

Back to the Basics

In the Beginning

Let's please read John 3:3: together and then we will open with prayer.

John 3:3 (NIV)

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Prayer

John 1:1-3 (NIV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

By now, everyone should have read John 1:1-3 perhaps six or seven times. The first three verses in the book of John are speaking about creation; it is speaking about the beginnings.

There is much information following to shed new light on a topic that is rarely challenged. The Bible is true when it says that:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

The accepted theory within our society today that our earth is up to 25 billion years old and we came about by a slow, evolutionary process. This is in direct contrast to John 1:1-3 and in more direct contrast found in the Genesis account that our earth was created in literal six days.

Because galaxies are billions of light-years away, isn't the universe billions of years old? During the past 300 years, 164 separate measurements of the speed of light have been published. Sixteen different measurement techniques were used. Astronomer Barry Setterfield of Australia has studied these measurements, especially their precision and experimental errors. His results show that the speed of light has apparently decreased so rapidly that experimental error cannot explain it! In the seven instances where the same scientists re-measured the speed of light with the same equipment years later, a decrease was always reported.

While the older measurements have greater errors, the trend of the data is startling. The farther back one looks in time, the more rapidly the speed of light seems to increase. Various mathematical curves fit these three centuries of data. When some of those curves are projected back in time, the speed of light becomes so fast that light from distant galaxies

conceivably could have reached Earth in several thousand years. No scientific law requires the speed of light to be constant. <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/FAQ16.html>

We can estimate the age of our earth is somewhere between 8,000 and 10,000 years old by reading the Scriptures. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Young_Earth_creationism

If our contemporary understanding of evolution is correct, and the Scripture is incorrect, then it truly makes all Scripture being suspect. What shall we believe as truth? Which Scripture is correct and which is incorrect? If the Scripture is truly inspired and God breathed, then every word must be true. If it is not true, how are we possibly going to separate truth from fiction? After all, our only hope of escaping the inevitable face of death, that touches each one of us, rests entirely upon the truthfulness and the trustworthiness of the Scriptures.

The matter of origins then is absolutely critical to all human thinking. It becomes critical to how we conduct our lives as human beings. Without an understanding of origins, without a right understanding of origins, there is no way to comprehend ourselves. There is no way to understand humanity as to the purpose of our existence, and as to our destiny. If we cannot believe what Genesis says about origins, we are lost as to our purpose and our destiny. Whether this world and its life as we know it evolved by chance, without a cause, or was created by God has an immense implication for all of human life. Is it any wonder why Satan has attacked the very first verse in the Bible? After all, if he can cause us to doubt the first verse, then we will doubt the rest of the Bible, including the resurrection.

Let's look at the very first verse in the Bible.

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the original Hebrew, the word "God" is "*Elohim*". *Elohim* is the plural form of God in Hebrew yet the verb for "created" is singular. We can use normally singular nouns in the plural sense in English as well. We normally think that "man" as a singular noun, such as "The man sat down". But how about when we say, "Man [*plural*] is [*singular*] a sinner". Here, usage this encompasses all of mankind and all of womankind. The plurality of persons in the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Ghost confirms our faith in the doctrine of the Trinity, which though suggested in the Old Testament is clearly revealed in the New Testament.

John 1:1-3 (NIV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God <Father>, and the Word was God <Son>. ²He was with God in the beginning. <Holy Ghost> ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. The Son (Jesus) spoke (the Word) creation (Genesis 1-3) into existence.

So you're left really with two choices. You either believe Genesis or you don't. You either believe the Genesis account that God created the heavens and the earth, or you believe they somehow evolved out of random chance.

And if you don't believe the book of Genesis, then what do you believe? Well in most cases you believe in naturalistic evolution. There would be some who would be theistic evolutionists who would say well God sort of launched it all, but then evolution took over and they would deny that the Genesis account is accurate in saying that God created in six twenty-four days. Progressive creationists would essentially say the same thing that creation is not, did not occur

as Genesis says but rather it was over long ages and God sort of progressively injecting Himself into the process did some creative work alongside the evolutionary process.

Those views, theistic evolution, progressive creationism, also deny the straightforward text of the book of Genesis. So I say again, you either believe Genesis or you don't. If you don't, you have some options. You can be a theistic evolutionist or you can be a naturalistic evolutionist. Among Christians there are some who are theistic evolutionists but among those who make up the unbelieving world they are naturalistic evolutionists. And so they are left with the incredible notion that nobody times nothing equals everything.

Psalm 19:1-6 (NIV)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. <In other words, day and morning everything in the universe speaks of a creator God> ³There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. <It's a silent revelation but it's a revelation that's unmistakable. Just look at the creation, look at the universe, look at the heavens and their expanse and everything that He's created in the day and in the morning and it's clear> ⁴Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. <Everyone on the globe can look out and see the creative evidence of a creator God> **In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,** ⁵which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion <or strong man> rejoicing to run his course. ⁶It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

The psalmist picks that one body, that one celestial body out of the great expanse of the universe, that one celestial body that most dominates our life, the one that is closest to us in terms of a star, the one that has the greatest impact on us, the one that effects us, the sun, the unmistakable one. And that's one of the things that science has discovered in modern times is that the sun is in orbit. We talk about the sun as the center of our solar system and everything orbiting around it, but you need to know that science has discovered that the sun itself has an orbit and this orbit goes from one end of the infinite space to the other. The sun is moving and dragging our entire solar system with it. It is not fixed anymore than the things that revolve around it are fixed. So the psalmist says you can look up and you can look at the universe and look at the creation and it gives you loud testimony to the glory of God, to the majesty of His intelligence, to the massive character of His power to create all of this.

Christian people today are literally accepting the scientific descriptions of origins and come out of an evolutionary bias. Christians assume that evolution has somehow been proven and the Bible is going to have to give at that point because a six-day creation is not scientifically possible. This is just not true.

Okay Christians, if man is created at the end of the evolutionary process, the problem you've got is evolution is a process by nature of death. It's a process known as the survival of the fittest. It's a process of violence. It's a process of bloodshed. It's a process of suffering. It's a process of disease. It's a process of death as the order rises higher and higher and higher until it gets to man.

Now it's a serious problem. You don't have man until billions of years and when man appears he is perfect and he is sinless and there's no such thing as death. Death doesn't even come in to the picture until man sins. How can you have death before the Fall? You don't even have a cursed earth. If there's been all kinds of death in this billions of years of evolutionary processing, then what did sin do to the world that hadn't already been done? And how could God who looked over this whole evolutionary deal when it finally reached its completion in man

and said, "He saw it and He looked at it and He said it is good." How could God say that? Evolution makes absolutely no sense from the Christian perspective.

Now here are some other things to consider ...

If the solar system evolved and/or came from the "Big Bang" theory, why do three planets spin backwards? Why do at least 30 moons revolve backwards? Everything should be going the same direction if all of a sudden, everything exploded.

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/AstroPhysicalSciences3.html#wp1011388>

If evolution really happened, where are the billions of transitional fossils that should be there? Billions! Not a handful of questionable transitions. Why don't we see a reasonably smooth continuum among all living creatures, or in the fossil record, or both?

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/LifeSciences25.html#wp2367450>

Not one of the fossil records uncovered show any evolution process; in other words, there is a complete lack of fossil intermediates in all geological records. The highly publicized "Neanderthal Man", the so-called bridge between the Ape and Man, discovered in Indiana in the early 1900's was based solely on conjecture of the discovery of a single tooth. There has been no fossil records discovered anywhere showing any evolutionary process; that is the bridging of species.

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/LifeSciences30.html>

In 1969, during the first moon landing, the scientists calculated the earth at 25 Billion years old (but they still cannot explain how it began even then). If you read your science books, you'll discover that they had these long pod-like legs attached to the spacecraft. The spacecraft also hovered over their landing site for about 20 seconds prior to landing. They wanted to blow away all of the space dust so they did not sink into this mountain of dust. They had calculated based upon prior missions the amount of space dust to be accumulated on the moons surface to be over 69 feet deep with the earth's existence being 25 billion years old. And what was the result? The dust was less than 1/2" deep. Of this dust, only one part in 67 actually came from outer space. This 1/2" thickness of moon dust actually computes to about 8,000 - 10,000 years of meteorological dust accumulation.

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/TechnicalNotes4.html>

People think that the Grand Canyon was created over billions and billions of years showing the different "periods" of the earth's developments in the different layers. This was recreated very dramatically during the eruption of Mt. Saint Helens Volcano several years ago. It very quickly created extremely deep ravines similar to the Grand Canyon, showing the earth's developments in the different layers with trees protruding through the different layers. Conclusion: The Grand Canyon was probably created during the time when the earth was flooded. Much of the same type of "mud" that is in the Grand Canyon is currently found in the desert region in Arizona, south of the Grand Canyon.

<http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/GrandCanyon2.html>. Also, [Creation Research Society Quarterly, Vol. 34, December 1997, pp. 133-146 and back cover.](#)

The magnetic field (You know, the compass) actually gets weaker each year. To back 25 billion years ago, the earth would have been a piece of molten lava from the heat of the magnetic field with obviously with no evolution going on the planet earth.

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/09/0909_040909_earthmagfield.html

People often ask of the dinosaurs, what about them? They actually existed during the time of Job, the oldest recorded book in the Bible. Read Job 40:15-24. It describes the dinosaur actually being in existence at the same time as Job. And also note that the tail like a cedar rules out an elephant or hippopotamus. Human-Like Track Impressions have been found with the tracks of dinosaurs in the Kayenta formation at Tuba City in Arizona. [Creation Research Society Quarterly, Vol. 34, December 1997, pp. 133–146 and back cover.](#)

The rotation of the earth actually gets a little slower. To go back 25 billion years ago, the earth would have been spinning like a top (2-1/2 revolutions per second) with obviously with no evolution going on the planet earth. <http://tf.nist.gov/timefreq/pubs/bulletin/leapsecond.htm>

If any of the thousands of vital organs evolved, how could the organism live before getting the vital organ? (Without a vital organ, the organism is dead—by definition.) If a reptile's leg evolved into a bird's wing, wouldn't it become a bad leg long before it became a good wing? <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/LifeSciences42.html#wp1875915>

Careful researchers have found the following inside meteorites: living bacteria, salt crystals, limestone, water, sugars, terrestrial-like brines, and earthlike isotopic patterns. Doesn't this implicate Earth as their source - and a powerful launcher, "the fountains of the great deep?" <http://www.thetaxpayerschannel.org/graphics/creation/fonte23.mov>

Have you heard about the mitochondrial Eve and the genetic Adam? Through genetics, scientists know that the mitochondrial Eve was the common female ancestor of every living person, and she appears to have lived only about 6,000 - 7,000 years ago. <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/FAQ14.html#wp1273100>

Carbon dating has been proven to be very inaccurate when tested with known dated samples. <http://www.detectingdesign.com/carbon14.html>

What evidence is there that information, such as that in DNA, could ever assemble itself? What about the 4,000 books' worth of coded information that is in each of your 100 trillion cells? If astronomers received an intelligent signal from some distant galaxy, most people would conclude that it came from an intelligent source. Why then doesn't the vast information sequence in the DNA molecule of just a bacterium also imply an intelligent source? Also, which came first, DNA or the proteins needed by DNA, which can only be produced by DNA? <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/LifeSciences38.html#wp1009517>

What's the mechanism for getting new complexity, such as new vital organs? <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/LifeSciences3.html#wp1036622>

How could sexual reproduction evolve? <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/LifeSciences44.html#wp1861111>

How could immune systems evolve? <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/LifeSciences45.html#wp1027797>

Darwin had no clue about these questions. He was a drop out of medical studies after two years at Edinburgh. Darwin then attended three years of theological studies at Christ's College in Cambridge. His intention to enter the ministry, he wrote, was never "formally given up, but died a natural death". On leaving Cambridge, he joined HMS Beagle as an unpaid naturalist. And despite the religious influences in his life, the decline of Darwin's faith began when he first started to doubt the truth of the first chapters of Genesis.

Creation DVD

And again, the same questions from last week:

**Do you think it's possible that God revealed Himself in the Bible?
Do you believe that all Scripture is God-breathed?**

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV)

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, <not by evolution> so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Colossians 1:16 (NIV)

¹⁶For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Deuteronomy 4:32 (NIV)

³²Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created man on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of?

Psalms 148:1-5 (NIV)

¹Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. ²Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were <what> created.

Isaiah 40:28 (NIV)

²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? <To the world of evolutionists, do you not know? Have you not heard?> The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <or inscrutable. His mind is so far beyond us that we can't even begin to approach it>

Isaiah 42:5 (NIV)

⁵This is what God the LORD says - he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <The Lord God is always the creator of everything>

Isaiah is not through honoring God as creator as shown in chapter 45.

Isaiah 45:5-8 (NIV)

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things. ⁸"You heavens above, rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; I, the LORD, have created it.

Isaiah 45:12 (NIV)

¹²It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.

Isaiah 45:18 (NIV)

¹⁸For this is what the LORD says - he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited - he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Mark 10:6 (NIV)

⁶"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' <Jesus speaking>

Mark 13:19 (NIV)

¹⁹because those will be days of distress <the Great Tribulation> unequalled from the beginning, when <as we have shown> God created the world, until now - and never to be equaled again.

Ephesians 3:9 (NIV)

⁹and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

And now, turn to Revelation because this is where everything sort of sums up. Let's go to heaven and see what heaven thinks about evolution.

Revelation 4:11 (NIV)

¹¹"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, <Why?> for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Our sole source of knowledge is the Bible. Evolution is an act of irrational faith. Creation is an act of revealed understanding and faith. Based on the evidence, it takes considerably more faith to believe in evolution than Creation.

The evolutionists would like you to believe that it's pure science, it's a closed system founded on reality not on the illusion of a God. The evolutionists would like you to believe that evolution is equal to rationality because it excludes miracles and the supernatural. The evolutionists would like you to believe that evolution is liberating because it eliminates God and His commands that restrict free sexual behavior. The evolutionists would like you to believe his religion is democratic because every man is his own source of moral judgment, since there is no God, no moral judge, no law. The evolutionists would like you to believe that evolution is broad because it allows a belief in God, just not the biblical God.

Romans 1:18-23 (NIV)

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

God's Word is true, correct and accurate in every detail. Continue reading John chapter one each day. We will be starting with John 1:4 next week and will begin to move rapidly through the Chapters. Let's read John 3:3 together.

John 3:3 (NIV)

³In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Prayer