

Creation Redux

"I am the LORD. That is my name. I will not give my glory to another" (Isaiah 42:8).

Never before has the Western world been as entranced and as certain of Darwinian evolution as now. It's no longer a "theory" or even something to discuss or argue; it's a given, a truth, a fact everyone knows and lives with, like gravity and water and air. Anyone who doesn't hold to evolution is a superstitious ignoramus, someone who needn't exist in today's world. It's something everyone seems also to *want*. Yet, in these last couple of decades, both secular and Christian creationist scientists have thoroughly refuted Darwinian evolution and its twin, billions of years. Evolution – in its entirety – has been shown to be a myth. It's a fairy tale invented for gullible intellectuals (and wannabe intellectuals).

As Creator, God is glorious. He is the biologist, chemist, physicist, engineer, astronomer, and geologist of infinite skill and knowledge. His handiwork is on full display for all His beloved human creatures to admire and be filled with wonder. God is owed great awe and love. And He will not share His glory with any other. The purpose of evolution (and its wicked co-conspirator, billions of years) is to steal from God His glory, to impugn Him, and to rationalize indifference if not hatred for God. We who love God therefore must reveal – as often as it's necessary – why Darwinism is a lie. Consider the following:

I. The 3 "pillars" of evolution are abiogenesis (the spontaneous origin of life from non-life), mutation, and natural selection. All three supposed truths are preposterous. Here's why: (1) The exceeding complexity of the simplest cell, as modern molecular biology has uncovered, makes abiogenesis a fantasy. There are in a cell interconnected systems of encoded information and the necessary structures and processes to transform that information into life. There are exceedingly complex systems by which energy is used. There are a host of necessary other processes and functions, all of which are interdependent, and all of which must be present and working for the cell to be alive. The complexity is staggering, as any biology grad student can attest. And that such interconnected, complex systems would have arisen step-by-step entirely by accident is absurd. The structurally complex components all have to be synchronously available and correctly positioned to form a system that functions. For example, DNA is needed to make proteins, yet proteins are needed to make DNA!

(2) Although the fact that most mutations are at least mildly deleterious has been known, geneticists now acknowledge that the accumulation of mutations in an organisms' genome vastly – by orders of magnitude! – outweigh any benefit mutations might impart toward transformation of life forms. Genetic entropy is real! It means that organisms are far more likely over time to go extinct from all their mutations than give rise to new life forms.

(3) Natural selection really explains nothing, and it fails to account for the arrival of the traits to be selected. Natural selection has no ability to generate variation; it cannot create, which is the core issue. The notion is a (disproven) Malthusianism that was picked up by Darwin and continues to be believed due to the absence of any other transforming process. Darwinism is a 19th century pre-scientific notion that was pushed onto the world in the 20th, and now, in the 21st, due to the advance of scientific discovery, is fully disproved.

II. Life forms are classified as prokaryotic and eukaryotic. The prokaryotes (bacteria, for example) don't have their DNA in a nucleus and don't have mitochondria, whereas eukaryotes do. There are many other differentiating features. Evolutionists have no idea how prokaryotes transformed into eukaryotes (or even vice versa). They have an "endosymbiosis" theory that attempts to explain how eukaryotes got their mitochondria (bacteria supposedly got incorporated into eukaryotic cells and transformed into mitochondria) even though a mass of evidence has been raised against that idea. But evolutionists have no other way of getting from prokaryotes to eukaryotes, which they must do; and they simply can't have NO explanation. So the preposterous idea lives on in all biology textbooks. The notion was advanced and accepted 50 years ago when cell biology was only getting started. Today, advances in molecular biology refute the idea absolutely. No other scenario is even remotely plausible. It's another huge embarrassment for evolution.

III. Embryology (now called "developmental biology") has recently advanced hugely in its understanding of how cells differentiate. There are layers of transcription factors (and enhancers and promoters) that turn on certain genes at certain critical points in time to initiate and control the entire process. It's a tightly controlled, regulated and integrated network of transcription factors and signaling molecules that makes development possible, and it's species specific. No mutations

are tolerated or else death results. Mutations are permitted later in genes that control phenotypic traits, but not during early development when genes that form basic body parts and organs are being turned on. Embryogenesis requires precise gene expression coupled to precise timing – a feat that screams for purposeful design, and is nonsense in an evolutionary scheme of chance events. The complexity is extreme. This new understanding of embryogenesis is lethal to Darwinian evolution, which requires thousands of random mutations during development to bring new species into existence (so-called macroevolution). Yet it's now known that no mutations are permitted without disastrous consequences. Undeterred, hopeful speculation continues among evolutionists.

IV. It's critical for evolutionists to explain the transition from marine life to terrestrial. A study of eggs (oology) shows that no such transition could have occurred. Fish eggs are clearly designed for marine life, reptilian eggs for terrestrial. And the avian egg is a perfect example of irreducible complexity, that is, all the ten or so components *must* be there for the egg to produce a living chick. Evolutionists have not the slightest idea how such an entity as the avian egg could have evolved. Moreover, all modern avian eggs are identical to fossilized ones; no change has occurred for supposed millions of years. Transitions are essential for evolutionary theory, but they're found nowhere but in the fantasy world of wishful thinking. For example: Some dinosaur and pterosaur fossils have "fuzz" on their surface. Evolutionists insist these are proto-feathers, indicating that dinosaurs evolved into birds. Nonsense. The "fuzz" has been shown by scanning electron microscopy to be degenerated skin collagen fibers. Evolutionists refuse to acknowledge this.

V. Ethology is the study of animal behavior. Massive amounts of careful observation of such pre-programmed behavior as migration, nest-building, tracking, web spinning, social behaviors and much more show overwhelming integrated complex systems that had to be intelligently, purposefully designed and skillfully inserted into the animal's genome. Evolutionists cannot in any way account for this behavior, certainly not by slow accumulation of purposeless, random mutations. Animal behavior gives the lie to naturalism. And these life forms all have tiny brains, so micro-miniaturization has to be added to the mystery. But it's only a mystery because secular biologists deliberately exclude God from their thinking. And this too: The existence of human consciousness, moral sensibility and the freedom to exercise it, our awareness of beauty, and lots more, also have no Darwinian explanation; evolutionists must even deny that these exist!

VI. The standard evolutionary narrative of human origins in Africa has been refuted. Three items: (1) Both secular and creationist molecular geneticists have used mitochondrial (female) DNA and the (male) Y chromosomal DNA to show, using known, observed mutation rates as well as the number of mutations present, that humans stem from an event 4,500 years ago, not hundreds of thousands of years ago. The mitochondrial DNA studies show a starburst pattern with 3 central branch points, representing the wives of the 3 sons of Noah.

(2) The so-called Neandertals Man was totally human. Over 500 skeletons have now been found. He had human brain size, buried his dead with flowers, has been found buried with modern humans, built boats, cooked his food, made jewelry, painted sophisticated art on cave walls, made flutes out of bone (and so he presumably created music). The Neandertal DNA has way too much overlap with modern humans to indicate that Neandertals were in process of evolving into modern humans. Besides, Neandertal fossils overlap in time and geography (and even cranial morphology) with modern man. He was just another people group that left Babel, settling in Europe and western Asia.

(3) Most claimed fossil ape-men are fragments and pieces of broken skull, and the rest is lots of plaster to fill in the rest of the skeleton. If the entire DNA sequence of humans and apes is compared, there's only 81-84% similarity; thousands of genes in humans are not in chimps, and thousands of chimp genes are not in humans. The similar genes are expected, as both are primates. All the supposed hominids are either mis-identified monkey, ape or human fossils. Or hoax. There is nothing factual about supposed human evolution, just lots of made-up stories.

VII. Textbooks persist in presenting evolution to students using examples that have been shown to NOT indicate evolution. Evolutionists intentionally deceive. Thus, so-called "vestigial" organs (e.g., the appendix) are really necessarily there; the peppered moth (doesn't stick to trees); the Galapagos finches' beaks (change epigenetically to adapt to environmental conditions but all remain finches); the so-called whale fossil series (totally made up); "junk" DNA and "pseudogenes" (codes for RNA to regulate gene expression); and the use of computer and mathematical models as well as "cladograms," all these, and more, misrepresent truth. The objective of these textbook and other media presentations is

to promote evolution despite the absence of real evidence. Richard Lenski showed that 50,000 generations of *E. coli* (after 30 years of re-culturing) produced no new species of *E. coli*. Same with two studies of cichlids in Africa, although those are on an even greater scale. Evolution simply doesn't occur! And there's no longer any paucity of fossils to study. The fossil record at all levels is full of sudden appearances of life forms; there simply are no "transitionals." The transitions that are necessary to establish evolution as even plausible, let alone credible, are nowhere in evidence. It's all assertion. It's all a massive *pretense* of knowledge. Or it's propaganda.

VIII. Now, let's examine the so-called evidence for billions of years ("deep time"). Six things to discuss here: (1) For the supposed "big bang" to work, it's now acknowledged that there needs to be "dark matter." And even "dark energy" as well. These don't exist. They are fudge factors to enable the big bang to be a viable explanation. Cosmologists resort to abstruse mathematics to make their scheme appear credible because there just isn't any empirical evidence to interpret. A supposed expanding universe is controversial; if it's real, it can be explained by processes other than a "big bang." It's impossible to know what happened (or how) in the distant past. Repeatable experiments can't be done; we can't position ourselves in that past. All that's on offer is speculation. Opinion.

(2) If the speed of light (called *c*) is known, 186,000 miles per second, and as the stars are at such very great distances, it must have taken millions of years for the starlight to reach earth. So the universe must be really, really old. But this distant starlight problem is only because it is assumed that the speed of light is *c*. That's the *two-way* speed of light. What's needed is to know the *one-way* speed of light, and that is unknown and unknowable. It is probably infinite. That means that what's happening anywhere in the universe is *now*. The time it takes for the light from stars to arrive here on earth is zero. In Genesis 1, on Day 4, God put the stars there, "and it was so." In other words, the starlight was seen on earth immediately.

(3) Our universe has been exquisitely fine-tuned, not only so that there's the possibility of life, but so that everything can exist! Gravity, for example, must be precisely as strong as it is. The sun and planets must be precisely where they are to keep earth stable. An understanding of nuclear physics now reveals that even the subatomic particles (electrons, protons, neutrons and quarks) must have precisely the mass and energy that they have or there'd be no universe, no sun, no stars or planets, nothing. There'd be no carbon, and no oxygen and no water, and so no life. The same holds for the intra-nuclear energies. It's inconceivable that all these precise parameters came into existence by accident, by chance, as naturalism requires. Such precision as has now been measured had to have been deliberately and carefully designed and skillfully built into the universe. The cosmos declares: God created it.

(4) Careful analysis of coal samples for the amount of carbon 14 show ages fully consistent with the Bible's time period of about 4,500 years since the Flood, and not anywhere near the age of millions of years that naturalism requires coal to have. Contamination of the samples by uranium or anything else doesn't explain the unexpected existence of ¹⁴C in coal. And all coal samples from everywhere on earth give the same dates. Assuming there was no ¹⁴C at creation (it's not needed for life or for anything), and a (demonstrably) stronger magnetic field many centuries ago, there would have been much less ¹⁴C before the Flood. And there was probably much more CO₂ in the atmosphere then, producing more luxuriant vegetative growth. This means the actual ages of the coal has to be adjusted from the somewhat greater age that mass spectrometry gives, so 4,500 years. Radiocarbon dating of coal (and even diamonds!) are not merely embarrassing for secular science, but refute the assumption of deep time.

(5) It was observation of exposed rock layers that initially led to the assumption of deep time. Stratified sedimentary rock was declared to represent millions of years of slow, gradual deposition. Lab simulation however shows that stratification is merely an artifact of sedimentation. Evidence (in this case, stratified rock layers) isn't dispositive; it must be interpreted, and our interpretations are driven by prior presuppositions or beliefs. Something else: Unconformities are observed in rock layers everywhere on earth. An "unconformity" is where one kind of rock sits directly atop another kind of rock with nothing at the junction to suggest an erosive process – or *any* process. Secular geologists imagine that hundreds of millions of years are "in" those unconformities. They posit slow, gradual processes of erosion took place, but leaving behind no evidence. More than 75% of their supposed deep time "exists" in those unconformities. They've simply created the illusion of massive time in these junctions with their made-up narrative. The creationist in contrast understands

unconformities as occurring rapidly due to tectonic and/or vast hydrodynamic forces during the Genesis Flood. Deep time, that is, billions of years of earth history, is really nothing more than assertion. It's an opinion, a speculation, regarding certain physical evidence.

(6) There's no compelling reason to believe that there've been 5 ice ages over hundreds of millions of years, as secular geologists insist. The evidence of those ice ages isn't present because each successive one supposedly destroyed the evidence of the one before, so the only ice age that left evidence is the last one. Some of the so-called ice ages supposedly filled the entire earth with ice ("snowball earth") and lasted millions of years. That's total nonsense. A "snow-ball earth" would have never melted! That "last" ice age is the only ice age, ie, the only one that ever occurred. The other four are just wiggles on a graph of O₂ isotope ratios of deep sea cores that are interpreted as ice ages. Deep ice core drilling in Greenland shows at the bottom of the ice a layer of soil that contains evidence of forests. There are twigs from spruce or fir trees and evidence of insects. That glaciation probably occurred at least 200-300 years after the Flood, as ocean waters surrounding Greenland cooled. There was only one ice age, and that in the recent past.

Let's conclude. Evolution is in the domain of biology; so modern, molecular biology now refutes evolution absolutely. Billions of years is not in any domain of knowledge because no human can grasp what it is; it's really just assertion, speculation, and a mass of mathematics that doesn't reflect or describe reality. Deep time is a fairy tale for adults.

To understand or explain something demands more than suggesting a scenario, a narrative, however plausible such may be. It requires marshalling incontrovertible evidence, that is, evidence whose interpretation is clear and not susceptible to alternate, equally viable interpretations. Computer models, extrapolations, and wishful thinking don't suffice. To explain all that exists is no mean undertaking, and facile assertions are irrelevant if not laughable. Our understanding of origins has to be something that's revealed to us, it is something beyond humanity's ability to know experientially. It's transcendent. It's not something that science can discover by its methodologies. So all that science can offer is imaginary stories and opinions, and hope they'll be accepted as authoritative. Anyone can invent a reason for anything that happens or exists; but just making up a reason doesn't make the reason true. But that's what secular scientists do in explaining origins: they offer an explanation for life, for all existence even, loaded with scientific-sounding jargon and a mass of technical details in the expectation that no one will realize that it's all bamboozle.

That something so ludicrous epistemologically as evolution and billions of years is so extensively held as truth is only understandable if we see it as a spiritual matter, a judgment by a holy God of those who fail to honor Him. In other words, the wide acceptance of evolution is itself the very proof of that which evolution seeks to deny. We believe what we want to believe, unaware that we're accountable to God for the beliefs we choose.

Secular people are in rebellion against God. Their only intellectual justification (supposing that science is rational and that reason is supreme) is evolution. If evolution is invalidated, their rebellion is bare, crass and baseless. So they *must* believe evolution and billions of years are (somehow) true. But why do evangelicals hold to it? Why are they so willing to accept claims and speculations and imagined scenarios as truth? The claim that the universe created itself out of nothing is a *faith* claim. To assert that all life evolved spontaneously by accident is likewise a faith matter. These are religious statements. To allege that there is no Creator God is a fully religious statement. These are not just opinions but *religious* opinions. So the core issue in evolution or creation is, their religion versus ours.

Evolution and billions of years are the necessary myths that underlie naturalism, a false, idolatrous religion. Naturalism is another pagan religion, just like Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, communism, and humanism. False religions such as these steal from God His glory as Creator, Redeemer, Ruler, Revealer, Judge, and the One who loves and blesses. Darwinism was invented with animus, specifically to steal from God His glory as Creator. Why then would Christians, who should be intensely loyal to the God they love and who saved them from deserved condemnation, want to try to incorporate in their minds and hearts the sacred myths of an alien religion? This is a profound spiritual problem that cries out for clear thinking and repentance.