

# **Creation?**

# **Evolution?**

**Difficult to choose?**

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# Introduction

An important question is raised - is the bible God's inspired word? Or is Darwin correct?

A difficult choice to make?

What about 'blind' faith?

How about a reasoned conclusion?

This is written to help believers know what they believe and to be able to give a good account of why they believe it.

## Objective

To clarify.

To bring confidence in placing our trust in the scripture.

To see that the early church belief that 1 day represents 1,000 years and that the 7 days of creation represent 7,000 years is valid.

To show that evolution is not scientific and is untenable.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **The perplexing question.**

Why the difficulty – because as believers we look, or should look, to the bible as the basis for what we believe. Our lifestyle is affected by what we believe. Result – what we believe about the bible and its doctrines is very important to life itself.

Why the difficulty - because the bible account of creation is not compatible with the 'scientific' account of evolution almost exclusively taught in our education establishments and heavily promoted in our media. However, some do attempt a sort of compromise solution which lacks any authority and is unconvincing. Each day in Genesis 1 is described as evening and morning, a clear description of a day, to suggest each day represents an enormous length of time is unjustified.

It is said that if you say something loud enough and often enough people will just accept it and believe it. That is certainly the case with the theory of evolution for the majority of the population.

The result is that anyone believing the bible account is likely to be ridiculed. Yet for Christian believers the bible is the most important book we have.

## Chapter 2

### The case for creation

The case for creation will rest on whether or not we see the bible as being given by inspiration of God as claimed by the apostle Paul writing to Timothy. (2 Timothy 3:16)  
(Paul used the word *'theopneustos'* which literally is 'God breathed'.)

So we have the question – Is the scripture 'God breathed' albeit through a significant number of human writers over a considerable period of time?

The apostle Peter acknowledges the epistles of Paul as scripture in 2 Peter 3:16 and makes the statement that untaught and unstable people twist scripture to their own destruction. In the world we see many denying the truth or following satan's challenge to Eve, '*Did God say?*' Anything to avoid recognizing that there is a God who might require holiness in life. As the scripture says, men prefer darkness for their deeds are evil. John 3:19.

And so the theory of evolution was 'born' so that man can avoid acknowledging his Creator.

If the scripture is God's word for us, then we can place our trust in what it teaches, and the case for creation will rest on the bible's authority.

(By bible we mean the original manuscripts. Our translations need to be handled with care. This work is based on the New King James translation which the author believes to be the most reliable.)

## We need evidence that God breathed the scriptures

To be of any use in making a case for creation we are going to need evidence, for it is easy to say the scriptures are 'God breathed' or inspired. Is there any evidence? Or is it 'blind' faith?

### Evidence

If we can show beyond any doubt that the bible could only have been written with divine inspiration, then we are making the case for the doctrine of creation.

#### 1 Reliability of the text.

The texts are written principally in Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament). As no originals exist, can we show that the texts we have today have retained their integrity? Hebrew scribes were extremely diligent in the way they copied the manuscripts, so much so that when the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered last century, confirmation of the integrity of our copies was forthcoming. Amongst the many scrolls was a virtually complete copy of the book of Isaiah – this newly discovered scroll was approximately 1,000 years older than the copy used for our bibles today. On precise comparison it was found that the two matched completely bar a few very small and insignificant differences.

The Romans used letters to represent numbers – v for 5, x for 10. L for 50.

So it should be no surprise that in both the Hebrew and Greek alphabets each letter represents a number – in Hebrew *aleph* is 1 whilst *tav* is 400. In Greek *alpha* is 1 *beta* is 2 and so on *Omega* is 800 and so on.

A remarkable feature of the bible text was discovered by Ivan Panin. Like a watermark the number 7, which represents spiritual perfection, is woven into the scripture. For example: 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' Genesis 1:1 – In the Hebrew this verse features the number 7 in many ways, starting with 7 words which have  $4 \times 7 = 28$  letters between them through to calculations of letter values showing many multiples of 7. The number 7 is woven throughout every text of Hebrew and Greek scripture. You can examine this remarkable feature of scripture in 'Numerics in scripture' by Ivan Panin.

*Ivan Panin was a literary scholar of the highest order. He was born in Russia in 1855. He was a confirmed agnostic, who, after moving to the United States graduated from Harvard as a Master of Literary Criticism. He was well known for his outstanding lectures. He was converted to Christianity in the late 1880's causing quite a stir as his agnostic position was well known and considered to be unassailable.*

## 2 Prophetic insight

The scripture was written over hundreds of years and by over 20 authors. It contains many prophetic statements. Many of these have been fulfilled already and some remain to be fulfilled - we can be certain they will!

Where we can see a prophetic statement made many years before its fulfilment we see the inspiration of God at work. Only He knows the end from the beginning and the beginning from the end.

Consider just the death and resurrection of Jesus for example. Isaiah, Zechariah, Micah, Daniel, Moses, David and other Psalmists all made statements concerning various features of Jesus sacrifice – for example Moses has ‘no bone broken,’ Zechariah has ‘sold for 30 pieces of silver,’ Isaiah has ‘raised from the dead’ and so on. Over 30 prophetic statements all fulfilled.

Scripture recounts that many prophets were sent to Israel and that many of their prophecies have been fulfilled – some remain to be fulfilled and certainly will be.

For more refer to ‘Every prophecy of the bible’ by John F Walvoord.

### 3 Scientific insight – not known to the writers

Scripture contains scientific knowledge that man caught up with eventually. For example the fact that the earth is round is found in Isaiah 40:22 and Job 26:10. And the fact that the earth is suspended on nothing in Job 26:7. Paul, in his first letter to Timothy, states that God dwells in unapproachable light (6:16). Now we know this to be scientifically true - but how did Paul know?

In Revelation 11 we have the account of the two witnesses who prophesy for 1260 days in Jerusalem during the first part of the Tribulation. They are assassinated and the bodies left for three and a half days before being resurrected and taken into heaven.. All the world rejoices at their death but falls into great fear when they are resurrected. In John’s day it would not have been possible for ‘peoples, tribes, tongues and nations’ – the world, to be able to see the dead bodies. But now we have television – I watched the wedding of Charles and Diana live in Uganda!

#### 4 Amazing numbers

We have already stated that each Greek letter represents a number. Here we are going to see the most amazing thing – something only the Lord God could do. It concerns Jesus – example; His name. ‘*iesous*’ is made up of:

Iota	value	10	
Eta	value	8	
Sigma	value	200	
Omicron	value	70	
Upsilon	value	400	
Sigma	value	200	Total value 888

The number 8 represents resurrection!

#### **Now there is much more -**

Consider these names of Jesus:

	value
Godhead	592
Jesus	888
Christ	1480
Son of man	2960
Total	5920

As born again believers we are the bride of Christ – 2 Corinthians 11:2. And Jesus our Bridegroom.

Now consider this – ‘*behold the bridegroom cometh go ye out to meet Him*’ Matthew 25:6

.... the value of the whole statement, that is the value of every letter added together, is 5920.

If only one letter was out of place or one word said in a different way the correlation would fail!

Jesus is absolutely confirmed as our bridegroom.

Surely not co-incidence but an example of design by an intelligence far superior to our own – God breathed.

## Who created?

In Genesis 1:1 we have '*elohiym*' which is God in the plural form. We also see in verse 2 the Spirit hovering over the waters – but where is Jesus?

Although not in our translations He is there in the Hebrew text - 'In the beginning created God *aleph tav* the heavens and the earth.' *Aleph* and *tav* are there in the text but not translated. *Aleph* and *tav* are the Hebrew equivalent of *alpha* and *omega*, one of the titles of Jesus. (Revelation 1:8) *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.'* John 1:1-3

John goes on to state that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us - Jesus.

When we see all the accounts of what Jesus did on earth we see He had power over the elements, over life and death, over all sicknesses, and power to feed thousands from a couple of loaves and fish, and to change water into wine. Jesus has power over everything – of course He can create!

## Conclusion

The case for creation rests on the inspiration of scripture and on the Person of God. We have demonstrated in a few ways, reliability of the text, prophetic insight, scientific knowledge and amazing numbers, how the bible could only be 'God breathed' way beyond the capacity of man.

How God declares it from Psalm 119 verse

89 *'Forever O Lord your word is settled in heaven.'*

140 *'Your word is very pure therefore your servant loves it'*

160 *'The entirety of your word is truth'*

*Psalm 138:2 'You have magnified your word above all Your name.'*

A definition of wisdom is 'that which God says and thinks is right.' Submitting to His wisdom is the case for creation.

**When the scripture states that God created in 7 days it means God created in 7 days!**

**It is entirely safe and completely logical to believe in the creator who breathed the scriptures for our benefit and to trust in what they teach.**

## Chapter 3

### The case for evolution

It is fair to say, that for the vast majority of people, the concept of evolution starts with Darwin.

Darwin's theory is that all forms of life have descended from a 'primitive' form of life - a cell. Over countless millions of years, little by little, all by itself, it developed into the amazingly complex and hugely varied forms of life of which we are a part, and which we see all around us. This process requiring a continuous process of species to change – so that for example man is said to have developed from apes.

The theory of evolution has been very widely accepted and is heavily promoted although it is incompatible with scripture. Genesis 1:11 says that everything was created according to its kind – the opposite of everything evolving from one single source via species change. So we are going to need evidence if we are going to place our trust in evolution.

#### Evidence

Those who promote the theory of evolution rely on two elements of 'evidence.' In simple terms they are rocks and fossils.

**Rocks** - Evolutionists observe that rocks are laid down in layers and perceive that the lower the layer the older the rock. One method used to determine the age of the rocks is dating by the fossils found therein.

So the age of the rock is dated by the fossils.

A problem is that the rock layers, as described in what is known as the geological table, are not found in the age related order laid down in that table everywhere, all the time! There are many anomalies that perplex evolutionists.

Then the presumed age of the fossils is determined by the layer of rock in which they are found. The fossils dating the rock and the rock dating the fossils is what is called circular reasoning – that is they rely on each other and not on any other confirmation and are therefore not substantiated – unreliable!

Rocks are also dated by what is called ‘carbon or radiometric dating.’ This type of dating is based on the fact that some elements ‘decay’ over large periods of time to form other ‘daughter’ elements. One such example is radioactive potassium decays to argon. It is then said the age of the rock can be assessed because the period of decay can be calculated.

Problem - the method relies on a number of assumptions:

- 1 There was no argon in the rock when it was formed.
- 2 That all the argon in the rock has come from decaying potassium.
- 3 That no argon formed from potassium has been lost from the rock.
- 4 That no potassium has been lost from the rock
- 5 That the rate of decay from potassium to argon has been constant all the time.

An example of the unreliability of this process – D Earl Hallonquist, a Canadian chemist, tested a piece of volcanic lava formed in an eruption in Hawaii in 1800-1 and the result was 160 million years old – not the actual couple of hundred years, its real age.

(For rocks I am indebted to Roger Price whose book 'In the beginning,' explains a complex subject in an easy to understand way.)

### ***Fossils***

Once Darwin's theory was widespread there was an almost frantic search for fossils which would show intermediate development - that is one species developing into another, birds into reptiles for example.

If the theory is correct then there should be countless millions of fossils over the millions of years showing this process of little by little constant development – essential to the theory. Not one has been found.

However, in 'My life and letters' volume 1 and page 210 Darwin admits, 'Not one change of species into another is on record.' This is still true today after many, many more, countless numbers of fossils have been found.

### **Darwin's doubts.**

Darwin's day saw no evidence of the vast swarms of intermediate links his theory requires resulting in this statement in Origin of the Species, 'The difficulty of assigning any good reason for the absence of vast piles of strata, rich in fossils beneath the Cambrian system is very great ..... the case at present must remain inexplicable and may be truly used as a valid argument against the views (theory) here entertained.'

The word of God has everything created in its kind. Evolution has one species evolving into another – for which there isn't a single shred of evidence.

## **Meet a living dinosaur.**

When we travelled in Africa we came across a model of a Coelacanth at a Museum in Knysna. The coelacanth was known by fossils dated as 360 million years old and considered extinct by 66 millions years ago. The account of its discovery goes like this –

Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer, curator of a South African Museum, spots on the deck of the fishing vessel of Captain Goosen, on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1938, a very strange fish he has caught just off the local coast. She sketches it and sends the sketch to a Rhodes University ichthyologist J. L. B. Smith, who identifies it as a potential coelacanth. He desperately wants another specimen and offers a reward. He gets his wish in December 1952 when another one turns up.

The amazing thing is that these specimens are just the same as the various fossils said to be millions of years old - no change. Coelacanth's are still alive, being caught from time to time.

## **False assumptions**

Such was the clamour for an example of species change in the fossil record that false assumptions were made.

A famous example is Archaeopteryx – a fossil of a bird with wing claws which was eagerly pronounced as an intermediate between birds and reptiles. However, it is now recognized as 100% bird and was probably faked originally.

More on this in a minute.

***Meanwhile we remember:***

We are looking for evidence for evolution as claimed by Darwin in the Origin of the Species. His theory requires development from a single cell, little by little over an enormous period of time. In his theory all known species eventually emerge as one species developed into another.

This compares with the bible account which states everything was created in its kind and requires no intermediate species.

The extensive fossil record (millions have been found) favours the bible account as not a single intermediate fossil has been found when according to evolution there should be countless numbers thereof.

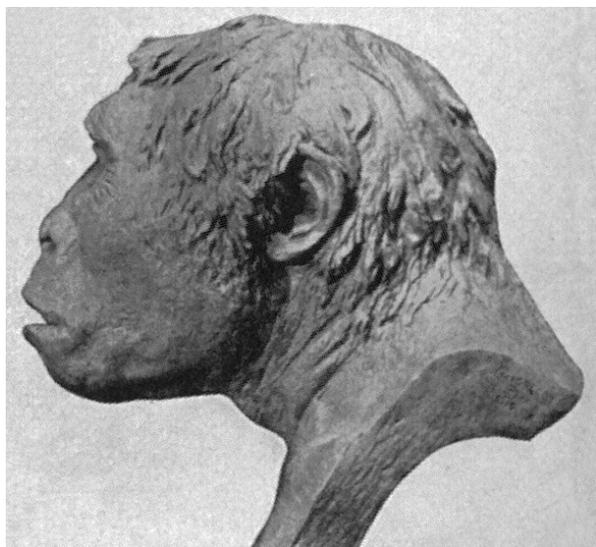
The worldwide flood of Genesis 6 however, fits the fossil evidence very well indeed. One cataclysmic event speedily overwhelming all life created the fossils.

### **The search for 'early' humans.**

Part of the evolution theory has mankind developing from monkeykind. That is from apes. Of course if this were true there would be a lot of fossil evidence. Let's see –

***Nebraska Man (Hesperopithecus Haroldcooki)*** was said to have lived a million years ago. In 1922 an odd tooth was discovered by one Harold Cook from Nebraska. It was quickly proclaimed to be the tooth of an early man. From this single tooth illustrations such as the one here from the Illustrated London News convinced many until the tooth was later proved to be that of a pig.



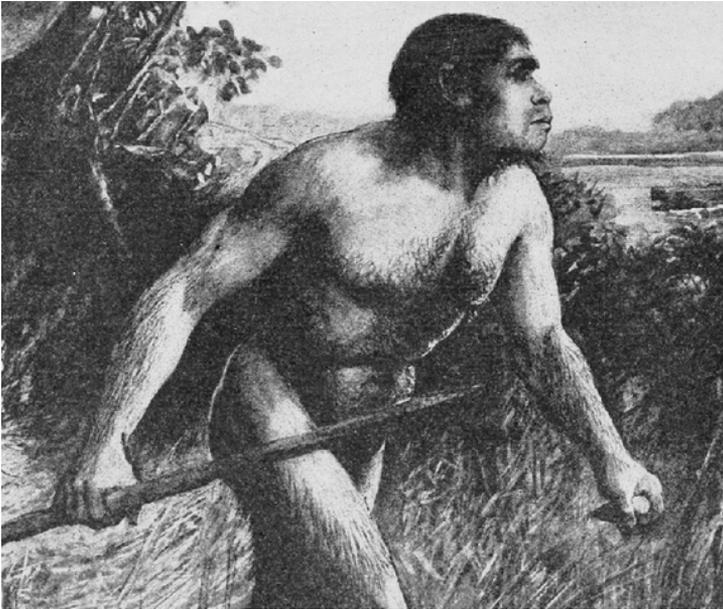


A 1922 reconstruction of the supposed skull of Java man. Make believe from two teeth of a monkey and other random bits of bone.

### **Pitldown Man (Eoanthropus Dawsoni)**

Picture from Popular Science Monthly vol 82

Hailed at the time of 'discovery' as the evolutionary link between man and apes Pitldown man was a total fake. Constructed from a human skull and an ape's jaw it fooled experts for 40 years.



Out and out fake. As a certain American president would say 'Fake News.'

### **Here are some others**

Ramapithecus, Australopithecines, Meganthropus and Homo Habilis all proclaimed as intermediates have been confirmed as apes. Peking Man the 'evidence' has mysteriously disappeared.

## **Evolution and Scientific Law**

***Everything tends towards more and more disorder.***

The laws of thermodynamics, which are universally recognized to be valid, deny evolution. The second law of thermodynamics above is the opposite of evolution theory which sees things left to themselves getting progressively more advanced,

### **Darwin started with a cell**

Darwin thought a single cell was a very simple thing. He was completely wrong!

Although **cells** are diverse, all **cells** have certain **parts** in common. The **parts** include a plasma membrane, cytoplasm, ribosomes, and DNA.

**DNA**, short for deoxyribonucleic acid, is the molecule that contains the very complex genetic code of organisms.

No such thing as a simple cell. In fact as we see from the definitions above that cells are DESIGNED in a very specific and very complex way. Darwin didn't know about DNA, now we do and we marvel at its complexity.

### **Conclusion**

Evidence for evolution does not exist. Worse than that in eagerness to 'prove it' man has resulted to gross exaggeration, misinterpretation and fakery - Such is the desire of mankind to want to keep God out of the question. However, born again believers know much better – we have seen that God is good and that believing in Jesus for salvation is the very best a man can do.

## Chapter 4

### The case for a creator

'Design requires a designer' is a clarion call for a creator God. That the world is designed rather than random is very clear indeed - just look around – everything you see from a single blade of grass to birds, animals and of course yourself is intricate in its design.

On the other hand we still have evolution and vast ages of time thrust at us by education and media. One man had a problem, his wife became a bible believing Christian whilst he was an atheist. What a challenge – so he set out to interview the leading scientists in various fields.

Here is the 'advert' for his book that followed his research -

A Journalist Investigates Scientific Evidence That Points Toward God 'My road to atheism was paved by science . . . But, ironically, so was my later journey to God.'---Lee Strobel  
During his academic years, Lee Strobel became convinced that God was outmoded, a belief that colored his ensuing career as an award-winning investigative journalist at the Chicago Tribune. Science had made the idea of a Creator irrelevant---or so Strobel thought. But today science is pointing in a different direction. In recent years, a diverse and impressive body of research has increasingly supported the conclusion that the universe was intelligently designed. At the same time, Darwinism has faltered in the face of concrete facts and hard reason. Has science discovered God? At the very least, it's giving faith an immense boost as new findings emerge about the incredible complexity of our universe. Join Strobel as he reexamines the theories that once led him away from God.

Through his compelling and highly readable account, you'll encounter the mind-stretching discoveries from cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness that present astonishing evidence in *The Case for a Creator*.

What better person to look into the question of creation than a professional investigative atheist journalist?

## **Here is a summary of his findings**

### **Cosmology**

*'First whatever begins to exist has a cause.'*

*'Second, the universe had a beginning.'*

*Therefore the existence of the universe had a cause - it was created! This is known as the 'kalam' cosmological argument.*

William Lane Craig PhD- recognised expert cosmologist, author of a number of books and papers on the subject.

Even unbelieving scientists acknowledge that the universe had to have a beginning - mostly referred to as the 'big bang.' This theory has an enormous explosion flinging the stars and planets into space many millions of years ago.

The scripture has many references to God creating the universe i.e. - *'when I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have ordained...'* Psalm 8:3

Genesis 1 finds the earth already existing but covered in darkness and water.

Scripture does not confirm the age of the earth and universe – but specifies 7 days for its preparation for man to live in. Earth appears to have existed as a mineral garden for Lucifer Ezekiel 28:13. Adam was created with the appearance of age from the first moment.

Cosmology requires a creator.

## **Physics**

Striking evidence for the fine tuning of earth, making it habitable for life comes from physics. Gravity for example is said to be fine tuned to one part in a hundred million billion.

The cosmological constant, which represents the energy density of space is said to be as precise as throwing a dart from space and hitting a bulls eye just a trillionth of an inch in diameter on earth.

Robin Collins PhD, author of numerous books and lecturer, *'When scientists talk about the fine-tuning of the universe they are generally referring to the extraordinary balancing of the fundamental laws and parameters of physics and the initial conditions of the universe. Our minds can't comprehend the precision of some of them. The result is a universe that has just the right conditions to sustain life. The coincidences are simply too amazing to have been the result of happenstance.'*

*'Over the past 30 years or so, scientists have discovered that just about everything about the basic structure of the universe is balanced on a razor's edge for life to exist.'*

Discover magazine quoted: *'The universe is unlikely. Very unlikely, Deeply, shockingly unlikely.'* (November 2002 issue)

Physics requires an immensely capable creator.

## **Astronomy**

Wesley Richards, holds a doctorate in Philosophy and three advanced degrees, is an author and Vice President of Discovery Institute. *'it would take a star with the highly unusual properties of our sun - the right mass, the right light, the right age, the right distance, the right orbit, the right galaxy, the right location, in order to nurture living organisms on a circling planet.'*

John A O'Keefe, renowned astronomer and pioneer in space research. Degree from Harvard. - *'If the universe had not been made with the most exacting precision we could never have come into existence. It is my view that these circumstances indicate that the universe was created for man to live in.'*

Astronomy requires an immensely capable creator.

## **Biochemistry**

Darwin said, *'If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.'*

Irreducible complexity in molecules has been so demonstrated – even a 'simple' cell is so amazingly complex it could not possibly have been formed in the way evolution requires. Creation by design is the only possibility.

Stobel's expert in this subject was Michael Behe, Phd extensive author and lecturer at Leigh University.

The idea of irreducible complexity is often explained by the mousetrap. It has a small number of working parts – but if any one is removed the trap does not function – at its most basic it is irreducibly complex!

At a micro level science has now discovered things like the 'cilium' and 'flagellum.' These are so small you need a microscope or an electron microscope to view them. In each case they are made up of component parts and cannot function unless all the parts are present at once - they cannot evolve little by little. They are irreducibly complex.

(Cilium are hair like structures on cells - the hairs act like oars to propel the cells. Flagellum act like a propeller spinning at up to 10,000 revolutions per minute, for cells.)

Blood clotting is a ten step process using 20 different molecular components - unless all are present you bleed to death.

Biochemistry requires an immensely capable creator.

### **Biological information**

The DNA, discovered in 1953 by Francis Crick, coiled inside every one of our body's one hundred trillion cells contains a four letter chemical alphabet that spells out precise assembly instructions for all the proteins from which our bodies are made.

Stephen Meyer PhD Doctorate from Cambridge, professor of the Conceptual Foundations of Science.

*'whenever we find a sequential arrangement that's complex and corresponds to an independent pattern or function, this kind of information is always the product of intelligence.'*

*'And purely from the evidence of genetics and biology, we can infer the existence of a mind that's far greater than our own - a conscious, purposeful, rational, intelligent designer who's amazingly creative.'*

DNA requires a creator of immense capability and intelligence.

## **Consciousness.**

J P Moreland, Doctorate in nuclear chemistry.

*'You can't get something from nothing. If the universe began with dead matter having no conscious, how then do you get something totally different – consciousness, living, thinking, feeling, believing creatures – from materials that don't have that? If everything started with the mind of God, then we don't have a problem explaining the origin of our mind.'*

Life could only be imparted by the One who is Himself eternal life.

I have selected only a very small part of the extensive research undertaken by Lee Strobel.

Unsurprisingly, faced with all the expert evidence, Lee Strobel became a born again believer.

If you want the full details I recommend 'The Case for a Creator' by Lee Strobel published by Zondervan – it is very good.

## **Chapter 5**

### **Conclusion**

Evolution wants you to believe:

- 1 Nothing produces everything
- 2 Non life produces life
- 3 Randomness produces good order and fine tuning
- 4 Chaos produces intelligent information
- 5 Unconsciousness produces consciousness
- 6 Non reason produces reason

Creation wants you to believe:

- 1 God is far more intelligent than any earthling
- 2 God is ultimately powerful
- 3 God created by speaking things into being.

Evolution puts forward 'evidence' that misrepresents the facts. Followers are so keen on the theory that they resort to gross misstatement and even fraud.

Believers point to the bible and because of their personal experiences of faith testify to work of the Holy Spirit in their own lives.

We have concluded it is entirely logical and safe to trust the Creator God and His God-breathed scripture.

Your choice - We all have to decide what we will place our trust in – the creator God or evolution – or maybe in aliens from outer space!

Having decided that creation is the only and the correct conclusion we will turn to the question of the account of the 6 days it took in Genesis 1.

There is plenty of evidence that the believers of the early church took 'day' as being literal. Quotations from the Epistle of Barnabas, Hippolytus and Irenaeus, to quote a few, are totally specific - 1 day of creation represents 1,000 years of man's existence on earth. The Apostle Peter confirms it in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter (Chapter 3 verse 8).

Indeed suggesting that 'day' represents a very long period of time is not helpful. As we have shown that there was no evolution that brought species change - long lengths of time are not required in the creation account.

It becomes clear that in the process of creation man was created with the appearance of age. When God breathed life into the dust of the earth and created Adam, he was already a fully grown man.

In the appendix that follows we look at what is known as the Gap theory. It gives a very plausible explanation of the initial creation of the earth – how long before the 'recreation' account in Genesis is unknown. So the age of the earth is unknown. Day 1 of creation in Genesis 1 sees the creation of light, not of the earth which was already there covered in water and darkness.

### **Vital understanding**

The concept of 1 day representing 1,000 years is vital to our understanding of time. That is for the timing of the earth's history, its present and its future.

When we consider history we can exactly trace 4,000 years from creation to Jesus. The first 2,000 up to Abraham and the following 2,000 from Abraham to Jesus. The exact and precise details of the chronology are to be found in any of the following booklets - 'Last Orders,' 'Ostrich Christianity,' and 'Rightly dividing the word.'

We know from Revelation 20 that Jesus will rule the earth for 1,000 years in the future.

Who would be bold enough to say the present period from Jesus' death to His return would be anything other than 2,000 years?

Jesus commands us to watch for His return and now we can see that 2,000 years from AD33 is in sight.

The Spirit and the bride say 'Come Lord Jesus.'  
Revelation 20:17

## Essential appendix

### ***A close look at the account of creation in Genesis 1:1-3***

Verse 1 *'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'*

We have already seen how Jesus is in this verse as the *aleph* and *tav*. (Alpha and Omega, beginning and end)

The verse is a clear statement of what Jesus did - He created the heavens and the earth.

Verse 2 *'The earth was ('hayah' Strong's 1961 'became') without form and void: and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.'*

Before Genesis 1 something existed. For example the whole spiritual realm of angels. Lucifer was one of the highest of the angelic order. In Ezekiel 28 we find this description of him, *'You were the anointed cherub who covers. I established you. You were on the holy mountain of God. You walked back and forth in the midst of the fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.'* Verses 14 and 15

To 'walk back and forth' is an idiomatic expression denoting ownership. We see the idiom in Job 1:7 where Lucifer, now called satan, due to his fall and loss of light, telling God he was walking to and fro on the earth - a way of saying 'the earth is mine.' Ah, but what about Job?

So now when we put this together we get a mountain, a mineral garden created by God for Lucifer, one of His chief angels.

Then we see from Isaiah 14:12-15 that Lucifer gets well above himself wanting to be like the Most High. Instead he is brought down to sheol, the lowest depths of the pit - in the process his light is removed and his name changed to satan.

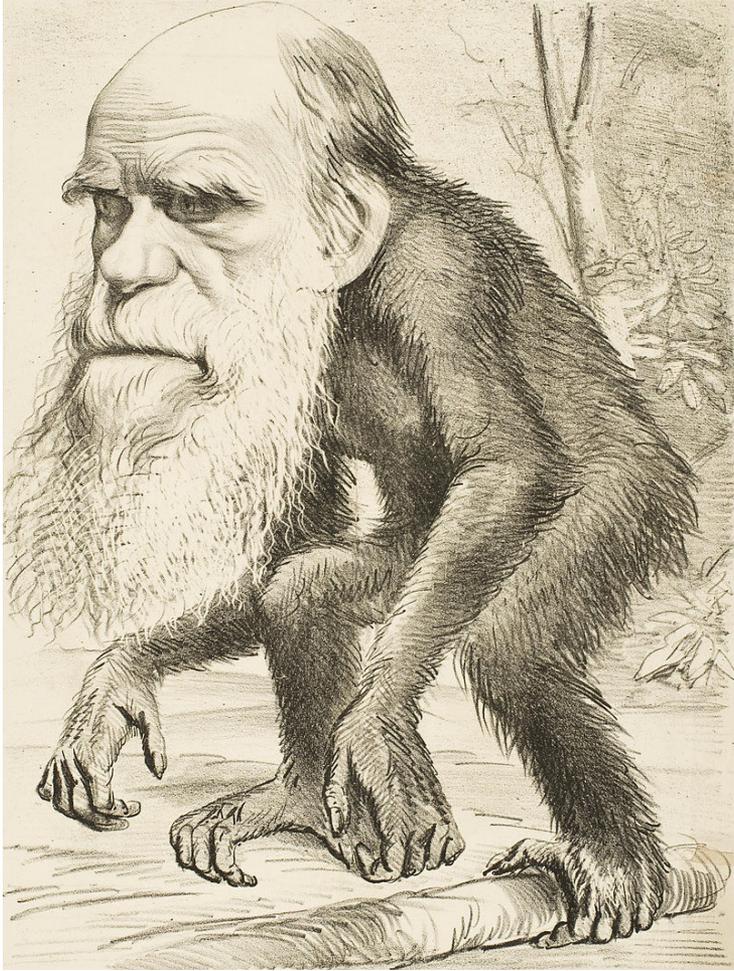
And so Lucifer's mineral garden descends into darkness just as we find it in the opening verse of Genesis 1.

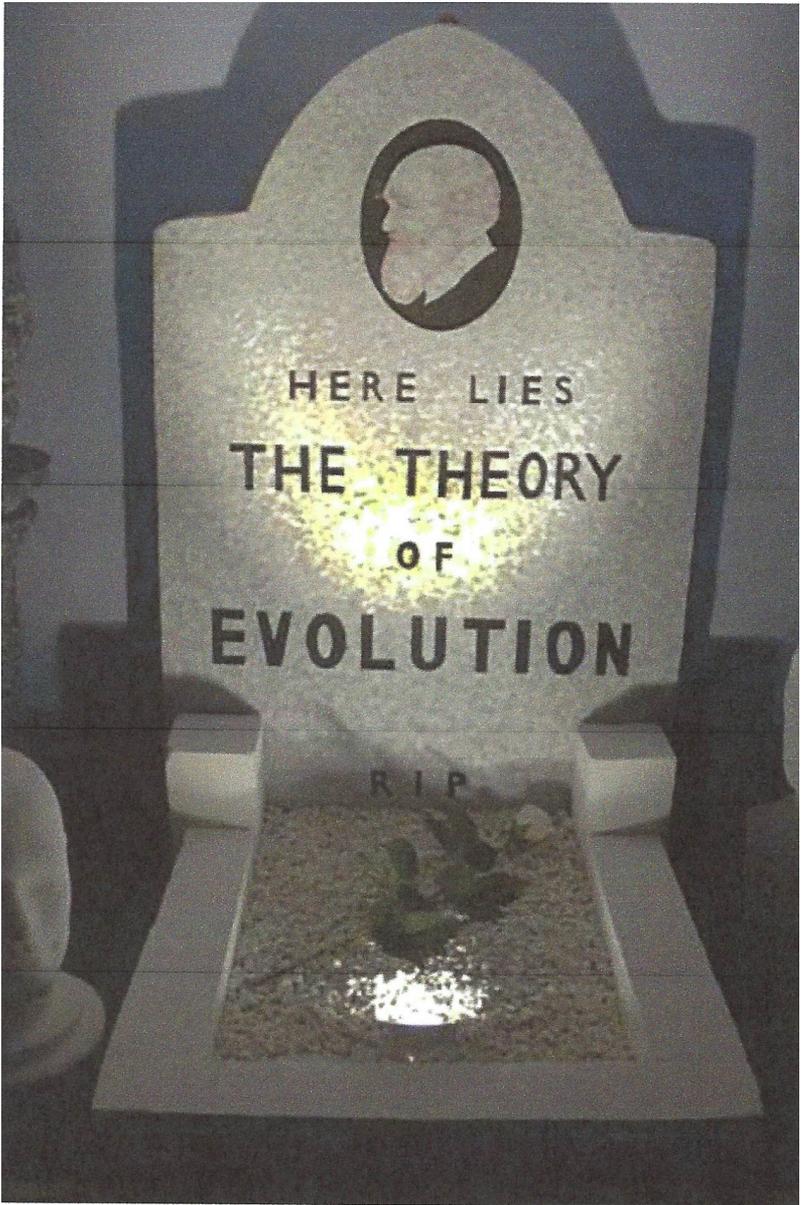
This understanding sees an earth (called the Eden of God and being made of minerals) existing before the new beginning we read of in Genesis. It does not mean there were any humans or animals or plants before their creation in Genesis 1:11-27. It does account for apparent age in the rocks of the earth, though God could create with the appearance of age as we saw with Adam earlier.

## **The flood**

The 'evidence' of rock layers and the fossils therein fits the world wide flood of Genesis 6 far better than the supposed billions of years of evolution. The flood accounts for the millions of fossils, for the remains of mammoths in the frozen wastes of Siberia and for the widespread phenomena of animal remains and sea shells on the tops of mountains – which require the rapid engulfment described in Genesis 7.

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