

Biblical World View

Properly Responding to the Vain Philosophy of Evolution

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God warns us in Colossians 2:8 to be wary of anyone spoiling us through “*philosophy and vain deceit.*” Such vain and deceitful philosophies can include anything that allows us to move away from God or remove God from His rightful place as Creator, as Lord, or as Sovereign of the nations (Psalm 22:28).

Evolution is such a philosophy. It falsely implies that man and nations can exist and succeed without God. It is the ultimate vain philosophy as it allows mankind to dispense with God and the need for accountability to God. It even undermines one of the key foundations of our nation set forth in the Declaration of Independence: the concept that we are created beings of a sovereign God.

How can America support its foundational principle “*that all men are created equal and endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights,*” if we claim that creation is a myth and we are all just biological accidents of evolution? Evolution undermines America’s foundations that we were created by a Sovereign God, that our rights come from God, and that we are accountable to Him. Those foundations are responsible for our liberties. Yet sadly, not only are the vain and destructive philosophies of evolution being taught to our future generations, we are paying for it through taxpayer dollars.

Evolution also runs contrary to the Biblical precept from which the founding principle originates; that God is the creator of everything on earth. We all know the

account in Genesis, but Paul’s statement in the book of Colossians is equally clear.

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:”

(Colossians 1:16)

Let’s not fool ourselves into thinking that evolution is an objective scientific search for truth without hidden agendas. The theory of evolution is not about truth seeking, but about excuse making. It is sought after to justify unbelief in a sovereign God. Ardent evolutionists must find a way to dispense with God as creator, for a creator of something has authority over that which he creates; consequently the creation is accountable to its creator. Hence the need to find, or believe in, a sequence of cosmic actions that created life yet is not attributable to any one source. Therein lays their relentless quest to prove evolution.

Despite its obvious hidden motive and equally obvious lack of objective scientific evidence, the evolution theory, rather than seeking truth, is portrayed in such a way that anyone who fails to believe in it is ridiculed and made to seem foolish.

We saw this recently displayed in October, 2010 during the Delaware Senate election debate between the conservative candidate Christine O’Donnell and her liberal opponent, Chris Coons. One of the CNN moderators, Wolf Blitzer asked Christine O’Donnell a “loaded” question, “Do you believe that evolution is a myth?” Much like the type of questions that the Pharisees posed to Jesus, it was a

question designed to make any expected response either appear foolish and undermine credibility



Wolf Blitzer

of the speaker, or confirm the questioner’s false belief system.

Unfortunately for the cause of truth, Ms. O’Donnell faltered and never actually answered the question. Mr. Blitzer’s loaded question had its intended result, and the vain philosophy of evolution was provided unintended support. God’s truth was made to look foolish and man’s vain imaginings gained further credibility. Christians must recognize that the world will ask us questions, just as the Pharisees did with Jesus, in a manner designed to uphold their worldview, even when that worldview is false. We can learn from Ms. O’Donnell’s response, for it was typical of Christians in the public arena who believe evolution is a myth, but are unsure how to answer the question in a way that does not make the answer appear foolish.

The key to answering such a “loaded” question properly is to recognize that there are two key components to the evolution issue: one that is true and easily verifiable and one that is false, a myth that cannot be objectively proven. If you fail to make that distinction, you can appear foolish, even when your opinion against evolution is actually correct and based in God’s truth. When such a distinction is noted, you can expose the Achilles Heel in the

“It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom.” --
 Horace Greeley
 (1811-1872)

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evolutionist's belief system. Therefore, let's examine those two key components of evolution.

We Must Know the Distinction Between Micro and Macro Evolution.

The first component of evolution that is true and supported factually is what some people term "micro-evolution." Micro-evolution refers to those minor changes that appear within a species such as animal fur becoming thicker during periods of cold climate or beaks of certain types of birds slightly changing their size or shape.

It was this type of evolution that Charles Darwin discovered on the Galapagos Islands with the beak size of the local Finches. These changes are readily observable scientifically and easily proven. Most people will agree on this micro aspect of evolution. Yet this true aspect of evolution, minor changes within a species, does not interfere with the Biblical truth that God is the creator of all things and that we are accountable to Him.

Committed evolutionists illogically extend this verifiable aspect of micro evolution into the realm of unverifiable fantasy and myth by espousing that small evolutionary changes within a species are proof that major evolutionary changes must also be true. Thus an entire species is allowed to not only form, but to change into another species on an evolutionary path from simple to complex. Hence, a frog for example, can evolve on its own from random particles, evolve into a land animal, and ultimately evolve into a human being, given enough time.

This latter leap of faith, attempting to extend micro-evolution to the creation of a species and to change from one species to another, is referred to as "macro-evolution." **The idea that micro-evolution proves the existence of macro-evolution is the Achilles Heel of evolutionists.** That is why evolutionists ardently seek to



combine the two concepts into one evolutionary "loaded" question. Never let them do that! It is an argumentative trick based on false assumption and faulty logic used only to deceive. When you separate the two concepts, the fallacies, weaknesses, and "myths" of evolution, are exposed.

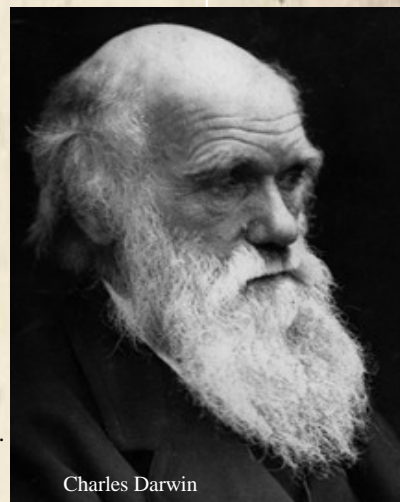
Numerous resources are available to highlight the problems with macro-evolution, so there is no need to do so here. However, what is most encouraging is that once a person makes the distinction between micro-evolution, which is true, and macro-evolution which is false, they can then largely refute macro-evolution without needing scientific backgrounds or expertise. Most of the more powerful arguments against it are based in common sense.

For instance, macro-evolution is based on the principle of randomness. Since there was no creator, the development of organisms had to occur in a directionless, random manner without benefit of outside intelligence. Thus, evolutionists must deal with the problem of uniformity within a species. If humans, for example, were created randomly, then why do all people have two eyes, and why are those two eyes always located in the same position on the

body? Random evolution would surely result in some people having one eye, others having three or four. Some people would have eyes in different locations of their body, (back, chest, legs, elbows), and eyes would be in different shapes and sizes without regard to body size. Most certainly, if the survival of the fittest concept were true, then at least a few of us would have eyes in the back of our head. Yet, despite being told by evolutionists that the process is completely random, humans continually are born with two eyes that are always located on their face above their nose. Similarly humans have only one head and our heads are always located on our shoulders, facing in the direction of our chest and not our back. While some exceptions do occur, they are not the rule. Uniformity of species confirms in a powerful way the Biblical truth found in Genesis 5:1 that we are the way we are because we are created "in the likeness of God."

If we are to have the mind of Christ, we must do as Jesus did and recognize that sometimes questions posed to us are not designed to illicit information, but to make us appear as fools. Jesus understood the hidden motives behind questions, and we must also. Our argument is not with micro-evolution, those minor changes within a species, but we need to stand our ground and expose any efforts to

extend that truth to all other evolutionary ideas that support the deceptions of macro-evolution. If we do, then one of the greatest vain philosophies of our time will be exposed for the lie that it is.



Charles Darwin

"Went to church and fasted all day." – diary entry of George Washington on June 1, 1774, as the American Colonies were seeking God's will as to whether they should break ties with England.