

“Don’t worry”, the father said to his small child “I’ll be right there with you”. He patted his son on the head and gently pushed him towards the deep end of the pool.

“But I’ll drown!” the boy yelled back “I don’t know how to swim!”

“Come on. You’ll figure it out.” With that the father shoved the boy head long into the eight foot deep section of the pool.

Immediately the boy began to sink, gasping for air and flailing his arms. The father sat motionless with his hands on his hips, a slight smile of indifference on his face. With a final scream, his son sank beneath the water. A nearby life guard, with a menacing glance toward the man, dove in and pulled the boy to the edge.

“Sir, you are a derelict father!” the lifeguard yelled at him, “Why didn’t you help your son?”

“Because I knew you were there”, the father replied, “and besides, I can’t interfere in my sons life decision. If he wanted to swim, he needed to swim.”

Shaking his head in amazement, the lifeguard walked slowly back to his post.

Such a story seems incredible to us. How could a father set things into motion, and then simply watch, as his child flails and cries in desperation? And yet, this is exactly where the compromising Christian comes, when they accept evolutionary thinking.

Thankfully, for those of us who choose to take God at his word, we do not have such problems. We do not have a derelict father that watches coldly while his child drowns. We have a loving father, that gets into the pool with us, and lifts us up, slowly and gently instructing us in every motion, that we might learn to swim.

Every star, every planet in the solar system was specifically placed there by the hand of God. He did not simply set creation into motion and step back to watch it form itself. He spoke every minute detail into existence, paying attention to all things, even down to the level of every electron and proton of every molecule in creation.

The location of the Earth in both the universe and in our solar system, demonstrate the care that the creator took to make things “just right”. It is patently obvious, even to a child, of the favored position of Earth, and the exalted position to which God has placed us upon this world. We are neither like Venus, with its molten hot surface, nor like the icy cold surface of the planet Mars. Sitting at exactly the right place in our orbit, at exactly the right tilt, with exactly the right atmosphere, we are privileged indeed.

Let us remember that our loving father has placed us here for a purpose, not to simply “exist”. We are not the science experiment of some mad laboratory worker in the sky. We were created to glorify God and to have fellowship with him. Evolutionary cosmology is incompatible with this idea.