

Evolution or as the name of one book says, *From Goo to You by Way of the Zoo*

This paper is written to look at the subject of evolution. I am first going into what happened, and then look at issues that relate to evolution. First, I want to make a few points.

Half of Americans do not believe in evolution; half of Americans claim to have had a born again encounter with God and Jesus.

People do not want to be called stupid, diluted or, spoken with a mocking sneer, “fundamentalist”. People, me included, don’t enjoy being laughed at. My son-in-law was attending a seminary next to the UT campus in Austin. When this subject came up, fellow students said pointing at the UT campus, “We can’t talk about a young earth, people will laugh at us.” My son-in-law said to them, “They are laughing at us anyway.”

You cannot call me anti-intellectual. I have a degree from the University of Texas at Austin and all my children graduated near the top of their high school class. I have a CPA, electrical engineer and two civil engineers all with degrees from UT. One (black sheep) refused to go to UT and is finished at the University of Tulsa, did a year of volunteer work and is working in Tulsa.

My Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary which I got in 1968 is a good example of treating a theory as fact. Under “man” it shows four drawings of the evolution of man. Piltdown man is the first picture. If we look up Piltdown Man it says, “now known to have been at least in part deliberately faked.” The people who said they found the bones said it was a fake. What I find interesting is, why would a drawing be in the dictionary that is known to be a fake? The answer is, we evolved, so therefore this is how man would have looked. I once heard Carl Sagan say, “Evolution is fact.” A true scientist would say something is a fact only if it could be proven in an objective way.

Proverbs 1:7 (King James Version) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 (New King James Version) “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Knowledge and wisdom start with the fear of the Lord. We must view everything in the light of the new birth and the written Word. One person asked, “Why would scientist lie to us?” My reply was, “Why would God lie to us?” Scientists are not lying to us but they are deceived by Satan.

2 Corinthians 4:3-5 (New King James Version) ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake.

Satan has blinded the eyes of unbelievers.

Without research, I bet 99.99% of canonized saints believe that the earth is less than 10,000 years old.

It is absolutely wrong and forbidden, either to narrow inspiration to certain parts only of Holy Scripture, or to admit that the sacred writer has erred....All the books which the Church receives as sacred and canonical, are written wholly and entirely, with all their parts, at the dictation of the Holy Spirit; and so far is it from being possible that any error can co-exist with inspiration, that inspiration not only is essentially incompatible with error, but excludes and rejects it as absolutely and necessarily as it is impossible that God himself, the supreme Truth, can utter that which is not true. This is the ancient and unchanging faith of the Church....

hence, because the Holy Ghost employed men as his instruments, we cannot therefore say that it was these inspired instruments who, perchance, have fallen into error, and not the primary author. For, by supernatural power, he so moved and impelled them to write — he was so present to them — that the things which he ordered, and those only, they, first, rightly understood, then willed faithfully to write down, and finally expressed in apt words and with infallible truth. Otherwise, it could not be said that he was the Author of the entire Scripture....

Pope Leo XIII
Providentissimus Deus, no. 20
Encyclical Letter on the Study of Holy Scripture (1893)

This might be a problem, quoted for a recent newspaper article:

Father Gabriele Amorth, 85, who has been the Vatican's chief exorcist for 25 years and says he has dealt with 70,000 cases of demonic possession, said that the consequences of satanic infiltration included power struggles at the Vatican as well as "cardinals who do not believe in Jesus, and bishops who are linked to the Demon".

I am going to go through Genesis and hit a few high points and conflicts. I am using King James because it is not under copyright.

Genesis 1: ⁶And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

⁷And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

On day 2 God divided water, some in the sky and some on the earth. There was a layer of water in the sky surrounding the Earth. It was frozen water. This protected the Earth from the harmful rays of the sun. It created an atmosphere of constant temperature with a barometric pressure twice what it is now. Currently we use 10%(?) of our brain. Our brain cells die as babies from lack of oxygen. God designed our brain to hold 64 million years worth of information.

At a Bible study one time, a person asked how anyone knew Methuselah lived 969 years. I asked God and he pointed out that Methuselah could remember his first birthday party.

¹¹And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

¹²And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Here is a pesky little phrase: “**after his kind, whose seed was in itself**”. You don’t plant a pecan and get an apple tree. This is either true or it is not true, it can’t be both.

²¹And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

“After their kind” again.

²⁴And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

²⁵And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

“After their kind”

God created a perfect world.

Chapter 2

⁵And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

⁶But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Did it rain or not? Can anyone think of an allegorical reason God would say it didn’t rain.

Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. ¹² And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

Here we see the start of the continental plates. The plates ripped apart and water came out. The water/ice that was in the sky began falling.

I don’t know what is taught now but we were taught that coal came from swamps and oil came from underwater marine life that fell to the bottom of the lake or ocean. I always wondered why the plants and animals did not decompose when they died, and then they were covered by mud.

When thinking of the flood we think of a heavy rain for a long time. It broke apart the crust of the earth. The land split apart and the continents moved to where they are now in a short time. As the earth turned and the moon made the tides, layers of mud were deposited and covered massive amounts of animal and plant life. This made the oil and coal we have today. This shows up as we can see the layers of sedimentary rock with smaller animals at the bottom and larger animals to the top. This really is the only “proof” for evolution. Bones are dated by what layer they are in and strata is dated by what bones are found there.

I asked God one time how the Grand Canyon was formed. Soon I heard a Christian teacher say it was formed by the tides laying down layers of mud then, as the water receded, it formed the canyon as we know it. So instead of millions of years, it took only weeks to form it out of mud.

Genesis 9:13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

We know that a rainbow is a natural event of sunlight passing through water. How come it was a new sign at this time? - Because it had not rained before and the Earth had not get direct sunlight. The direct sunlight is what lowered the life span

Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

What we see in Genesis is a highly ordered system becoming disordered because of the sin of man. This would fit the Second Law of Thermodynamics. Systems move from order to disorder. Under the theory of evolution a highly disordered system moves to order. I am not a scientist but I am a fairly good math guy and statistician and I see any form of evolution as mathematically and statically impossible.

Theology breaks down if our great-great grand folks were monkeys. It is not in the nature of God to create a system that would use “survival of the fittest”. What we see in the nature of God is “provision for the weakest.” Does God enjoy pulling the wings off butterflies? Death came by sin not design. When Jesus sets up his Earthly, 1000 year kingdom, the animals will all eat grass not each other.

Were a woman and man born at the same time to a group of animals? If not, if man was first, he would have to mate with an animal. This is a sin. At what point did the animal become man? It is not a sin for an animal to kill to eat. For a man it would be a sin for a man to kill a man and eat him. If we evolved I do not think we would have the moral authority to eat other animals or even plants since we all came from a common ancestor.

To the question of allegory, when does the Bible become fact not fairy tale? I have heard Job, Jonah, and Esther all said to be allegorical. Since Matthew and Luke list Jesus’ genealogy and that’s an allegory, I assume then the book of Matthew and Luke are allegory. Science can prove that the chemical content of the communion bread is not human flesh. It would then be intellectually dishonest to argue that just because the Bible says it is the body and blood of Jesus, that means it is the body and blood of Jesus and not just a symbol.

Job mentions a behemoth and a fire breathing leviathan. I am going to copy and paste some stuff out of Strong’s Concordance

Behemoth – Job 40:15-24

- 1) perhaps an extinct dinosaur
- a) a Diplodocus or Brachiosaurus, exact meaning unknown

Some translate as elephant or hippopotamus but from the description in Job 40:15-24, this is absurd.

Fire Breathing Leviathan – Job 41:1-34

- 1) leviathan, sea monster, dragon
- a) large aquatic animal
- b) perhaps the extinct dinosaur, plesiosaurus, exact meaning unknown

Some think this to be a crocodile but from the description in Job 41:1-34 this is absurd. It appears to be a large fire breathing animal of some sort. Just as the bombardier beetle has an explosion producing mechanism, so the great sea dragon may have an explosive producing mechanism to enable it to be a real fire breathing dragon.

This is a great book to show where evolution completely breaks down. When looking at the molecular level even I can see how evolution does not work.

Darwin's Black Box

The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution

Michael J. Behe

From the Financial Times Technology/Science:

A fourth type of hominid, besides Neanderthals, modern humans and the tiny "hobbit", was living as recently as 40,000 years ago, according to research published in the [journal Nature](#). The discovery by Svante Pääbo and colleagues at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, is based on DNA sequences from a finger bone fragment discovered in a Siberian cave.

This institute is not interested in facts as much as proving evolution. If the fact does not fit into the evolutionary model it is discarded, after all we did evolve. Ben Stein did a documentary on intelligent design and how professors were fired by even mentioning intelligent design. A person from Iowa State said that they could not let ID get a foot hold at their school.

In John 10:35 Jesus said "Scripture cannot be broken." I guess Jesus was a fundamentalist. We must add to the list of untrustworthy books John.

The National Geographic Channel has just air a documentary on how the earth's magnetic field is weakening over the Atlantic. If we take the rate of decrease and go backward it won't take very long to crush all life do to the magnetic pull. If that were not enough, the Sun is shrinking, how far back do we have to go before it is too hot to live?

It is not a single find, but several specimens representing several individuals. The remains now being brought to light by Dr Berger and his team are wonderful."

The new fossil skeleton was found along with a number of other partially-complete fossils, encased within breccia sedimentary rock inside a limestone cave known as Malapa cave.

Telegraph.com.uk

I saw this a couple of days ago. What kind of scenario would put these fossils in sedimentary rock? I would think a massive flood would be the best explanation. I'm just a poor old dumb business major; I guess scientists are smarter than me.

Proverbs 12:10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

If God says a righteous person is kind to animals, wouldn't God also be thinking about animals when He created the earth? Would He set up a system that depended on animals killing each other?

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

We can form doctrine from scripture. I don't know of any verse that says sometimes God speaks stories that are to be taken allegorically. Jesus spoke in parables to illustrate a point; they are called parables.

2 Peter 1:18-19 (King James Version)

¹⁸And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

¹⁹We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Peter says the Word is more reliable than his eyes or ears.

This could go on and on, but there are many web sites with people who study this more. There is a lot more in the Bible on this, but I am going to say one last thing.

When you take the Bible literally, everything in life makes sense. You can trust everything God says. When asked, "On a scale of 1-10 how does God see you?" I answered 10 ½. When God looks at me, he sees a sinless man. He sees righteousness. This is my position and does not have anything to do with my conduct. I could do things a lot better, but I got a daddy and a big brother in Heaven that love me, in spite of me. I believe what the Bible says about me. There is a place in Jesus that the only thing you feel guilty about is not feeling guilty. It is a great place to be.