

Evolution vs. Creationism

I am a creationist, and I'd like to share why. The bible and science do agree with each other, but first, we must distinguish the facts from the theories. Yes, people have made up theories for both science and the bible. For the bible, theories include that the earth is 5,000 or 6,000 years old (something the bible never says). For science, theories include the Big Bang Theory and the Theory of Evolution.

Why Christians Can't Believe In Evolution

Today, many people who claim to believe in Christ do not believe in the *literal creation* as it is written in the bible. They try to believe in both the theory of evolution and the bible. Here's why a person can't believe in Christ and Evolution:

- 1. Luke 3:23-38 shows Jesus genealogy. In the last verse, Luke 3:38 says that Jesus came from Adam and it made a long line of ancestors connecting Jesus to Adam. If anyone believes that Adam is a fairytale, then they must believe Jesus is also a fairytale.
- 2. Jesus constantly referred to himself as the "Son of Man" (Matt 9:6, Mark 2:28, Luke 9:22, John 3:14, etc). It means the same thing as the "Son of Adam". If you don't believe in Adam, you can't believe in Jesus. God said that the "seed of the woman", which is the same as the Son of Adam, would crush the serpent's head (Gen 3:15). That was done when Jesus defeated Satan (symbolized by the serpent) at the cross, which is why Jesus called Himself the Son of Man.
- 3. Sin and death entered the world by Adam's disobedience. Jesus' entire purpose was to pay for the sins of Adam as well as the whole world. If death came to everyone through one man (Adam), life can come to everyone through one man (Jesus). See all of Romans 5.
- 4. 1Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." Jesus was the last Adam. If you don't believe in the first Adam, you can't believe in the last Adam.

The Big Bang Theory

The Big Bang Theory basically says, first, there was nothing, and then it blew up. With nothing, by nothing, for nothing, everything just popped into existence. Bill Nye mocks creationists by saying that creationism is inconsistent with everything we have observed... but I think it's a pretty common observation that only something comes from something, and nothing comes from nothing. What's stopping God from being the cause of the big bang anyway? Scientists want to say it just happened by itself. I can't bring myself to that conclusion. I keep asking myself, what happened before that, before that, before that, until I get to the point in time where nothing existed. Everything physical has a beginning. You might not see the painting being painted, or the building being built, but you sure can tell that the painting wasn't an accident that just threw itself together and the building didn't just pop up out of existence alone. That's why when I see the earth and how it is in order, I don't think that it was the result of a cosmic accident.

Evolutionists say this is a misquote, but **Charles Darwin** said, "To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." Charles Darwin in The Origin of Species, J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd, London, 1971, p. 167. (p. 18 of The Revised Quote Book)

The Theory of Evolution

The Theory of Evolution starts in the middle of a situation with life already in existence. It started with a single cell that divided and multiplied and changed over time which resulted in every living thing that you see today. I find it extremely hard to believe that life just sprung up by itself for no reason. It's harder for me to believe that all life came from nothing than to believe that all existence came from nothing. Once again, THAT is against all we have observed. Life doesn't just spring up by itself. The <u>missing link</u> has never been found. Evolution can't connect humanity to animals without it. Once, people claimed to have found the missing link, but what we really found were <u>pig bones</u>. Science requires facts, but anyone who believes in the existence of the missing link is EXERCISING <u>FAITH</u>. Creationists have faith that God exists while evolutionists have faith that the missing link exists. My thoughts are that if many "ancient men" from millions of years ago have been found, but the race of the "missing link", which was apparently a more recent and advanced race has not been found, then they just don't exist. A race/species that lived closer to our time should be easier to find.

Humanity Is More Advanced Than All Other Life

At the end of both of those theories we he have human life, which is unarguably the most advanced life form on earth. The bible says that God made man in His image (Gen 1:27). I get that. It explains why people are so much more intelligent than any other living thing. What evolution doesn't answer for me is that if all life started at one time and came from one cell, why isn't there some species that is just as intelligent as humans here on earth, if not just a little more or a little less intelligent? Why is there such a big gap between humanity and all other living things?

With humanity, if there were a more advanced species than us, we would learn from them and advance, but animals never learn and advance. Our best efforts to teach animals anything have only resulted in **Koko** the sign language gorilla who can sign "I'm hungry", "I'm sad", and other basic emotions that we can see in all animals. We humans can reason, share ideas, invent, destroy, etc. That humanity popped out of some lesser life is hard for me to accept.

Age of the Earth

The bible doesn't say the earth is 5,000 or 6,000 years old, but it does say that humanity is about that old. In the beginning of time, God created the universe (the heavens) and the earth. It doesn't talk about the time that went by during that creative period. First, God created the heavens, which is why it is mentioned first. It potentially could have taken billions or trillions of years to create the universe. Then, after some unknown period of time, God created the earth. The earth was created as a dry land, yet in Genesis 1:2-9, we see that the world was completely covered in water. Potentially, a lot of time went by from the creation of the earth until the beginning of day 1. Could there have been dinosaurs during that time? Sure. Could a worldwide flood (before Noah) have been the reason the dinosaurs died and the world be covered in water in Genesis 1:2? It's possible. Why wouldn't any of that be mentioned in Genesis? It's probably because that doesn't directly concern us as Adam's story does.

As a side note, some people want to say that each day of creation was actually thousands of years. Keep in mind that we measure time by rotations of the earth. At the end of each day, there was evening and morning; one rotation. The days were actual days, just like they are now. Before the earth existed, time couldn't be measured in earth days or years.

Age of Civilization

If you count years from Adam until now (2000 AD), you get about 6,000 years. Noah's flood came about 1,000 years after Adam's creation. Looking at the most ancient cultures of the world like Egypt or China, there's only about 5,000 years of recorded history. I don't think that's a coincidence.

Conclusions

I've realized that people will look for reasons to believe what they want to believe. Few people look for the truth; most people look to reinforce their opinion of what is true. Both sides are frustrated with each other. *Christianity is true*, not because it is appealing to me... Christianity has many unappealing aspects to me: taking up my cross, dying to myself, fasting, discipline, loving enemies, and generally saying things that make others upset because the truth offends them. I know it's the truth because of my personal experience, which I really wish I could share on a more personal level.

If you haven't already, make sure to check out my testimony.

We're All Accidents

What the Big Bang Theory and the Theory of Evolution say to me are, you are an accident and you don't matter. You're only alive because of a coincidence. When you die, that's it, you're just dead, and you don't continue on. Your life has no meaning, no purpose, and no reason. Morals are made up. There is no punishment for doing wrong and there is no reward for doing right. It doesn't matter if you're an evil rapist murderer or a selfless saint who gives everything to the poor; they'll both die and that's it. Human life isn't worth any more than the life of a bug. Everything lives, reproduces, and dies in a big meaningless cycle.

If I'm Right vs. If I'm Wrong

If I'm wrong and there is no God, then who cares? I've wasted my life just as I would have wasted it otherwise. However, if I'm right by believing the bible that there is a God (and obeying Him), then I have eternal life and will never die – but others will have eternal damnation and die forever in Hell (which is not something I want). Both the reward and punishment are both too big to ignore. If I believed that God is a bad guy, that His rules suck, and I disagreed with His ways, I still wouldn't disobey Him just to burn in Hell for eternity. That just isn't a reasonable option for me. How did Jesus describe Hell? As a furnace that never stops burning. The reason I say this is because people point out this law or that law that sounds ridiculous, then say, "If God was real, I wouldn't follow Him". To me, if God is real (and He is), it would be absolutely insane and worse than suicidal not to follow Him.

No Christian should be mad at an atheist for not believing, and no atheist should be mad at a Christian for believing. The most troubling thing to me is a person who doesn't search for truth at all. I bid everyone good luck on your search, but I do hope you come to the knowledge of truth in Christ.