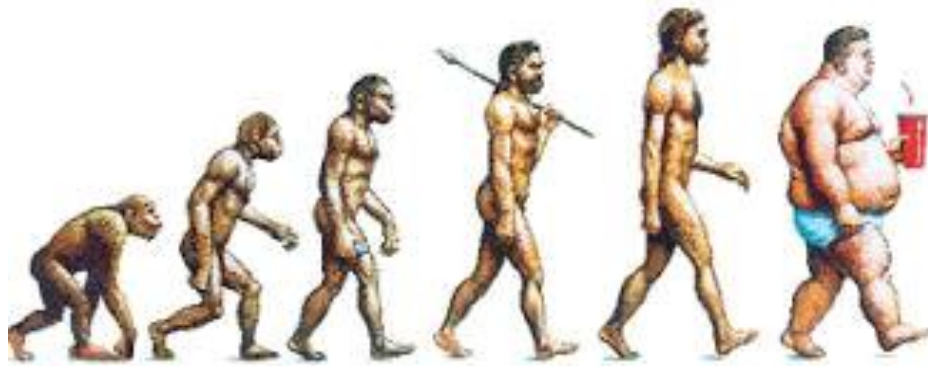




Last Days Beacon

2019 February - Vol. 4, No. 2 L-36



QUESTIONS EVOLUTION CANNOT ANSWER

By Carol Rushton

Most science teachers in government-run schools and universities as well as scientists across the board are proud, atheistic evolutionists. They delight in making fun of Christians for believing that a Supreme Being created this universe and everything in it. They have claimed for years to be able to “prove” that suns, moons, stars, planets, and galaxies just popped into existence. Doesn’t sound very scientific to me, but I’m not a scientist with years and years of being brainwashed by atheistic teachers and professors, so hey, what do I know?

What I do have is common sense, and I try to apply that common sense, along with reason and logic, to different areas of life. When I consider the theory of evolution, and it is just a theory, I see glaring problems that evolutionists never answer. They never have to because their position is never questioned or challenged within their academic circles.

For instance, evolutionists have never explained why there are males and females and how they evolved from other species of animals. Why aren’t there only males? Why aren’t there only females? In order to even have had a chance to perpetuate the human

race, at least one male and one female, if not more, would have had to evolve together simultaneously, at the same place, both with fully functioning reproductive systems. If evolution is true, as evolutionists claim, the odds of that happening are astronomical. It is not logical or reasonable to believe that.

Another question is race. Why are there so many different races of people? Why are there different skin colors? Why do some people have blonde hair but others are brunettes or redheads? Why do some people have freckles but others don't? Why do some people have blue eyes but others have brown or gray eyes?

What about other differences in people? Why are some people short, or tall, or thin or fat? Why are some right-handed and others are left handed? Why do some people crave chocolate but others are crazy about lemon? Why does something annoy one person but that same issue doesn't bother others? Why are some interested in having a career in business but others want to be a teacher or lawyer or politician or doctor? Why are some people shy and retiring but others have never met a stranger?

What about talents or gifts? Some people seem to be natural athletes, gravitating toward some type of sport. Others seem to be born with great musical talent. Mozart, a child prodigy, started writing symphonies at the age of eight. Others have beautiful singing voices or can play instruments while others can't carry a tune in a bucket and wouldn't know a flute from an oboe.

Why was Albert Einstein born a mathematical and scientific genius so great that he came up with the most famous equation in the entire world but had no interest or ability in athletics? Why did Jesse Owens excel in track and field and win Olympic medals but did not become a world-famous scientist?

I can give two personal examples of how people in my own family are very, very different. My mother was big-boned and somewhat stocky in appearance with a very forceful personality. I was very small-boned and petite with a vastly different personality. My sisters have their own distinct body types with unique personalities, talents, and interests which are different from mine.

I have two nieces. One has a gorgeous voice and is very musically talented. She is majoring in music and recently nabbed a lead role in an opera performed at her college. Her younger sister has no interest or aptitude for singing but has since, some would say accidentally, discovered that she has a natural ability to sell. This shy and quiet young woman has amazed all of us by being the top seller every week at the department store where she works. She has decided to forego her plans to enter the medical field and instead pursue a degree and career in international business. (Of course, I am insanely proud of both of them!)

What about facial features? Why do we all look so different? Identical twins look exactly the same but most of us do not. Almost every single person in the world has a very

distinct face. That is how we recognize each other. Giraffes, elephants, alligators, eagles, monkeys, sparrows, catfish, chimpanzees, greyhounds, squirrels, and Komodo dragons all look exactly the same. You'd be hard pressed to differentiate one from another, but people are easily distinguishable from each another. If evolution is true, then humans should have inherited the trait from our supposed ancestors of each of us looking exactly the same.

Language is also a unique feature among humans. Why are we able to communicate beyond grunts and gestures? How did the many languages throughout the entire world develop?

EVOLUTIONISTS QUESTION DARWIN

Evolution has no logical, rational explanation for the myriad of contrasts in people. The tepid answer that we are all shaped by our environment cannot account for the vast diversity among humans in this world. Nor is Richard Dawkins' fantastical assertion that we descended from aliens from another planet who traveled all the way through space and just happened by chance to land on our planet plausible and convincing. Anyone with half a brain will acknowledge that this is illogical and laughable.

It may surprise you that evolutionists themselves have doubts that evolution is actually true. The following quotes are just a microcosm of the misgivings that evolutionists rarely admit to in public.

Dr. Colin Patterson, former senior paleontologist at the British Natural History Museum: "I fully agree with your comments on the lack of direct illustration of evolutionary transitions in my book (*Evolution*). If I knew of any, fossil or living, I would certainly have included them. You suggest that an artist should be used to visualize such transformations, but where would he get the information from? I could not, honestly, provide it, and if I were to leave it to artistic license, would that not mislead the reader? . . . You say that I should at least 'show a photo of the fossil from which each type of organism was derived.' I will lay it on the line - there is not one such fossil for which one could make a watertight argument."



Stephen Gould

Stephen Gould, biologist and paleontologist: “The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches . . . in any local area, a species does not arise gradually by the gradual transformation of its ancestors; it appears all at once and ‘fully formed.’”

Robert Jastrow, astronomer and physicist: “At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”



David Berlinski

Dr. David Berlinski, mathematician and evolution skeptic, in his book, *The Deniable Darwin*: “Darwin conceived of evolution in terms of small variations among organisms, variations which by a process of accretion allow one species to change continuously into another. Life, however, is absolutely nothing like this.”

If this were not enough, 500 scientists conceded there are grave problems with evolution. *The Evolution and Science Today* website, evolutionnews.org, published the amazing article, “Over 500 Scientists Proclaim Their Doubts About Darwin’s Theory of Evolution” by Robert Crowther on February 20, 2006.

Over 500 doctoral scientists have now signed a statement publicly expressing their skepticism about the contemporary theory of Darwinian evolution.

The Scientific Dissent From Darwinism statement reads: “We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged.”

The list of 514 signatories includes member scientists from the prestigious US and Russian National Academy of Sciences. Signers include 154 biologists, the

largest single scientific discipline represented on the list, as well as 76 chemists and 63 physicists. Signers hold doctorates in biological sciences, physics, chemistry, mathematics, medicine, computer science, and related disciplines. Many are professors or researchers at major universities and research institutions such as MIT, The Smithsonian, Cambridge University, UCLA, UC Berkeley, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, the Ohio State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Washington.

Dr. David Berlinski teaches at the University of Paris and besides having written *The Deniable Darwin* he is also author of *The Devil's Delusion: Atheism and its Scientific Pretensions*. Dr. Berlinski is an outspoken critic of evolution and one of the 500 signers of The Scientific Dissent From Darwinism. In the same article quote above, he doesn't hide his antipathy for evolution.

Dr. Berlinski told the interviewer, "Darwin's theory of evolution is the great white elephant of contemporary thought. It is large, almost completely useless, and the object of superstitious awe." Ouch.

Berlinski doesn't stop there. In his book, *The Devil's Delusion*, he expresses how average people who use their common sense to reject evolution feel when they are told by the high and mighty atheists and evolutionists that they are too stupid to understand the complexities of the sciences. "A great many men and women have a dull, hurt, angry sense of being oppressed by the sciences. They are frustrated by endless scientific boasting. They suspect that the scientific community holds them in contempt. They are right to feel this way."

In an interview Berlinski did with Peter Robinson for the Hoover Institution's series, "Uncommon Knowledge," Robinson takes several passages out of Berlinski's book, *The Deniable Darwin*. In this book, Berlinski remembers the example given by England's famous Christian apologist and theologian William Paley (1743-1805) that if you see a watch, you know instinctively that there was a watchmaker. Then Berlinski writes, "It is worth remarking, it is simply a fact, that this old-fashioned argument is entirely compelling. We never attribute the existence of a complex artifact to chance."

Robinson also discusses in the book where Berlinski relates how MIT physicist Murray Eden estimated by his own calculations the number of proteins that could be used to create life. Eden came up with approximately 10 to the 50 th power. Eden further expounded that "the possible combinations of these proteins" that could be used to create life is 20 to the 250 th power, "a number larger by far than the seconds in the history of the world since The Big Bang."

Dr Berlinski continues in the interview:

I think any discussion of Darwin and biology has to begin with that acknowledgement, that we have very powerful intuitions which have not in any

way been overturned by biological research, that the plain facts in front of us suggest a level of complexity which we cannot yet define, agreed, that we find very difficult to attribute to the kind of processes that we see explained in Darwinian theory. Look, even Richard Dawkins says the same thing, and every biologist following Dawkins says the same thing, living creatures give the appearance of design. Francis Crick (co-discoverer of DNA) says, 'Oh, yeah, we [have] to remember they're not really designed.' Why do we have to remember that? Maybe that's the truth. And that's a truth, that possibility is not acknowledged."

While Dr. Berlinski refuses to say if he believes in God, he includes the creation account given in Genesis 1 in *The Deniable Darwin* and then writes, "And who on the basis of experience would be inclined to disagree with the biblical account? An active intelligence is required to bring even a thimble into being. Why should the artifacts of life be different?"

WHY EVOLUTIONISTS CLING TO EVOLUTION

So, if evolution is so flawed, why do scientists who are supposed to have such brilliant intellects and high IQs refuse to abandon it?

George Wald, biologist and 1967 Nobel prize winner in Medicine for his discovery of Vitamin A in the retina, let the cat out of the bag in 1958 when he revealed the real reason why he and so many of his colleagues persist in championing evolution.

There are only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution; the other is a supernatural creative act of God. There is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation, that life arose from non-living matter was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others. That leaves us with the only possible conclusion that life arose as a supernatural creative act of God. I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible; spontaneous generation arising to evolution

BINGO! Scientists cling to evolution, even though they know it is false, because they reject God. They know God exists but they willingly and knowingly rebel against Him.



Aldous Huxley

Aldous Huxley is most famous for his dystopian book, *Brave New World*. What most people do not know is that his grandfather, Thomas Henry Huxley, was a zoologist and a strong proponent of evolution, so much so that he was nicknamed “Darwin’s Bulldog.” Aldous confessed that his reason for rejecting Christianity and embracing evolution was basically the same as Wald’s.

I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning; and consequently, assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics. He is also concerned to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do. For myself, as no doubt for most of my friends, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom. The supporters of this system claimed that it embodied the meaning - the Christian meaning, they insisted - of the world. There was one admirably simple method of confuting these people and justifying ourselves in our erotic revolt: we would deny that the world had any meaning whatever.

THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Well, well, well. Very revealing, isn't it? Most of you have probably never read or heard these quotes but they expose a stark and uncomfortable reality: Men know the truth. They knowingly reject it.

The Apostle Paul wrote about this same reality almost two thousand years ago.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And change the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (Romans 1:18-25)

While Paul seems to be writing about a time in the distant past, it certainly mirrors the last 100 years of our time. The apostle echoes this same theme in II Thessalonians but this time by prophesying about a time in the future.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (II Thessalonians 2:8-12)

If I didn't know better, I would believe that God drew back the curtains of time and let Paul see into the future the words of Wald and Huxley so that he could refute them ages before these two men and others like them would exist.



The Orion Nebula

The fact is that the Bible contains the answers to all the questions I posed at the beginning of this article and more. The first three chapters of Genesis explain the creation of our universe, sun, stars, planets including our earth, animals, mankind, and language. These chapters detail how humans came to exist, why there are only two sexes, male and female, and why we look the way we do. Genesis 4 reveals that some people were very talented in music and art, while others were interested in early technology development and raising livestock.

In Genesis 6-8, the Bible gives the account of The Great Flood which created the natural phenomena that exists in our world today, like the Grand Canyon, mountains, valleys, waterfalls, lakes, rivers, forests, winter, spring, summer, fall. We find in Genesis 10 that the earth was one big land mass before it was broken up into the continents we have today. Genesis 11 explains the explosion of many different languages from one universal language and why people spread to different areas of the earth.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens . . . When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him . . . thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. (Psalm 8)

The first eleven chapters of Genesis document how mankind came to be and why we are here. We are here to glorify and have a relationship with the mysterious, all-powerful Being Who created us.

The Apostle Paul put it this way:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will; That we should be to the praise of his glory . . . (Ephesians 1:4-12).

Reprints of this publication may be obtained from
Southwest Prophecy Ministries (swpm.us)
P.O. Box 58043, Oklahoma City OK 73157
5 copies for \$5.00; 25 copies for \$15.00