

EVOLUTION

We are firm believers in special creation by God of the life forms as we now know them, and therefore, we do not accept the evolution of species “over millions of years” in any way, shape or form. Evolution can rather easily be disproved simply on the basis of some facts (which have not been very well publicized). We suggest a book by Josh MacDowell entitled Evidence That Demands a Verdict. There are many other reliable books dealing with the subject of creation versus evolution -- The Genesis Flood; Jesus Christ, Creator; The Early Earth and others. Here are a few facts:

The Heidelberg man was built from a jaw that was conceded to be quite human.

The Nebraska man was built up from one tooth -- later found to be that of an extinct pig.

The Piltdown man was found to have been reconstructed from the jawbone of a modern ape.

The existence of Peking man, supposedly 500,000 years old, can no longer be substantiated or supported by any scientific evidence.

At the International congress of zoology (1958), Dr. A. J. E. Cave said that his examination of the famous Neanderthal skeleton found in France over 50 years ago showed it to be the skeleton of an old man who suffered from arthritis.

The New Guinea man has been found alive in regions just north of Australia.

The Cro-Magnon man has the best established fossil evidence, yet if he were given a suit and tie, he would not even be noticed as he walked down the street.

Evolution's basic formula equals mutation plus natural selection plus time. This theory, however, raises so many questions as to be nearly untenable. Mutation occurs even today as a result of disturbance in the gene pool for various reasons. Unfortunately, not a single mutation has ever been found to be beneficial to the organism. Be careful that you do not confuse mutation with adaptation. Adaptation occurs all the time, and in fact is necessary for the organism to survive in a changing environment. However, adaptation never results in a “new species”, but only in the same species better able to live and reproduce in a given environment.

Furthermore, the theory of evolution directly contradicts a well established and accepted scientific law – the Second Law of Thermodynamics. This law observes the natural phenomenon that everything in the universe is in a state of decay i.e., it is “winding down”. Nothing left to itself becomes more complex, but rather is reduced to a simpler and simpler state. This process is easily observable in the natural world. Leave your car out in the sun and rain for fifty years (or less!) and it will gradually rust, break down and disintegrate into the soil.

The question of time is an interesting one. Carbon-dating is highly unreliable. A living mollusk was tested by this method and declared to have been dead for 3000 years! Geologists claim the oil in the earth is 80 million years old, however, its pressure if continuing at the present rate would have been dissipated long ago. The present pressure of oil indicates an age not over 10,000 years. The Biblical account records that God created the earth and life upon it within a period of 7 days, and specifically indicates that “morning and evening” occurred on each of those

days. Intellect is not insulted by faith in a living and omnipotent God. The same God who became Man and entered history in the Person of Jesus Christ in order to redeem fallen man back to Himself, is the same God who created light, earth, starfish and people back in Genesis. We accept the old Testament record as literal. We cannot consider Genesis to be non-literal because parts of it conflict with present-day humanistic theories. Remember to keep a consistent hermeneutic.

We consider evolution to be the humanistic alternative (and a rather weak one at that) to special creation, which requires the existence of an intelligent Superior Being. In fact, in view of its problems evolution requires a greater step of faith in its adherents than that required of those who know the Creator. Have you ever considered the difficulties involved in explaining the simultaneous and exclusive evolution of male and female (all by chance, of course), the present interdependence of life forms which evolved millions of years apart (do you really think a Venus Flytrap could have waited that long for its first meal?), the inability of species to interbreed (the mule, for example cannot reproduce), or the reason why we do not see evolution in effect and in process today? The question of "missing links" is overwhelmingly valid.

We hope we have been able to give you some food for thought. Remember that the tested and true finds of science have never contradicted the statements found in the Word of God. Evolution, which speculates to such a high degree, gets onto some very thin and unscientific ice. Investigate it for yourself. Learn the facts and test the theories by the standard of truth you can trust -- the Bible. Seek the truth because you are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit will guide you into it.