

INTRODUCTION

Evolution is the premier attack on Christianity today. Evolution and creation cannot mutually exist. Either one or the other is true and if evolution is true then "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die," 1 Cor 15:32. We will explore the reasons both cannot be true and that attempts to combine them are futile.

Christianity has fought, still fights, and will fight science to the desperate end over evolution, because evolution destroys utterly and finally the very reason Jesus' earthly life was supposedly made necessary. Destroy Adam and Eve and the original sin, and in the rubble you will find the sorry remains of the son of God. Take away the meaning of his death. If Jesus was not the redeemer who died for our sins, and that is what evolution means, then Christianity is Nothing! G. Richard Bozarth, "The Meaning of Evolution," *American Atheist*, February 1978, pp. 19, 30.

What we'll study:

- Philosophical differences and ramifications
- What true science has to say on the matter
- What is science anyway?
- Dating techniques and their flaws
- Evolutionist traps and how they set them
- Intelligent Design . what is it really?
- Modern thoughts on the biblical creation model
- Geological findings

We will get fairly technical at times but we'll wrap it up in such a way that you will be able to interject your knowledge skillfully at dinner parties. This subject matter is so crucial to our witness (and ability to do so) that we must be able to present the truth and show people how the wool has been pulled over their eyes.

Why focus on creation and evolution?

We are called to witness. Our witness is personal testimony but what if the person you are witnessing to does not believe one word because they know evolution is a proven fact and therefore the bible is false (correct assumption if evolution has, in fact, been proven)? How do you proceed?

Using Christian apologetics and what we will study in this course you will be able to show them that the "solid ground" of evolution is in fact "sinking sand." Once you can demonstrate (or at least cast serious doubt on) the fallacies of evolution you will have opened them up to receiving the gospel as truth.

Two types of evolutionists

"Casual". this is by far the most common. They have never researched anything but were taught evolution as the truth and being that it is so darned convenient (none of those pesky sin issues to deal with!) they've never questioned it. How many commercials or Discovery Channel shows have you seen with "6.8 billion years ago - It must be the truth."

Professional+. these are far fewer, but virtually impossible to get to see reason as they usually have a lot of skin in the game. They can go on for hours about punctuated equilibrium and other scientific sounding topics. The true professionals usually also have a huge conflict of interest. Most scientists live by grant money. The grants keep coming if they can produce more results proving evolution. If they adhered to true science, they would be out of a job!

Scientism

Christians have nothing to fear from science. A good definition of science is "the search for truth based on measurement of repeatable experiments." We know (as did the first scientists) that God is a god of order. We can study His creation to learn from it and this is how science was created and where we obtained the true laws of physics.

Scientism is a philosophy about science. We are literally surrounded with it today . We only believe what science can prove.+ This is a self refuting statement.

When you look at all of the conflicts of interest, scientism, and the fear of a righteous God, it is quickly apparent why so few are willing to abandon the model of evolution.

Scientific Method

Evolution does not follow the scientific method (maybe you learned this in high school). True scientific inquiry follows this method:

1. Model - not testable (i.e. creation, evolution)
2. Hypothesis . can be tested (i.e. astronomy, geology)
3. Formal Theory . being actively tested (i.e. Einstein's relativity, Bohr's atomic structure)
4. Physical Law . fact or truth (i.e. gravity, mathematics, thermo-dynamics, Newton's laws of motion)

How do so many claim that evolution is a fact when it is technically still in the model stage (as is, scientifically speaking, creation)? Like we will show in numerous cases they've thrown science out the window!

Evolution has become a primarily philosophical position rather than a scientific one. We will explore in the coming weeks how this came to be, how to demonstrate it, and how to counter it.

Recommended Reading

Darwin's Black Box, Michael Behe (complex but pivotal)

Starlight and Time, D. Russell Humphreys (complex but brief)

The Face That Demonstrates the Farce of Evolution, Hank Hanegraaff (excellent high-level overview)

And for deeper study, virtually anything by Phillip Johnson, William Dembski, & Neil Broom