

Disproving Evolution

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Prelude:

I. I believe that I can say with total confidence

- A. that the teaching of evolution and
- B. that the elimination of creation
 - 1. in the minds of Americans
 - 2. has been the root of many of our major problems.

II. By "evolution," I mean

- A. the General Theory of Evolution,
- B. otherwise, known as "Macro" Evolution.
 - 1. This form of evolution speaks of
 - 2. species turning into another species, or
 - a) the word we would use is, "kind," from Genesis 1.
 - b) However, creatures reproduce after their kind.
- C. When I use the word, "theory,"
 - 1. we have to realize
 - 2. that the average evolutionist
 - a) does not call evolution a theory.
 - b) They believe it is a fact that it happened.
 - (1) We are here,
 - (a) they argue,
 - (b) therefore, evolution must have happened.
 - (2) How it happened is the part
 - (3) that they call a theory.

III. Evolution has captured every single institution in America.

- A. It has especially captured
 - 1. every level of education,
 - 2. the government,
 - 3. the sciences,
 - 4. the news media, and
 - 5. even many churches.
 - a) Within all of those groups
 - b) there are exceptions,
 - (1) though on an individual basis,
 - (2) although you can find whole churches
 - (a) that have not accepted evolution.
 - (b) For the most part that would include most Churches of Christ.
- B. Evolution has serious implications
 - 1. that destroys people's faith
 - 2. in God and in his word.
 - a) What happens when you destroy people's faith in God and his word?
 - b) Romans 1 makes it as clear
 - (1) as any text that I can find in the Bible, and
 - (2) just compare
 - (a) what we read here
 - (b) with what we see happening in the world around us:

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness...

i) Why is God's wrath ready to be poured out?

ii) How are men suppressing truth?

(c) They are suppressing the truth of God and of creation:

19 ...because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

i) Notice how the rejection of a knowledge of God leads to

- (1) ungratefulness,
- (2) futile thoughts, and
- (3) foolish hearts,
- (4) which end up darkened.

ii) Since they live then in darkness,

- (1) they cannot see the connection between
- (2) their messed up lives and
 - (a) the rejection of the creation and
 - (b) the rejection of the teaching of creation:

**19 The way of the wicked is like darkness;
They do not know what makes them stumble.**

– Proverbs 4.19

(d) Having rejected their Creator and the fact of creation, they:

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies

among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

i) If you have never heard that before,

ii) I am guessing that it amazed you

(1) by how accurately it pictures our nation, but

(2) let us continue and you will be even more dumbfounded.

(e) Since evolutionists reject the fact of creation,

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

i) Homosexuality becomes a dominant force in that society.

ii) It seems to me that is precisely what we see around us.

(f) I will show you later,

i) that accepting evolution

ii) logically leads to

(1) destroyed faith in God and his word, and

(2) that opens the door to all kinds of behavior.

(g) Does that not sound like today? Let us continue:

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving,

unmerciful...

– Romans 1.18–31

IV. Therefore, I am compelled to speak out against evolution again.

- A. I will not finish today, but
- B. it will require probably two more sermons.

V. Not only do I want to refute the teaching of evolution, but

- A. I want to show you
- B. that by the message of creation,
 - 1. you can live a powerful life,
 - 2. you can have strength that you did not know you have,
 - 3. you can have wisdom, and
 - 4. you can follow the sound advice of our Creator in his word.

Persuasion:

I. Evolution Is Unchristian

- A. To some people
 - 1. that may not make any difference.
 - 2. However, we have to ask: What fruit does evolution produce?
 - a) Does not Matthew 7 speak what is logical:

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

– Matthew 7.15–20

- b) Romans 1 gives us the answer on what comes from evolution.
- B. Who came up with it?
- 1. Did someone read the Scriptures and
 - 2. decide that the Bible actually teaches evolution?
 - a) No, it came up in the minds of men
 - b) who either were antagonistic to the teaching of creation, or
 - (1) who at one time upheld creation, but
 - (2) later abandoned it.
 - (a) What should that tell you about this doctrine?
 - (b) They and those who are taught it
 - i) see that you cannot continue to believe
 - ii) in creation and
 - iii) in evolution simultaneously.
 - (1) That is why so many young people fall away
 - (2) once they go to college or a university.
 - (a) Those institutions set themselves
 - (b) to destroy the faith of young people.
- C. Just listen to the leading evolutionists or
- 1. just about anyone speaking for it, and
 - 2. you will see
 - a) that they conceive of evolution as independent of God, and
 - b) most will even argue that evolution is antagonistic
 - c) toward a Creator and creation.
 - (1) They will only tolerate a view of God
 - (2) that sees him as part of creation,
 - (a) not independent or

(b) even outside of nature.

d) Darwin's bulldog Huxley, said:

"It is clear that the doctrine of Ev. is directly antagonistic to that of creation. As applied to the creation of the world as a whole, it is opposed to that of direct creative volition. Ev., if consistently accepted, makes it impossible to believe the Bible."

3. There is no God in evolution and no need for God.

4. Blind chance and accidents of nature are substituted for a Creator.

a) As proof that evolution is hostile to Christianity,

b) just consider what has happened to the faith

(1) of the young people of America and Europe

(2) over the past four or five decades.

(a) Some young people overcome the influence of evolution, but

(b) many do not, because

i) it has so much backing it.

ii) Just think of the university presentation.

(1) A large and expensive facility,

(2) filled with Phd's, and

(a) it is all very impressionable.

(b) However, I overcame my evolutionary schooling,

(c) so I know that others can too.

II. Evolution Opposes Christianity on Every Point

A. It Excludes a Supra-natural God

1. He is supernatural,

2. that is, he is greater than nature, but

a) he is also supra-natural, because

b) he is beyond or outside of our natural creation.

B. It Negates the Teaching of Creation

1. They reject Genesis 1.1:

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

– **Genesis 1.1**

2. John 1.1–5 cannot enter into one whose mind has accepted evolution:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

– **John 1.1–5**

3. These passages, especially Genesis 1.1, affirm three things:

a) That there was a beginning,

b) That before the beginning there was a God,

(1) hence, he is not part of creation, but

(2) he stands outside of creation, and

c) That the creation must have some kind of connection to God.

C. It Dehumanizes Man

1. Evolution argues that we are just a bunch of atoms.

a) It asserts that we are chemical processes and electrical connections.

b) In that way, it says that we are no different than any animal.

(1) They enjoy saying to us

(2) that we are just animals.

2. Yet, I think we all know,

- a) including the atheists and evolutionists who have talked to me,
 - b) that we are far different than the animals.
 - (1) If a human kills another human,
 - (2) they know that something has to be done about it.
 - (a) However, when one animal kills another animal,
 - (b) they just think that is the natural way.
3. They will not come out and say this, but
- a) they know that we are higher than the rest of creation.
 - b) What they sense without acknowledging is what these passages affirm:

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

– Genesis 1.26–27

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

– Genesis 2.7

- (1) They will not be able to identify those truths, but
 - (2) they see things in us
 - (a) that they do not see in animals.
 - (b) Yet, they do not want to acknowledge it.
4. While we certainly have animalistic traits,
- a) we are in a unique class all by ourselves.
 - b) In addition to those passages from Genesis,
 - (1) Isaiah 43 shows the purpose for which we have been created:

**7 “Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”**

– Isaiah 43.7

- (2) We have been created for God’s glory
 - (a) that we might share in his glory,
 - (b) which is why he teaches us to be holy, because
 - i) he is holy and
 - ii) his glory shines from his holiness.
- (1) Therefore, we can have future glory
 - (2) by partaking of his holiness now.

Exhortation:

I. Yet, we have a problem.

- A. And that problem is known as sin.
- B. Sin is a violation
 - 1. of the teachings and commands
 - 2. that he gives us in his Scriptures.

II. The further problem with sin is

- A. that it makes us unholy.
- B. Now we cannot share in his glory.
 - 1. If we cannot share in his glory,
 - 2. he will cast us away when we finally meet him.

III. This is where the story of Jesus comes into play.

- A. Of Jesus, the Bible says:

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation

perfect through sufferings.

– Hebrews 2.10

B. That same writer continued to write a few sentences later:

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

– Hebrews 2.14–15