

EVOLUTION

Religion is any system of faith or worship. **EVOLUTION** is a faith in a theory of the gradual development or ascent of higher forms of life from simpler forms or lower types. This is the complex process by which living organisms are believed to have originated on earth and have changed in form and function to the various types of fauna and flora, and new types of organisms.

The notion that populations of organisms can be transformed over generations into populations of different kinds has been suggested repeatedly since early recorded history of ideas. It was taught in ancient Greek philosophy, (400 BC) but no scientific processes were attempted until the 18th century. From that point on more detailed knowledge of living organisms and fossils attracted students. Jean Baptiste de Lamarck, early in the 19th century argued that the patterns of resemblance found in various creatures showed a common lineage. For example, Lions, Tigers, and other cats may have had a common ancestor.

Charles Darwin in his famous book "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" in 1859 noted differences between offspring and parents were not due solely to environment but were inheritable. He noted natural selection, both man-made, as in farm animals, and when environmental conditions change were able to change the characteristics of the animal toward more desirable qualities. Survival of a sufficient number of individuals would lead to an eventual adaptation of the population as a whole, or would lead to extinction. Thus, according to Darwin's theory, evolution proceeds by the natural selection of well adapted individuals of many generations.

Later, Gregor Mendel discovered Genetics and that an inherited gene performs in a statistical and predictable fashion. The discovery of mutations which would occur randomly caused 'natural selection', that is, evolution directed by adaptive fitness, later to be reduced to a minor role by mutationalists.

Many began to accept evolution theory as fact, while the theories concerning the process of evolution continue to be debated and refined. The theory of evolution is itself evolving!

There are some major unanswered questions and obvious omissions in the theory. Among the most commonly known is the absence of a complete fossil record or explanations of rapid or abrupt change in the fossil record. Another obvious omission is 'the missing links' or individuals that show a gradual change from one type of species to another.

Before Charles Darwin, most people in the west including a great majority of scientists accepted creationism in some form. Charles Darwin expressed faith in his Bible in the closing days of his life. Lady Hope, Northfield, England was a woman who often attended to him at his bedside before he died. She entered his room and found him reading from the book of Hebrews. She made some allusion to the strong opinions expressed by many on the history of the Creation, and then their treatment of the earlier chapters of the book of Genesis. He seemed distressed, his fingers twitched nervously, and a look of agony came over his face as he said, "I was a young man with unformed ideas. I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time about everything. To my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them."

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Another, more compelling aspect of the Theory of Evolution is the theory that life arose by spontaneous generation. Atheists are compelled to this theory, in spite of the fact that it cannot be demonstrated. The origin of life becomes a very important issue in the study of faith-based theories or religions.

How did life arise from non-living chemicals? This is fundamental, yet unproven issue. How did genes originate? Where did DNA organize itself in such intricate patterns? How did the nervous system plan and execute its development? Explain the formation of an eye, an ear, taste, and the various other organs, the limbs, bones, kidneys, hair, skin, teeth, perspiration, touch, coordination of all these things, and brains. How is there design without a designer? Is it reasonable to assume the chaos gave rise to such sophisticated order? Is the Theory of Evolution accepted because we do not want to believe that there is a Creator, since then we would have to submit ourselves to His laws and expectations for us?

All of the proposed examples of evolution fall far short of demonstrating the theory. Discovery over time tends to point in the direction of creation and demonstrates the impossibility of Evolution.

If evolution were a fact and man came thru the process of development from lower forms,

Why: Didn't we keep the feathers of the peacock rather than being naked, or keep the sensitivity of a Snow bird whose feathers rapidly fall out to adjust to a change in temperature?

Why: Did we lose the sense of hearing that a robin has?

Why: Not keep the eyesight of an eagle, instead of wearing glasses?

Why don't we see in the dark?

Why: Didn't we maintain a sense of smell like a dog or a bear that can smell food a mile away?

Why: Did we give up the built in compass that many species of birds use to migrate, or find home?

Why: Not keep a gizzard that can handle dirt and stones or the stomach of a pig who can eat garbage with no ill effects? Dogs, possums, and vultures can eat dead things gone putrid.

why would this not be an advantage in the survival of the fittest?

Why: Can't we carry 40 times our weight like an ant?

Why: Can't we swim under water anymore?

Why: Didn't we keep the jet propulsion of the squid, instead of riding donkeys or inventing automobiles?

Why: Don't we run like a gazelle, or climb like a squirrel or a monkey?

Or

why would there be a need for male and female in reproduction, and how could this come about?

Why would we choose to leave so many beneficial features to our ancestors, and do without them now, when we could still use these in our survival?

There are some age-old questions which the process of Evolution cannot answer, because evolution did not happen. Those features and designs need a creator to choose what features we needed to please Him, and designed our brains, functional organs, blood and nervous systems, limbs, heart and lungs, and other

details we have not even discovered yet. The very recent discovery of DNA is beginning to explain how the design of living things had been programmed. But how did we program ourselves? Why is there no memory of how we did it?

How did we determine that the temperature of our bodies had to be above 96 degrees Fahrenheit or we would go into hypothermia, and less than 106 degrees or our brains would malfunction?

There are some areas in which the proponents of evolution claim to be scientific. True science can be demonstrated, evolution cannot. It is faith based, and has become a Godless religion.

If evolution is true, where did life come from, and how did it originate? How did the earth come to be the delicate environmental necessary for the maintenance of life? Why didn't all forms of life develop into greater forms? Why do we still have simple forms of life? How did brains become so complex, without a designer? Where is the evidence that there has been a transition from one kind of species to another? The fossil evidence indicates that all life did not have a common ancestor!

Scientific research demands that the results of its investigations be verifiable through repeated testing. Advances in such sciences as medicine, space, and computers are verifiable evidence in our increased life span, our pinpoint landing on the moon, and development of communications on the internet.

Researchers in the field of evolution have produced some discoveries of what has already existed, but have not been able to verify the theories or the origins of the very things the theory is about. Some have even admitted ignoring real facts and altering the theory to fit selected data. In spite of these unscientific tactics, the Theory of Evolution continues to be presented in schools and textbooks at all educational levels. Encyclopedias also write about evolution as fact. There are no established scientific facts which contradict the Biblical record of creation.

Secular education is based on the premise of Humanism, that there is no God, or if there is, He is irrelevant. The processes of nature are currently at work and are sufficient to account for all diversity of living things that exist today. In some places, it is illegal to attempt to teach anything but evolution.

The belief in the Theory of Evolution is the foundation of many problems in the past century. Humanism denies God and elevates man as the highest form of life in the universe. How can we be sure what other forms of life exist in the universe? Our planet is only a small part of the universe. Evolution teaches that man is just another animal. If man is an animal without a higher power, then he will act as an animal. Evolution then, supports 'barnyard' morality, and this is what our children are being taught today! Evolution does not foster peace in the world but produces selfish, me first, and everybody owes me, types of individuals. Wars and quarrels, lust, and murder are the results of a Godless society, and none is better off and most destroy what they had by this form of conduct. Religion answering to a higher power result in hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, and social benefit organizations, and seek peace. Mass murder has been common in Communist, godless countries for the benefit of those in power.

In the United States of America, it has been established in the Constitution that the government is not to establish any religion, yet it has established the Theory of Evolution as fact and will not allow other faith based teachings such as Intelligent Design. Schools and newspaper editors claim that Evolution is science, and has withstood the test of time and research. It is junk science because its origins cannot be proved, and it is a faith of its own. Those who mention other faith-based teachings such as Intelligent Design are ridiculed and ignored. Editorials are preaching that Evolution is an empirically undeniable scientific

concept crucial to an understanding of how life on this Earth today got to be what it is, and must be taught to our children. The word 'empirical' means "depending on experience or observation alone, without using science or theory, or derived from or guided by experience or experiment." (American College Dictionary) While some experiments are a part of the Evolution Theory, it is still based on empirical observation, not facts. Information "pulled out of the air" and taught as fact, does not make it fact. All the teachers and schools, even scientists that have come to believe it cannot make it fact. Everything cannot be determined by science. You cannot by science prove the absence of divine design, and you cannot by science prove divine design. Many scientific theories are far from proven. Because a theory is embraced does not make it in-arguably proven. Scientific theories of the moment are subject to change as more evidence becomes available, or they are not scientific at all. Science can tell us how things work and are constituted but cannot tell us their origin.

The Theory of Evolution has had a negative effect on modern behavior. Human behavior has never been what it should have been, but since the teaching of Darwin that man is a product of the environment and is not responsible for individual actions but rather is living out inherited traits, law is no longer relevant. Experiment in killing conducted by Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb and Adolf Hitler were influenced by the concepts of evolution. Evolution has been accepted by the Communists and served as the basis for their concept of change by revolution and anti-religious attitudes. Karl Marx claimed, "Darwin's book is very important and serves as a basis in natural science for the class struggle in history." Two atheists, Stalin and Mao, following the theory of Marxism have killed more people than many, many religious leaders combined.

If man does not have to answer to a higher power or a supernatural being, or a God, he has nothing to base morality on, and has no reason to care about anything but his own individual survival. We would not be able to build a society but would be as barbarians, each individual for himself, and could build nothing.

If life came from non-life, where did those objects come from? If there were chemicals to start from, what source do they have? They could not have changed from something that was not in some form of energy source. All things have energy in them, either kinetic or as potential energy. Energy exists in various forms including mechanical. thermal. chemical. Electrical, radiant, atomic, and possibly others we have not discovered yet. All forms of energy are inter-convertible by appropriate processes. In the process of transformation either kinetic or potential energy may be gained or lost but the sum total of the two remains the same. Energy can change its form but not its quantity. Something had to be there for something to evolve from it. Where did that energy come from?

The problem of the Theory of Evolution is always the unanswered question of "where did that come from?" The Bible has some answers of where things have come from. In **Hebrews 1:10-13**, *"and you, Lord in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; and they will grow like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed."* NKJV

The Bible says there was something there. It says that it will grow old. Another law of physics states that the universe has a tendency toward decay. The rate of decay is variable, but nothing since the fall of man is being created, rather things are deteriorating. If you place a car in the yard and leave it alone, soon it won't run, tires go flat, and paint is gone giving way to rust... Does it every fix itself?

It is interesting that all the ancient civilizations claimed a god, later some suggested evolution, but only recently has this theory become popular. (Early 1800s)

Is the Theory of Evolution as old as the writings of the Bible? The eternality of matter was written of on the Babylonian Creation Epic "Enuma Elish" 1000 years before Genesis was written.

The Bible says God created everything "after its kind". Living things enormously diverse in form, but form is remarkably constant within any given line of descent; pigs remain pigs and oak trees remain oak trees generation after generation. Breeding by man to select certain features and breeds can only be done within the rules of genetics. A highly bred dog, if left to nature, cross breeding with other breeds will revert to the original 'mutt' in three generations. A Fantail Pigeon crossed with a highly bred Homing Pigeon will do the same, reverting to a 'Rock Dove' or common pigeon.

Do mutations result in new life forms? No, mutations result in weaker forms, not a greater or developing form. The problems won't go away, even 150 years after Darwin.

Creation also requires that something be in place to create something else, and that all things existed in some form, some kind of energy source, and some kind of intelligence. God says that He is that source in the earliest writings and traditions known to man. The oldest sources of knowledge and the existence of man go back to a source of power who called Himself "I AM" indicating He always was. There is the answer evolution does not have. The Bible is one of the oldest sources of information about life on this planet and in the universe around us. What does it say and is it reliable?

Can something invisible become visible? God says He is invisible, but that He has 'born' for Himself an image. That image can be seen by something that has a mechanism capable of seeing. What about blind things, or things without eyes; because they cannot see, does that mean that nothing exists that can be seen? Because we cannot see something or even understand it does not mean it is not real or does not exist. The universe does not rotate around us and could exist without us. It did exist without us before we were born, or before our species was created. We can read history books and determine that it did.

Let's look at the scriptures, these old writings, and see what we can learn about this source of all things! Can we really know all about Him? **1 Corinthians 2: 6-16**, *"However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those that love Him." "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of man except the spirit of man that is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the Spirit of this world, but the Spirit who is of God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."*

"These things we also speak, not in words which mans wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual, but the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" but we have the mind of Christ."

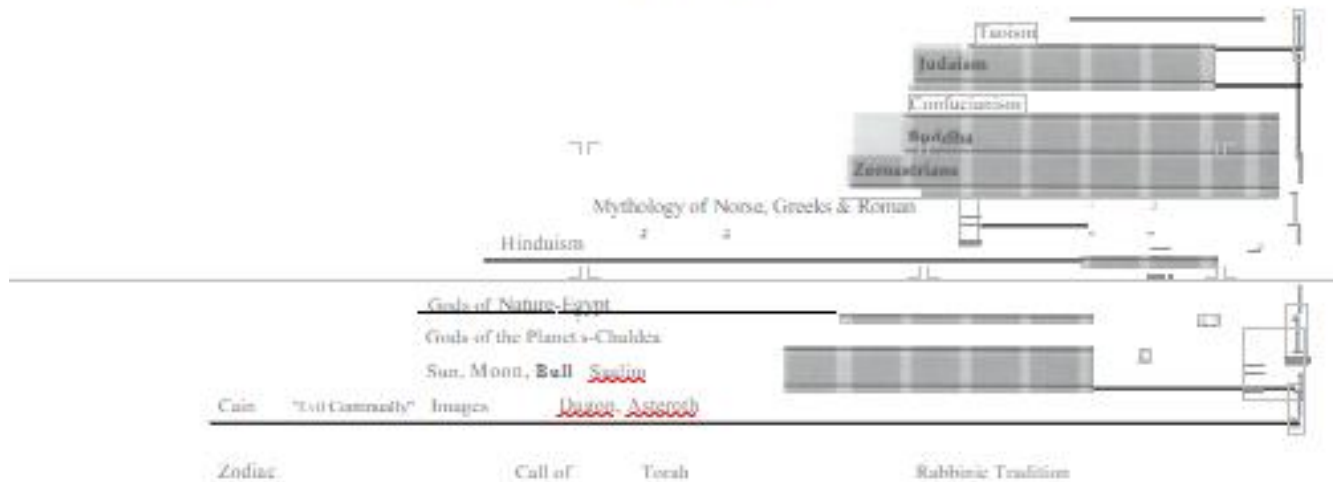
God is 'incomprehensible'. **Romans 11: 33 & 34**, "*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?*"

Why has the Theory of Evolution been believed for so long in spite of the major problems relating to the origin of things? And if it is believed, doesn't this qualify it as a religion, rather than a science? Science does not have to be believed, it can be proved and demonstrated repeatedly. There are mechanisms in the body which do not develop in partial steps. System for the eye, for blood clotting, or for bacterial and molecular machinery within cells do not function until the entire device is operational. Until the device is complete there is nothing there to be selected by the 'natural selection processes'.

Obsession with evolution has blinded us from the obvious of being created in the image of God. A spiritual warfare with man a morally free agent began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were able to choose between good and evil. In the Book of Job, we read of God and Satan, a rebel angel, in a contest for the conduct and spirit of Job. Even Jesus, the Son of God was confronted by choice as Satan tempted Him, as recorded in **Luke 4: 1-13**. The Apostle Paul warns us of the struggle with the forces of good and evil in **Romans 7: 15 and 8:10**. We may not want to be free moral agents, but we have a choice to make any way, a choice of good and evil, and what religion to believe.

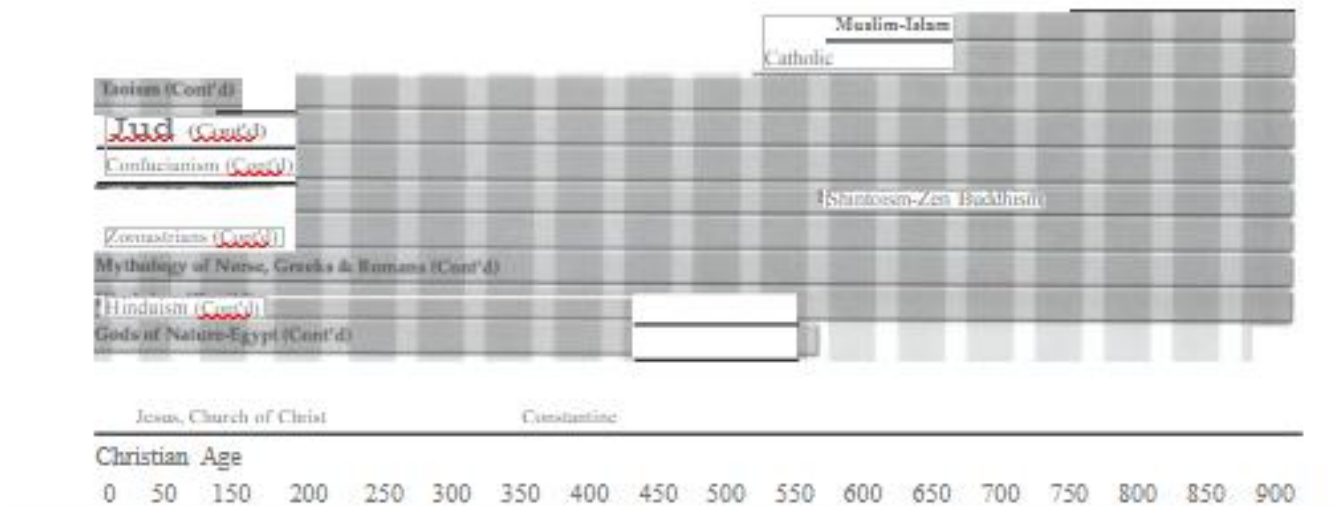
If the Theory of Evolution is believed there is no need for a further study of religion, for if there is no God or creator, then we will not need to know why He created us or what He desires of us. If there is doubt that evolution is true, or there is a possibility of a creator, it would be well to follow His dealings with man-kind from the beginning until today. We will also have to at how man-kind has dealt with God, and other things supernatural, to determine the path of truth and error in religion. We will do this using a timeline showing religions and their origins.

RELIGION TIMELINES A Year BC



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