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## **Atheism and Evolution**

### **Atheism**

IT IS PHILOSOPHICALLY IMPOSSIBLE to be an atheist, since to be an atheist you must have infinite knowledge in order to know absolutely that there is no God. But to have infinite knowledge, you would have to be God yourself. It's hard to be God yourself and an atheist at the same time!

*Psalm 14:1,*

*"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'"*

*Romans 1:18-23,25:*

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth [of God] by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For 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. For 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. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man, and birds and animals and reptiles.... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. God has clearly revealed Himself in four major ways, so that man is without excuse when it comes to the knowledge of God.*

### **Revealed through creation**

- Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
- God has revealed Himself to us through what He has created.
- The Bible begins with the words "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
- Boeing 747
- It takes far more faith to believe in impersonal chance evolution than it does to believe in a divine Designer, who designed and created this incredible and intricate world we live in.

### **The Desire to Know God**

- God has put into the heart of every person a desire to know Him.
- All people have an innate knowledge of God, but many have turned their backs to this knowledge and have rejected the revelation of God to follow other gods.
- When people declare "There is no God," instead of worshiping nothing, they always find something to worship.
- Man has a spiritual desire for God which he will fill either with the true God or with false gods i.e. wooden idols, success, money, material possessions, etc.

### **God in Human History**

- We also know there is a God because God has broken into human history. God split history into B.C. and A.D. and has personally revealed Himself to us. "History" is literally "His story."
- Two thousand years ago, the greatest event in human history took place: God became a man. His name was Jesus Christ! If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus Christ.
- Colossians 1:15 *15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

### Revealed in the Book

- God has also revealed Himself to us through His Word, the Bible.
  - Second Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed."
  - Second Peter 1:21 says, "Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."
- The Bible has been translated into over 1800 languages and is the number-one bestseller every year
- It is a supernatural book and divinely inspired by God
- The Bible is the collection of 66 different books written by 40 different authors over a period of 1500 years.
- The Bible's integrity is also verified by its historical, geographical, and archaeological accuracy.
- One of the truly awe-inspiring evidences that it is God's book is demonstrated by the hundreds of fulfilled prophecies given through the inspired prophets.

Atheism is not a valid philosophy. It is intellectually bankrupt and demonstrates a willful denial of all that God has revealed. It is the very denial of the world around us and all the stars in the heavens.

### Evolution

Science – The state of knowing: knowledge as distinguished from ignorance or misunderstanding."

Religion – Cause, principle or system of beliefs held to with ardor and faith.

Evolution is basically a religious philosophy. Both creation and evolution are religious views of life upon which people build their models of philosophy, science, or history. The issue, therefore, is not science versus religion, but religion versus religion (the science of one religion versus the science of another religion).

Operational Science:

- Observable
- Repeatable
- Testable

Evolution in the sense that things change over time is true and rational. We can observe that. Yet we observe that not in progression but in digression.

- Life has never been **observed** to come from no life



- Life can only exist when there is life
- A dead tree cannot reproduce a tree that lives
- There is no known observable process by which new genetic information can be added to the genetic code of an organism
  - Living organisms lose genetic information....they don't gain it (aging)
  - If living organisms cannot produce new genetic information then how can something gradually change into something of higher intelligence?
  - How can a molecule evolve to a man without adding new genetic information?
  - A fish does not know how to be a frog without new information
  - Ernest Kahane, a French molecular biologist, formulates it as follows: “It is absurd and absolutely preposterous to believe that a living cell could come into existence by itself; but, notwithstanding, I do believe it, because I cannot imagine anything else.”

The Bible says that God created distinct groups of animals “after their kind” (*Genesis 1*).

Starting with this truth of the Bible we would expect to observe animals divided into distinct groups, or kinds. Creationists believe that our creative God placed phenomenal variability in the genes of each kind, so there could be considerable variety within each kind. But the preprogrammed mechanism for variation within the kind could never change one kind into a different kind, as evolutionists claim and their belief system requires.

The Bible is the eyewitness testimony of the Creator, who tells us what happened to produce the earth, the different kinds of life, the fossils, the rock layers, and indeed the whole universe. The Bible gives us the true, “big picture” starting assumptions for origin science.

### **EVOLUTION AND CREATION COMPATIBLE TEACHINGS CHART**

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|              | CREATION                                                                       | EVOLUTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cause</b> | God was the Cause<br>For every effect, there was a cause ( <b>observable</b> ) | There was not cause – 15 billion years ago for no known reason, the universe exploded itself into existence. Time, chance, and natural process created all things.<br>The creation of the universe is an effect with no cause ( <b>not observable</b> ). |

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| <b>Origin</b>                   | The universe was spoken into existence by God's Word. Matter cannot be created or destroyed by natural processes ( <b>observable</b> ). | Began with 'singularity', a tiny infinitely hot and dense point. Matter was created by a natural process ( <b>not observable</b> ).                        |
| <b>Energy</b>                   | We are devolving. Energy goes from a state of usable energy to less usable energy ( <b>observable</b> ).                                | We are evolving. Energy goes from a state of less usable energy to more usable energy ( <b>not observable</b> ).                                           |
| <b>Space</b>                    | Earth created first (day 1). Stars came afterwards (day 4) with the sun and moon.                                                       | Stars formed first. Earth formed afterwards.                                                                                                               |
| <b>Time Constraints</b>         | 6 Days – The creation of the World was <b>FINISHED</b> in six days and is no longer taking place ( <b>observable</b> ).                 | Infinite Time – 4.6 billion years ago the earth evolved by natural processes. The world is in a continuous process of evolution ( <b>not observable</b> ). |
| <b>Origin of Life</b>           | God. Life comes from life ( <b>observable</b> ), no known exceptions.                                                                   | Forces of Nature. It is possible for life to come from non-life ( <b>not observable</b> ).                                                                 |
| <b>Time needed for Life</b>     | 2 Days (Faith based) – all animal/human life was created on day 5 and 6.                                                                | Millions of years (Faith based) – They don't know how it happened but given enough time they <b>BELIEVE</b> it will.                                       |
| <b>Species</b>                  | Kind begets kind ( <b>observable</b> ).                                                                                                 | Kind begets some other kind ( <b>not observable</b> ).                                                                                                     |
| <b>Animal Life</b>              | Birds first, then Reptiles.                                                                                                             | Reptiles first, then Birds.                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Human Life</b>               | Man was created on day six. Man is made in the image of God.                                                                            | 3.5 billion years ago life evolved. Humans evolved from ape-like creatures.                                                                                |
| <b>Sediment Layers, Canyons</b> | Form rapidly (liquefaction) ( <b>observable</b> ).                                                                                      | Form slowly. No evidence witnessed ( <b>not observable</b> ).                                                                                              |
| <b>Fossil Creation</b>          | Catastrophic event, rapid burial in water, ( <b>observable</b> ).                                                                       | Buried by dust over long periods of time ( <b>not observable</b> ).                                                                                        |

Answers for our atheist and evolutionist friends:

The following is a post from Kerby Rials in the Conservatively speaking...Assemblies of God group

***"As a pastor, you may have read about the Hillsong musician, Marty Sampson, who has turned away from the Lord. One of Marty's stumbling blocks was God's command to exterminate the Amalekites. These and other similar Bible verses are stunning. Many skeptics, like Mark Twain, point to these verses and say that either the Bible is a book of lies, or that God is a monster.***

***That is a quick and easy deduction, but it is too easy.***

***Because to reach that conclusion, we have to accept several hidden assumptions. If we look at those assumptions, it is clear (at least to me) that these hidden assumptions are to blame.***

***Here they are. Please do add your comments, corrections or suggestions:***

*1) I understand these situations so thoroughly that I can judge God's actions. I know all about the Amalekites, Midianites and Canaanites, and am sure that it would have been okay to let them continue to exist. God does not know the future as well as I do.*

*2) My morality (goodness) is superior to God's. He had those people killed wrongly. I know better and would not have done so.*

*3) God is my equal and operates under the same conditions as me. There is no difference between God and man. I can judge God, my creator, as if he were a man, in the same way a small child can sit in judgment of his parents.*

*4) God has no right to put anyone to death, and there is nothing after this life.*

*5) All the other proofs of God's love and character, and his death for my sins, mean nothing since I do not understand these verses.*

*6) All the other proofs of the truth of the Bible mean nothing if I do not understand these verses. All the archaeological, prophetic, historical and scientific proofs of the Bible, and the millions of lives transformed, mean nothing if I do not understand these passages.*

*7) I assume that the worst thing that can happen to someone is to die.*

*8) I assume that the innocent people who died in these circumstances went to hell.*

*Beyond the errors caused by these hidden assumptions, the truth is there are good explanations of these Bible verses that are not immediately evident. If there is interest I can post on that as well.*

***Here is the follow up I promised yesterday (1 of 2 posts -- second is below). This is excerpted from the book "The Genocidal God" due out in October on Amazon and Kindle:***

1. 1) The first hint in understanding these passages is found that, in the conquest of Canaan, there were very different orders about what to do with the Canaanites.

a. A) The Lord said to offer peace to distant cities at war with Israel, sparing everyone if they surrendered (Deut. 20:10-11)

B) Sometimes the Lord ordered the killing of the men, but not the women and children (Num. 31:7).

C) Other times he ordered the killing of all the men, women and children but spared the animals (Deut. 2:34-35).

D) But sometimes he ordered that all the people and even the ANIMALS should be killed (1 Samuel 15:3-4). Why these differences? And why, especially, would he order the killing of the animals?

I think this latter point about the animals is the key to understanding what was going on in these conquests. It must first be noted that demons can inhabit animals. We see this in the account of the legion of demons entering the herd of pigs in Mar 5:11-13. Demons can also be in children, as Matt. 17:18 shows. May I add that, if you don't believe in the demonic world, then you disagree with Jesus, and the apostles, and Mark 16, which says that casting out of demons is a sign of those who believe. I suggest you do a study of this and then come back, as without this understanding the rest of this book will not be useful to you. "Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. The demons implored Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them." Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea."

Could it be that in ordering these exterminations, the Lord was redeeming a promised land that had become demonically defiled? It seems the Lord was removing a demonic infestation that varied from city to city. In that regard this is like cancer surgery – you only remove what is infected, and leave the healthy flesh. In some cases, the demonic cancer was so deep that it was even in children and sometimes in animals, too. Note that the people of the land had sex with animals. (Lev. 18) Did this have something to do with that? It is hard to say, but it is clear that their wickedness was complete by this time, as the Lord told Abraham that it would be, 400 years earlier (Gen. 15:16). This was the very land where the Lord was going to work salvation for the whole world in the coming of the Messiah.

Apparently Satan had, in a pre-emptive effort, filled this land with a level of evil not seen anywhere else in the world. Satan inspired the Amalekites and the Midianites (via Balaam) to attack Israel with the sword and with sorcery and with sex. God responded by wiping out the peoples who had so devoted their cultures to the demonic. They were at cross purposes with God. In so doing it could be he

*was not hating these people or condemning the innocent among them; he was simply ending their lives, as must be the case with everyone of us who breathes. We will all die. The only difference is that they all died at once, as their culture had become an obstacle to the salvation that he was working in Israel for the benefit of the whole world: "in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 26:4)*

2. 2) *The second hint in understanding these passages is in the repeated references to the discovery of very large men – giants, like Goliath -- the Anakim – in the accounts of these people who were to be attacked (Deut. 1:28, 2:9-11, 1Sa 17:4, 2Sa 21:18-22). These giant men are another evidence of the demonic corruption in these cultures, as they are descendants of demons and women who had given themselves to the occult. This is shown in Gen 6:2-7 (ESV)*

*"The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."*

*Most of the early Jewish and Christian writers, including Augustine (<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/npnf102.iv.iii.5.html...>) interpreted the Genesis passage as referring to fallen angels or demons (Nephilim, from the word Naphal – fallen). These demons found receptive women and literally had sex with them. Only in more recent times has this been reinterpreted by some to mean something else. It was reinterpreted, I believe, because many of the later writers had no conception of the demonic and were more or less anti-supernatural and rationalistic. So they wrote based upon what they knew, dismissing this possibility as ridiculous. However, on a personal note, in 1984 I was asked to help pray for the deliverance of an airline stewardess in Geneva, Switzerland. She had been involved in automatic handwriting. Under questioning by us, she was embarrassed to admit that the writing from the demon was love notes, seducing her until the point that they had actual sex. She said it was the real thing. She did not want to tell us this, needless to say, which confirmed to us that this was real.*

*So the Canaanites were apparently deeply involved in the occult, to the point that they actually had physical relations with demons.*

*This blotting out of mankind due to demonic corruption and violence in the flood is also the reason for the Lord's commands against the Canaanites. The Lord attacked the*



corruption in Canaan not because he hated those people, but because he was working salvation for us all in the land of Canaan. Canaanites will be in heaven, and the Canaanite prostitute Rahab is even an ancestor of Jesus (Matt. 1). A similar interdiction of a sub-group of the Midianites (not all, as they are mentioned in later passages of the Bible) is based upon their using a demonic strategy proposed by Balaam to corrupt Israel and so bring them under God's wrath. This is very well explained by Glen Miller in his post below, so I will not go into it: <http://christianthinktank.com/midian.html> Again we see deep demonic involvement, to the point that thousands of Midianite women would give themselves to the Hebrews in order to snare them into demonic worship. This was on a level that it got the Lord's attention.

3. The third hint is that Joshua cursed the city of Jericho, commanding that it never be rebuilt, after he had entered it and conquered it. What did he see there that caused that reaction? Lev. 18 says that the people of Canaan were having sex with animals and that they burned their children alive in a demonic offerings to their gods. This was a level of corruption that no country on the earth practices today. To my knowledge there is no place today where sex with animals and burning of children alive are practiced. They were also given to incest and homosexuality. Here we see that the Lord's judgment on these cultures was not without reason.

4) Last point: There is much more to be said on these subjects, but this is already a long post, so I will end with this: Why did the Lord have the children put to death? Weren't they innocent? Yes they were innocent. This seems unjust until we realize that these children went straight to heaven. They were not condemned. They died young, but that happens today as well. As mentioned above, children can be possessed by demons, as Jesus showed in Matt. 17:18. If the Lord is redeeming a defiled land from demonic corruption, then the children would be included. I know personally a friend who was used as a medium from the age of 9 by her parents. They had seances in their home and used their daughter as the medium as she was more receptive. I was there when she went through deliverance as an adult, and let me assure you it was the real thing. Does that mean that she was guilty or condemned for this? Not at all. It was the fault of her parents. The same with the Canaanite children. I believe they went straight to heaven, just as did the children who perished in the flood in Noah's day, and as did David's son who was born of an adulterous relationship, because David said in 2 Samuel 12:23 that he would see his son in heaven.

**One more: There are three things, I believe, that we need to understand in order to resolve these difficult passages:**

- 1) We are not God's judge. We do not know enough about God to judge him or condemn him. **God is good even when we do not understand him.** There are things we may not ever understand in this life that we will understand later. "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then

*face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.” (1 Cor. 13:12). Job did not understand, but said “Yea, though he slay me, yet will I trust him.” Christ did not understand on the cross, crying out “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” But he entrusted his soul to God. He believed even when he did not understand.*

*2) We know that God tests us, as when he tested Abraham in the case of Isaac, and when Jesus tested the Jews in John 6 by saying they had to drink his blood and eat his flesh. In the former case, Abraham trusted God despite not fully understanding, and won the victory. In the latter most did not trust Him, and walked away. I believe these difficult passages are a test that will weed out some people. Some will seize on them as proof that God is evil, like Mark Twain, because that is what they want to believe. They will use them as a justification of their rebellion against God. And yet others will trust anyway.*

*3) We have enough in the scriptures to understand these passages – enough for those who want to believe, but never enough for those who do not. For more complete information, see the book, “The Genocidal God.” “*

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Other Resources:

<https://answersingenesis.org/>

<http://clearviewbaptist.us/faith/CreationVsEvolutionChart.htm>

Book: Fast Facts on False Teachings by Ron Carlson and Ed Decker