beast of the field, we are stamped with the image of the Creator and given attributes of our Creator. If we are not in God's image, then we are not accountable to God. A dog will not be judged for his choices, but we are all accountable to God. We were also created to have fellowship with God. Sin has created a breach between our Creator and us. Because God formed us by His image and created us for a purpose, He has the right to expect us to live within the glory He has created us to reflect. We are not gods, but we are the image of God. What we do reflects upon Him.

The other factor is the issue of sin. If all men did not descend from Adam, then we did not all inherit his sinful nature. Without sin, there is no need for a redeemer and Jesus did not have to die on the cross. Jesus referenced Adam and Eve as historical figures. He used God's creation of male and female as the foundation of how God expected marriage to become a union. Without Adam and Eve, who has the right to say how marriage was to work? Jesus pointed back to God's ordained union as the basis for marriage. Jesus pointed back to the first man and woman as the beginning of God's plan through creation. If Jesus presented creation as the foundation of scriptural truth, how can we depart from that foundation and call it just a 'moral story'?

The Original Sin

1 Corinthians 15

21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

It was Adam that introduced sin into the world. Lets look at the original sin given in Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The original sin was not the fruit; it was what the fruit represented. All temptation works the same way. We are lured by the luster after the devil convinces us that there are no consequences to our actions. Absolutely nothing has changed since the first sin. The temptation process is the same and our reasoning is the same. Lets break down this passage and see how it is applicable today. There are three processes that we see in this passage. **Satan's deception, the process of temptation, passing the blame and denying responsibility** for sin.

Satan's Deception

Let's begin with the deception. Satan always begins by attacking our position. His first question to Eve was "what did God say?". Those who are ignorant of the word of God are easy prey. The next easiest prey is the one who knows the word, but do not take ownership. We can't ride the coattail of someone else's vision. Adam heard the word and passed it down to Eve. Eve clearly understood the command of God, but it was not a conviction. Because of this, her understanding quickly fell to doubt when satan began to twist the word. Satan immediately followed up Eve's testimony of God's command by questioning her knowledge of what God really said. Eve confessed that God said, "You shall not eat it nor touch it or you will die" but satan added one word – 'not'. "You shall not surely die". The implication is that the word delivered to Eve was not true. She will not die but will gain from this fruit. The first step toward temptation is to doubt the word of the Lord.

The second step in satan's deception is to appeal to our pride. All sin and every anti-God doctrine hangs on central phrase of verse 5, "You will be like God". What does the 'Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints' teach? Follow our path and you will be like God. That is the ultimate goal of every dedicated Mormon. They believe the promise satan made at the beginning. You can be a god. What does Buddhism teach? Through enlightenment, you can achieve godhood. Re-incarnation teaches that you keep going around until you build up enough karma to achieve oneness with God (or their form of God). The New Age movement's central theme is the god within you. Every cult and every sin is founded on the premise that I am a god. I know good and evil and I know better than anyone including the commands given by God. We become blinded to the consequences of sin by pride and our arrogance. Each sin does have consequence. Each time we willfully sin, our actions proclaim our arrogance and that we believe our ways to be wiser than God's.

He knows the physical and the spiritual consequences of sin. God created us and designed us to fit perfectly into His plan. He sees plainly what is on the path ahead of us. We can only see the moment before us but not the future or the application of our actions. In spite of this, we are easily deceived into thinking that we have wisdom beyond God's. To be the god of our own destiny is the sin of pride and it will always lure us away from God's perfect plan. Did Adam and Eve's ways gain the greater benefit? When they departed from God's plan, they also forfeited God's best blessings that were a part of that plan.

The third step in Satan's deception is to question God's motive. "God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." This is the biggest hurdle between us and temptation. Once we cross over this obstacle, it is a slippery slope the rest of the way down. It is hard to obey God when we think God is keeping us from what is good. When I think that God is a cosmic killjoy, I can't trust Him. I have got to understand the love that God has for me. It is easy to say that God loves me, but until this becomes a personal conviction, I will not trust God completely. I must understand that God has a plan that He fashioned especially for me so that I will one day stand before God complete and fulfilled. God's plan goes far beyond my immediate circumstances and into eternity. I am absolutely convinced that if there is any way to gain what God has without trials or suffering, God would do it. But we are 'here and now' thinkers. We mistake hard times as a negative. In reality, we can't see the benefit God is working out for our good. Some may not understand until they stand before God. It is a fact that no one will stand before God and say that His plan was not right. But many will look back and regret they did not trust Him when the going was tough.

The same holds true for 'missing out'. If we believe the lie and think that we are missing out because God is depriving us, we will not trust him either. The Bible says just the opposite. We deny ourselves so that God can fulfill us. I don't deny myself so that I can be miserable; it is a matter of trust. The Bible says,

Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

24 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

25 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

And the Bible also says:

Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

God told Abraham "I am your exceedingly great reward" and instructed him to leave his life behind and go to a place that God will show him. As we study the word and live it, we see the plan of God begin to immerge. It is a matter of walking by faith. I believe God, I trust Him, and I rest in the confidence of His love for me. Therefore, I am able to deny myself and take up my cross and follow Him. I know that I deny myself because I trust in His promises. God can't give to me when I am clinging to what separates me from His will. God also can't fill the arms that are already full. I lay down what I have believing that God is better. I can either pursue my life and gain all this world has to offer and find out it is a complete loss; or I can deny myself and trust God to fulfill me and to provide my satisfaction and fulfillment. His satisfaction enriches my life now, and stores up treasure in heaven as well. That is what the devil does not want you to see. He lures our eyes off God's plan and points us to our immediate circumstances or immediate gratification.

The Process of Temptation

Deception is only effective if we respond to it. No one fools us; we choose what we will submit our minds and hearts to. There is always selfish motivation before deception. Have you noticed that the people are always swindled by thieves that appeal to greed or promising to fulfill self centered desires? If you put a prize on an advertisement, plenty of people will send their money in. A recent scam has taken and continues to bilk thousands of people each year. The scam is simple. A person is notified that they have won a large sum of money. Before they can collect on that money, they must first pay the taxes up front. They pay out the bogus tax bill and the thief disappears with the money. There are countless similar scams with different flavors. Some require a purchase, some require a checking account number to 'wire the

funds' and the variations are innumerable. Why do the scams work so effectively? Because they target the greedy. If you promise someone what they desire, they will often lower their defenses.

That is how satan deceives. He appeals to our desires. We are not tricked, we are lured. Eve's choice was a basic decision. God gave this command and its consequence, satan countered with promises to gratify her desires with the stipulation that she break the command. Who does Eve view as the most credible? Beware of any promise that centers around desire and bypasses responsibility.

Look at the steps Eve took and you will see that they are no different than temptation today. The process began by an appeal to Eve's desires. Even then stopped and looked at the temptation. She imagined its benefits and lust took hold. She then took the fruit and once it was in her hands, the battle was lost. She did not have the strength to resist at this point.

The battle of temptation is not won or lost at the point of the temptation. It is won or lost at the moment we set the direction of our course. It is the moment of the first compromise that almost always wins or loses the battle. I go into the compromising process having already decided what my desire will be directed toward. If I can't resist the first compromise, I will rarely have the will to resist when my momentum and desire is racing toward sin. We begin the same process as Eve. Satan appeals to our desires and we look. One thing I frequently mention is that where our eyes are, our feet will follow. If we recognize temptation and turn away, we will not be drawn. To resisting is to not be in situations that tempt. Almost all of us would agree that it would be foolish for alcoholic to go into a liquor store and try to resist the urge to drink. But we often are just as foolish. We usually fall to the same types of sin, but instead of making lifestyle changes, we keep doing the same things and expecting different results.

Proverbs 22:3 tells us that a sensible man sees evil and hides himself, but the simple minded (or short sighted) continue on and are punished. We usually find that there are many warning signs that we pass by before we reap the consequences. James 4 tells us that the process of resisting is to submit to God. We resist by drawing near to Him and He promises to draw near to us. It is a complete change of focus. When I am tempted or see what I know will tempt me, I am not to just resist, but must turn and focus on Jesus. It is hard to focus on temptation and resist. My strength will only carry me so far. I must turn and draw near to God and put my trust in His promise to draw me near to Him. Satan flees from God, not me or my resistance.

The alternative is to see temptation and be drawn toward it. In this case, we have already made our decision, but we have not gotten to the point of justifying it in our minds. We are masters of self-deception. The process is that we see, we want, but we are too ashamed to jump right in. So we give in with baby steps. The devil will gladly take us by the hand and walk us down that road. After we begin to look, we begin to imagine the benefits and soon question the reasons why we should resist. Then we begin to lust in our heart and take another step closer. Once temptation is in our grasp, it is almost impossible to resist and we will bite. Where was the battle lost? When we took the fruit of temptation? I believe that we can clearly see that the battle was lost long before we committed the action. James 1:4 tells us that we are tempted when we are drawn by our own desires and enticed. We resist by turning toward God and putting our focus on Christ, but we give in by turning toward temptation and being drawn away from God. You can maintain fellowship with God and pursue sin at the same time.

One point I should make is that gratifying our desires will not and cannot satisfy us. There is a big difference between gratification and satisfaction. We can gratify ourselves, but only God can satisfy. Gratification is when we fill our desire to the saturation point. It is when we have quenched our desires to the point when we no longer desire and sometimes we are sick of the very thing we desired. As the pleasure fades, the longing for fulfillment returns. Trying to find fulfillment through gratification is like forcing a square peg into a round hole. You can make it fit, but you can't fill in the gaps. God has created us and we are designed to be fulfilled by Him. Only God and His plan can fit perfectly into the missing part of our life. We can temporarily cover it, but the gaps will always rise to the surface.

Satisfaction is different. God is our reward and He satisfies completely. The Bible says that when God gives pleasure, He adds no sorrow with it. When God becomes our desire and we place our hope in Him,

He satisfies and fulfills. God does not offer instant gratification. God requires us to walk by faith. We obey because we love and trust Him. God's promises are fulfilled through faith and patience. To gain the blessings of God, we go where God is blessing. Blessings are a natural outflow given to those who are faithful to Him. It is also important to understand that the blessings of God do not fulfill. It is the relationship with Him that is our exceedingly great reward. His blessings can't replace the One who blesses. God may not give instant gratification, but He does give immediate satisfaction and fulfillment.

It is when we believe the deception that there is something God is keeping from us, that we will grow discontented and take our eyes off of God. When we take our eyes off God, we will lose focus and miss the fulfillment He gives. Satan's goal is to get your focus off of Christ. He is willing to concede church and religious activities if he can get your focus. How far off does our aim need to be to miss the target? When I was in the military, we had to qualify with our rifles so that we were always battle ready. Before qualifying, we would adjust the sites on our rifles. We did this by shooting a paper target with grid lines. We would then adjust our sights based on where the bullet hit the target. We would test fire again until we were consistently hitting the center of the target. Then we could confidently go out on the qualifying range knowing that our sites were perfectly lined. That is exactly what the word of God does. It is the guide that aligns us with the will of God so that we can be absolutely confident that we are aiming and hitting the plan He has for our lives. Without His word, we have no way of knowing if we are truly in line. How far off target do you have to be to miss the mark?

Whose to Blame?

Have you ever been around people who were living contrary to your values? When someone is openly living a sinful lifestyle, they can't tolerate those who are not doing the same. A moral life speaks volumes and those living contrary fall under conviction. Several years ago I read an article about a golf game Billy Graham played with a group of men. At the end of the outing, one of the men slammed down his golf clubs and in a rage he protested that he was sick of Billy preaching at him. Everyone was shocked because the topic of conversation was never on religion or anyone's lifestyle. It was not the words of Billy Graham that was preaching, it was his lifestyle. Misery loves company. Why are the radical groups attacking the Boy Scouts? Why are Bible believing Christians and organizations demonized? Because when we see someone living godly and we are not, we will feel convicted about our lifestyle. We must either reject them, convince them to live as we are, or make changes in our life. There is a reason why our religious liberties are under a constant threat; people who love the dark, hate the light. Jesus put it this way, "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." (John 3:20). Philippians 2:15 tells us that we are lights to the world. We reflect the grace and love of God. Because of this, we need to understand that if God's light is unwelcomed, we who carry that light will be rejected as well.

Eve immediately tempted Adam with the same sin. This is another powerful tool Satan uses – the power of influence. Just because everyone is doing it, does not make it ok. Many fall to temptation because those around them don't seem to be bothered by it. God does not grade on a curve. God's measurement is His word. The world calls the Bible a 2,000 year old outdated book. The world measures right and wrong based on the culture around it. As the culture declines, everyone following it will slide as well without even realizing it. When abortion was legalized, most of the culture was appalled. Now most are apathetic. When prayer was banished from school, Madalyn Murray O'Hair was called the most hated woman in America. Now, thirty years later the culture has slid to the point where those who promote prayer in public are considered the offenders.

Just because the culture says that abortion is ok does not change the evil that is being committed. Just because the culture says that the traditional family is no longer valid does not change the fact that God designed the family in the beginning of Genesis and He has not changed the standard. The culture has moved the lines of honesty, integrity, morality and every value established by the Bible. These values have not changed, but our culture has. The world now demands that our values reflect the moral state of the culture or we will be labeled as intolerant and evil. People can temporarily comfort themselves by knowing that others are doing the same things. I can justify my lifestyle by comparing it to those who are living as bad or worse than I am. The Bible warns us not to follow this trend. Look at the warning found in Isaiah 5:20: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;

Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Do we see this today? I think it is self-evident. Larry Flint (the publisher for the pornographic magazine Hustler) is called a hero and a defender of free speech and James Dobson is called Hitler because of his stance on family values. It is important that we are aware of the influence of others or we will subtly adopt their viewpoints without thinking about what worldview these ideas are based upon. Our moral accountability does not change based on how many people approve or disapprove of what God has said.

The next thing we can draw from this passage is our response to sin once we have committed it. If we don't understand that God's first choice is grace and forgiveness then we will run from God. We find Adam and Eve hiding from God when only God can redeem them. We often do the same thing. When we know that we have let God down, we often react by hiding from Him in shame. We recognize our unworthiness and feel like God has rejected us and is far from us. In reality, He has not moved, we have; and God is never shocked at our sin. He knew beforehand the path we would choose. We may miss out on God's desire to bless us fully, but God still provides restoration and healing for our sins. The Bible says, “He redeems the soul of His servants”. God does not condemn us, but redeems us. There are still consequences to sin. Adam and Eve lost the privileges that were taken for granted. They lost the benefit of God's first choice for them but God still loved them and provided the option of forgiveness.

Denial of Responsibility

The final part of the process is finger pointing and denial of responsibility. Adam began by blaming God and Eve. “The woman that you gave me to be with deceived me”. What is the implication? If God hadn't blessed my life, this temptation would not have been here? When I was going to school, I worked part time for a credit card company. When people charged their credit line to the maximum, they would call in and request more credit. Many times, we would need to check their financial information before we could authorize more purchasing. When additional credit was declined, inevitably they would say, “who are you to tell me how much I can afford to charge on my card?” Ironically, when people fall behind on their payments and fall so far into debt that they can't keep up, they would take the opposite approach. I was frequently told, “If you hadn't given me so much credit, I would not be in debt. It's your fault”. Denial of responsibility is a common human reaction. Eve responded by blaming the serpent. Finger pointing and dodging ownership of our actions is tactic satan uses to keep us from repentance.

I can't recognize God's mercy and His gift of forgiveness until I recognize I am a sinner, I am responsible for my own actions and there is nothing I can do to cover my own sin. I am 100% dependent on the redemption provided through Jesus Christ for my redemption. Ducking responsibility will not cleanse my sin. Making up for it in works will not cleanse my sin. Only God has the power to forgive because only God had paid the price of the debt created by my sins. We have all descended from Adam and are all sinful by nature. Anyone who doesn't believe we are born into sin should just observe a child. I did not have to teach my children how to be greedy, stingy, selfish, how to hit, how to throw fits or how to disobey. By nature my kids knew how to do these things and many other misbehaviors. We learn to mask our behavior with manners, but we can't change our nature. There must be a new nature. This new nature is born when we become a child of God in Christ Jesus. The rest of our life here is learning to live by the new nature (living spiritually) and departing from our old nature. It is a growing process and a life-long mission. Which nature we invest our lives is a vital decision. What is invested in this life will be lost, but what is invested in the spirit will benefit now and last for all eternity.

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Micro and Macro-Evolution Explained

The difference between micro and macro-evolution is a major point of confusion. Micro-evolution is a fact that is plainly observable throughout nature. Macro-evolution is a theory that has never been observed in science. Evolutionist usually argue that those who believe in creation are ignoring the facts, however, there is nothing that evolutionist observe in science that creationist or Christians as a whole disagree with. The point of contention is not on what is observed, but the belief systems that interpret what is being observed. Nothing in the Bible contradicts science, it is the assumptions that evolutionists insert into their world view that contradict the Bible. Evolution is a hypothesis introduced as a possible explanation of origins. In this article, my goal is to explain the difference between micro and macro-evolution and show why micro-evolution cannot result in macro-evolution.

Micro-evolution is a fact. This has never been disputed by anyone who understands what micro-evolution is. Micro-evolution is the alteration of a specific trait due to natural response. Take a look at Darwin's observation of the changes in finches. Isolated in the Galapagos Island, Darwin discovered finches that had much longer beaks than those found off the island. His assumption was that evolution was changing this species. However, these finches remained finches. Princeton professor Peter Grant completed an 18 year study of the finches on this island. He concluded that during drought years, the finches with shorter beaks died off because with a limited supply of seeds, only those that could reach the grubs living under tree bark could reach the food to survive. With limited resources, these finches could not migrate to find food. We clearly observe natural selection, but not macro-evolution. However, it is not a permanent change. The finches with shorter beaks can survive in seasons of plenty. Natural adaptation is the function of micro-evolution. There are three plainly observable principles to micro-evolution. 1. A trait will alter because of a stimulus. 2. The trait will return to the norm if left to nature or returned to its original conditions. 3. No new information is added to the DNA.

The argument for evolution is that species will change slightly over time and eventually change into something completely different and will over eons of time eventually become a new species. This theory was thought up as a hypothesis and as science advances, the facts have not been found to support it, but much has been provided to dispute it. There are no examples in nature that even remotely indicates a change of species through evolution. The fossil records have zero transitional forms. Even fossilized insects such as spiders and ants that have been dated to pre-historic times and are identical to modern day spiders and ants. There are **three critical flaws** in the theory that change is gradual: Dysfunctional change, the DNA code barrier, and natural selection removes DNA information but does not add new information.

1. Dysfunctional change or otherwise noted as irreducibly complex. When a trait is critical for the survival of the species, it must be fully functional or the species will die off and any 'evolutionary progress' would be lost. For example, a bat could not evolve from a rodent because it is completely dependent on its wings for survival. A half-evolved wing could not be used for walking because of its awkward length and shape and

would not be functional for flying. The idea of a half-evolved bat is completely illogical. It would be easily tracked down by predators and it would be helpless to get food and survive on its own. This need for completeness can be clearly observed from the most primitive single celled animal to the most complex mammal. To contradict this idea would clearly contradict Darwin's principle of natural selection. Many scientists are making a shift because gradual change produces dysfunction in-between species. The new emerging proposal is the quantum jump. Jay Gould proposed the idea that every living cell could possibly be encoded with the ability to change into any other living thing. He believes that an external stimulus causes this jump.

This is a bigger stretch than gradual evolution. Based on his idea, simple pond microbes would have the same DNA encoding as humans and science has proven that this is not the case. Primitive life forms have far less genetic material than more complex animals such as a mammal. Gould's leap of faith also does not account for varieties of different species. If environment is the trigger and we all have the same DNA, the jump should be to the same creature. Plus we can plainly observe that this reaction does not occur today. Moving from a warm weather climate to a cold weather climate doesn't trigger a different type of offspring.

2. The DNA code barrier. A fact of genetics is that trait changes have a ceiling. This perhaps is the biggest obstacle to gradual change through micro-evolution. Each rung of DNA is made up of four chemicals called nucleotides, designated by the symbols: A (adenine), G (guanine), C (cytosine), and T (thymine). These rungs of DNA are combined to provide a blueprint of the traits that organism will have. If you took all the DNA in the human body and put it in written format, it would fill up one million volumes the size of a 500 page encyclopedia. With all this genetic data, if two people could have as many children as there are atoms in the universe, no two children would be identical. Though there are a limitless combinations of traits that we possess, there is a limit to how far each trait can change. There is a limit to the number of combinations of these chemicals; therefore there are a limited number of traits variations. **No new genetic material can be added.** Trait changes result in re-arranging the genetic code that is already present. Mixing the available genetic code will produce variations in the trait but will not change into a completely different feature. For example, your parents genes are combined to produce your various traits. People have several different colors of hair, eyes, and skin, but without a mutation, these traits will remain within its boundaries. There are mutations that can occur and mutations almost always cause diseases or defects. However, even under mutation, skin will still be skin and eyes will still be eyes. Because of the code barrier, there are a limited number of variations in eye color. Different genes can create distinct variations but there is a limit. There can be rapid changes but inevitably, there is a return to the norm.

Charles Colson made mention of some great examples of this principle. Darwin used breeding of the rock pigeon as a basis for his theory that gradual changes in species will evolve into new species. All pigeons are descendents of the rock pigeon. This pigeon is the same pigeon that can be found in most city parks. Through selective breeding, Darwin was able to produce many drastic variations of pigeons. He observed very rapid changes

in traits that he could alter by this selective breeding and concluded that if he could make these changes within a few generations of pigeons, in time a new species of bird would develop. There are several flaws with this theory. 1. His intervention was the trigger for these various breeds. It did not occur naturally. 2. When left to alone, his pigeons returned back to the plain looking rock pigeon within a few generations. If his theory were valid, they should have continued their ascent. 3. Darwin never saw was that there was a natural barrier that slowed change after a few generations and eventually reached a stopping point.

Change can be rapid when leaving the 'norm', but slows and eventually stops as the 'ceiling' is reached. There is a limit to the number of combinations a specific trait can have. Another good example of this comes from the book, 'How Now Shall We Live'. 150 years ago, sugar cane farmers committed to increasing the sugar content in their sugar beets. At the time the project began, sugar content was at 6%. Through selective cross-pollination, within a few generations of beets the sugar content soared to 13%. Over the next 75 years these growers were able to inch the sugar content up to 17%. Now, 75 years after they were able to achieve the 17% barrier, the sugar beet remains at 17%. This is a clear example of the DNA code barrier that limits the variation of a specific trait. This example shows the same principle that Darwin unknowingly discovered. Rapid change, slow change followed by no change.

Another conflict with the evolutionary theory is that when DNA ceiling is reached, the species becomes weak. When a trait is exaggerated beyond its natural limits, the species becomes weak and suffers from disease or vulnerability to disease. The farther from the 'norm' the more disease prone the plant or animal becomes. So even with selective breeding and exploited traits, the species becomes vulnerable and at risk of extinction. Animals that are bred to bring out their desired features often become sterile or diseased. We can look around today and see examples of this problem. Anyone involved with farming is aware of the sterility problem associated with over-breeding. Dogs are very defect prone when they are bred to show quality. However, when left alone, species will soon return to the norm.

Natural selection thins the gene pool, but evolution demands that information be added. No evolutionary change (i.e. micro evolution) ever adds information to the genetic material. The only way evolution (i.e. Macro evolution) could be possible is if new information were to be added to the DNA.

Hybrids are often used as examples of simple it is for evolution to change the DNA of plants or animals. You can cross pollinate two types of tomato plants to produce a new tomato plant that produces larger fruit. There are two problems with how evolutionists interpret this observation. The next generation of seeds is both sterile and unable to reproduce, or it reverts back to an inferior fruit. The second problem is that you are not taking on new information, you are combining two plants that already possess the necessary information. For evolution to be possible, there must be new information added that did not previously exist. In other words, information must come into the existing genetic material without any pre-arranged order, combine with the DNA that is already

present and create a new or better code than that which already existed. If newly added information is garbled, the DNA that existed would be useless. If it was inserted in the wrong place or in the wrong order, the plant or animal produced would die or be completely dysfunctional. For example, a microbe would need to somehow acquire enough information through millions of errorless mutations that added to its DNA, which would enable it to become a fish. A fish would have to get the new information that did not previously exist to form a lung, then feet, feathers and so on. The problem is that science does not observe mutations that add to the information, but rather just the opposite. It is a loss of information that occurs when mutations occur. Natural selection is a good example of this.

Survival of the fittest is what thins out the gene pool; it does not increase or add to the genetic data. Natural selection does open the door for adaptation and changes within a species, but it accomplishes just the opposite of what is necessary for evolution. When natural selection occurs, the species that have certain traits are often weeded out. If the Galapagos Island finches permanently weed out the shorter beaked finches, they have not added to the gene pool, but they have subtracted genetic code and would no longer have the information necessary to produce offspring that has a shorter beak. Natural selection and evolution work against each other. Natural selection does sometimes make changes within a species, but the progression is downward and not upward – and the species does not become a new species, but rather a variation of the old. A permanent change is a loss of information, but evolution requires the addition of new information. In science we can clearly observe that when a species has a trait that the environment challenges, those who have this trait are weeded out. What has never been observed in science is the addition of new information. Even if an example should be found to have happened by chance, it doesn't help the evolution cause. There must be millions of changes that add to the DNA information, without harming the species. We don't observe this happening. We do observe mutations, but they are a loss of information or a defective copy of information that damages the species.

Richard Dawkins is arguably the most influential proponent of evolution today. In a debate, he was asked to provide one example where new information was added to DNA as observed by science. After a long silence, he passed by the question. He later rebutted the question with a three page argument but never addressed this original question and he did not provide one example. Even environmental adaptations harm the evolution belief system. When the environment changes and those animals that have traits that prevent them from surviving, there is not an increase of information, but a loss of genetic code.

Even microscopic evolution shows this problem. We have all heard about the 'super germs' that have grown resistant to antibiotics. In reality, they are weak germs. Bacteria that is resistant to drugs are usually destroyed by other organisms. For example, bacterium that has mutated so that it no longer pipes in the toxins that would normally destroy it are weaker than other bacteria because they also cannot pipe in the nutrients that are needed to flourish. It may fail to produce enzymes that enable it to resist the drugs, but this also becomes a crippling factor that limits its survival. The very mutations that make it resistant also make it vulnerable and weak.

These issues render change by micro-evolution impossible thus leaving macro-evolution as the only stand that evolutionists can take, and all the evidence clearly disputes the concept of macro-evolution. The fossil records show zero gradual change. Species in existence today show no change from the fossil that supposedly dates back hundreds of millions of years. Interdependency also renders evolution an impossibility. Nature is filled with species that are completely dependent on other species. If one species cannot survive without another, evolution becomes an illogical deduction. There are also interdependencies between plants and animals. If a plant is dependent on an animal and an animal is dependent on that specific plant, the two would have to emerge from the evolutionary change at the exact same time and place. One generation later is too late.

Don't mistake micro-evolution for evolution. They are not related. When a Christian says they do not believe in evolution, it is not a reference to changes in specific traits. It is a reference to changes that require crossing the DNA limitations. When the facts stare evolutionists in the face, they are reduced to insulting or admitting their world view doesn't hold water. Evolutionists always call Christians and creationists non-thinkers because we question their illogical theories. Critical analysis is not un-intellectual, but refusing to reason with the facts is. When someone builds their belief system around a godless world view, it leaves the realm of science and becomes a religious defense. Anyone who gets angry at the facts is not defending science, but is defending their hope that God does not exist and their hope that there is no God in which we are accountable.

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Other doubts created by evolution:

According to evolution, over millions of years, the molten earth cooled. As it cooled certain chemicals, gases and possibly lightening worked together to create the first life form. This by chance process has many flaws. Without getting overly technical, let me point out a few basic flaws. First, evolution and creation researchers alike agree that the presence of oxygen makes the formation of life a serious problem. Our atmosphere contains 21% oxygen and 78% nitrogen. This causes the normal chemical reaction called oxidation. For example, when metal breaks down into rust, it is a process of oxidizing. The same holds true to a greater degree with basic chemical compounds. Amino acids are essential for all living cells, but our atmosphere causes oxidation on these chemicals which causes sugars and amino acids to break down. Therefore, evolution science has proposed that our atmosphere did not have this oxygen content present during the first evolutionary processes. This creates another problem. If oxygen wasn't present, then our ozone layer could not have been present. Ozone is a molecule made up of three oxygen atoms or O₃. So because oxygen is necessary to create the ozone layer that protects the earth from ultraviolet rays, without oxygen, life could not have formed either. Ultraviolet rays would also break down any organic material before it could form.

If we have the faith to get by this problem, then we have the next problem. All life is dependent on organic material for food and nutrients. Organic material is produced by dead things. Therefore, life must be present to produce organic materials for other life to use. The first cell would have no source of nutrition unless other living things were already present. Jay Gould (a front runner in the evolution movement) came up with an interesting twist to this problem. In his documentary on how life began, he stated that protozoa are the most primitive life forms and are believed to have formed first. He then went on to explain how that the primary food source of protozoa is bacteria. Bacteria is considered to be much more complex than protozoa and evolved much later. How did protozoa feed on other smaller life forms that have not evolved? No explanation was giving. It is a matter of blind faith in evolution.

Virus.

A virus is one of the smallest and most primitive life forms. A virus is completely unable to reproduce itself. It cannot divide, give live birth, or lay eggs. A virus reproduces by injecting its DNA (or genetic code) into the cells of a living host. The host cell then becomes the reproductive organism for the virus. How can a single cell organism that is completely dependent on a more advanced host have formed? Did the fully functional virus lie dormant until something could evolve that would allow for infection?

Live birth.

Giving live birth is an advanced evolutionary process, yet aphids and some species of primitive microscopic organisms called rotifers also give live birth. How did design develop in the primitive life forms when, by the evolution model, it did not arrive until mammals?

Special Knowledge.

How did spiders develop the ability to use ultraviolet patterns to lure its prey? Many species of garden spiders create thick reflective patterns on their webs that mimic the patterns of certain flowers. Insects only see in ultraviolet. The effect is that insects are attracted to their webs thinking it is a flower. How did this engineering feat develop? How did the spider gain knowledge about reflecting UV rays using web patterns? How did they know what patterns the flower uses? It seems that evolution puts the creative intelligence into the brain of the spider. Similarly, many spiders use pheromones that mimic the scent of female moths. Male moths fly right to the waiting spider. How did this spider know what the female moth's scent was and then how did she know how to recreate that scent?

Scientists have agreed that the female body is more complex than their male counterpart. How did both evolve at the same time? Without a fully developed female, no species could reproduce.

The Mayfly has an adult life span of 24 hours. The mayfly larvae spend a year growing and then transforms into an adult in the spring. According to evolution, this random process happens by chance over millions of years. This process would have had to randomly occur twice within a 24-hour window and produce one male and one female. How did it happen twice with the right sexes in a 24-hour window in a process that randomly occurs in tens of thousands at best and possibly millions of years?

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