

Is Evolution Anti-Biblical?

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When a person who has never argued too much with the evolutionists begins to read up on it to find out just where the evidence is, he is in for some surprises. He is surprised at the lack of logic in the approach and in the conclusions of the evolutionists, at the great amount of speculation in what is supposed to be a "science," and at the way the evolutionists ignore all the evidence to the contrary. Then he is surprised at the number of true scientists who reject the whole theory.

It is a relief to know that one is not necessarily a moron because he could never believe in the fantastic evolutionary developments through unimaginable ages. Christians need to realize that science has not yet come up with one single FACT that in any way contradicts the literal account of God's word. Nor do we need to treat the Bible record as "myth," "allegory" or "symbols of spiritual truth" in order to harmonize it with the theory of evolution.

I hasten to admit that I'm not an authority on evolution and will not attempt to present the many evidences against it. When studied objectively it is seen to be an irrational theory, except by those with a bias who MUST accept it as the only possible means of origin. Further on I will discuss this bias. But the purpose of this article is to show that the theory of evolution cuts clean across the Christian faith in several ways, and cannot stand.

A PATTERN FOR MAN

The Bible teaches that God created man in His own image, and to make sure we understood whose image is meant, the text repeats the fact, "in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen 1:27). Upon completion of the creation work, the Bible says that God pronounced it "good." When God uses the term "good," He is referring to an absolute goodness: perfection. The other creatures, fish, birds, animals and creeping things had already been pronounced "good." In each case God left off creating, as far as the particular species was concerned, and created another species. When it came to man God used Himself as the pattern; and made a creature in His own image. According to evolution man was developed through the process of gradual change necessary for his survival.

What of this man whom God pronounced good? In the textbooks which our children are required to study, the first man is portrayed by word and picture as something more like an ape than a man. Page upon page the text traces him from the sea to land, to the ape, and finally he emerges as a monkey-type person with long hairy arms, receding forehead and a stupid ape-expression. He hasn't learned to talk, hunts wild beast with a club and eats raw meat. According to the evolutionists it took him hundreds of thousands of years to grow out of this primitive state to become a man with intelligence and ability to communicate with others of his breed.

The biblical account says that the man whom God created was a perfect creature, able to communicate with God and of sufficient intelligence to name the animals and be placed in charge of all creation, to “have dominion” over it and all life in it. The first man and woman held intelligent conversation with one another and with God.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE A “FALL UPWARD?”

The Biblical Adam was not a decaying, aging and, disease-ridden creature as we now see man after all these generations of “development.” In fact, he was an undying person, with no death at all working in him. It was only after sinning against God that death entered the scene. One might well ask where are all the hundreds of billions of creatures that would have been produced in the so-called billions of years of propagation during the evolutionary periods.

This business of sinning against God — actually rebelling against the one who created him — resulted in Adam and Eve losing their deathless qualities so that they died. This was the curse mentioned in Genesis 3:19 and a fulfillment of the warning God had given: “In the day that thou eat thereof, thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:17).

For centuries this has been called “the fall,” simply meaning that man, God’s highest creature, FELL from his high estate, became subject to death, and passes this mortal quality on to succeeding generations.

All scripture — not just Genesis, but the entire Bible, both old and New Testaments — bears out this theme. Moreover, the history of man bears it out and the prophetic scriptures make it clear that instead of becoming better, man will continue to fall farther and farther from the creator’s image until judgment is executed upon him.

The FALL runs straight across the path of the theory of evolution. If evolution is true, then the Biblical teaching concerning sin and salvation and the ultimate judgment upon man is not. Evolution teaches that man gradually evolves upwards; the Bible teaches that man began perfect, sinned and has devolved downwards ever since. One has to take a choice: you can’t have it both ways.

To hold to an evolutionary concept of man’s history one has to get rid of the FALL. This doesn’t mean to interpret the book of Genesis as a book of “myths with spiritual truths.” It means get rid of Jesus and His teaching which supports the FALL. It means that the Old Testament prophets have to go, with their pronouncements on the subject. Then you have to throw out the New Testament letters which declare the FALL as a reality and explain how it is overcome through Christ.

This is one reason why so many modern religious leaders are renouncing the Biblical faith. In the words of Dr. Henry Morris, “Acceptance of evolution is logically followed by the rejection of a high theory of Biblical inspiration, then by rejection of the doctrine of the fall and the curse, and finally by the rejection of the substitutionary atonement.”* These men would rather be out of step with God than to be out of step with the current trend of intellectualism.

SCIENCE WITH A BIAS

One may well ask, “If evolution is only a theory, why such wide acceptance by learned men?” There are thousands of obstacles to the evolution theory. Capable researchers have been revealing them for a century, but the evolutionists ignore them completely, something that is never done in any other scientific study on any other subject. Why do the evolutionists cling doggedly to a theory that has no proof and as many arguments against it as it has for it? The answer is simple: they have no alternative but the Bible, and they have a bias against it. The Bible explains it; “And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind...” (Romans 1:28. See 2 Thess. 2:7-12).

For example, Sir Julian Huxley, the famous British biologist, (who, by the way, was the first Director-General of UNESCO) was from the outset a rabid anti-Christian. His attitude is one of hatred for God and a loathing of the belief of Christians. Huxley is one of the chief advocates of evolution, and his writings are required in many large universities. John Dewey, called the “father of American education,” was an atheist, a rabid socialist and a great influence on psychology, philosophy and sociology. Dewey rejected all revealed religion, and having rejected God he was forced to base his system of thought on the evolutionary theory. Dewey’s system of “progressive education” did untold harm to discipline in the schools, and laid the foundation for the current rebellion against law and order. These influential men FIRST rejected God, and evolution became the only alternative.

A geologist begins his explanation of the beginning with... “As we must use something as a starting point and as we want to avoid stepping into the realm of theology and philosophy, we shall use as our beginning . . .” and goes on with his speculations by way of evolution. But why “avoid stepping into the realm of theology?” This is a stark confession of a bias against the Biblical revelation.

These men did not reject the Bible because of scientific evidence of evolution. Rather they accepted evolution because they had already discarded God and the Bible. This process is followed by a vast number of men prominent in the fields of biology, sociology and philosophy. From their classrooms emerge the writers of textbooks for the next generation.

The textbooks themselves receive preferential treatment if they follow the evolutionist trend. Dr. Henry Morris writes, “One reason for the apparent dearth of anti-evolutionary sentiment is that the major scientific publishing houses and periodicals are completely and exclusively under the control of leaders who are evolutionists. If anyone questions this, let him try to get a serious scientific article or book published refuting evolution! Or even a Letter to the Editor! The only outlet for such literature seems to be through conservative or private media.”*

Dr. Morris goes on to say that “it is almost an impossibility for a convinced creationist to obtain or to retain an influential position on a university faculty in the various disciplines

now dominated by the evolutionary concept, such as anthropology, geology, biology, psychology and psychiatry.”* College students naturally get the impression that all scientists and men of learning accept evolution. The great numbers of university scientists who reject evolution are in the physical sciences, chemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics, etc. There are plenty of biologists, geologists and psychologists, who reject evolution, but they are working in private industry or in governmental positions, and their views are unknown to the student and to the public.

Evolution has never been harmonized with the Bible. To do so, one must re-write the whole Bible which teaches that man was created perfect without the problem of death; that each species was created to reproduce after its own kind; that man was created first, then woman; that man was an intelligent creature from the start and that death became a factor only after man’s sin; and that man will not evolve upward, but will degenerate until instead of being in God’s image he will be rather in the image of beasts, until God intervenes with Judgment.

The Bible does not explain all mysteries of the universe, but as man discovers the secret to such mysteries, he invariably finds them in harmony with the Bible.

The Christian does not need to be ashamed of the Biblical account of his origin. It still remains the only one.

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