

GOD THE CREATOR

In the book of Acts we have a record of the apostle Paul visiting Athens and the record is as follows. Acts 17:23 reads, ***"For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you."*** Many Christians could almost fall into this same classification today. We need to get to know this God that we are going to spend eternity with. Job 12:7-9 reads, ***"But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; And let the fish of the sea declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this,"*** This tells us that a close examination of the earth and its creatures, should lead us to belief in creation by God. Some would have you believe that the debate between evolution and creation is a debate between science and religion. In fact, it is a debate between two religious views and the interpretations of the data based on those views. Creationism is the doctrine of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Evolutionism is the doctrine of Atheism and Humanism. If you do not believe in God, you can't tolerate a Creator. If we were created by God, we are accountable to Him. This is anathema to them. Atheists try to twist the truths of the Bible. They say that the Bible teaches a flat earth. This simply isn't true. Job 40:22 says, ***"It is God who sits above the circle (the horizon) of the earth, and its inhabitants are as grasshoppers; it is He who stretches out the heavens like (gauze) curtains and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;"*** (Amp. Bible) Proverbs 8:27 reads, ***"When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,"*** Job 26:10 says, ***"He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters, at the boundary of light and darkness."*** If this doesn't describe the earth as a sphere, I don't know what does.

The Bible says that God created the heavens and the earth as well as the water, (Genesis 1:1-2) What does the evolutionist say? In the text book; "THE SCIENCE OF EVOLUTION", by William D. Stansfield, pages 80+81 we read the following. **"Geologists now assume that**

most of the water in the oceans was produced by volcanic outgassings. It has been estimated that seventy volcanoes the size of Mexico's Paricutin producing 0.001 cubic mile of water per year for 4.5 billion years of earth's history could account for the 315 million cubic miles of water in the oceans today. There are now approximately 600 active volcanoes and about 10,000 dormant ones. Six hundred volcanoes comparable to Paricutin could account for the present oceans in **approximately 0.5 billion years.**" So you can have a choice, if you can't work up enough faith to believe in 70 volcanoes erupting for 4.5 billion years, you can go with 600 volcanoes erupting for 500 million years. That takes a lot of faith because there is no evidence that it actually happened except that the numbers work out. But that is not science. In science, the theory follows the evidence. Here the "evidence", which is nothing more than an assumption, is tailored to fit the theory. Three paragraphs after the 70 volcanoes for 4.5 billion years story, we read, **"It has been estimated that just four volcanoes spewing lava at the rate observed for paricutin and continuing for five billion years could almost account for the volume of the continental crusts."** It seems to me that this presents the evolutionist with a problem. If you have 70 volcanoes for 4.5 billion years, you have enough water but you have more than 15 times the lava you need for the continental crust. If you go with the 4 volcanoes for 5 billion years, you only have about 6% of the water you need for the oceans. But these contradictions are no problem for the evolutionist, he simply ignores them. On page 82, Dr Stansfield writes about methods for dating material and says, **"A method that appears to have much greater reliability for determining absolute ages of rocks is that of radiometric dating."** Two pages later he writes, **"It is obvious that radiometric techniques may not be the absolute dating methods that they are claimed to be. Age estimates on a given geological stratum by different radiometric methods are often quite different (sometimes by hundreds of millions of years). There is no absolutely reliable long-term radiological "clock".** These kinds of contradictions are not uncommon in evolution text books, but no one dares to question them because they will simply be dispatched by ridicule.

Evolutionists are beginning to say that evolution is no longer a theory, but a fact. This is problematic because they claim to use science to prove their case and then ignore the standard of proof that

science requires. Let me explain. On page 83 of the text book we have been looking at, we read, "**Creationists argue that since C14 has not yet reached its equilibrium rate, the age of the atmosphere must be less than 20,000 years old.**" Now this is a scientific fact, and unless that one fact can be overcome by other scientific data, you can not claim that evolution is a fact. This fact does not prove that evolution is not true either, but a scientific law requires a scientific proof and any other standard is not science. For a science teacher to say that evolution is a fact shows that he is engaging in pseudo-science.

"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. And by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast. (Psalms 33:6-9) That is what I believe. I take it by faith just as the evolutionist accepts his belief. Can I prove it? No! So we are confronted by two beliefs based of faith. Is there any evidence for either one? yes! But neither one reaches the level of a proof, in the scientific sense of the word.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth! Tell me, if you have understanding, Who set its measurements since you know?" (Job 38:4-5) God was the only eye witness to creation. Psalms 90:1-2 reads, ***"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born, or thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."*** Can you fathom a God that has no beginning? With God, time has no consequences. He always was, and He will always be.

There is a law in science called "the law of the conservation of energy". This law states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, but only altered. So light energy can dissipate and become heat. The energy in the sun's light can be absorbed by plants and stored in the plants as potential energy which is released when the plant is burned. Thus fossil fuels contain the stored energy of the sun from ages past. Since energy can not be created, the energy that now exists had to be supplied at creation by the Creator. The sun can have no energy but that which was invested in it at creation by God. The energy from it radiates out in all directions and a minuscule amount of

that energy falls on the earth and warms and lights it. That energy creates hurricanes and tornadoes, it drives all of the cars and trucks that move, it heats our homes and other buildings through the sun's energy that is stored in the fossil fuels. He invested the energy in the material that makes up the atomic and hydrogen bombs, and drives nuclear power plants. Surely such a God has the power to do what He pleases. The evolutionist says that it all started with a big bang. A huge explosion that hurled planets and other huge chunks of real estate into space. But it did so with such precision that, in every case, the speed of the planet was exactly right so that the centrifugal force of every planet was equal to the centripetal force exerted by the attraction of gravity to the other planets that it comes into close proximity to. The evolutionist believes that this huge explosion created billions of parts, all traveling at different speeds, yet all traveling at precisely the correct speed to hold it in its correct place in the universe as the universe constantly expands, and it all happened by chance. **NOW THAT IS FAITH!!!** These are the same "scientists" that declared that circular designs in a grain field were the work of something with intelligence because they had order and symmetry.

"The rich and poor have a common bond, the Lord is the maker of them all." (Proverbs 22:2) Creation is a great leveler. God created us all the same in His sight. There is no person that is above another to Him. People think that they are better or worse than others but that is not what God sees. We all have worth to Him because He made us and He invests us with worth. What we do with that worth is another matter.

There is a portion of scripture that is troubling to some; It is Isaiah 45:6b-7. In the King James it reads, "***I am the Lord and there is none else. I form the light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.***" The Amplified Bible sheds a little more light on this portion. It reads, "***I am the Lord, and no one else is He. I form the light and create darkness; I make peace [national well-being. moral evil proceeds from the will of man, but physical evil proceeds from the will of God], and I create [physical] evil-calamity; I am the Lord Who does all these things.***" God is not evil and does no evil; but He opens the way for evil to be done. We discussed that in the chapter, "FROM THE GARDEN TO GLORY". Because God is love and can not enslave anyone, He must provide opportunity for His creation to have free will. This allows the creature to sin; [disobey God] and thus enter into a sinful

nature. There must be consequences for rebellion; thus such things as sickness, injury, and violent acts as a result of sin. God makes it clear that His design for the family is for a man and a woman to be married to each other and be faithful and provide a stable home for their children. When we violate this pattern, several things happen. If we are unfaithful to our spouse, we can get venereal diseases, and cause the breakup of the home. We have seen what has happened when people have children out of wedlock. The crime situation that we have in this country is because our society has relieved some of the consequences of sin. We have government programs that promote promiscuity, illegitimacy, divorce, drug abuse, and the like, and we are reaping the results of those programs as a country. Consequences for disobedience is a loving act by God, even though those who are afflicted with those consequences see them as evil. If they were not there we would destroy ourselves and our whole civilization.

God is not done creating. There is a future creation that is described in Revelation 21. It is too long to include in the text. You can read it from your own Bible.

Who is like our God?

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