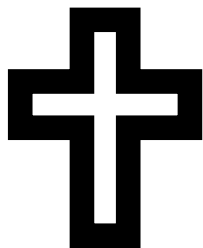


Twelve Lessons
on
Evolution vs. Creationism

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THE HISTORY & BASIS OF EVOLUTION – LESSON 1

Introduction: Over the next twelve weeks, we will be discussing a very controversial subject. The subject matter deals with two major view points; the vantage point of atheism, and the contradicting theistic view. Our study will be based upon the Word of God. We are, after all, Christians and make no apology for our stand and confidence in the 1611 King James Version. We will also base our study on scientific facts. All of which support the creation account of the Bible.

Lesson Goals:

1. To understand that every idea is based upon some foundation of principles pointing out that the belief of Creation is based upon the Bible while the belief of Evolution is based upon the foundation of Humanism.
2. Define the two world views surrounding the created world.
3. Reveal the biblical problems associated with principles and ideas of evolution.
4. Introduce the basis and origin of the Theory of Evolution.

Definition of Important Terms/Phrases:

1. Evolution – The theoretical process by which all species develop from earlier forms of life. According to this theory, natural variation in the genetic material of a population favors reproduction by some individuals more than others, so that over the generations all members of the population come to possess the favorable traits.
2. Humanism – A system of thought that is based on the values, characteristics, and behavior that are believed to be best in human beings, rather than on any supernatural authority

Determining Your World View – There are four questions that will reveal a person stand on this issue.

1. Who am I?
2. Where did I come from?
3. Why am I here?
4. Where am I going?

Your answers to these questions reveal your so-called “world-view”. Which view do you hold?

Evolution – Assumes that the universe is self contained, and the development of all its complex life systems can be explained by time, chance, and the continuing natural processes, innate in the very structure of matter and energy.

Creationism – Maintains that the universe is not self contained, but that it must have been created by processes which are not continuing as natural processes in the present.

The Five Biblical Problems With The Theory Of Evolution – Quoted from Dr. Winston Mazakis

1. The Big Bang Theory teaches that God did not create. 18 billion years ago (2 weeks more or less)
2. Evolution teaches that sin really doesn't exist and is not the cause of man's problems. Everything to the evolutionist is relative. This is a humanistic view. God created light and darkness, good and evil. The Bible teaches absolute truth not relative truth.
3. Evolutionist teach that the Bible is not a revelation of God, but it is the evolution of man's ideas and traditions.
4. Evolution is in direct conflict with the prophecies concerning the end times.
5. The Survival of the Fittest. Evolution suggests the idea that ones which are inferior should be eliminated.

The First Evolutionist

1. Evolution denies the existence of a supreme being, which eliminates personal responsibility and accountability to God. Satan has been attempting to deceive humanity, since the Garden of Eden, by lying about God's authority. Genesis 1:1 states, “In the beginning God created”. Only three chapters later we see Satan putting doubt into the mind of Eve. He accomplished this by questioning God's Word.
 - a. “Yea, hath God said?”
 - b. “Ye shall not surely die.”
 - c. “Ye shall be as gods.”The last statement made by Satan is the core of the religion of Evolution. Evolution is merely a belief. It has no, I repeat NO scientific evidence to prove it. Still it is being taught to our children as fact.
2. An Example – *Merril Science* 1st and 2nd grade textbook states, “Since its formation, 4.5 billion years ago, earth has changed... in addition to physical changes, life has evolved on earth.” Evolutionists state the theory as fact.
3. Adolph Hitler – “If you tell a lie long enough, and loud enough, and often enough, the people will believe it.”

The History Of Evolution

Probably the first man to come up with an idea of how the so-called evolution process works was a man named Pierre Louis Moreau de Maupertuis (1698 - 1759). He made the conclusion that hereditary material was transmitted from one generation to another. He was a big proponent of natural selection. For years naturalist did not consider natural selection as significant. Until the mid-19th century, it was generally accepted that all life was created separately and came from one of two sources. Created by a supreme being or through spontaneous generation.

Carolus Linnaeus was a Swedish naturalist whose work on the classification of biological organisms focused much attention on the similarities between certain species of animals. "Speculation" arose that there may be some sort of blood relationship between these species. These ideas coupled with the emerging sciences of paleontology and geology gave rise to the hypothesis that maybe the life forms today evolved from earlier forms of life through a process of changes.

The most notable name in the forming of the evolution theory was Charles Darwin. He has been named the "Father of Evolution". For more than 20 years Darwin studied, experimented, and made observations on his theory of evolution through natural selection. He presented his theory to the Linnaean Society in 1858, and the following year published his full theory in *On The Origin Of Species*. Upon this theory, more and more theories have been added and added until now we have the "fact" of evolution. It should be noted that on his death bed, Charles Darwin recanted his belief in evolution.

The Basic Theory Of Evolution – The Big Bang

1. The Big Bang Theory Of Cosmology assumes that the universe began from a singular state of infinite density. According to this "theory", 18 to 20 billion years ago all matter in the universe was concentrated into one very dense, very hot region, that may have been smaller than the head of a writing pen.
2. Scientist believe at some point all of the dust particles and matter in space began to attract one another. This attraction led to a very dense mass which was spinning at a great rate of speed. Eventually, it became so hot, so fast, and so concentrated that it exploded. The concept is that the universe is constantly expanding from one explosive moment of creation.
3. Problems with this Theory:
 - a. Where did the "space" come from?
 - b. Where did the dust come from?
 - c. Who made the matter that attracted?
 - d. Who made the gravity to attract the matter?
 - e. What about the basic laws of inertia and centrifugal force?
 - f. Who provided the energy for the incredible speed and spinning?

If this theory is true we need to look at a law of science called...

The Conservation of Angular Momentum

1. Angular momentum is a measure of the energy of a rotating object or system of objects, such as a planetary system. The amount of angular momentum depends upon the speed of rotation, mass, and mass distribution of the object or system.
2. The significance of angular momentum is the light it sheds on the Big Bang Theory. Angular Momentum is a conserved quantity. Not only the magnitude but also the direction of angular momentum of an isolated system is conserved.

Illustration – A Spinning skater can slow or speed up the spin depending upon the position of the arms.
Illustration – Merry-go-round -- If a kid falls off, he will spin in the same direction as the merry-go-round.
3. A Problem For Evolution – In our solar system, we have nine planets that revolve around the sun. If viewed from the north star, they revolve counter-clockwise. The sun spins clockwise, but the planets revolve counter-clockwise. Seven of our planets are spinning one direction, and two, Uranus and Venus, are spinning in the opposite direction! We also have 50 known moons in our solar system. Out of those 50, 11 are spinning backwards, and 4 are revolving backwards around their planets. If the universe started from a spinning concentration of all matter, when it exploded, why didn't the remnants of that explosion continue in the same direction? The Big Bang Theory is impossible according to the law of angular momentum. The Big Bang is not a scientific fact, it is merely a belief.