ISSUE # 1 - EVOLUTION VS CREATION

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EVOLUTION

Evolutionism is an old theme, taught by Aristotle in ancient Greece. But the theory lay dormant over the centuries until revived and energized by a British naturalist.

Charles Robert Darwin scratched the itch of nineteenth century liberalism for an alternative to creationism. In 1859 his famous book, *The Origin of Species*, shook the world, and evolution soon after became the preferred manner of explaining the existence of life.

Evolution rationalizes design without a designer. 'Nature' is not the product of a designer (God), but rather a product of what Darwin calls *Natural Selection*. *Natural Selection*, basically, is the *survival of the fittest*, the one most befitting its environment. For example, the giraffe's long neck helps him reach more food than smaller animals and therefore increases his chance of survival. One of the reasons the rabbit has survived is because of its ability to produce plentiful offspring. And man? This animal has survived because of his superior brain power. He is simply more intelligent than other

animals.

It is life's struggle to survive that causes change in species. The young always differ in many small ways from their parents and these changes can pass to future generations. Only the changed products most suitable to the environment will survive, the others will die out. In time entirely new species will evolve. All creation is the product of time, chance and natural process.

If one could walk backward through the long extension of time that evolution requires, one would see clearly the changes from one species to another. For example, man's ancestor would be some kind of sub-human creature, possibly an ape or some animal common to both man and ape. And that ancestor, whatever it was, evolved from an amphibian that crawled out of the sea.

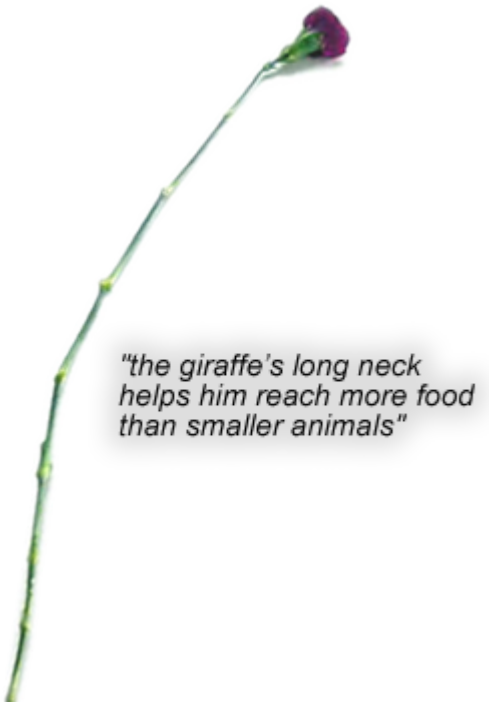
All life at one time was limited to the water world. It was in the water that earth's first life systems evolved, including amphibians that crawled out onto land. The amphibian's ancestor was probably a fish. And the fish could be traced to something resembling a worm. If we keep on trekking backward through time we would eventually end up at man's beginning – a molecule.

The only proof of evolution was in the fossils. Darwin admitted his deductions could not be proved by the fossils available at the time, but future finds would surely uncover the *missing links* between the species. Future generations, keen on establishing its own ancestry, spent much energy in search of *the missing link*.

Tons of fossils have been unearthed. The first discovery was *homo erectus*, the remains of a creature that did not seem to be fully man or fully ape. This was followed by *Neanderthal man*, *Cro-Magnon man*, and *Australopithecus africanus*. Although each discovery was accompanied by skepticism, the general consensus of the science world was that the missing link had indeed been found.

Evolutionists have occasionally altered the theory of evolution. *Natural Selection* is no longer considered viable by many and other explanations have replaced it. One evolutionist writes, *"The theory of evolution is not just getting older, it is getting better."* And another says, *"The descent of man from an extinct species of primates is not a vague hypothesis.... but an historical fact."* Most of the science world, it seems, do agree that evolution is an established fact.

Evolutionism had triumphed over creationism.



CREATION

Creationism – the belief that life was created – founds itself on the premise that design is proof of a designer. A designer, of course, is always superior to the design. Man is a very complex design and therefore his designer (Designer) must be far superior. This, says the creationist, is not religion but common sense.

Fundamental creationists believe the Biblical account of creation. Moses narrates the account of the beginning of life in the book of *Genesis* (which means origin). Perhaps he received this knowledge on

Mount Sinai where he spent much time in communion with God. The first words of the Bible declare, *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* Genesis tells us that within six days God created the earth, the stars and planets, vegetation, and marine and animal life. His final creation was man. *"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* Man is God's only creation that *"became a living soul,"* and that soul is destined to live forever. God gave man dominion (reign, authority) over all the earth.

The history of man is a history of sin. Adam, the first man, was made perfect and if it were not for sin would surely be alive today. Satan (from now on spelled *satan*), an outcast angel of outstanding intellect, tempted Adam to rebel against God. When Adam fell into sin he relented his authority (that he had been given by God) to satan who is to this day *"the god of this world."*

God told satan that a descendant of Adam and Eve would *"bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."* God was speaking of His Son, Jesus Christ, and was alluding to Christ's victory over the devil by His crucifixion.

Over the centuries man sunk into such depravity that God resolved to destroy all mankind except for one righteous man, Noah (and his family), by means of a flood. He commanded Noah to build a huge ark for the purpose of saving a pair of each species of animal for future re-population.

At that time there was a water canopy covering the earth. The rays of the sun would pass through this canopy and be trapped, resulting in a greenhouse effect. The temperature of the earth was uniform and temperate from the equator to the poles. When the ark was completed the vapor canopy released its moisture in the form of rain. *"And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights."* At the same time subterranean waters erupted and soon the highest mountain peaks were under water.

When the waters finally receded the ark touched down on Mount Ararat in what is now the country of Turkey. Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives began afresh to repopulate the earth. Thousands of years later God's promise to satan was fulfilled. Jesus went to the cross as a propitiation (payment) for man's many sins. Victory over sin and death was accomplished at Calvary. Jesus had, in effect, bruised His heal on satan's head. All man has to do is repent of his sins, turn to Jesus for forgiveness, and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. When man is cleansed of his sin, fellowship with God is restored, and he will live forever in a world even far better than the one Adam knew.

But sadly, most will not receive Jesus into their lives and hearts. Why? There are many reasons, but always the underlying cause is deception. Satan has invented many religions and counterfeit solutions to salvation for the purpose of keeping man from the truth of Christ. And one of the many inventions he conceived to confuse man is the theory of evolution.

"design is proof
of a designer"

DEAR MR. AND MRS. EVOLUTIONIST,

So you believe our ancestors walked on all fours, swung from tree to tree, and ate bananas for breakfast, lunch and supper. And you insist you and I are products of a lengthy series of chance happenings and 'natural selection,' and our existence has nothing to do with a superior being many call 'God.'

Well, Mr. and Mrs. Evolutionist, as an adopted, born-again, blood-washed, Spirit-filled child of the living God, I want to tell you that I object to your insistence my multi-great grandpa was an ape. Your spurious account of existence pushes our nation from a reliance upon God. Your theory of evolution challenges the authenticity of the Bible, the book the Christian community attests to be God's sacred and infallible word to man. This subversive speculation has infiltrated the schools, wedging itself between children and God. Students are coerced into accepting, not as theory but as fact, that their very life is a consequence of chance and not Godly design.

You retain in your ideology concepts birthed of very fallible men, notions that cannot be proved but in fact are founded on incredibly weak evidence. But you shun teachings from a book, the Bible, that is not only reliable but divinely inspired. Why? Have you such little regard for Scripture? I challenge

you to make even a limited study of the Bible to discover for yourselves its supernatural qualities. To not do so is less than integrity for those who declare so flagrantly to know the truth. An exhaustive study could bring no other conclusion except this book is inspired, filled with truth and wisdom.

And if the Bible really is true then the theory of evolution is tripe. That means the people whose judgment you value are suspect. They speak with authority on a matter of which they have no understanding. Their heresy is not the fruit of reason but rather a desperate attempt to refute the reality of God.

I solemnly warn you, Mr. and Mrs. E., that you are accountable. According to the Bible your every deed, every word, every thought and intent is being recorded. At some future time the books will be opened. Denying God's existence doesn't make you less accountable because from God's perspective His very creation – the moon and stars, birds and animals, the grass and flowers and trees, the people around you – is ample evidence that He is. His mighty works is proof of His supremacy. No one can feign ignorance because daily we smell, taste, see, hear and feel His handiwork. Life about us is a compilation of numerous, miraculous entities of unfathomable genius not merely coexisting, but harmonizing. And yet you credit these marvels to chance. Why?

What gives you such confidence in your own intellect? By what authority do you speak? What are your credentials?

You don't know how the spider learned to spin its web. Or why the robin builds a robin's nest instead of a jay's nest. Or how a lost dog finds its way home. Or how a tiny seed turns into a towering oak tree. How can you be so confident in your own opinions?

To even consider yourself a speck in our cosmos is a grand exaggeration of your size. Even our immense galaxy is less than a dot. If you could somehow travel in a straight line at the speed of light you would not come to the edge of the known universe in a million years. How small you are. Do you really feel qualified to make conclusions regarding matters of life? Advanced astronomy reinforces the reality of God and will be held as evidence against you.

And here is something else to chew on. Nothing out there in our universe is as complex and wondrous as you. Think about it. Do you know of any stars or planets that can see and hear and talk, as you can? Or jump and walk and do sit-ups? Can't you understand you yourselves are living proof of the reality of God?

Why is it when you first laid eyes on a computer you knew immediately someone made it, but when you look at yourselves in a mirror you do not come to the same conclusion? Could a computer just happen? Yet you are much more complex. Can a computer taste or breathe or whistle? Or bend or yell or snore? Or hope? Or dream?

Can a computer believe? Or love and hate? Or forgive? Or enjoy? Or relax and appreciate and laugh? Or regret? Or console? Or reminisce?

Really, Mr. and Mrs. E., how could something so intricate as yourselves just happen to be? Look again at that wonderful machine that is you. You can think and imagine and observe and reason. You have the ability to create and teach and converse. You can remember, cooperate, recognize. You can choose and estimate, question and suggest, scold and pretend.

And more! You can hunt and argue and visit and play. You can plan and gamble and write and study. And purchase and inspect and memorize and spell.

You can sing a song, have a baby, come to a conclusion, tell a joke, eat corn flakes.

Play charades, drive a car, read a book, catch a ball, fry an egg, flip a coin.

Consider your fantastic earthsuit. When it gets cold something turns on a shiver machine to restore heat. When it gets hot it somehow starts to sweat and its temperature drops. When a nasty germ strikes an army of white blood cells retaliates. If it gets cut it patches itself without leaving a scar. And when it gets tired you enter into an unconscious state called *sleep* and wake up refreshed. It has a pump that has pulsated about 10,000 times every day of your life – and it never had a tune-up, oil change or grease job. Your body has an efficient respiratory, digestive, circulatory, and urinary system, all controlled by a super-computer brain. And it's all wrapped up in a miracle called *skin* to form an amazingly compact package.

A product of evolution? Chance happenings? Natural selection? Descendant of apes?

You have no idea what makes you work, what keeps you alive, or how you got here. You cannot understand the ant, the bee, the flower. You have no qualification whatsoever to speak of the origin of life.

The Bible says, *"His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made..... so they are without excuse"* (Romans 1:20). The invisible things of God (His might, His wisdom) are *"clearly seen"* by that which you call nature, and you are therefore "*without excuse.*" You not only deny holy Scripture but also common sense, and choose instead to believe in men obsessed in finding the missing link. I want to tell you a simple truth: the only missing link in your lives is a person by the name of Jesus Christ. Only He can link you to His Father and to eternal life.

You have been told more than once that "*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). But you have decided the gospel of Jesus Christ is for the less enlightened. Mr. and Mrs. E., you are living tragedies. The most precious thing ever touching planet Earth was the blood flowing down Calvary's cross two thousand years ago. In that blood is your redemption (payment in full for your debt to God incurred by your sins), salvation (from punishment awaiting you), righteousness (right standing with God, just as if you never sinned), sonship (adoption, whereby you become God's very own son and daughter), healing (of body, heart and mind), peace (real peace, something you have never known), and everlasting life (with God, His angels and saints). But for you the precious blood has been shed

in vain. Your pride and rebellion make the cross of no effect. The Bible says, "*Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord.*" And, *"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."*

You are so very deceived. You think you can trust the "wise" of this world, but you can't. You think life ends under six feet of soil, but it doesn't. You think you have the right to believe as you please, but you don't. You think there is no such place as heaven and hell, but there is. You think if there really is a hell God would not send you there, but He will.

Unless you repent. Unless you humble yourselves, repent of your sins and embrace Jesus Christ as your lord and savior. Exodus 10:3: "*How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?*" Jesus said, *"Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."* 1st Peter 5:6: "*Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.*"

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Evolutionist, I desperately want to reach you. So much I want to see you remove your trust in man and place that trust on the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone can save. He alone can satisfy.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

The Editor

WHO WROTE THAT?

"*Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field.*"

Matthew: apostle, quoting Jesus

"*From the earliest days, evolution naturally appealed chiefly to those with an anti-mathematical bias, Darwin among them. There were exceptions, of course, but on the whole the great leaders of physical science in the nineteenth century – Clerk Maxwell, Faraday, Kelvin and others – regarded it with skepticism. And from that day to this, the most dogmatic evolutionists have very often been anti-mathematical in their outlook.*"

Robert Clark: author

"*We began that seminar to discuss how this marvelous organ might have evolved. For an hour we argued round and round in circles. It was obvious evolution was clearly impossible. All the specialized and complex cells that make up our eyes are supposed to have evolved because of advantageous mutations in some more simple cells that were there before. But what use is a hole in the front of the eye to allow light to pass through if there are no cells at the back of the eye to receive the light? What use is*

a lens forming an image if there is no nervous system to interpret that image? How could a visual nervous system have evolved before there was an eye to give it information?"

Sylvia Baker: author

"*Since reproduction is a condition of evolution, it cannot be a product of it."*

Finis Dake: Bible scholar

"*It is clear that the doctrine of evolution is directly antagonistic to that of creation…Evolution, if consistently accepted, makes it impossible to believe in the Bible."*

T.H. Huxley: lecturer

"*If evolution ever worked, it should be working today so that every form or stage of development could be seen as proof that the lower forms of life will eventually be the higher in the age to come. Is it not strange that the process has been at a standstill for the period man has been on earth to observe the law of evolution?"*

Finis Dake: Bible scholar

"*The ruling classes seized upon them* (Darwin's books) *as representing the last word in science and Darwinian catchwords were bandied to and from by those who could not get their way except by graft and intrigue."*

Robert Clark: author

IT HAPPENED ON

It happened on a particularly bright and cheerful Sunday afternoon in August1969. It was a perfect day for a baptism. Seven Christians, young and old, were dressed in white robes eager to obey the command of Christ to be baptized in water. Their leader, Vasil Litovchenko, a great spiritual man, led them out into the river where the water was waist deep. Other Christians stood on the sandy riverbank, singing softly. Here, in this secluded bend in the small Avacha River amidst the densely forested hills, they would be safe from the unsleeping Russian communist eyes. Or so they thought.

Lying in wait up on the hillside, spread out in a semi-circle, was a band of vicious young men, a select group from the naval academy at Petropavlovsk, about thirty-five miles south. Hired by the local police to stop the spread of Christianity, they were quite adept at inflicting pain and havoc. Armed with clubs and drunk with Vodka, they awaited their leader's command to attack.

It took only ten minutes for the scene to change from serenity to a horrendous nightmare. Vasil Litovchenko floated dead on the water. The believers were choking from sand and stones shoved down their throats. A young lady clutched an ear split open with a club. A man's teeth were knocked out, blood flowing freely down his chin. The men had their hands tied behind their backs, the young girls were stripped of their bloody clothes and cringed naked and defenseless in the sand, the older women wept helplessly as the ruthless men toyed with the young girls.

Nina Rudenko, a pretty sixteen years old, could not recover from the abuse she had suffered that day. The long trip to police headquarters in the back of the police truck with her captors was a nightmare, and then, with the other girls, she was forced to spend the night in a sobering cell for drunks. After her release the neighbors could hear her terrified screaming in the middle of the night. Later she was expelled from school because she frequently disturbed the class with her crying and shaking and garbled babbling.

Jesus said, *"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. .... Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me they will also persecute you..... Then will they deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake."*

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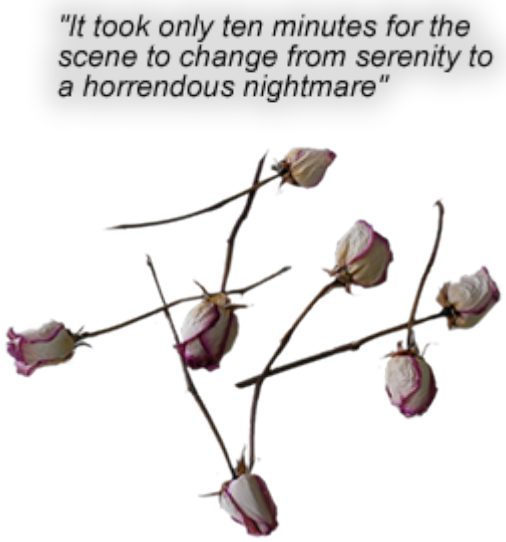


TEEN PROBE

S-T-R-A-I-G-H-T T-A-L-K T-O T-E-E-N-S

Are you up for a challenge? Because I got one for you. A challenge, a dare, a venture. Ready?

I want you to look at yourself. Yes, that's right. I want you to look at yourself.

And I'm going to help you.

Because it's not easy to see yourself. Oh it's really easy to see the other guys. You got them figured out, no prob. But what about you?

Close your eyes and think of a friend. A clear picture comes to mind, right? Now try to visualize

yourself. Kind of hazy, isn't it? Somehow it's hard to remember what we look like, but easy to remember what everyone else looks like.

Likewise, it's hard to see ourselves in true perspective. Things get hazy. Some fancy themselves as pretty good stuff while everyone else thinks they're turkeys. And then there are those who consider themselves nerds while others would give them a nine-out-of-ten.

It's hard to know yourself. Everyone thinks they are right on. It's the other guy that has a problem seeing things right. But me? *Hey!, what can I say? I've got the right slant on life. I've got my head on straight.*

But have you? Let's take a look.

Have you ever thought of yourself as someone else's product? You are becoming what others are making you to be. You're on the road you're on for no other reason except everyone else is on the road you're on. You go with the flow. Move in the groove. And at the end of the line is a finished product that has your name on it.

You are a product in the making. A teen heading for adult, not yet finished. You are young and pliable. You're not settled in. You're searching, open. In ten or twenty years you will be much less so. But right now you are, perhaps, more receptive to truth than you ever will be.

You will recognize truth if you want truth. Down the road you won't want it so much. But right now you really want to know what it's all about.

Truth isn't so hard to find if you really want to find it. It's like searching for a heater in a dark room. The closer you get the warmer it feels. The closer you get to truth the warmer it feels. Truth feels good. It can be found.

But let's get back to you. I want you to see you. I want you to see you are being influenced by those around you to accept a certain mentality, their mentality. I want you to see there are many out there after your heart and mind – your loyalty. And I also want you to see that someone, or something, is going to get to you. Some day soon.

You are going to become converted to something or someone. Maybe one day you will be carrying a poster at a political campaign or union rally. Or perhaps you will end up in some religion doing funny things and trying to be good enough. Maybe you will be a humanist or activist. An agnostic or atheist. Or perhaps you will sell your soul to a business and go for the dollars. One thing is certain, you will become rigidly converted to something. Someone is going to proselytize you.

It's like there's a race for your mind. Everyone wants to steer your life, win your loyalty, get you to join their club. You are being coerced to embrace a specific mentality. There are people out there after your mind and heart. And one day you will be captured. By someone. Or something. *Programmed? Me!? Hey, you got to be kidding. Nobody's going to brainwash me. No way. I'm my own*

person. I think for myself, come to my own conclusion, do my own thing.

Yeah? Well how come you're garbed just like the one sitting next to you in class. Your hair looks just like your pet tv god. And hey, guys, who's idea was it to put an earring on your ear, etcetera? And those tattoos, ladies? Just doing your own thing, hunh?

Now don't get uptight, I'm just making a point. Maybe there's more peer pressure on you than you think. And just as you are compelled to dress in a certain fashion, the same pressure is on you to think and behave in a particular way.

And that's not necessarily bad. I mean, hey! if someone is steering you right, why get nerved? If it works, don't fix it, right?

But are you really in the right mode? Hey, I'm just asking you to look at it. Don't be scared to challenge the accepted. Evolution is a case-in-point. It's accepted tripe. The big guys can't always be trusted. Don't turn your brain off for nobody. Challenge. Consider. Think.

Think. Be *free* to think. Maybe, just maybe, you're on the wrong road.

I'm going to tell you a couple of stories. True stories. Are you listening? This guy is about to graduate from university. One of the teachers addresses the graduation class and says to the students that he hopes they never attain their dream. Just like that. Hey, what a weird thing to say to a graduation class.

Second story. Same guy. He's in the working world now. He's appointed to this committee, see? This committee is a little different because nobody is appointed director or chairman or anything like that. What's supposed to happen is the man that has it over all the rest is naturally going to assume leadership. And that's what happened. Charlie was the man. I mean Charlie had it altogether. Like lots of money, nice wife and kids, brains, top of the ladder in his work, respect from the guys. Get the picture? One day Charlie doesn't show up. The second-in-command makes the announcement: *Charlie is dead; he shot himself in the head.*

I know, it's not a nice story. Stories aren't supposed to end like that. Not for guys who got it made. But Charlie was one of those rare individuals who realized his dream. What he strove for he got. And when he got it he discovered it didn't satisfy. He was as empty as ever.

When the announcement of Charlie's suicide was made, two waves of emotion swept the room. First a real sympathy for the surviving wife and children, and then a wave of despair. The despair came because the one they all emulated thought so little of his life that he ended it; the one they wanted to be like killed himself.

The best the world has to offer will not fill you up. You think success is just around the corner, bliss comes right after graduation? Well it isn't and it doesn't. There is more pain and heartache in the adult world you're walking into than the one you're in now. Think you got it tough? Hey baby, you

ain't seen nothin' yet.

I want you to look at yourself. Where are you going? What's it all about? How are you going to make it?

I already said there's a fight for your mind. Hey, I want you to know I'm in that fight. I want to influence your thinking. That's what TEEN-Probe is all about. That's what this entire paper is about. If this paper has undermined your confidence in the wisdom of men, hey that's good!, that's what it's supposed to do. Respect, yes. Trust, no way.

I don't want you to trust man, I want you to trust God. Man can't, God can. Man's ways don't work, never have and never will. But God's ways work. *God's way is Jesus Christ.* Jesus is the way, the only way to go. He is the way to life, a new life. Hey, a brand new life, one much better than the one you have now. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth and the life."* He, too, wants to capture your heart. He wants you on His turf, in His club. He wants you fighting on His side.

Okay, this is supposed to be straight talk, right? So I'll give it to you as straight as I know how: *Life without Christ is nutso!*

Only one thing makes sense in this world and that is a life with Jesus. Nothing else will satisfy. Hey, do you hear me? Nothing else will fill that hole in your life. Living outside of Christ is empty and shallow. And entering into a Christless eternity – hey, I'm talking about *dying* – is nothing less than insanity.

Me? Hey, think what you like but I choose Christ. He died for me so I'll live for Him and obey Him. No, it doesn't make me socially accepted. Jesus isn't fashionable. Some hate Christ, most reject Him, and they're not going to buddy up to one of His friends. Making a decision to accept Christ won't make you the darling of the class. Might make you an outsider. A life with Christ isn't for wimps. Might take more stuff than you got.

I want you to look at your life. What are you leaning on? Who are you emulating? Where are you headed? What's it all about?

Do you really think you're a product of evolution? An accidental happening? Same value as a weed or slug? Something that lives for a while and then becomes nothing more than fertilizer?

Suppose you're wrong? Think about it. Let's say for argument's sake you're wrong and I'm right. Suppose you really do live forever and life doesn't end in the sod but goes on and on. What will happen to you? Where will you go?

Suppose you really do have a creator? And this creator loves you. And He provided a new and better life for you. That it's all yours for the receiving.

But you reject God's salvation. You reject Christ. Not because Christ doesn't make sense but because He isn't fashionable. He isn't *in.*

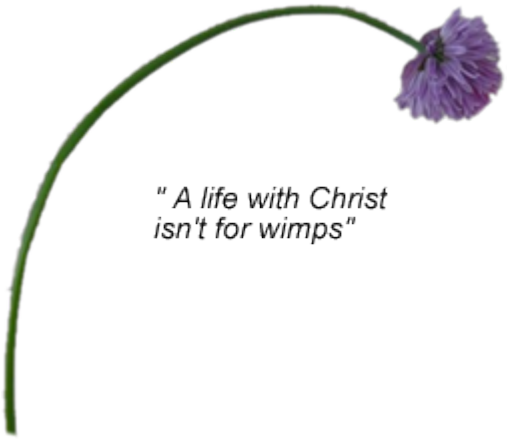
If everybody accepted Christ, you would too. You would go with the flow. Christ would cost nothing and make you accepted by your friends.

But it isn't that way. Christ costs. You may lose friends. You may lose the approval of your peers. And yet there's no other way. Jesus really is "*the way, the truth and the life.*"

So think about it. Get supposing. Look at all the angles. It's your life.

" There are many out there after your heart and mind"

" The big guys can't always be trusted"



MUTATIONS...A TOOL OF EVOLUTION?

The evolution of the theory of evolution gets more complex with time. Most evolutionists now realize Darwin's gradual evolution through use and disuse is an impossibility. What has been passed on to

the public as fact for 100 years is now dismissed as a product of, as one evolutionist puts it, "cultural and political biases of 19th century liberalism." How, it must be asked, could so many scientists have swallowed those "cultural and political biases"?

So where does the evolutionist go from here? He simply conceives a new theory. Which brings us to…

Mutations.

Mutations are occasional flaws that show up in life here and there. Mutations are haphazard changes in genes (by which hereditary characteristics are transmitted). They are very real and often cause much damage. Some evolutionists claim that changes in species came from *favorable* mutations. These favorable mutations, combined with natural selection, produced life as we know it.

There are many weaknesses to the theory that mutations could cause life as we know it. Mutations, which are brought about by radiation and certain chemicals, almost always cause nasty results – diseases and abnormalities – that corrupt rather than improve. If a person had oneself X-rayed all day long, the radiation would undoubtedly have harmful effects rather than turn that person into a super-human being.

The mathematical probabilities are stacked up against the mutations theory. It would take thousands (millions?) of agreeable (again, mutations are rarely agreeable) and related mutations to make man out of molecules, but the occurrence of even two or three related mutations are extremely improbable. Mutations, as a mechanism of evolutionary change, is a mathematical impossibility.

Mutations, as mentioned, are haphazard changes in genes. Where did the genes come from? The evolutionist has no answer. But the creationist does. And now let's move on to…

Hopeful Monsters.

How did the bird arrive on earth's scene? Well one day a reptile had, instead of a baby reptile, a baby bird! The bird is an example of a *hopeful monster*. (To what this bird mated with is unexplained.) Now let's look at…

The Big Bang.

B-A-N-G !!! One incredible explosion in the cosmos and that's how it all got started. (Where the matter that caused the explosion came from is a mystery.) Let's look at one more…

Outside Interference.

Some evolutionists discard mutations as a viable explanation to life and conclude natural selection must have had outside help. Demons perhaps. Or creatures from outer space. (Of course they are back to the same problem – how did *they* evolve?) Some suggest an impersonal deity helped natural selection get the job done. (Why impersonal? And if impersonal, why did he get involved?)

Why does the evolutionist refuse to see the obvious? – design is proof of a Designer. It seems the foundation he builds upon is faith, faith that there is no God.

BETS?

Hi, Tom. How ya' doing?

Great, Jack, great. Yourself?

Not bad, not bad. Hey, I'm going to lay something on you.

Yeah? Okay, go ahead, fire away.

Well I come across this machine, a really tricky machine, that can peel potatoes, wash a car and mow the lawn.

Yeah, I heard about those robots.

Oh no, this is no robot. And the real amazing thing about this machine is that nobody made it.

What do you mean, nobody made it?

Well, it's hard to explain but it just sort of came into being, you know, all the parts just kind of fell into place and...

Jack, are you okay?

Hey, Tom, I'm for real. I can prove it to you.

Hey man, you can't prove no such thing!

Bets?

Yeah! How much?

I'll bet you ten bucks I can convince you that nobody made this machine.

Ten dollars? You're on, man. Where is this machine?

It's right here?

Where?

It's you.

Me?

Yeah man, you are the machine. You can peel potatoes, wash a car and mow the lawn, can't you?

Yeah, but…

And you believe in evolution, don't you? You believe nobody made you, you just sort of came together?

Yeah. Doesn't everybody?

Nope. But that doesn't matter right now. Just tell me, where is it?

Where is what?

My ten bucks!

WHAT CAME FIRST?

What came first, the hen or the egg?

The egg?

Well how did the egg get here if there was no hen to lay the egg?

The hen came first?

Well, how could the hen get here except it matured from an egg?

Yes, the hen did come first. How did it get here? Someone must have put it here.

WHAT DO THE FOSSILS SAY?

1. There is no evidence of gradual development from the simplest to the most complex organisms. The fossils do not, and never did, support the theory of evolution.

2. Fossils of every kind of species appear *suddenly* in great numbers. How could they appear suddenly? This, of course, is harmonious to creation.

3. Evolution teaches the more complex animals evolve from the simplest organisms. The older rocks, however, do not contain these simple organisms, an embarrassment to the evolutionist.

4. The missing links (between species) are nonexistent. If the theory of evolution was authentic there would be a plentiful supply.

5. Many huge graveyards of fossilized animals have been found, indicating sudden death to a vast number of animals and plant life. Evolution has no explanation. It is, however, quite compatible with the flood account of Genesis.

6. The impressive amount of fossils indicate a flood. A creature will only become fossilized if covered quickly before decay sets in. A flood will not only drown the creature, but often cover it with sediment. Only a flood explains the vast quantity of fossils.

7. Fossilized fish should be a rarity, yet they are found in abundance in sedimentary rock. How does a fish end up in a rock before it decays? The only answer is a vast flood.

8. Fossils of temperate animals and plant life are found both in the North and South Poles, revealing they were once temperate lands. The Bible indicates that before the flood there was a water canopy in the earth's atmosphere covering the entire earth. Such a canopy would cause the earth to have an equitable temperature. And such a canopy would hold enough water to flood the earth.

WHAT DOES GOD THINK?

Romans 1:18-22: *For we see divine retribution revealed from heaven and falling upon all the godless wickedness of men. In their wickedness they are stifling the truth. For all that may be known of God by men lies plain before their eyes; indeed God himself has disclosed it to them. His invisible attributes, that is to say his everlasting power and deity, have been visible, ever since the world began, to the eye of reason, in the things he has made. There is therefore no possible defence for their conduct; knowing God, they have refused to honour him as God, or to render him thanks. Hence all their thinking has ended in futility, and their misguided minds are plunged in darkness. They boast of their wisdom, but they have made fools of themselves.* (New English Bible)

That's what God thinks about evolution. He says evolutionists have "no possible defence." Proof of a creator is all around them. Design really is proof of a designer. But "in their wickedness, they are stifling the truth" and passing it off as science. God's "everlasting power and deity" is "visible…to THE EYE OF REASON." The concept of design without a designer is unreasonable. Evolution is unreasonable.

NOAH'S ARK – FACT OR FICTION?

The evolutionist would tell you the ark is a myth. It is important to him/her that it is merely a fable, for the ark, if it really does exist, is infallible proof of the impossibility of evolution. Why? Because the ark would validate the reality of the Genesis flood, the Biblical account of creation. The book of Genesis would be proven to be an actual historical documentation of the history of man in his

infancy and not just a myth, as many claim.

Of the many creationists who believe in the Biblical account of life are a number who believe the ark has been preserved in the icefields of Mount Ararat in Turkey since it settled there after the flood thousands of years ago. There is much evidence to support this conviction. There is only space for a few compressed comments:

> *a) Noah, the flood, and the ark are validated by Jesus Himself. Jesus said (Matthew 24:38), "In the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark." The ark is as real as Christ's words are true.*
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> *b) Ever since man began to write, it has been written in many languages that Mount Ararat was the landing place of Noah's ark. Many cultures have told of a great flood covering the earth and a man building a boat to escape that flood.*
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> *c) The people in the area have, and always did have, an awesome reverence for Mount Ararat. To them the mountain is holy. The Kurdish guides refuse to go close to the peak for fear of their lives. The Armenians held to a tradition that an angel guarded the ark. Obviously, the story of a flood and an ark had been passed through many generations.*
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> *d) The Bible states the size of the ark is approximately 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. It is more like a box than a ship. The measurements have proved to meet twentieth century standards as a worthy sea vessel. (The American battleship Oregon was built on the same proportional dimensions, only one seventh smaller.) The total deck area (there are three levels) would be equivalent to twenty basketball courts and had the space of 569 train cars. Such a barge could easily carry a pair of each species plus the required fodder.*
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> *e) There have been many eyewitness accounts of sightings of the ark over the centuries. Though normally hidden in ice and snow, an abnormally hot summer will cause it to be partially exposed. Some of the sightings are as follows:*

700 BC: Pilgrims came to scrape tar from the ark to fashion good-luck omens.

300 BC: Babylonian priests said the ark could still be seen.

30 BC: An Egyptian historian mentioned the ark. In the same year Nicolas of Damascus mentions the ark in his writings.

1269: Marco Polo wrote of the ark.

1829: A German physician reported seeing relics from the ark kept in a monastery located below the landing spot (since destroyed by a major avalanche). When Turkish authorities sent workers to build

protective barriers against avalanches, workers reported seeing a ship jutting out of a glacier.

1876: British statesman Sir James Brice found a four-foot long, five-inch square hand-hewn timber near the landing spot high above the tree line.

1883: A Turkish commission sent to investigate the possibility of avalanches reported to have seen the ark, calling it “a gigantic structure.”

1902: An Armenian farmer tells of an experience as a young boy. He and his uncle discovered the ark, his uncle boosted him up so that he could walk the length of the ark. An artist has since drawn an accurate picture of the ark based on this eyewitness testimony.

1915: Russian aviator, Vladimir Roskovitsky, spotted the ark while flying in the area. The ark was mostly exposed and was in amazingly excellent condition. The sighting prompted an expedition by the Czar. Unfortunately documents and pictures produced by the 150 man team were either lost or destroyed by the Bolsheviks who at that very time overthrew the government.

1942: American flyers, flying from allied bases in Tunisia to supply Russia’s Red Army, reported several sightings of the ark.

1952: An American pipeline engineer reported sighting from a helicopter.

1955: A French demolition engineer and his eleven-year-old son found a hand-hewn square timber far above the tree line near the reported sightings of the ark. Tests revealed it to be about 5,000 years old, hewn and water-proofed by a man, and cut from a tree that could expect to be found in the Mesopatania Valley, thought to be Noah’s building site.

1969: A search team found seven more pieces of wood in the same area, the longest seventeen inches long.

1972: Photographs from an American satellite revealed a very large object at the exact spot of the many sightings.

1974: A long distance photograph was taken with a camera. The planking of the ship was distinguishable.

There have since been other reports of sightings of Noah’s ark. Noah’s ark – fact or fiction?

"Noah, the flood, and the ark are validated by Jesus Himself"

It happened on a chilly day in February, 1989. A white cube van packed with sound equipment, musical instruments and twelve men approach the main gate to what the locals call *Disneyland of Kingston* (Ontario, Canada). The huge building looms over the empty fields, castle-like, stone structure, several stories high. Spires and steeples are painted bright red to match the roof. Massive concrete walls with watchtowers at varying intervals are attached to the structure. Guards with automatic rifles peer from each tower. Rolls of razor sharp barbed wire resembling spiral tubes stretch across the top of the walls. The windows are barred with steel.

The sign reads, “COLLINS BAY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.”

We must look suspicious because a pick-up truck approaches us and armed guards are at the ready. The Salvation Army major who arranged our visit greets us at the gate and tension subsides. Once inside, guards check all equipment and boxes for contraband. Steel-barred electronic doors open and clang shut as we move through sections of corridors. Into the recesses of the prison we go until we reach the gymnasium.

Over one hundred inmates are there, some lifting weights, others shooting basketballs, some huddled in small groups. We are watched closely as we set up our equipment amid the loud din. The music and singing begin. The noise gradually subsides. Some pretend they aren’t listening but we could tell they clung to every word.

A few of our men spoke between songs. Our message is simple. “We have come to give you hope.

You can be free even though you are behind concrete and steel walls if you will make Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior. Ask Jesus to forgive you and He will. Jesus is alive and He is able to help anyone. But the asking is up to you."

The men are invited to turn their lives over to Jesus. Thirty to forty men come forward. Inmates with faces streaked in tears move toward us. One young man says, "Jesus has set me free. I don't have to be afraid anymore." We hug them and welcome them into the kingdom of God. Eyes just minutes ago filled with fear are now sparkling with peace.

John 8:36: "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." Though these newborn babes will finish their sentences behind bars they are now free.

We look back at the prison as the van pulls away from the gate. "Do you see Him?" someone asks.

"Who?"

"Jesus," comes the reply. "We are leaving but Jesus stays inside, walking the ranges, checking the cells, ready to dry tears of loneliness in the long nights, eager to comfort the afflicted who repent."

Perhaps as you read this you realize you too are in a prison. No, not a prisoner of concrete and steel but circumstance, habit, vice or mental anguish. Turn to Jesus. Ask His forgiveness. Invite Him into your life to be your Lord. Jesus will set you free just like the prisoners at Collins Bay Correctional Institute.

By Claude Rivest

"the asking is up to you"

MISSING LINKS?

Let's glance at some of the findings alleged at different times to be the missing link between man and ape…

Neanderthal Man. This fellow turned out to be a plain ordinary man. Okay, mistakes happen, so let's look at…

Java Man. Man's ancestor? Nope. Java turned out to be a hoax. Well, what about…

Peking Man. The evidence of this find has mysteriously disappeared. And then there is the famous…

Piltdown Man. A human skull artificially aged and an ape's jaw with filed-down teeth was for forty years the evolutionist's proof of evolution. Now let's look at…

Nebraska Man. This fellow was reconstructed from a tooth. The tooth turned out to belong to a pig. Okay, but what about…

Lucy. Lucy was an ape-like creature that walked upright so therefore must have been man's ancestor. Years later bones of modern man were unearthed beneath (and were therefore older than) this creature.

Man is not as ape-like as we have been led to believe. The feet are different. So is the skull. The female does not have protruding breasts. The ape cannot play X and O's. Man and ape walk differently. The ape is hairy. Man's milk chemistry happens to be more like that of a jackass than the chimpanzee, his tear enzymes more like the chicken, and his foot structure more like the glacial bear.

IN CONCLUSION

If the theory of evolution is true the Bible is untrustworthy. It's that simple. Many times the Bible declares that God created. If He didn't create the Bible is not truth.

And that's what it is all about. That's the real issue – the integrity of the Bible. You thought, perhaps, the theory of evolution is science, a logical conclusion of unbiased scientists whose only motive is truth. Such is not the case.

Generally, the underlying motive of teachers of evolution is to challenge the Bible, God's Word, and thereby challenge God Himself. Mutations, hopeful monster, the Big Bang are products of desperate men. They are like the woman who insists on cramming her size ten foot into a size seven shoe – although the evidence is stacked against her, it just has to fit.

I used the term *underlying motive*. I am not suggesting evolutionists had a convention and plotted a public mischief. There is *an individual* behind this heresy and his motive is your destruction. Are you listening?

Let's look at 2 Corinthians 4:4: "In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the glorious gospel of Christ…should shine unto them." Notice *god* is written with a small "g". Who is "the god of this world"? The answer is satan, the fallen angel who stole authority from Adam (who received it from God) at the time of his fall into sin. satan is the god (or ruler) of this world. Keep in mind he got this authority by deception. That's his number one weapon.

satan has "blinded the minds of them which believe not." If you don't believe in Christ it is simply because the devil has blinded you to the truth of Christ. He used his powers of deception to deceive you, just like he deceived Eve, just as he deceived millions and millions throughout the history of man.

Evolution is one of his pet deceptions. Why? If he undermines your faith in the Bible you will be closed to the gospel – "lest the glorious gospel of Christ should shine unto" you. In other words, you won't pay due attention to the good news of Christ – that He paid the price of your many sins, you can have a new life through Him, your relationship with your Creator can be restored, you can become God's adopted son or daughter, you can spend an eternity with God in a place where there is no tears, no pain, no regrets, no conflict, no loneliness, no heartache.

You will be amazed, I think, to know how terrible the aftermath of the theory of evolution has been on society. Darwin's *Origin Of Life* was printed in many languages and much of the world was overcome by this devilish heresy. Soon the scientific world was divided into two camps, *pro-Darwinians* and *anti-Darwinians* with the former gaining ascendancy. Darwin's *natural selection* was

embraced with unscientific affection. It wasn't just interesting, but good news. Not merely intriguing, but inspiring. Darwin became more than just a noteworthy scientist; he was a messiah, delivering the world from the (supposed) restrictions of creationism. Darwinism spread like a plague into the thinking of men. And when a man thinks wrong, he behaves wrong. The results of Darwinian thinking was brutal.

A criminal was no longer a criminal. How could a product of natural selection – a descendant of an ape – be guilty? If there is no God there is no sin. And if there really is a God man is not accountable to Him because man is not His creation. If man is merely a product of chance he is accountable to no one. Whereas before Darwin even an evil man might keep his evildoings in check because of the possibility of having to face his Creator, natural selection lifted that restraint.

Struggle. It was a word Darwin used often. Everything that has survived has done so because it was the strongest in its field. It was the struggle to survive that elevated man to his glorious heights above all other animals. Man has a right to feel proud because he is obviously the greatest of earth's inhabitants. And oh, to what lofty heights he might climb as he encounters *more* struggles to survive.

Struggle is no longer an enemy to be dodged, but rather a friend to be welcomed. Since wars are the ultimate struggle, wars became *glorified*. As nations fought nations, the evolution process was being advanced. Future generations would be greater because of today's wars. This mentality was very much fermented in Europe prior to the twentieth century. The exhaltation of evolutionism was nothing less than *a cry for blood*. Blacks from primitive nations could now be butchered, weaker nations plundered, the poor repressed by the wealthy – all with no remorse. Mussolini, Hitler, Marx – just a few who extolled the causes of evolutionism and were motivated by Darwinian mindedness.

Though the theory of evolution ushered in human blood-spilling of a horrendous measure, that was by no means its most damaging fruit. For man is destined to live eternally; his soul is far more valuable than his earthsuit. And this is what satan is really after – man's soul.

The devil's days are numbered and he knows it. Soon he will be cast into Gehenna, the lake of fire. Rev. 20:10: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone…and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." He wants lots of company. He wants to take you and your loved ones with him, to share with him an eternity of anguish and pain and hopelessness.

Can you now see why I used the term *underlying motive*? satan is behind this irrational theory. The evolutionists are merely his pawns, deceived and pathetic.

Is it now clear the purpose of this edition of *The Main Issue*? It matters much that your confidence in the Bible is restored because therein lies God's plan for your salvation.

God's plan of salvation is Jesus Christ. Christ can be likened to the ark of Noah. The world mocked Noah but it was only he and his family who were saved. The only ones who survived the flood were those who *entered the ark*. The only ones who will be saved from eternal destruction are those

entering 'the ark' of Christ.

Some who read this publication will deny the Christ whom I write about. Most will accept this word as true, but… you will not come. No, you will not come to Christ. Another time, perhaps, but not right now. You have put Him off before and you will do so again. Yes, you too are deceived.

But some, a few, will bow to the lordship of Christ. You will humble yourself before Him, repent of your sinful life and trust Him to wash away your sins with His precious blood. I heartily congratulate you and welcome you into the family of God! You are in for a great adventure.

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