

Evolution and Genesis

Genesis

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Introduction

As Christians, we are engaged in warfare; however, this warfare is not a war with people, but it is a war over ideas. We are in constant battle against ideas that seek to destroy the knowledge of God.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

We are in a fight against Satan and his demons because they are the creators of those ideas (**Ephesians 6:12**). The world embraces their hellish ideas because they love darkness (**John 3:19-20**). The world would rather exchange the truth for a lie so they would not have to worship the Creator.

We must stand on God's words. In fact, it is our only weapon.

Ephesians 6:17b *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

We must use the Word of God to fight all kinds of ideas that promotes itself against God. It is powerful and effective for saving men (**Romans 1:16-17**).

Today in 2016, we are waging a long war against the consensus idea accepted by vast many people: evolution. How does evolution fit with the Bible? I want to look at two issues that evolution brings up that contradicts the Bible.

I. Evolution and Theistic Evolution

- What is evolution?
 - "theory" that all living things have one common ancestor
 - Life started from non-life
 - Over long periods of time, the simple organism evolve into more complex organisms
 - Man has evolved from lower animals
 - Man is not special—just another animal
 - This process has taken billions of years (earth is 6 billion years old and universe 20 billion years old)
 - Life was started by chance
 - For atheistic evolutionist, there is no God and there is no outside influence in evolution
 - The theory of evolution is an attempt to answer questions about our origins
 - Evolution itself is not debated by scientists; however, the methods of evolution have been hotly debated
 - All branches of science and fields of study has embraced the evolution theory
 - Biology, Geology, Chemistry, Physics, Medical Sciences
 - Sociology, Psychology, Mathematics
 - History
 - Even religion—especially Christians
- Theistic evolution
 - Belief that God used evolution as a means for creation
 - Very popular among Christians

- All believe exactly as atheistic evolutionists except that God created and ordered the process of evolution
- The impact of evolution on society
 - Taking God out of the conversation
 - Scopes Monkey trial (1925)
 - Championed materials over the spiritual
 - Promotes the view of abortion
 - Also promotes questionable scientific studies
 - Stem cell research
 - Aborted fetus study
 - Cloning
 - Promotes the view that the modern man is more advanced in all aspects than the ancient man
 - Star Trek often promotes this idea
 - Historians often portray the ancient man as simple and crude
 - Responsible for the most atheistic government on earth: Soviet Russia, China, Cuba, North Korea

Transition: There are two major problems with evolution that cannot be reconcile Biblically.

II. Death

- If evolution (or theistic evolution) is true
 - Then death occurs prior to the fall of man
 - For species of any kind to survive, the weaker ones must die off
 - With the death of the weaker ones, the stronger, fitter organisms will thrive and survive
 - Death is a wonderful thing according to evolution
- Contrary to Biblical view
 - Death is the enemy

1 Corinthians 15:26 *The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

- When God created all things, He saw that it was good and very good

Genesis 1:4, 10b, 12b, 18b, 25b, 31 *God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. 10b, 12b, 18b, 25b And God saw that it was good. 31 God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

- God created everything perfect and deathless
- How do we know this?
 - Isaiah gives this picture of the future Millennial kingdom (which will belike the Garden of Eden)

Isaiah 11:6-9 *The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

- Also Paul tells us that creation experienced frustration when men fell

Romans 8:20-22 *For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. **22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

- Who caused it? Adam
- Death is also the judgment of God upon man's rebellion
 - It is never a blessing
- The eternal blessing is when we are free from death

Revelation 21:4 *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

- When did death occur?
 - Death started when Adam sinned

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—*

Genesis 3:6-7 *When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

- For all creation (**Romans 8:20-22**)
 - This was both physical death and spiritual death
 - Moses points out the reality of death in the genealogies

Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, 14 Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died. **8** Altogether, Seth lived 912 years, and then he died. **11** Altogether, Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died. **14** Altogether, Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died.

III. Genius of Ancient Man

- If evolution (or theistic evolution is true)
 - Modern man is more advanced intellectually than the primitive man
 - Implication is that we are much smarter and better thinkers than the primitive man
 - Many historians have written with this view in mind
- Why is this important?
 - Such a belief promotes that the ancient Hebrews were simple, stupid people who cannot think like we can today
 - Moses did not know what he was talking about when he wrote Genesis
 - If we think Moses as a simple, stupid primitive man, then how can Moses' writings be applied today in our lives?
- Adam's genius
 - Genesis tells us that God created Adam as a fully-grown man, a perfect creation
 - If Adam was a perfect creation, then his mind was perfect—no limitations (free from sin)
 - Adam's job

Genesis 2:19-20a Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. **20a** So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

- After Adam—genius

Genesis 4:16-17, 20-22 So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. **17** Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. **20** Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. **21** His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute. **22b** Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron.

- Even though these men were sin cursed and disobedient to God
- They were able to build cities, breed livestock, create music, and create tools from bronze and iron
- Noah built a 450 foot long ark
- People built the Tower of Babel
- Moses
 - Moses lived in the time when Egypt was a dynasty
 - He had the best education in the world

Acts 7:22 Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

- How good was his education?
- The Great Pyramid
 - Built in 2500 BC (Moses came 1400 BC)
 - 481 feet (30 feet has been lost)
 - Base 13 acres, almost perfect square (the angles are less than a degree off of a right angle—sometimes within seconds)
 - The base level varied less than an inch—perfectly level
 - 4 sides of average 750 feet each; total variation is less than 8 inches
 - The north side faces the true north
 - The top peak is perfectly centered
 - No one today knows how they pulled it off (and with our modern equipment, we cannot build a pyramid so exact)

Coram Deo

If we cannot trust Moses in his writing, then how can we trust the whole Bible? Every idea this world has to offer has to be subject to the Word of God. If it contradicts the Word of God, then we must reject those ideas.