

Demonstrating Creation From the Bible, Science and Nature

Part One: Straight from the Bible

In the technological age in which we live, it has become increasingly the case that we take certain things for granted. We take for granted that our car will start, when we turn the key, that our computer will type an “x” when we hit the “x” key, and that in general we have it all figured out. We also seem to have a universal belief in science, and scientists. But scientists are just as human as we are, just as apt to make mistakes, and the science they produce is influenced by such imperfections.

God is *not* handicapped in such a way. Since he has created space, time and matter, he is necessarily above those things. Since God certainly knows more than we could ever hope to learn, we should trust him first and foremost. And since his Word is his written revelation to us, we should take it at face value.

Read Genesis Chapter 1. As you do, attempt to lay all your preconceived ideas behind, and concentrate only in determining what the author is trying to convey.

- 1) How many days did it take God to make all of Creation, going *strictly* by the text?
- 2) How long is a day, and what two parts does it consist of (once again, going strictly by what is written)?
- 3) Does the text seem to convey any idea of man coming from lower animals, or did God make man special, and different than the others?

Now Read the account of the Noahic Flood, in Genesis 7-9

- 1) According to the text, what was the scope of the flood? Did it cover the whole Earth?
- 2) Why would God command Noah to build a boat, if the flood was only localized? Why would he not simply tell Noah to leave to a different locale?
- 3) Why would God command Noah to take animals on board with him, if the flood was not global?

Finally, look at the following verses from the Gospel of Mathew:

Mat 24:37 for just like the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be.

Mat 24:38 for in those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark.

Mat 24:39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and took them all away. It will be the same at the coming of the Son of Man.

- 1) Looking at these verses, does Jesus believe the flood to be a real event?
- 2) If these verses are comparing the final coming of Christ to the flood, and we know that Christ’s coming encompasses the entire earth, what does that imply about the flood?

Part Two: Science and Nature

It is often said by secular scientists that the theory of evolution is irrefutable. However, this seems like a lofty claim. Could it be that these scientists are actually biased toward a particular religious worldview, in much the same way that creationists are often being accused? While science is truly unbiased, humans bring there deeply held presuppositions and beliefs to the table with them. It is the interpretation of data, not the data itself, which brings the division. In fact, many evolutionary scientists do not even want creationists on the field; they are so worried about challenges to their “pet” belief. Note this quote from Dr. Dini in the February 12th issue of the New York Times, in regards to a young earth creationist, whose scientific work is said to be “impeccable”:

“Scientists do not base their acceptance or rejection of theories on religion, and someone who does should not be able to become a scientist.”

So, apparently Dr. Dini believes that only *his* religious belief (a.k.a. evolutionary naturalism) should be allowed to be scientists. Apparently, only institutions where people are indoctrinated with only one theory of origins is acceptable to such men, and only then if it is theirs. So much for an open learning environment.

Such academic elitism is the rule of thumb in the scientific community. But do the facts bear it out? Let us take a look for a moment at a few of the facts.

- A. Thousands of fossils found in all strata of rock, many in contorted positions.
 - 1. Rapid burial is necessary for fossilization.
 - 2. Fossils of bottom dwelling marine fossils, such as clams and trilobites, are found everywhere in the world, including Earth’s tallest mountains.
 - 3. Coal deposits and rock strata seem to indicate rapid inundation of water, and coverage of vegetation.
- B. Unbelievable complexity in every aspect of creation, not only in biological forms, such as DNA, but even in the basic elements of matter, the atom.
 - 1. DNA in humans is extremely complex. For example, all the genetic material from a single human was strung out end to end, it is estimated it would reach to the sun and back 600 times!
 - 2. The Earth is the only known planet where life is possible, much less observed. The necessary balance of nature is extremely precise for higher life forms survival.
- C. Complete lack of transitional fossils
 - 1. Not a single true humanoid fossil has ever been shown to be an ancestor of “modern” man.
 - 2. The different “Kinds” of animals are very distinct, with no transitional fossils. Macroevolution has never been observed.
 - 3. Darwin predicted many transitional fossils...yet none have been found.

After you have read the above, consider the following:

1. Considering the evidence cited above, which model (creation or evolution) better fits the facts?
2. Why do you believe that scientists in the “evolutionary” camp would be unwilling to admit to the possibility of a young earth and special creation, given such staggering evidence?
3. Do you believe the secular scientific community is completely unbiased?
4. Given the uncertainties above, what is a better approach: a. Trust God’s Word until modern Science catches up b. Adapt the scripture to fit the ever changing scientific view of the day?

It has been clearly shown that the current conflict in the scientific community, is not scientific at all, but rather, has its roots in two incompatible worldviews. One is dominated by a spirit of permissiveness, grounded in the greatness of man. The other is founded on the Spirit of God, and based on the greatness of Him.

Homework: Find an article on evolution, the age of the earth, or science in general. This can be from a newspaper, a Encyclopedia, or any other published source. Write a one to two page essay, answering the following questions..

1. From reading the text, what is the author’s bias? Naturalistic or Creationist?
2. What assumptions does the author make (such as age of the earth, rock layers, etc.)?
3. Does the author even mention any opposing viewpoints to the one he holds?
4. If so, does he seem antagonistic to the other side, or does he give it a fair presentation?