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## CREATION VERSUS EVOLUTION

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### INTRODUCTION

Probably every human being, at least once in their life, asks the following questions:

- Why am I here?
- How did I get here?
- Are we merely by-products of chance, accidents of nature that simply happened?
- Are there no substantive differences between monkeys and us?
- Is there a divine Creator who made everything that we see and experience, including us?

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There are essentially two major views in this world regarding these important questions.

**First**, there is the **evolutionary** viewpoint. It asserts that life is basically a marvelous but random accident. We are here, but we do not understand completely how we arrived.

**Second**, there is the **biblical** viewpoint. It teaches that a Creator God is responsible for the existence of all life and matter, including us. If so, we are accountable to this Creator.

My lecture today consists of three parts. I would like to discuss the **theory of evolution versus creationism**.

- First, is evolution based on science or faith?
- **Second, why should we believe the Bible?** I will examine the credibility of God's Word, the Bible. Is the Bible a reliable book or is it a work of fiction?
- **Third, who is Jesus Christ, liar, lunatic or Lord? And what difference does this make in your life?**

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# I. Evolution: Is it Fact or Fable?

## Evolution's False Foundation #1 — Spontaneous Generation

### A. How did life come into being as we know it today?

1. Most evolutionists would say that life came into being through “**spontaneous generation.**” In other words, life arose from non-life. Somewhere back in the mists of time in a pool of primordial slime life magically appeared. I would like to make two brief observations regarding this concept of “life arising from non-life.”

**Spontaneous Generation: Biological life spontaneously arose from non-living chemicals? Miracle or monstrosity?**

#### Did Life Really Arise by Chance?

**First, spontaneous generation has never been observed occurring in nature.**

**Second, scientists have not been able to create life in a laboratory. If they did, this still would not prove spontaneous generation. On the contrary, it would only prove that intelligence and design is necessary to create life.**

There is absolutely no scientific evidence to prove that life has arisen from non-life. It is a matter of faith. One must simply believe that it happened. Listen to the words of Dr. George Wald, winner of the 1967 Nobel Peace Prize in Science:

When it comes to the origin of life on this earth, there are only two possibilities: creation or spontaneous generation (evolution). There is no third way. Spontaneous generation was disproved 100 years ago, but this leads us to only one other conclusion: that of supernatural creation. We cannot accept that on philosophical grounds (personal reasons): therefore we choose to believe the impossible: that life arose spontaneously by chance.”

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## Evolution's False Foundation #2 — The Fossil Record

### B. Evolution teaches that all variety of life came from one original, single cell.

#### Did all variety of life originate from one original cell?

1. Horses, dogs, cats, whales, fish, humans, and even plants all came from one original cell. This means that one species has changed into another species countless times over the millennia. The problem, however, is that there is no actual evidence that this has happened. Just as we observed in the theory of life arising from non-life, there is no evidence for this happening either.

If this theory were true, we should have millions of fossils (old skeletons buried in rocks) that are intermediate. In other words, they are somewhere in-between two different types of creatures. You might call them “**missing links**” if you find this easier. The truth of the matter is, however, that there is not just a missing link or two. In reality, the entire chain of links is missing.

Have any such fossils been found? No! In fact, scientists have examined millions of fossils. How many were unquestionably, without-a-doubt intermediate? Not a single fossil has yet qualified.

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**Problem:** If life originated from one original cell, then where are all of the supposed *transitional fossils*?

**Reality:** There are no proven transition fossils. There should be billions of them.

Even **Charles Darwin**, the central figure of modern evolutionary thought, once wrote, ***“Not one change of species into another is on record. We cannot prove that a single species has been changed.”*** That is still true today.

**Question:** How do some scientists resolve the problem of no transitional fossils?

**Answer:** **“Punctuated equilibrium.”** This means that evolution occurred very fast, not slowly as historically taught.

2. For example, some scientists propose that one day a **reptile lays an egg and a bird hatches out... an entirely new species!** That sounds more like a fairy tale than science. Either it is a fairy tale or it is a miracle. But isn't God the one who does miracles?

Can scientists demonstrate that all life originated from one original cell? They have absolutely no empirical evidence to support this claim, only theories.

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## Evolution's False Foundation #3 – Time

### C. How much time is required for evolution to occur?

1. Evolutionists claim that the world is 4.5 billion years old. It should be noted that this age has been established upon assumptions which have each been proven false. Still, for the moment, we shall assume this age is correct. Some believe that if you have enough time, anything is possible. Consider, once again, the words of Dr. George Wald:

“Given so much time, the impossible becomes possible, the possible becomes probable, and the probable virtually certain. Time itself performs the miracles.”

2. Wald ascribes to “time” miraculous powers. But what is time? Time is nothing. It is only a measuring device. It has **no power** of its own. Four of the world’s brightest mathematicians met with geneticists to discuss the probabilities of Darwinism. They were asked, ***“Has there been enough time for natural selection to operate fully and give rise to the observed phenomena of nature?”***

The mathematicians punched all the data they could into their computers. After some moments, the computer arrived at its answer. It was **NO**. There had not been enough time for hydrogen gas to transform itself into **briefcase-carrying, tax-paying mankind**.

A second question was asked: ***“Is it likely that the superbly ordered biochemistry which we see today could have possibly evolved?”*** The computer once again gave a negative answer. The probability of life evolving from slime to what we know it as today is virtually zero. (Scientific Research, 11/67) So we see that time is not the answer for **“goo-to-you”** evolution.

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## Evolution's False Foundation #4 — The Big Bang Theory

### D. Did the universe begin with a Big Bang?

1. The Big Bang theory declares that the universe began with a major explosion. Just how reliable is the Big Bang theory? Can we really get order from chaos? How plausible is that assumption?

The Big Bang theory has many problems, but we shall focus on just one of them. **Problem: The Big Bang theory opposes the Second Law of Thermodynamics.** The Second Law of Thermodynamics is one of the most solidly established laws of the universe. **This law demonstrates that there is a steadily decreasing order in the universe, not an increasing order. Evolution requires an increasing order.** Furthermore, the amount of **available energy** available to us continues to decline.

2. One can easily illustrate the severe limitations of the Big Bang theory. Let us presume you desire a new, state-of-the-art television set. Take off the back of your present TV, put a grenade in it and pull the pin, and go to the kitchen for a cup of coffee or tea. In the meanwhile, the grenade will blow your TV all over the room. But, if evolution is truly a workable principle, and you wait long enough, when you return you will have one of the world's most advanced television sets.

Is it really possible for the amazingly complex organization we observe in nature to have occurred completely by chance? Can an explosion create a mathematically precise universe as we observe? Could it establish the physical laws that dictate how we can or cannot experience life? No. Please listen to the following statement about the **humble DNA molecule**.

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**DNA – deoxyribose nucleic acid. DNA is a nucleoprotein that assures living organisms reproduce after their own kind. It is found in every cell.**

“The capacity of DNA to store information vastly exceeds that of modern technology. The information needed to specify the design of all the species of organisms that have ever lived could be held in a teaspoon and there would still be room left for all the information in every book ever written.”

Such extraordinary sophistication can only reflect intelligent design. We would do well to consider just a few last matters which evolution cannot answer.

***Where did matter come from?***

***Where did human personality come from?***

***Where did intelligence come from?***

Did life and matter just miraculously appear? Something must explain their origin. Evolution is not capable of giving us adequate answers.

**Why Should We Believe the Bible?**

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## I. Is the Bible a Reliable Book?

- A. First, the Bible has never been proven wrong historically, archaeologically or scientifically.** For hundreds of years some of the world's most brilliant men have tried to prove the Bible false. Nobody has done it yet.
- B. Second, the Bible is unsurpassed in literary excellence and is miraculous in its composition.** There is no book in the world quite like it.
1. Please consider the following facts about the Bible.
    - **It was written over a period of 1500-1600 years.**
    - **It was written by at least 36 different authors.**
    - **Most of these authors never met each other.**
    - **It was written in three different languages.**
    - **It was written in several different countries.**
    - **Yet, each of the 66 books is in complete harmony with the others.**
  2. Clearly the composition of the Bible is nothing short of a miracle.
- C. Third, the Bible has changed the life of David Wold.**
- D. Fourth, the Bible has changed the lives of billions of people all over the world.** It has drawn them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- E. Fifth, the Bible contains hundreds of fulfilled biblical prophecies (332 to be exact).** Biblical prophecies are predictions that are stated in advance and fulfilled much later, sometimes hundreds of years later.

I would like to demonstrate for you the statistical probability of some of these biblical prophecies happening by chance. These probabilities were calculated by a university statistics class.

The following prophecies are about Jesus Christ. We will examine the possibility of Jesus fulfilling these various prophecies by chance. I will give you the prophecy, the biblical reference, and the statistical probability of it happening by chance.

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## **Eight Prophecies and Probabilities Concerning Jesus Christ**

1. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; 1 in 280,000).
2. The Messiah would have a forerunner to prepare His way (Mal. 3:1; 1 in 1000).
3. The Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey and be proclaimed King (Zech. 9:9; 1 in 100).
4. The Messiah would be betrayed by his friend (Zech. 13:6; 1 in 1000).
5. The Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12; 1 in 1000).
6. The 30 pieces of silver would be thrown into God's temple and used to buy the potter's field (Zech. 11:13; 1 in 100,000).
7. Though completely innocent, the Messiah would make no defense of Himself (Isaiah 53:7; 1 in 1000).
8. They would pierce the Messiah's hands and feet (Psalm 22:16; 1 in 10,000).

**When we multiply all these numbers together, we get ten to the 17th power. To illustrate 10 to the 17th power,** it would be like filling Texas two feet deep in silver coins, marking one coin red, blindfolding someone and allowing them to walk in the state for as long as they wish. The first time they bend over to pick up a coin, they will get the red one.

The statistical probability of Jesus Christ, or anyone else by chance, of fulfilling these eight prophecies is 10 to the 17th power. But Jesus fulfilled at least 332 when He came the first time. He has many other prophecies to fulfill when He returns. What is the probability of Jesus doing all of this by chance? One cannot even make a reasonable comparison to this huge number. Is the Bible a reliable book? Absolutely!

**Who Is Jesus Christ? Is He a liar, a lunatic, or the LORD of the universe?  
What difference does this make in your life?**

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### III. What are Some of the Claims that Christ Made of Himself?

A. Jesus Christ claimed to be God in the flesh. He is the God-man.

1. **In John 10:30 Jesus declares, “I and my Father are one.”**

The Jews took up stones to kill Him because they considered this to be blasphemy.

2. **In John 20:28, Thomas said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God.”**

**Jesus accepted this praise.** If Jesus is not God, He is a terribly misguided and wicked man.

**As someone once said, Jesus is a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord of the universe. Which choice will you make for your life?**

**Your eternity depends upon it.** If He really is Lord, then each of us in this room is accountable to Him.

B. Jesus Christ claimed that He died to pay for our sins. What does it mean that we have sinned? It means that we have fallen short of God’s absolutely perfect standards (Romans 3:23).

1. **What does the Bible say about our sin? “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”** (Romans 3:23). The Bible tells us that no one who is sinful will be allowed to enter heaven. But the Bible also teaches us that everyone has sinned.

2. There are no exceptions to this. In addition, Romans 6:23 states: **“The wages of sin is death, but that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

Hebrews 9:27 adds: **“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”** So, something had to be done. Someone had to pay the penalty of our sins. That is what Jesus Christ has done for us. **He paid a debt that He didn’t owe because we owed a debt that we couldn’t pay.**

However, we must believe on Him if we want forgiveness of our sins. John 3:16 tells us: **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but should have everlasting life.”**

**Jesus claimed that He is the only way to heaven.** That is an astounding statement. It can only be true or it can be false.

You must choose what you will believe. Your eternity depends upon your choice.

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3. Jesus offers us salvation as a free gift. We cannot earn it. We are not capable of earning our salvation. Imperfect creatures cannot bring themselves to a state of perfection. Eternity cannot be grasped; it can only be received.

A gift, however, is no good if it is not received. Many people do not receive Jesus' offer of forgiveness for their sins because they do not believe in Him and, thus, do not ask for His forgiveness.

- C. Jesus Christ claimed that He was the only way to heaven (John 14:6; Act 4:12).

1. Jesus Christ paid the penalty of sin for you. You can never be good enough to earn your way into heaven. The Bible makes that crystal clear. The Bible teaches that only through a personal belief in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior is there salvation. Listen to the words of Jesus in John 14:6: ***“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”***

Acts 4:12 states: *“Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

Evolution has no evidence. The Bible has infinite evidence. Which will you choose to believe? CHOOSE WISELY!

That is what Jesus Christ did for you.



