

Creationism or Evolution?

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The two most popular explanations for the origin of man are; 1. Creation – the idea that we were created by an all-powerful God and 2. Evolution – the idea that life was formed accidentally by an interaction of pre-existing elements. Evolutionists reject the idea of an all-powerful God because they say it is unscientific. Creationists, on the other hand, contend that belief in an all-powerful God is consistent with scientific principles.

We know that God exists even though we cannot see or touch Him? To illustrate my point, consider radio waves. We believe they exist, and yet we can't see or touch them. And we believe it because the evidence allows for no other conclusion. We turn on our cell phones and we can talk to people hundreds of miles away. Thus, we can know that radio waves exist even if we cannot see or touch them.

Similarly, we can know that God exists because the evidence allows for no other conclusion. . For instance, we can infer the following from the Second Law of Thermodynamics: (1) Natural processes always tend toward disorder, (2) the simple will never produce the complex and, (3) the universe is running down. Nothing has been observed to break this law. The Theory of Evolution would require us to believe that observable laws of nature are false. By the way, if the universe is running down (stars burning out), that would make the universe finite. Consequently, the universe could not have always been here. With time being eternal (there was always a yesterday and there will always be a tomorrow), all finite processes should have been completed in the past. This would be true no matter how far back in time that you went. And that's because any finite process requires a day one. And there is no day one. So, for us to exist here and now is not natural. And yet we do exist here and now. Therefore, the cause of our existence must be supernatural. Our name for that supernatural cause is God. We think of this God as an intelligent being because there is logical detail in His creation.

Evolutionists reject the idea of a Creator because they claim that facts must be observable by the senses. Thus, this would exclude God. However, it would also exclude evolution and radio waves. As we saw earlier, radio waves are not observable by the senses – their effects are. Likewise, God is not observable by the senses, but His effects are. Thus, we can know that God exists even if we cannot see or touch Him.

Evolution is represented as a fact in many of our schools. However, it is nothing more than a theory. A close examination of this theory reveals several problems. We are told that at one time our planet was a molten mass. After it cooled down, a variety of complex and delicately balanced ecosystems consisting of tens of thousands of species of land and sea animals, plants, and bacteria were formed by chance. All of this supposedly evolved from a burnt rock, which is all the earth would have been once it cooled down.

Of course, all of this raises a question; if life could come into existence by chance chemical reactions, why can't the process be repeated in the laboratory with deliberate actions, millions of dollars and the brightest minds?

But what about the fossil record, isn't that evidence of evolution? The fossil record actually creates problems for the theory of evolution. The biggest problem is the absence of any transitional forms. Transitional forms are not important to evolution – transitional forms are evolution. No transitional forms means no evolution!

So what is a transitional form? We are told that evolution takes millions of years. Consequently, if a fish were to evolve into a land animal there would be billions of variations along the way. Each of these variations would be a transitional form. But as I said previously, there are no transitional forms in the fossil record. Even in the earliest fossil layers we find completed, complex life forms, such as clams, snails, jellyfish, sponges, worms, etc. No one has been able to find fossilized ancestors for a single one of them.

Another problem arises when we realize that even the so-called "simple" life forms are not really simple. Today we know that a cell is one of the most complex structures known to man. In a book titled "The Evidence for Creation" by Dr. G.S. McLean, Roger Oakland and Larry McLean, we find the following on page 113:

The cell has turned out to be a micro universe containing trillions of molecules. These molecules are the structural building blocks for countless complex structures performing chains of complex biochemical reactions with precision... a single cell surrounded by a cellular membrane exhibits the same degree of complexity as a city with

all of its systems of operation, communication and government. There are power plants that generate the cell's energy, factories that produce enzymes and hormones essential for life, complex transportation systems that guide specific chemicals from one location to another and membrane proteins that act as barricades controlling the import and export of materials across the cellular membrane.

In the nucleus of every cell is the DNA. DNA contains millions of bits of coded information – information necessary for the building and development of our bodies. The inner working of our DNA is highly complex. Is it not reasonable to conclude that something this complex had an intelligent designer?

Within the human body there are several irreducibly complex systems. That is, systems that would not function if they were any simpler. One example is our digestive system. Microvilli, which line the intestines, are microscopic bristles that somewhat resemble the bristles of a hairbrush. The spaces between the bristles are wide enough to allow nutrients to pass through to be absorbed and digested. However, the spaces are narrow enough to block the passage of bacteria, bacteria that would kill you if they were allowed to pass. This in itself refutes the theory of evolution, which contends that when a need presents itself, the body adapts by gradually changing (evolving) over millions of years. In this case millions of years would be too long. As soon as the deadly bacteria appeared, the body would have minutes to hours to design and evolve a system to block them. Failure to do so would result in immediate extinction. Our continued existence rules out evolution.

What about the alleged ape men? Aren't they evidence of evolution? No one has ever found a fossil that indicates a link between man and ape-like ancestors. Fossils are either pure ape or pure man. Some of the supposed ape-man skulls were pieced together with fragments. The artistic renditions of ape-men are in large part the product of imagination. Boyce Rensberger, writing in *Science Digest* in 1981 stated: "Unfortunately, the vast majority of artist's conceptions are based more on imagination than on evidence. ... Much of the reconstruction, however, is guesswork. ... Artists must create something between an ape and a human being; the older the specimen is said to be, the more ape-like they make it."

Frank Sherwin noted some of the problems with several of the supposed ape-men:

1. Ramapithecus – a pongid or great ape, not a hominid.
2. Piltdown Man – The greatest paleontological hoax.
3. Nebraska Man – An extinct pig.
4. Cro-Magnon Man – Indistinguishable from modern Europeans.
5. Homo Habilis – A convenient recipient for a motley assortment of hominid fossils.
6. Neanderthals – Fully Human.

Some propose the idea of theistic evolution. The idea that God created everything in a primitive state and then evolution took over. But there are no laws of nature to support this. Also, the Bible speaks to this very point: "I beseech you, my child, to look at the heaven and the earth and see everything that is in them and recognize that God did not make them out of things that existed. Thus, also mankind comes into being" (2 Maccabees 7:28).

Mary Schweitzer, a paleontologist from North Carolina State University, discovered the remains of blood cells and soft tissue in T-Rex bones. The T-rex in question is said to be 68 million years old. According to science textbooks blood cells and soft tissue would never last that long. Upon making such a discovery you'd think the age of the bones would be reassessed. But that didn't happen. Instead they are trying to figure out how a dinosaur's blood cells and soft flexible tissue still exists after 68 million years. Somehow that doesn't seem logical.

In the end we are left with two choices: Either an intelligent being created everything out of nothing or nothing created everything out of nothing. Which do you suppose is more likely?