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EVOLUTION KEEPS ON EVOLVING.

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BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND. Evolution seems to be getting a lot of press these days. One thing I have noticed is that the number of possibilities keep growing. There is anything but a unified philosophy concerning the origin of man and the universe. Then, as I have stated many times, Evolution is nothing more than an attempt to do away with God (along with sin and judgment). Darwin himself indicated he had a problem with the God of the Bible and an eternal judgment. A leading evolutionist of our day, Richard Lewontin said, "We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of its constructs... for we cannot allow a Divine foot in the door." That says it all! So, in order to escape God and any responsibility to Him, men have endeavored to come up with an acceptable alternative. No matter how acceptable their imaginations are to them, they simply are unacceptable because they are based on human speculation, not fact.

GOD, THE BIBLE, AND EVOLUTION NOT COMPATIBLE. We need to say a few words about Theistic Evolution, the philosophy that God created the world, but He did it through the process of evolution. This is just evidence that many churches and church leaders do not believe God and His Word. Several Popes have advocated such a teaching. Pope Benedict just recently said, "I believe that the universe is governed by the laws of science..." A leader in the Anglican Church has just stated that the church owes Darwin an apology. I dare say that just about all the (New) Evangelical schools like Wheaton College, Gordon College, Fuller Seminary, etc. espouse it. An example: As far back as 1961, Dr. Russell said, "Genesis 1 is designed to tell who is the Creator and not necessarily how the process was accomplished." Dr. Harold John Ockenga, Edward Carnell, Dr. J. Frank Cassel, etc., etc. endorsed theistic evolution. But evolution and the Bible's description of Creation and the Creator are diametrically opposed to each other! There is no common ground! Both cannot be true! You can't have it both ways. If evolution and natural selection (the heart of it) are true then there is nothing but natural processes at work in the universe. There can be no sin! Of course, the world loves that thought. It is common to modern psychology which has wreaked havoc on society. If evolutionary thought is correct, there could be no Virgin Birth – nor any other miracle for miracles are not natural processes. Think of it, if evolution is true, Jesus Christ is not the Son of God! Besides, He would not be necessary, for there would be no sin to save us from. If you are going to be truly honest, you will have to take one or the other: Belief in God or place your faith in some form of evolution (believe me, all scientists do not agree, far from it). Yes, to accept the philosophy of evolution is a matter of faith; it certainly hasn't been proven though they usually speak very dogmatically.

EVOLUTIONISTS HAVE THE SAME OLD PROBLEMS. The basic problem is that all evolutionary thought is based on human speculation. They do not have any proof that their theories are in reality correct. While they speak with great authority, it is merely their own ideologies which they have adopted. For example, Stephen Hawking is a renowned British evolutionist. He has indicated that alien life exists. He said, "To my mathematical brain, the numbers alone make thinking about aliens is perfectly rational." But where is the proof? It is simply according to his "mathematical brain." Is he smarter than God? Am I supposed to center my entire outlook on life simply because his brain has thought upon some philosophy which appeals to him? Here is something to think about. In 2004, Hawking

presented a new theory about black holes, which goes against his own long-held belief about their behavior. What does that say about his infallibility. If you follow him, you will probably have to change your beliefs again – probably a good many times. Where did the universe come from according to Hawking? He said, “Because there is a law such as gravity, the Universe can and will create itself from nothing.” So, according to him, the law of gravity is responsible for the whole creation. This man is considered a genius, a leading evolutionary scientist. Well, it doesn’t take a genius to come up with the pertinent question: Where did the law of gravity come from? I have not read that he has provided an answer. We are just supposed to assume that his answer is correct simply because he said so. Another well known and often quoted British evolutionist, and a very vocal atheist, is Richard Dawkins. This man loves to bash religion and those who believe in God. He is Vice President of the British Humanist Association, an avowed atheistic organization. Dawkins has popularized the “gene-centered” view of evolution. (He was not the originator of this philosophy). He advocates the idea that the gene is the principal unit of selection in evolution. (Notice, his perception is different than that of Hawking and there are plenty of other evolutionary ideologies as well). Though there is no proof that he is right, he certainly is dogmatic. He said, “Among things that science does know, evolution is about as certain as anything we do know.” However, it is all merely his assumption. We are supposed to believe it just because he says it is true. Once again, my question is, where did the gene come from? Incidentally, this genius is a supporter of the “Great Ape Project” – a movement to extend certain moral and legal rights to all great apes. Does that sound like somebody you’d like to follow? Though I cannot now find the article, I read within the last two or three years of an evolutionary scientist who said words to the effect that “We do not have any of the real answers. What we need to do is scrap all that we have and start over.” Of course, if they should start over, they will only come to the same insufficient conclusions unless they start with the Bible!

WHAT IS THE ANSWER? There is only one logical answer to the origin of man and the universe – GOD! In Genesis 1:1 we read: **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth..”** There simply is no other logical answer! It did not all come from nothing. Nothing begets nothing! Many years ago one of the first things I learned in science class was that “every effect has to have an adequate cause.” Yes, Somebody made the Universe and Man and all else. Hebrews 11:3 says, **“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear.”** No, the Universe did not come from nothing! Matter is not self existent as is commonly believed by evolutionists. It had to have an adequate cause. God is the only possibility. God has some strong words for these “geniuses” who trust in their own imaginations. Concerning atheists, God says, **“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...”** ~*Psalms 14:1*. In researching evolution, Dr. Walter Wilson (A converted medical doctor turned preacher) wrote the following: “I have taken trouble to go through the Field Museum in Chicago, The Smithsonian and National Museums in Washington, the Central Park Museum in New York, The Great British Museum in London, The Trinity Museum in Dublin, The National Museum in Stockholm, The Museum of Natural Sciences in Paris. In all of these I did not find one single piece of bone, or skeleton, or footprint, or photograph that was the original article which would support the evolutionary hypothesis. All I found was wax and imagination.” Evolutionists cannot verify their teachings. The Bible believer can give some proof that his source (The Bible) is in reality true. Fulfilled prophecy is one way to certify that source. For example, Daniel’s prophecies about four world kingdoms (chap. 2 and 7) were recorded long before they came to pass, but history testifies that they did come to pass exactly as predicted. Concerning man’s speculation, God says, **“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”** The wisest of men is but a fool when compared to Almighty God! Of course, sinful man believes what he wants to even though it is foolishness. God says, **“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God...the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.”** ~*I Corinthians 3:19,20*.

THE BIBLE ANSWER – THE TRUE ANSWER! Genesis 1:1 says it all: **“In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the earth.”** Jesus Christ is God, the Son, and the Bible declares: **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made.”** ~*John 1:1-3*. Colossians 1:16 says, **“For by him were all things made that are in Heaven and that are in earth...”** Genesis 1 also says that all God made was good...very good. But something happened. Satan who was not made evil, but became so of his own volition brought sin with him to this planet. What’s wrong with the world...wars, killing, hatred, fornication, etc. SIN! One of the many questions the evolutionists cannot answer is, “Where did evil come from?” (They don’t believe in sin despite the obvious). The Bible says, **“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”** ~*Romans 3:23*. God became a man, Jesus Christ, so that He could represent all men and He died for our sins. The ultimate question is, Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin? There is no other way to be right with God and escape eternal judgment! **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~*Acts 16:31*. DO IT NOW!