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Evolution vs. Creation

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**“...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and
searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”**

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IT would be very pleasant if there were none in Christadelphia but the called, the faithful, and the chosen: all of one mind, and "with one mind and one mouth glorifying God." If all understood the Truth, and were governed by it, who profess to believe it, there would be a very different state of things to what was obtained in any age or generation, past or present. But ecclesiastical perfection is not to be expected in the absence of Christ. Till he comes, the wheat will be mingled with the tares in such proportion as to keep the faithful in tribulation and the exercise of patience.
—John Thomas

In the home I grew up in, a Berean Magazine was always sitting out on a table between the chairs most frequently sat in. It was a constant resource that we could take advantage of if we were sitting around with a little time to kill. We always knew where it was, and could pick it up and read for a bit, while waiting for dinner or some such thing. It was through this that I became far more familiar with the simplicity of the truth, expressed in the articles by brethren Thomas, Roberts, and Growcott, than I otherwise might have, growing up in Central.

I know many of us, myself included, prefer reading online. But the computer can't fill a gap in time, the way a handy written magazine can. We may want to consider taking the written copy of the magazine again, just to have it available to others, as a useful preaching tool. --jp

3. EVOLUTION

We have been increasingly impressed with the necessity of a strong stand upon the original Christadelphian beliefs regarding Creation.

The attempts to reinterpret the early chapters of Genesis to bring them into harmony with current speculations regarding "geological ages" and "evolutionary development," is a clear repetition in these last days of the fatal trend in the early centuries, when the "learned" and the philosophers took over the ecclesia and remolded its doctrines to the then current worldly conceptions of "science" and "knowledge."

We reject as unscriptural all theories of this evolutionary nature, such as that Adam was not necessarily the first man, but just the first "real" man--meaning the first "man" whom God chose to endue with "capacity for worship," which is interpreted as "creating" man.

The Berean Fellowship stands strongly on the original Christadelphian belief that the first chapter of genesis is a TRUE LITERAL RECORD of Creation, and not just a "vision" Moses saw, representing long ages of Evolution. We believe the simple truth as testified in Exodus 20:9-11:

"Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God...For IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Referring to this passage, Bro. Thomas said (**Elpis Israel**, pages 11-12):

"...The six days of Genesis were unquestionably six diurnal revolutions of the earth upon its axis. This is clear from the tenor of the Sabbath law ...Would any Israelite or Gentile, UNSPOILED BY VAIN PHILOSOPHY, come to the conclusion of the geologists by reading the Sabbath law?...Six days of ordinary length were ample time for omnipotence."

We are well aware that the "wisdom of the world" considers this "foolishness," but we are convinced that if we are to be among the accepted, we must decide on which side we stand.

This divine truth is PROVIDENTIALLY provided anchor of our faith. As long as we hold it fast in godly simplicity, we are protected against the drift toward evolutionary speculation.

As to modern speculations and theories about the antiquity and development of the present condition of things on the earth, we feel no need to apologize for, or reinterpret, the simple scriptural record. In the divine purpose, "science" doubtless has been guided in these last days to discover many wonderful facts and truths in order to bring about the desired conditions of the earth. But when they presume to speculate about the past, and attempt to fix ages and periods and relationships and supposed evolutionary developments by methods based on their limited current observations of natural phenomena, they are leaving out of account the one great central fact of the universe that makes all their speculations meaningless: the continuous, ever-present, direct power and control of God in the working of His will. Of such, Jesus said, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the POWER OF GOD." (Matt. 22:29.

Apart from divine revelation, man is utterly incompetent to speculate about the remote past. We have no difficulty in dismissing all these idle theories with the words of Paul in the first chapter of First Corinthians, particularly verses 20, 27 and 29:

"Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?...God that chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise...that no flesh should glory in His presence."

This is why He confounds their wisdom, and why we KNOW that their supposed "wisdom" in anything to do with His Creation and Purpose is foolishness.

EDITORIAL

The argument concerning evolution and creation, is at its roots, an argument about the full and complete inspiration of the Scriptures. When the Berean Restatement was in the process of being written, (it was completed in 1960,) it was already apparent that some Christadelphians were struggling with the great lie called evolution. And this difficulty was directly related to the inability of some to recognize the full and complete inspiration of the Bible. At its very root, evolution is, and was intended from the beginning to be, an attack against the authenticity of the Bible.

Without doubt, the questions which were being tolerated in relation to “Partial Inspiration,” such as we documented in last month’s Berean, were being widely embraced since bringing the Partial Inspirationists from Suffolk Street into the Central assemblies in 1956 (using the exact wording bro. Roberts had rejected,) and this gave standing to questions related to evolution among Christadelphians. Therefore this clause was placed into the Berean Restatement to protect the truth. This did not add a new test of fellowship (evolution,) as some have accused, but it emphasized an old one, —the complete inspiration of the Scriptures— directly dealing with the way this doctrine was being attacked.

The Scriptural text is clear, in defining the time involved in creation. “The evening and the morning were the first day.” There is no possible justification for misunderstanding this simple statement. So exacting did the Jews consider this declaration from Genesis 1, that they formed their days, weeks, and months around this principle. The Jews begin each day in the evening, because the divine testimony is that the EVENING and the morning constituted each day. The evening coming first as the Jews start each day with the setting of the sun. The setting sun marks the start of the Sabbath day, where with the setting of the sun on the next day, it constituted the start of another week. It also sets the start of the moon, though in ancient times, retroactively. When they saw the first sliver of the new moon, they would determine that the month began on the evening previous to the appearance of the new moon.

Why has evolution gained such popularity in the world? I would answer that it is a direct result of an intentional plan. Karl Marx lamented that the working class would not rise up against the oppressive ruling class, because of their faith in the Bible, and the promises inherent therein. He termed religion “the opiate of the masses,” intending to mean that the impoverished masses were drugged by religion to passively accept their fate, rather than rise up against the elite classes to establish their best interests. Marx immediately recognized evolution as a tool to destroy society’s confidence in the Bible. He realized that it is a necessary corollary, that if Evolution is true, the Bible is false, and vice versa.

The goal of socialists from that point and forward, has been to establish evolution as the new religion. This was done quite systematically, through the education systems. Students who accepted evolution were rewarded with jobs, teaching in the education system. Those who did not were excluded. In a very short period of time, only evolution came to be taught, and evolutionists became bolder and bolder. And why not? There was a terrible price to pay, both socially and financially, for anyone who would question evolution in a serious way.

Text books accepted by the evolutionists were the only text books accepted. A generation later, the ideas of creation, or even the cowardly world's way of denying evolution, calling creation "intelligent design," have nearly disappeared from the halls of higher learning.

THE LOGIC OF THE STARS

By bro. Robert Roberts

In the Scripture read this morning, our thoughts are in a special manner directed to the contemplation of the rock on which we stand. Psalm 96, like all other Psalms, fixes our minds on God. One of the statements in it has a peculiar power in this direction. I refer to verse 5:

"All the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens."

The force lies in the statement that Yahweh "*made the heavens.*" It is impossible to convey a more powerful idea of the greatness of Yahweh than is expressed in these few words. We



realise this best, perhaps, on a starry night, when we walk abroad under the vast expanse overhead. We seem impressed at night as we are not in the day with the greatness of heaven above. In the daytime, the clouds limit the view, or the blue sky gives us the idea of a roof that shuts us in from the rest of the universe. Comfort and tranquility belong to the daylight. At night, the starry depths are revealed; the silent glory of a thousand twinkling points of light seems to speak of power and immensity more impressively than the sun's golden flood. As we scan the shining host and think of the magnitude of each single orb, and the vastness of the distances that separate them one from another, though apparently near together; and of the exactness of their order and their movements, though apparently massed in confusion, we are simply overawed and stunned. We feel we have no faculty to grasp the stupendousness of this wonderful creation. We sink tired to the ground. But the effort is not useless. It helps us to have some faint conception of the Creator. It helps us to respond to God's own appeal when He says:

"To whom will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things,

that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power, not one faileth” (Isa. 40:25).

If God made the heavens, it is a natural thing to argue how great must God be. “Ah, true,” say some; “but how do we know He made them?” There is an answer to that; but this is not the time for it. Suffice it to say that all minds of the higher order are impressed with the evidence afforded by the starry host of the existence of a Creator. Napoleon 1, a man of unusual intellectual vigor, though a despiser of priests, was no deaf listener to the logic of the stars. It is reported of him that during the voyage to Egypt, when surrounded on deck by a number of officers, who were discussing Voltaire’s doctrines among themselves, he said, “It is all very well, gentlemen, but who made these?”—pointing to the stars.

That the stars have not always existed is a recognised and demonstrable fact. A cause equal to their evolution must, therefore, have preceded them, so that our sighing friends may take rest in the simple fact that God made them. “But how did He make them?” Well, He did not make them as a man makes a chair or table. His ways are higher than man’s in all respects.

“By his Spirit he hath garnished the heavens” (Job 26:13).

The Spirit affects and controls the very atomic constitutions of all substance. All things are but the concrete of the invisible. I will illustrate what I mean. Take a piece of ice: here you have solid substance that you can see and handle. Place it out in the sun; it melts; now you have water, but wait long enough, the water will evaporate, and nothing will be left. The solid ice has disappeared. Its elements exist, but they are invisible. But you may say, “Well, of course, everybody knows ice disappears in that way; what has that to do with things in general?” It has this much to do with it: that it is a common and easily-comprehended illustration of what can be done with everything.

You burn paper or wood, and the flame dissipates their substance into the invisible. You dissolve the hardest metals in the appropriate acid, and compound it chemically into a solution that will evaporate and leave nothing behind but a sediment which can, in its turn, be treated and dispelled in the same way. In all these cases, you resolve substance into invisible energy. You do not destroy it; you transmute it; yet you can restore it, and it cannot of itself come back into the original combination.

Now what is true of little things, such as those I have mentioned, is true of heaven and earth throughout, so far as abstract possibility is

concerned. They could be resolved into invisible power. They are but the concrete or condensation of invisible energy. Invisible energy preceded them, and out of it they have come. But the question is, how came they forth? How is it that out of the same simple primal energy that fills the universe have come such endless diversity of substance, form, function, and glory? (For it must be remembered that the various invisible elements into which substances can be chemically resolved-such as oxygen, hydrogen, carbon and the like, are themselves further reducible into a common primal force.)

To this question, the science of our day vouchsafes no answer. It first says that it cannot tell, and then that it is no business of science to tell. In a certain sense this is true, and we might leave science out of the question altogether, were it not that, in the hands of some of its professors, it dogmatizes against the answer which the Bible gives. In such a case we have to show that science itself is against the scientists, inasmuch as when thoroughly followed out, it shows us a situation of things that requires the existence of an all-wise and all-powerful initiative to account for things as they are.

All scientists, however, have not thus to be combated. The truly philosophic minds who can follow facts to their ultimate issues-such as Professor Tyndall and Professor Pritchard-admit the idea of a Creator as compatible with science. Some go further than allowing it compatible. They say that the minutest atoms that go to make this and that, have all the appearance of manufactured articles; that is, particles designed specifically and differentially for those chemical affinities that result in certain forms of substance. So that, at the lowest depth of investigation, science discovers things “made,” though unable to throw any light on the question-“Who made them?” Thus the child and the philosopher meet. They arrive by a different road, but reach the same destination.

The philosopher, after much labor and thought, says, “Creation has been made”; the child in the nursery says the same thing on the strength of simple impression and direct information. The class between think it beneath their education and their dignity to profess so simple a faith. But it is the true faith, at once simple and profound. At no greater truth can we arrive, and on no softer a pillow can we lay the wearied intellect than what is contained in God’s own declaration:

“All those things hath mine hand made” (Isa. 66:2), re-echoed by John (chap.1).

“All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made.”

And so we lift our eyes again to the heavens, and learn from their glory the unsearchable and unutterable grandeur of the Lord God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. Well may we tremble at His word; well may we have His name in reverence; well may we love and fear Him with all our heart and soul, and strength and mind, as required of us.

But the picture is not complete without His promises. Apart from these, the greatness of God would only seem an aggravation of our lot. The glory of heaven and earth would only mock us, so to speak, if we had no hope, and were without God in the world. What is the glorious sunshine to men cast away in an open boat at sea without food and water? It is an aggravation of their miseries. So might men say, "Of what good to us is this stupendousness of power and wisdom? What interest can we take in the beauty and the glory and the magnitude of the universe? Why ask us to rejoice in the shining host of heaven? We are wretched. The human race is debased. Nine hundred and ninety-nine in a thousand are in poverty-poverty of pocket, poverty of mind, poverty of nature. Unscrupulous cleverness lords it over the interests of mankind. Iniquity is established. All are dying. Life is a troubled dream. Vanity and vexation of spirit is written over all." True, true, true, is the lamentation; and if we could know nothing more of God than the greatness manifest in heaven and earth, we might well join with Job and Jeremiah in wishing we had never appeared in such an orphaned state of existence.

But the case stands otherwise, and this is the gospel. Things are bad, but it is for a reason, and a good state of things will come.

"Yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" (Psa. 37:10).

"The whole earth shall be filled with his glory."

"The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Sin hath reigned unto death; but death shall be swallowed up of victory. The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. The Lord God shall wipe away tears from off all faces, and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth. The tabernacle of God shall be with men; He shall be their God, and they shall be His people. And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more curse and no more death.

The gospel of Christ exactly supplies our need. It gives us hope and joy in heaven and earth. It enables us to feel even now in the Father's house. True, it is only faith; but faith must come before sight; so it pleases God to appoint. Without faith it is impossible to please Him, and we must please Him before He will admit us to the riches of His glory. But let us realise what faith is. It is not the thing some people talk about. It is not a thing taken for granted without certainty. It is not a mental phantom; it is not a sentiment; it is not a fancy. It is "*the substance of things hoped for,*" and the things are hoped for because they have been promised, and we are sure they have been promised, and we know that He is faithful that hath promised. It is conviction founded on facts.

The man of unbelief looks with contempt on the man of faith. The facts would justify the contrary relation of things. The man of unbelief is such because of ignorance, and his ignorance is due to a bias in favour of present things, which prevents him from subjecting himself to the agency of knowledge. He loves the present world, and he chooses to suppose that things will never be different from what they are. He listens to the glowing hopes of the believer with a patronizing pity. "My dear fellow," he says, "it is all very beautiful, but it belongs to Utopia. Existence is a stern affair, and has no place for such roseate dreams."

What can we say? We can say this, that if we are to take what now is as the measure and interpretation of what is to be, our patronizing friend may have some standing ground. But where is the wise man who would seriously propound such a doctrine, even a natural philosopher? He cannot be found; the fools, of course, are plentiful enough. There was a time when there were no men upon earth, our enemies themselves being judges; upon our patronizing friend's principle there ought, therefore, never to have been men upon earth.

The principle will not stand for a moment. The limited experience of corruptible man is the unsafest of all rules to work by as to possible futurity. We must not confine our view to what we individually see and feel. We must take in facts we have not seen. In this respect we must go back in order to go forward. If we go back far enough, we find Christ upon earth, doing wonders, speaking as man never spoke. We find Christ crucified; Christ raised from the dead, and Christ ascended into heaven. We find Christ preached by a miracle-working apostleship, and on these facts alone we find a foundation for the hope that the day is coming when the state of things on earth will be in complete harmony with the wisdom and the beauty and the glory, which our own eyes can see now in heaven above and earth beneath; a day when Christ will return according to his promise, and bring all things into subjection to his glorious will.

Let us rise to this wide range of vision. Let us reject the impressions which a too close confinement in the lines and channels of our petty life is apt to make on our minds. Let us not make the mistake of judging the ages by our few and evil days. This is the mistake that is made by men around us. They argue that because they find things in a certain way, things will never be different. It is as if a schoolboy were to conclude he would never be done with school. Or transfer the illustration to some of those animalculae that naturalists tell us come into existence and die with every breath. In a train going through a railway tunnel, many would be born and die during the passage. Suppose they could think; judging by their own experience, they would imagine the world was all darkness and noise. They would have no knowledge of the smiling country and the glorious sunlight at the other end of the tunnel. They would not be aware the tunnel had any end. That is how it is with the poor mortals who set up their experience of the present darkness and confusion as the measure of our hopes. Because they live and die in darkness, they think we shall always be in the tunnel; they have no knowledge of the appointed exit into the light, and the arrival at the glorious terminus, where the train will stop and the passengers will get out for a settlement in safety and comfort and peace.

The truth emancipates us from the depressing company of such thoughts. It brings to us the joyful news of an age of light and strength and righteousness and joy, which shall dawn when the present night shall have passed away. It exhibits to us a destiny beyond every human aspiration in its height, and transcending our highest conceptions in its glory. It holds before us a prize that beggars all ordinary appeals to human motive and human exertion—a prize that combines, in an ineffable form, all the conditions of well-being that man has ever experienced or that the heart has ever conceived. This whole coming glory is, meanwhile, in the absolute prerogative of that wonderful man—the marvel of history—THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD—God manifest in the flesh—Jesus crucified and now exalted, in whom abides all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. What shall we say, then, but that Paul was a wise man, whose company we shall try to keep, when he said:

“I count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him.”

THE BOMBARDIER BEETLE

Among the more curious creatures in nature, and one that really forces evolutionists to dive deep into their imaginations to explain, is the bombardier beetle. This creature has the ability to aim and shoot caustic juices at boiling temperatures at its potential enemies. This tiny beetle, which grows to just under an inch long, has the ability to shoot out of its rear-end, a high-pressure jet stream of boiling, irritating liquid at an attacking predator.



This tool is far more sophisticated than any military cannon, in that it can fire its explosive blasts at about 500 pulses per second!

The mechanism is very complicated, but put simply, the bombardier holds two different chemicals (hydrogen peroxide and hydroquinone) in separate chambers within its tiny body. When attacked, it injects them into a third chamber, a heart-shaped combustion chamber which contains mainly water, but also an inhibitor which keeps these two chemicals from reacting. The beetle then injects a fourth chemical (catalase) which greatly speeds up the normally mild reaction into an explosive force. The jet of water and irritant stream fires repeatedly out through nozzles in its abdomen at a rate of 65 feet per second.

The chemical reaction which takes place inside the beetle's combustion chamber causes the explosive mixture to discharge faster than muscles could possibly work, at about 500 pulses per second. The continual excretion of the chemicals into the combustion chamber continues the rapid reactions, while at the same time cooling the chamber within the beetle so that it is not itself destroyed by the heated, near boiling reaction.

The special gland that acts as the cannon dispensing the liquid opens and closes the combustion chamber, and can actually be pointed by the beetle in a 270 degrees range, or about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle. Truly it is a marvelous creature.

Let's consider the beetle now, from an Evolutionists point of view. The Evolutionist tells us that all things happen by chance. Chance,

they say, can be influenced by environmental stresses (though this has never been proved.) But still, all things occurs by chance. Think of how many things had to happen by chance simultaneously, for this beetle to have survived its evolution. Now evolutionists tell us that this is not so unique, as some insects store quinones in glands in their bodies as a part of their shell development (exoskeletal hardening). They also tell us that insects produce hydrogen peroxide as a byproduct of cell metabolism. And the catalasae, an enzyme is common in all oxygen breathing animals. And we are sure this is all true. But that is not the point.

But think of the how these things must have had to come together. They couldn't have developed slowly, or partially progressing from a lesser beetle to the bombardier beetle, without killing the beetle. All six characteristics were necessary, all at the same time in the first beetle, or there never would have been a second beetle. The four ingredients, hydrogen peroxide, hydroquinone, the inhibitor enzyme, and catalasae all had to evolve in that first beetle, and all be stored separately or it never could have produced the explosive liquid. But why would they have so evolved, if, according to evolution, they evolve under environmental pressure? What would be the environmental pressure for the storage or development of any one of these ingredients, apart from the others? Stored hydroquinone would be of no value, arguably a detriment, without the other chemicals which allow for the explosion to occur.

But while the three explosive ingredients were being stored for no practical reason, the hardened explosion chamber also had to occur in that first beetle, with the inhibitor. For if the three ingredients were mixed together without an explosive chamber, bye-bye beetle. It wouldn't have survived its first effort at defense. No, a chamber also had to exist in that first beetle to receive the three chemicals, and what would be the reason for it to have evolved?

Then there is the gland that acts as the nozzle or cannon. It also had to evolve by chance in the very first beetle. What if the three chemicals secreted into the chamber, exploded, but there was no nozzle for them to exit through? I don't know if beetles get

heartburn, but that would seem to be a disastrous situation for the poorly evolved beetle.

And what good would the nozzle be, if the beetle couldn't aim it? Being able to rotate its gland allows it to take deadly aim at its predator. If it couldn't aim it, it would be all but useless against all but most sluggish of predators. But it also had to know precisely when to fire it.

A beetle, if swallowed by a toad, can survive up to 20 minutes in the stomach of its predator, providing it hasn't fired its poison at the wrong time. If it shoots too early, then it will be digested by its foe. It therefore times its response so that it shoots directly into the mouth of its predator. Sometimes, it even fires after it has been eaten, in the stomach of its foe. The predator will vomit the beetle out unharmed, providing its timing is correct.

But how did that first beetle know when to fire its chemicals? How did it even know how to aim its nozzle? Or how did it know to properly mix the chemicals to create the explosion? Or how did it know that it had to continually secrete the chemicals to keep the explosion chamber from overheating and killing the beetle from within itself? Not only did the physical aspects have to all be in the first beetle by chance, but also by chance, with no experience for use, it also had to instinctively mix, aim, and fire correctly at a predator. If any of this did not work perfectly the first time, there wouldn't have been a second time.

Evolutionists say that divine creation is a matter of faith. But it takes far more faith to accept the evolutionist's conclusions.

Evolution vs Creation

The subject of our discussion this month is "Creation." The proposition we will set forth is that God is the world's only Creator. The chapter we just read left little doubt of the matter, as Yahweh proclaimed.

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

The case is made equally clearly and quite succinctly in the very first chapter of the Scriptures.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And Jesus himself confirmed that in fact it was God who created the earth, in warning the Jews of the coming destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of the Romans:

Mar 13:19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Yet is there a fact more under attack today, than that Yahweh created the earth, and that He formed it to be inhabited? It has been under a brutal attack for almost 200 years by an education system and more recently, even the European Confederation of Nations which declared that all their sister states must teach that the earth as we know it, came together by chance—free flowing elements joining in such a way that life simply appeared.

We will briefly consider this one simple Bible truth, that it was “God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited.”

One of the greatest scientists of our times, the late Dr. Werner Von Braun, a leader in space exploration, while reflecting on the universe which he studied every day, stated:

"One cannot be exposed to the law and order of the universe without concluding that there must be design and purpose behind it all...The better we understand the intricacies of the universe and all it harbors, the more reason we have found to marvel at the inherent design upon which it is based...

“To be forced to believe only one conclusion -- that everything in the universe happened by chance -- would violate the very objectivity of science itself...What random process could produce the brains of man or the system of the human eye? They (evolutionists) challenge science to prove the existence of God. But must we really light a candle to see the sun?...they say they cannot visualize a designer. Well, can a physicist visualize an electron?...What strange rationale makes some physicists accept the inconceivable electron as real while refusing to accept the reality of a Designer on the ground that they cannot conceive Him?..."

Here we have one of the leading scientists of our age; one who worked in the most demanding field of study ever, a physicist: commenting upon the universe, which happened to be his field of study, and stating clearly that this world in which we live, could not have occurred by chance. It had to have a designer, and we, as Christadelphians believe that that designer is God.

Dr. Braun asked his fellow scientists who were quite embarrassed by him, and critical of him: “do you believe in electrons?” Of course every scientist does. All physics, indeed all science is based upon the movement of electrons. Yet electrons can’t be seen. Evidence of them can be seen. Their results can be observed. And rules can be written about them as to how they will behave in a certain environment. Yet, electrons can’t be seen. But you believe they exist. Why then, ignore all the facts of the matter as pertains to the creation of our universe, (for as we shall see, the facts are clearly on the side of creation,) and deny the existence of a creator, simply because you can’t see Him? Of course, it makes no sense.

But you know, unless you happened to have done research on the theory of Evolution before, it is quite possible that you have never heard that there are scientists, let alone the leading scientists of the various fields who deny the theory of evolution. In fact, denial of the theory of evolution is ridiculed out right in every corridor of so called modern learning.

There was, a few years ago here in Texas, a political movement to have “designed creation”—which is the politically correct term of the day for God’s creation—since we can’t allow the word “God” in the public schools—to be taught in Science class. And some scientists wanted designed creation to be included and taught with Evolution. They were met with taunts of “We then might as well include Santa Clause and the Tooth Fairy.” I would argue that Evolution is every bit as well founded as Santa Clause and the Tooth Fairy, and we will show that in this paper, so they might as well teach one as the other—but that is not what they meant. They meant it is patently absurd, according to modern understanding, to teach that God is the Great Creator of the universe. They want to leave the impression that no thinking person could possibly want to include Creation Theory, alongside the theory of Evolution. And why not?

Is Evolution a Fact?

The defenders of the Evolutionary movement generally regard Evolution as a fact, not a theory. Dr. Ernst Mayr, professor emeritus of Harvard University, writes:

"Since Darwin, every knowing person agrees man descended from the apes. Today, there is no such thing as the theory of evolution. It is the **fact** of evolution."

Evolution, says this Harvard professor is a fact. But do his fellow evolutionists agree? Dr. T.N. Tahmisian of the Atomic Energy Commission disagrees:

"Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact."

Well now this is strange. On the one hand, we have a professor from Harvard claiming that Evolution is a fact. On the other hand, we have a respected scientist from one of the highest committees for learning in the United States (an evolutionist by the way) saying that teaching that evolution is a fact, is itself a hoax, and that there is not one iota of fact for it. How can this be? And which is correct? Are there proofs for Evolution, or are there not?

Let's look at what the Evolutionists say to defend themselves. Dr. Harrison Matthews, the writer of the introduction to the current version of Darwin's Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life, states:

"The fact of evolution (note he calls evolution a fact) is the backbone of biology, and biology is thus in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an unproved theory (Hear that: an unproved theory--JP) Dr. Matthews goes on-- is it then a science or a faith? Belief in the theory of evolution is thus exactly parallel to belief in special creation -- both are concepts which believers know to be true, but neither, up to the present, has been capable of proof."

Is this not remarkable? The very book, Darwin's *Origin of Species*, in its own modern presentation has a supporter of Evolution agreeing that he has no more scientific proof for Evolution, than there is for proof of a Creator?

And proof, to him, are things which can be duplicated in a laboratory. They limit what they are willing to call proofs, as Dr. Braun noted earlier, to what they can see—at least as it applies to creation—and then state they have no proof.

When we talk to an Evolutionist, he will usually state that the problem he has with the concept of God performing creation, is that one must

assume the presence of God. That the presence of God cannot be proven.

We disagree with Evolutionists on this count. The presence of God can be proven. The existence of the nation of Israel in the earth today is a proof of God. It was God who promised that in the last days He would regather Israel from every corner of the earth, and reestablish them on the mountains of Zion. This we have seen come to pass, along with countless other prophecies written in the pages of the Bible.

Jer 30:11 for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

The wars we have observed in Iraq resulting in the foiling of the plans by Saddam Hussein to rebuild Babylon, is part of the proof of God. God promised, in

Jer 51:37-43 “And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant. They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps. In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD. I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats. How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations! The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.”

Babylon was in the land of modern day Iraq. King Hussein, about forty years ago now, in the early 1980's undertook a project to rebuild Babylon. It was going to be another of the beautiful palaces he had built for himself, and the most spectacular one. He was determined to prove the Bible wrong. In building on the ruins of the original Babylon, one historian records:

Above these, (that is, above the ruins) Saddam Hussein's workers laid more than 60-million sand-colored bricks inscribed with the words, "In the era of Saddam Hussein, protector of Iraq, who rebuilt civilization and rebuilt Babylon."

But he was never able to accomplish it. He thought he would prove the Bible false. Instead, he proved the Bible true, and confirmed that God is

still in control in the Earth. God will not allow Babylon to ever be inhabited, nor will it ever be more than a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness.

An historian named Eric Cline wrote this in one of his books about Hussein before the Iraqi wars:

“Saddam also portrays himself as the successor to Nebuchadnezzar. In 1979, he was quoted by his semi-official biographer as saying: "Nebuchadnezzar stirs in me everything relating to pre-Islamic ancient history. And what is most important to me about Nebuchadnezzar is the link between the Arabs' abilities and the liberation of Palestine. Nebuchadnezzar was, after all, an Arab from Iraq, albeit ancient Iraq. ... That is why whenever I remember Nebuchadnezzar I like to remind the Arabs, Iraqis in particular, of their historical responsibilities. It is a burden that should... spur them into action because of their history."

Although Nebuchadnezzar was neither Arab nor Moslem, Saddam Hussein's "Nebuchadnezzar Imperial Complex," as one psychologist called it, has been remarkably consistent. In the late 1980s he promoted the Iraqi Arts Festival called "From Nebuchadnezzar to Saddam Hussein." He also had a replica of Nebuchadnezzar's war chariot built and had himself photographed standing in it. He ordered images of himself and Nebuchadnezzar beamed, side by side, into the night sky over Baghdad as part of a laser light show. He has spent millions rebuilding the ancient site of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's capital city, provoking fears among Christian fundamentalists who see this as one of the signs of the end times and the imminent approach of Armageddon.

So, was the effort by Saddam Hussein to rebuild Babylon successful? The same historian, writing after the two wars makes this conclusion:

“The role of Saddam Hussein's Babylonian palace was more symbolic than functional. When American troops entered Babylon in April, 2003, they found little evidence that the palace had been occupied or used. Saddam's fall from power brought vandals and looters. The smoked glass windows were shattered, the furnishings removed, and architectural details - from faucets to light switches - had been stripped away.”

If scientists want to have a theory they can test “in a laboratory” concerning Yahweh our Creator, they could try to inhabit Babylon. Let them build a city there, and make it prosper. There is no doubt that they would find themselves as successful as Saddam Hussein was.

So there is a way to test whether or not God is still working out His plan of salvation in the earth. It is through prophesy. In fact the explosion of knowledge, all of which is disproving evolution today though the study of the microscopic portion of cells, and the involved study of fossils are part of proving the existence of a Creator, for God himself promised:

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Knowledge is Increasing Evolution Remains Unproven

Knowledge is increasing now on a level never before seen in human history. But these are not accepted as proofs by the evolutionists because they cannot be duplicated in a test tube. You must assume, they claim, the existence of God. Well then, we have already seen that leading evolutionists also claim they have no proof. Do they then, not have to make assumptions themselves?

Writing as an evolutionist, G. A. Kerkut lists the major assumptions of evolution. These are the basic theories an evolutionist “takes for granted” or “supposes” to be true. All of the “molecules-to-man science” is built upon these assumptions, but you rarely, if ever, see them listed in a high school or college textbook.

There are seven basic assumptions that are often not mentioned during discussions of evolution. Many evolutionists ignore the first six assumptions and only consider the seventh. The assumptions are as follows:

The Seven Unprovable Assumptions of Evolution

1. The first assumption is that non-living things gave rise to living material, i.e., spontaneous generation occurred.
2. The second assumption is that spontaneous generation occurred only once.
3. The third assumption is that viruses, bacteria, plants and animals are all related.
4. The fourth assumption is that protozoa (single-celled life forms) gave rise to metazoa (multiple-celled life forms).
5. The fifth assumption is that various invertebrate phyla are interrelated.

6. The sixth assumption is that the invertebrates gave rise to the vertebrates.

7. The seventh assumption is that within the vertebrates the fish gave rise to amphibia, the amphibia to reptiles and the reptiles to birds and mammals.

What Dr. Kerkut has listed here, as “assumptions” is the whole theory of evolution. In other words, there is no factual (that is, no experimentally testable and reproducible) science which supports evolution. The process of moving from non-living things to the first living, reproducing cell to man and giant Redwood trees is all and entirely an assumption.

Dr. Kerkut clearly states the evolutionary assumption that all life is related to that first cell. However, through the use of phase-electron microscopes scientists have discovered that there are consistent differences in cellular substance in various kinds of animals. When studied microscopically, the living things of the evolutionary tree do not appear to be related to each other at all.

I Corinthians 15:39 records: "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another flesh of fishes, and another of birds."

This was written 1900 years before scientists "discovered" the differences in the basic cellular components of the various kinds of living creatures. God created life and inspired His apostles and prophets to record details of His creation, which scientists are now, with increasing knowledge, just beginning to re-discover. God says there are different types of flesh in the bodies of His earthly creatures. But there are also different types of heavenly bodies -- the stars are different from each other and not the same as the moon (I Cor. 15:41). Astronomers estimate there may be one trillion-trillion stars. The best English dictionaries have less than 800,000 words. Yet, the God of the Bible has a name and a number for each star, "...He calleth them all by names..."! (says Isaiah 40:26) God is infinite in His power and wisdom.

Only 1% difference in DNA of Humans and Chimpanzees

And evolution has recently been dealt a powerful blow in this area, though poorly recorded anywhere. Since 1975, text books and museums and papers in general have carried the results of some work by a scientist named Alan Wilson, that the genetic material between Chimpanzees and humans, is 99% the same. The similarity, they claimed, showed we evolved from the same root source. When confronted with this fact, it

was always a simple thing to point out that this actually proved nothing, but could simply be explained by a God who loved order, and who created us in a similar manner.

(In fact, there can be no similarities among species in any evolutionist's imagination, which cannot be explained by a God who loves order. Any similarity between species is simply God using the same orderly method in establishing life.)

But it turns out, research completed June 6, 2007 showed the so called "fact" was entirely false to begin with... A Science magazine writer John Cohen, in Science Magazine, June 2007, commenting on some recent research by Svante Paabo, a biologist, we learn: "The popular notion that humans and chimpanzees are genetically 99% similar is a myth, and should be discarded."

The article then turns quite technical, explaining all the differences, but the comments about this discovery are fascinating. The author wrote:

"But truth be told, Wilson and King also noted that the 1% difference wasn't the whole story. They predicted that there must be profound differences outside genes—they focused on gene regulation—to account for the anatomical and behavioral disparities between our knuckle-dragging cousins and us. Several recent studies have proven them perspicacious again, raising the question of whether the 1% truism should be retired.

"For many, many years, the 1% difference served us well because it was underappreciated how similar we were," says Pascal Gagneux, a zoologist at UC San Diego. "Now it's totally clear that it's more a hindrance for understanding than a help."

This article should completely convince any honest observer about the dishonesty in the evolution argument. It should be a very disturbing article. The Darwinists have been caught in a bold faced lie that has deceived the world for over 50 years. The UC San Diego Zoologist Gagneux says, "For **many, many years, the 1% difference served us well**" – well, let's stop right there! Who is "us"? Was it the millions of school children and laymen who were lied to? Was it the majority of people who believe God created mankind, suffering under an onslaught of lies told in the name of science?

No! "Us" refers to the members of the Darwin Party, the dogmatists who shamelessly lied to advance their agenda. They had a strategy to portray humans and chimpanzees as similar as possible, in order to make their

myth of common descent seem more plausible. Now, 32 years later, they have come clean, without any remorse, only because the usefulness of that lie has run out, and needs to be replaced by new lies.

The article concludes with some thoughts about the myth from the scientist Sevante Paabo commenting about what is now admitted to be a myth this way:

“In the end, it’s a political and social and cultural thing about how we see our differences.”

You see, this never was about science. This was always about political, social and cultural change. And what is true for this lie that is exposed a few years ago, which goes along with the many lies which have been and are continuing to be brought to light.

Why Evolution came into Vogue

In the 16th chapter of Revelations, there is a prophesy of the times in which we live. It reads thus:

Rev 16:12-16 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

There are four events in this vial, one of which is directly related to our discussion this afternoon. The four events are these. First, there is first the drying up of the river Euphrates. The Euphrates has its head waters in Turkey, and the drying up of the river, prophesied of the drying up of the once great Turkish or Ottoman Empire. This has, for the most part, been completed. Looking at Turkey today, it is hard to imagine that this was one of the world’s greatest empires a mere 100 years ago, before this prophetic vial was poured out against her.

The second event is the one which mostly concerns us this afternoon. The prophet next saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast and the false prophets. Frogs are the symbol of the French people. They live in a land full of swamps, and their flags and banners and shields over history, have often born images

from these swamps, first the frogs, and then the fleur de lie, or Lilly of the lake. During the French revolution of 1789, when the kings and emperors of the earth were to be dethroned, a new and peculiar cry was heard among the French. It was “Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.” This was the new banner of the French revolution, which spread first to the United States in 1776, but ultimately throughout all Europe in the late 1800s.

The third event of the sixth vial is the resurrection of the saints and the return of Christ, and the final event is the battle of Armageddon, where the nations of the world are finally humbled at the foot of Christ and the Saints. So we see the importance in the second vial. It is the last prophesy we were given to see fulfilled in Revelations, before the resurrection of the dead, which of course is concurrent with the return of Christ.

Going back then, to this second event, the going forth of these unclean spirits like frogs, are said to lead the world to that battle of the Great Day of God Almighty. So for a minute, let’s look briefly as to how this unclean spirit led to the denial of the truth as we have seen clearly stated in Isaiah 45 and elsewhere: that God created the earth!

Now, it is sometimes hard for us, living today, to imagine what life was like for the previous 6,000 years of man’s existence on this earth. Our generation has virtually nothing in common with life as it previously existed, even a mere 150 years ago. Politically, in our generations, we tend to speak of human rights as if they are assumed, but for most of the world’s existence, rights were granted by a king, not inherent in a constitution. So when the concepts of liberty, fraternity, and equality—the concepts that man has certain unalienable rights, and that all men should be equal was let loose in the earth—the concepts that gave birth to the democracies and socialized governments of today--this idea was not readily accepted by men in any of the countries, including France, from which this spirit sprang.

A prominent promoter of these theories in the middle 1800s in France, Karl Marx, wrote to the extreme of these ideas in what is called the Communist Manifesto. He recognized that even the poorest among the earth were not particularly interested in accepting and promoting these ideas. The political ideas which governed the world to that point, till the early 1800s, was called Machiavellian politics, which can loosely be defined as “rule by divine right.” The idea was that the men currently in power and authority, were put there by God. This we know, is a true and divine principle. Daniel the prophet noted:

Dan 4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men

Bible	Evolution
God is the creator of all things. (Gen. 1:1)	Natural chance processes can account for the existence of all things.
World created in six literal days (Genesis 1)	World evolved over eons, the current estimate being two hundred billion years.
Creation is completed (Genesis 2:3).	Creative processes are continuing.
Man's body from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7)	Man evolved from primates.
Man's sin the cause of death (Romans 5:12).	Struggle and death existent long before the evolution of man.

All these comparisons are at variance with the clear and simple teaching of the Bible. By proposing that this is the commonly held belief of the “wise,” these became a successful tool for those men who wished to remove the Bible and religion from society, and to cause the world to accept Evolution and discard the teachings of the Bible.

And incredibly, religion itself has bought into the lie. This is from an MSNBC News story.

“Pope Benedict XVI said the debate raging in some countries — particularly the United States and his native Germany — between creationism and evolution was an ‘absurdity,’ saying that evolution can coexist with faith.

“The pontiff, speaking as he was concluding his holiday in northern Italy, also said that while there is much scientific proof to support evolution, the theory could not exclude a role by God.

“‘They are presented as alternatives that exclude each other,’ the pope said. ‘This clash is an absurdity because on one hand there is much scientific proof in favor of evolution, which appears as a reality that we must see and which enriches our understanding of life and being as such.’”

Well, religion may be able to coexist with evolution, but the Bible can't. If one is true, the other is necessarily false. Its simple logic. And so true religion cannot coexist with a philosophy which denies the foundation for that religion.

But this desire to change the foundation of religion, is not a new concept. Those who do not wish to accept Yahweh's plain and simple teaching have always sought for some excuse not to. In this 45th chapter of Isaiah, God is appealing to Israel to put behind them the teachings which have led them astray, and return to worshipping the God of Israel.

Isa 45:20-21 "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save. Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me."

The reason God reinforced His role as Creator to Israel, over and over again in the pages of the Scriptures is because they had become distracted by the arguments set forth by the wise of their generation, to follow some other God, some graven image, or idol, which cannot save. And as Paul reminds us, we need to understand that these things which happened to Israel, can happen to us. As Paul said:

1Co 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Another Form of Idolatry

And make no mistake about it, evolution is just another form of idolatry. In paganism, what idols did the people worship? Was it not the sun, exhibited by a God like Baal, or Zeus? Was it not the moon, exhibited by the goddess Ishtar, or Diana, or Venus? In other words, Pagans worshiped nature. What is evolution? The belief that nature accounts for our existence. That nature is our creator. That our destiny is in the hands of nature. Evolution is just another version of idolatry, and a fulfillment of the warning of Paul who warned:

Rom. 1:22-25 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed 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 dishonour 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.

And some versions will translate that, they worshiped and served the creation, more than the Creator. That is what evolution does. It worships the creation, and ignores the Creator.

But getting back to the science itself, we find that at its root, in the laboratory where Evolution claims to have some advantage, scientifically speaking, over the concept of creation, we find that we need even more unprovable assumptions to accept evolution, than to accept creation. From the biggest star to the smallest atom, the magnitude and complexity of the universe is unexplainable, except in terms of a creative designer who is infinitely above any "chance processes" or human technology.

Darwin on Evolution

Well what about other scientists? What about Darwin himself? Writing four years after he had written "Origin of Species" Darwin himself wrote:

"When we descend to details we can prove that no one species has changed (i.e., we cannot prove that a single species has changed): nor can we prove that the supposed changes are beneficial, which is the groundwork of the theory. Nor can we explain why some species have changed and others have not. The latter case seems to me hardly more difficult to understand precisely and in detail than the former case of supposed change." In other words, in this one short paragraph written four years after his book, Darwin himself says that he cannot explain any part of his theory.

Well then, how about our Harvard Professor who claims that all intelligent scientists believe in Evolution, and that it is a fact. What does he say about these assumptions? Writing in *Omni*, an evolutionist magazine

The world's leading evolutionary thinkers had a convention in Rome in 1981. They wanted to decide what makes one species evolve into another species, and how that change, from one animal or plant into another, might occur. Dr. Ernst Mayr, professor emeritus of Harvard, writes:

"We had an international conference in Rome in 1981 on the mechanisms of speciation. (Speciation is a word meaning how one specie evolves to another.) Dr. Mayr goes on: "It was attended by many of the leading botanists, zoologists, paleontologists, geneticists, cytologists and biologists. The one thing on which they all agreed was that we still have absolutely no idea what happens genetically during speciation. That's a damning statement, but it's the truth."

Dr. Mayr of Harvard, Dr. Matthews, and even Darwin himself; all leading teachers of Evolution agree that they have no idea as to how to prove Evolution. Why then does it exist as a theory today? Here the explanation from another noted Evolutionist, Dr. D.M.S. Watson

"Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists not because it has been observed to occur or is supported by logically coherent arguments, but because...no alternative explanation is credible. Whilst the fact of evolution is accepted by every biologist, the mode in which it has occurred and the mechanism by which it has been brought about are still disputable. ...the theory of evolution itself is a theory universally accepted not because it can be proved by logical coherent evidence to be true but because the only alternative is special creation, which is clearly incredible."

Here is the truth of the matter. Scientists believe evolution, not because they can prove any part of it, but because they simply do not like the alternative. They do not want to believe in God.

As the apostle Paul wrote of this class of men:

2Th 2:11-12 "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."

Many scientists assume life came from non-living chemicals and that this only happened once. They say that everything we see alive, whether plant or animal, came from that first, primordial, single cell. Most evolutionists do not believe that one kind of life began in the Amazon and another in Africa and another in Arizona. They believe non-life gave birth to life in one cell that became the ancestor of the entire plant and animal kingdoms.

Why do scientists such as Dr. Kerkut assume this startling event happened only once? Because the chances of life evolving from non-life are so astronomically high as to be impossible without an intelligent designer. Plain and simple.

The Mathematical Argument

The mathematical argument has been used to great advantage by Evolutionists. They argue that given enough time, anything can happen, and this argument has resonated well with the scientific community, and with the general population as well. I once asked a biology teacher I had in college, who was in fact the only creationist I had at the University, and therefore not an evolutionist, why this was the case. He said simply that biologists tend not to be good mathematicians. It seemed like too simplistic an argument to me at the time, but experience really has shown this to be true.

One of the arguments that has resonated with the population, and with biologists over the years was this. Thomas Huxley once said that a large number of monkeys typing on a large number of typewriters would

eventually produce the complete works of William Shakespeare. This argument has actually been entered into court records in defense of Evolution, and even more remarkably, this argument carried the day in the argument. But what are the mathematical chances of this happening.

A mathematician, Dr. Overman shows that a section from Shakespeare's Macbeth containing 12 lines would have a probability of 26 to the 379th power. That is, the number 26 with 379 zeros behind it, to one. Mathematicians consider anything with a probability of 10 to the 50th power as a mathematical impossibility. Paul Davies equates the odds of one chance in 10 to the 60th power as the chance of hitting a one-inch target with a random shot of a bullet from a distance of 20 billion light years.

In other words, no amount of monkeys typing randomly on a typewriter could ever type twelve lines, let alone the entire works of Shakespeare.

Dr. Henry Morris and Dr. Gary Parker of the Institute for Creation Research have recorded the probability of the chance origin of life in their revised book, What is Creation Science? (pp. 269-276). If all the universe was crammed with electron particles, the maximum number of particles would be ten to the power of 130. (That is 10 with 130 zeros behind it. If each particle could do one hundred billion-billion events (steps in ever onward and upward evolution) every second for 3,000 billion years (100 times older than anyone says the universe is), then in the span of history of the universe 10 to the one-hundred seventieth power events could possibly happen. (That is 10 with 170 zeros behind it.) But to get a series of even 1,500 events to happen in order [and without God's help] (events that might be moving from non-living chemicals to a living cell), there is only one chance in ten to the power of 450! This means that the probability of evolution even getting started is zero. There aren't enough electrons in the universe to, by chance, generate a single living cell of a single evolutionary scientist. And yet, these scientists who do not believe in God are here. How did they get here? Without belief in God, the only option these people have is the evolution of non-living chemicals over eons of time into a living cell and ultimately into man.

How Does Evolution Begin?

Finally, as regards the theory of evolution, let's look at the root of all theories, that is, how it all got started. The Bible is very clear. In the beginning, God created the earth. God provided the force that developed creation. Science, and evolution, has no explanation. Their theory can never be proved, because they have no way of having an initiating force.

Evolution says that there were simply elements in the beginning. Chemical elements, devoid of life. That then a force was applied that caused changes in these elements which eventually evolved into life. The problem is that one of the rules of physics (Newton's First Law of Motion) is that mass at rest continues to be at rest until a force is applied to it.

What that means is that if I take this computer I'm typing on, and set it on the table in front of me, it will remain on that table, until some force causes it to move. I can pick it up, or the table could collapse causing the computer to fall, but some force has to come into play before this computer will move. The question no evolutionist can answer is, what caused the mass at rest, to first move? There has to be a force, and the force has to come from somewhere. Where? There can be no answer, and so Evolution can never be verified.

Even in their complicated experiments where they put certain chemicals together, (chemicals that could never have existed together in a primordial soup such as they imagine) and provide electrical charges, they eventually end up with amino acids, which are the building blocks of life, though not life itself. They tell us this proves life could occur. But these complicated chemical soups had to have a charge, a force, to change them. What provided that force?

In 150 years of these sorts of experiments, man has never been able to create life from chemicals,

We also should understand that fraud too, has played a big part in the development of the theory of evolution. There have been many small portions of bodies found, and presumed, with some creative imagination to have been portions of prehistoric man. But it hasn't just been creative imagination. There has been actual fraud perpetrated by Evolution's supporters.

Evolutionary Fraud

Among the prehistoric men which appear in school or college textbooks as part of the evolution of man, is Piltdown man. Piltdown man was proved, by evolutionists, to be a hoax in 1953. Piltdown's filed teeth and bone had been stained to make it appear to be ancient.

Fourteen years after Piltdown Man was proven by the evolutionary scientific community to be a total fake and bad joke, Harvard University Press published these words (admittedly this is a long quote, but I include it to display how far the evolutionary community will go to support their insupportable claims even years after one of their "evidences" has been proven to be a fraud):

"Unlike all other fossil men is *Eoanthropus*, known from a fragmentary skull and the right half of a lower jaw with two teeth, the first and second molars, in place. The specimens were obtained by Mr. William Dawson from a small opening by the roadside at Piltdown, Sussex, England, and described by Sir Arthur Smith Woodward. It is difficult to determine their age, for fragments of mammals characteristic of the Pliocene and Pleistocene are mingled in the river-borne gravel. If contemporaneous with the most modern of them, Piltdown man was probably not more recent than the third interglacial stage, since Hippopotamus and other subtropical animals occur with it.

"The skull is so fragmentary that those who have studied it have been unable to agree as to the proper reconstruction: estimates of its cranial capacity have varied from 1079 cc. to 1500 cc., and an intermediate figure of about 1300 cc. has finally been reached. It is not at all of the Neanderthal type, but has a high forehead like that of modern man. Aside from the fact that the bones are exceedingly thick, it is not peculiar. The jaw, however, is admitted by all to be more like that of a chimpanzee than like that of any man, living or extinct. This was recognized in the original description. The two teeth are like human molars, but the remainder of the jaw affords too much space to be filled by ordinary teeth. Hence, in his restoration of the anterior part, Smith Woodward made the canines large, like those of a chimpanzee, and allowed for a small diastema. The correctness of his view was demonstrated in a striking way the year after publication, when Dawson and Father Teilhard de Chardin, who were resifting the gravel at the spot where the jaw was found, found a large canine. It is twice as large as that of a man and almost exactly like that of a modern chimpanzee. This association seemed to many to be an unnatural one, so the jaw was attributed by some to a species of chimpanzee. The later finding of a few more fragments at a near-by site seems, however, to have convinced most of those interested that skull and jaw belong together. *Eoanthropus dawsoni* (Piltdown man), then is to some people the missing link between man and the apes. The forehead is high, the brow ridge insignificant, and the brain large, all features of man, but the chinless jaw has the big canines of an ape."

Thus as late as 1967, the prestigious Harvard University Press was still promoting the Piltdown Hoax as a possible "...missing link between man and the apes", when it had been proven a sham nearly fifteen years earlier.

PEKING MAN

And this leads us to the prehistoric man called Peking Man. Peking Man has been categorized as *Homo erectus*. He disappeared during World War

II. There is not a single bone left of Peking Man, although books have been written about the international search for the "bones".

An entertaining and readable book on the search for Peking Man was written by Christopher Janus with William Brashler, entitled, The Search for Peking Man. Mentioned in the book as one of the people who aided in the discovery of Peking Man is Teilhard De Chardin -- one of the perpetrators of the Piltdown Man hoax! Since De Chardin was implicated in the Piltdown hoax and managed to involve himself with Peking man as well, how can we be certain that the documentation we have of Peking man is reliable?

Janus records the total number of Peking Man fossil fragments before the Japanese invasion of China: "... they labeled, described, photographed and categorized the casts of the 175 fossil fragments that had been collected"

Peking Man supposedly consisted of:

"...5 skulls, about 150 jaw fragments and teeth, 9 thigh bones and fragments, 2 upper arm bones, a collar bone, and a wrist bone"

All these bones have disappeared! Apparently, the evolutionary scientists cannot even agree on how many bones represented Peking Man. Johanson records: "...5 skulls, 15 smaller pieces of the skull or face, 14 lower jaws and 152 teeth."

So there is no hard evidence that Peking Man is an ancestor of Homo sapiens. Some photographs of Peking skulls remain. But with one of the supposed discoverers already discredited through one fraud, it is hard to imagine how this can be taken seriously.

In fact there is no solid evidence that supports any of the prehistoric men. Most of them are human imagination, constructing, not reconstructing bodies from portions of bones, in a manner which would never be admissible in court, such as done when police departments reconstruct faces from portions of bones.

And some of what is called prehistoric cave man evidence, may not have been prehistoric at all. Did not Job, hardly a prehistoric man, lament the same class of men that are now exhibited to us as prehistoric? Job is recorded to have said:

Job 30:1-8 But now *they that are* younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age was perished? For want and famine *they were* solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste. Who

cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots *for* their meat. They were driven forth from among *men*, (they cried after them as *after a thief*;) To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, *in* caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks. Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. *They were* children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

But things science once viewed as incredible, are now coming to have quite plausible explanations. Noah's flood is one such event. How could the earth be flooded to the point where the mountains were all under water? Quite easily, it turns out. A recent study reported in Science Daily for June 2007 by the University of Utah, determined that the continents are floating on a layer of molten rock, and that the heating and cooling of this rock causes the continents to rise and fall. If the rock cooled, the continents would sink. Their research showed that if the rock cooled completely, the North American continent would sink and the waters on the earth would rise over all land not now above 6000 feet.

So as it turns out, the balloon explanation given by Robert Roberts, that the earth is like a balloon, and God could have simply pulled down the portion of the globe where man was living, causing it to be covered by water, could quite easily have happened, by the molten lava field under the Asian continent, cooling.

Finally, as regards the theory of evolution, let's look at the root of all theories, that is, how it all got started. The Bible is very clear. In the beginning, God created the earth. God provided the force that developed creation. Science, actually, is equally clear in what is one of the classical laws of physics and inertia. Evolution, has no explanation. Their theory can never be proved, because they have no way of having an initiating force.

Evolution says that there were simply elements in the beginning. Chemical elements, devoid of life. That then a force was applied that caused changes in these elements which eventually evolved into life. The problem is that the law of inertia says that mass at rest continues to be at rest until a force is applied to it.

What that means is that if I take this computer, and set it here, that it will remain here, until some force causes it to move. I can pick it up, or the podium could collapse causing the computer to fall, but some force has to come into play before this computer will move. The question no evolutionist can answer is, what caused the mass at rest, to first move? There has to be a force, and the force has to come from somewhere. Where? There can be no answer, and so Evolution can never be verified.

In sciences' second law of thermodynamics, evolution is also confounded. That law says that left to itself, items will move towards the lowest common denominator at equilibrium. For example, a tree falls in a forest. Over time, the tree degrades to an equilibrium with the forest floor. It constantly becomes less complex, not more complex. The floor of the forest doesn't evolve to a tree, but the other way around.

The truth, both in the Scriptures, and the true laws of science agree. Evolution is impossible. It is a political tool to achieve a specific end. It is not, and never has been, science. The European Council issued these tenets concerning the creation/evolution debate, in June, 2007. It is a fitting way to show what evolution truly is. Note where the concern of these nations lie. Creation is a threat to our democracies, to human rights (frog spirits), and to our societies.

1. The Parliamentary Assembly is **worried** about the possible **ill-effects of the spread of creationist theories** within our education systems and about the **consequences** for our **democracies**. If we are not careful, **creationism could become a threat to human rights**, which are a key concern of the Council of Europe....

12. The **war** on the theory of evolution and on its proponents most often originates in forms of **religious extremism which are closely allied to extreme right-wing political movements**. The creationist movements possess **real political power**. The **fact** of the matter, and this has been exposed on several occasions, is that the **advocates of strict creationism are out to replace democracy by theocracy**....

14. The **teaching of all phenomena concerning evolution** as a **fundamental scientific theory** is therefore **crucial** to the **future** of our **societies and our democracies**. For that reason **it must occupy a central position in the curriculum**, and especially in the science syllabus.....

89.The **theory of evolution** constitutes a **body of fundamental knowledge for the future of our democracies** and **cannot be arbitrarily challenged**.....94.The teaching of evolution by natural selection as a **fundamental scientific theory** is therefore **crucial to the future of our societies and our democracies**....

And of course they are correct. The unclean spirits like frogs, the so called human rights which gather the world together to Armageddon is absolutely dependent upon removing the Bible from the thoughts of the people.

In order to break the hold that this principle had on religious men, Marx knew that he had to break the religion of those men. Marx referred to religion as "the opiate of the people" implying that religion drugged men,

rendered them powerless; and was the principle cause why men did not rise up against the wealthy and elite classes, and overthrow them.

About the same time as Marx was pondering this principle, Charles Darwin was writing his now famous work, “Origin of species” which set forth the concept which has become known as evolution. When Marx saw Darwin’s work, he immediately recognized it as a tool to remove religion from man’s thoughts. Marx recognized what many Christians today fail to recognize. That evolution and the Bible are completely at odds and completely incompatible. Let me go over some of the conflicts between the two.

DNA is Befuddling Evolution

Evolutionists Squirm under New Data Showing All Animals “Evolved” at the Same Time

It is sometimes fun to watch modern evolutionist scientists wrestle with information which clearly contradicts their established norms. Such an event happened this past May 2018, when near the end of the month, a scientist from The Rockefeller University in New York, and another from Switzerland published a paper which according to one press report:

“That would be Mark Stoeckle from The Rockefeller University in New York and David Thaler at the University of Basel in Switzerland, who together published findings last week sure to jostle, if not overturn, more than one settled idea about how evolution unfolds.—
Physics.org.”

In this study, which was a huge sample by traditional testing methods, involving millions of samples of 100,000 species, the scientists determined that all animals (90% of all animals, they say) are each descendants of a common mother for their specie. That is, all the species on earth including man, have a common mother within that specie.

Of course, this comes as no surprise to those of us who believe that in creation:

Gen 1:21-25 “...God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind,

and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.”

Since God created each animal after its own kind, and since it reproduced after its own kind, then obviously all animals in the specie are a descendent from that created mother.

What the research “confirms” is that regardless of which continent a creature such as a rat may reside on the earth, it has had in the past the same mother as all other rats. And the same is true for man. All men have a common mother.

How did they confirm this? Very poorly, actually. What they did is to research a very tiny portion of the genetic makeup, 1 of 37 genes, and only a portion of that gene, of the various animals. And then they extrapolated various conclusions.

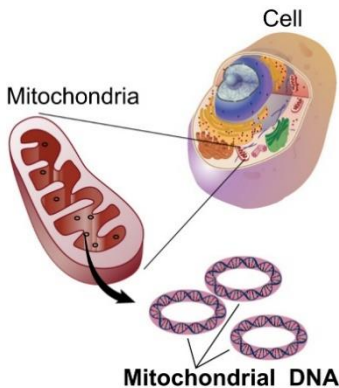


Figure 1 Mitochondrial DNA is the small circular chromosome found inside mitochondria. The mitochondria are passed only from the mother to offspring through the egg cell.

By now, probably most of us are at least familiar with the term DNA. DNA is a chain of compounds called nucleotides, which determines our genetic makeup, such as the color of our eyes. The form of genetic material used for this study is a close relative, called mitochondrial DNA, or mtDNA.

While the DNA is a random combination of genetic material we inherit from our mother and father, mtDNA is only inherited from our mothers. So if we all have a common mother, we would all have the same mtDNA, and the scientists found out that this in fact is the case, regardless of location in the world, or the isolation of communities. All of us of the same

species, had the same ancient mother, precisely as the Bible says.

This bothered the evolutionists, because it suggests that evolution only happened once per specie, and not multiple times in isolated places on the globe, such as they imagined. But what bothered them even more was the possible conclusion one could take from that study, that almost all species evolved at the same time. This conflicted with a recent study that suggested that we all come from one same cell gradually evolving over 450 million years, published in a Scientific Journal in early May, only 3 weeks before this study was published.

Evolutionists took little solace in the fact that this study suggested that these common mothers all lived between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago, a notion all true Bible believers reject. And so they immediately went to work to devise an explanation. Supposedly, they tell us, some natural disaster occurred around 100,000 – 200,000 years ago, so that all that was left was one mother from each specie which had evolved. This one mother which was somehow left, went forth and repopulated the whole earth.

You see, they tell us, all species were not created at one point in time, 100,000-200,000 years ago. But rather the evolution which had taken place creating the many species, was, as a result of this natural disaster, reduced to a single mother, from whom the earth was repopulated. I suppose, as ridiculous as that sounds, it is as likely, maybe even more likely, than that evolution could have occurred in the first place.

Well, we might enquire how they determine the existence of this “Eve” of each specie to be between 100,000-200,000 years of age. Basically, they guess. The mtDNA molecule has many nucleotides or building blocks which form DNA molecules. Some DNA are essential for the development of the offspring, some are not, called neutrals. The ones that are essential are not involved, as, when their nucleotides mutate, the animal tends to die. But the mutations to nucleotides in DNA that are not essential will then be passed on to the next generation, and the mutated DNA strand will be established in a population. The scientists then count these neutral mutations that they find, guess as to how long it takes for the mutations to be established in a population and come up with 100,000 – 200,000 years, as the time all the neutral mutations needed to become established.

But this technique is not without controversy. Some research indicates that the guess they place in this data, even using their own standards, is overstated by 18 times. If the lower number is used, instead of the common mother of each specie having existed 100,000 – 200,000 years ago, she would have existed between 5,500 and 11,000 years ago. Imagine that!

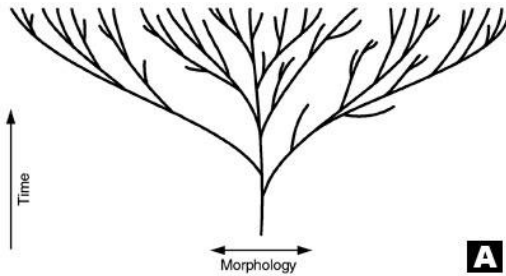
DNA Not Evolutionary Friendly

DNA, just generally speaking, has not been friendly to evolution. It has completely blown up the evolutionary tree that populated so many of our classrooms in school.

The Daily Telegraph ran this paragraph in consequent of new data exposed by DNA researchers.

Dr. Eric Bapteste, an evolutionary biologist at the Pierre and Marie

Curie University in Paris, said: "For a long time the holy grail was to build a tree of life. We have no evidence at all that the tree of life is a reality."



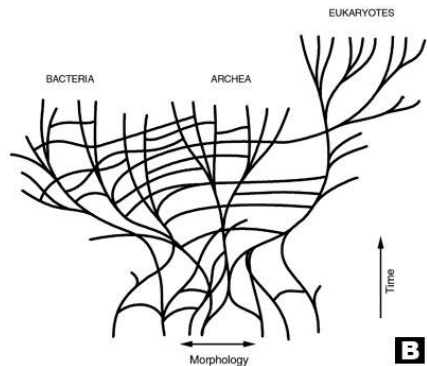
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Darwin's evolutionary tree, which he drew in his first book, assumed

that all life would have sprung forth from a single root, with branches deviating into different but related species. What DNA researchers expected to find, which would have verified this model, was that animals of the same branch would have closely related DNA markers that would be passed on in slightly modified strands yielding similar, but different species. Instead they found no such thing. They found DNA strands shared by completely dissimilar animals. They found that DNA strands actually "skipped" (to their mind) the next branch of evolutionary development, and then miraculously appeared again in a "higher" branch.

This led evolutionists to abandon Darwin's tree, but undeterred, to try and draw another one which might reflect more accurately what the new research indicated.

What the new tree, required by DNA science looked like, was a hodge podge of swaps of DNA matter, such as never would happen in a progressive evolving population. Rather it looks exactly like it would look, if a Grand Designer used His various tools to create life which would fit a perfect niche in the ecology of the earth.



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Writing about, and trying to apologize for the evolutionists new tree of life, the Telegraph article concluded:

"Dr. Rose said: "The tree of life is being politely buried – we all know that. What's less accepted is our whole fundamental view of biology needs to change."

"He says biology is vastly more complex than we thought and facing up to this complexity will be as scary as the conceptual upheavals physicists had to take on board in the early 20th century.

“Dr Bapteste said: "The tree of life was useful. It helped us to understand evolution was real. But now we know more about evolution it's time to move on."

“Darwin's model is no stranger to controversy. It has played a key role in the much larger debate with creationists who are convinced life on Earth is so complex it could only have come about from intelligent design – in other words, the hand of God.”

Again we note evolutionists talking about how something false, in this case, Darwin's tree, was useful. Useful to who? How can a lie be useful? It is only useful to those who wanted to open the door to an attack on the Bible's account of our creation. Having done this, they have undermined society's confidence in the validity of the Bible. Then, as their own science continues to challenge and disprove and destroy their pet evolutionary theories, they simply change the theory to an even more unbelievable scenario, and hope society has been numbed to the truth, and conditioned well enough to accept the next lie.

Consider the Heavens

By bro. G. V. Growcott

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge” (Psa. 19:1-2).

The first point to be noted is that the heavens DO declare the glory of God. God has given abundant evidence of His reality and power. There is no excuse for any denying Him. Paul said to the Romans (1:20)-

“The invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity, THAT THEY MAY BE WITHOUT EXCUSE.”

This is GOD'S view of the matter-that He has given plenty of proof of Himself and therefore, as the Psalms declare (14:1), only the fool can say, “There is no God.”

This solves the problem of how to deal with those who believe in evolution and choose to ignore and deny the obvious evidence of creative wisdom in every aspect of the universe.

“Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words” (Prov. 23:9).

The Glory of God is Character and Purpose

The “*glory of GOD*” which the heavens declare is not just wisdom and power, but also character and purpose. When Moses asked to be shown God’s GLORY, God said-

“I will make all my goodness pass before thee” (Ex. 33:19).

And it is recorded-

“The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, Yahweh, Yahweh Elohim (He Who shall be Mighty Ones), merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth” (Ex. 34:6).

The beauty of God’s goodness is the glory that the heavens declare. The whole range of creation-from the infinitely vast universe to the microscopically small-reveals God’s love of beauty and order, and the highest form of beauty and order is the beauty of holiness, perfection of goodness, oneness with the perfect Divine mind.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.”

These two thoughts are parallel, but there is a distinction in that in the heavens- the infinity of space-we see the broad and eternal picture of the *glory*.

In the firmament-our own atmospheric surroundings-we see a marvelous and detailed allegory of the actual working out of God’s *handiwork*-His purpose with mankind.

All the elements combine in a harmonious picture-earth, sea, clouds, wind, rain, dew, hail, snow, storm, lightning, thunder, rainbow, etc., portray in their interworking and relationships the fulfilling of the everlasting covenant to fill the earth with God’s glory and bring blessing to all mankind.

Glory begins with Genesis 1

The subject begins with the first verse of Genesis-

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

The first picture presented to us is total darkness over an empty, formless, unbroken expanse of water.

“And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, LET THERE BE LIGHT.”

Here are presented the two fundamentals of life-water and light-plus that which energizes and motivates all-the Spirit of God.

“And God saw the light, that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness.”

Let us discern the spiritual parallel, for the heavens are here beginning to declare God’s glory, and the firmament to show His handiwork-light is good; and light must be separate from darkness. As we consider the first chapter of Genesis, we should lay beside it the first chapter of John’s gospel, where this coming of the True Light is revealed, which the darkness comprehended not-

“And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.”

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men love darkness rather than light.”

“ . . . LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD . . . ”

The Spiritual Significance of Heaven’s Elements

Let us then consider together the various elements of the heavens, in order, endeavoring to trace their spiritual significance and their relationship to each other in declaring God’s glory.

First is the Sun, a vast sphere of power and fire, the source of all natural life and energy on earth. The Psalmist declares in this 19th Psalm-

“In them (the heavens) hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, rejoicing as a strong man to run his course.

“His going forth is from the end of heaven and his circuit unto the ends of it, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof” (vs. 4-6).

The meaning is beautiful and unmistakable. Here is the “Sun of righteousness” of which Malachi speaks (4:2) who rises with “*healing in his wings*” for all who fear God’s Name.

The rising of the sun is the end of night and darkness, the beginning of day and light. Our Sun of righteousness is seen in two symbolic risings- The *first* is when he arose from the tomb and turned the darkness of sorrow and despair and death into the light of joy and hope and everlasting life.

This rising of the sun is God’s assurance unto all men that (Acts 17: 31)-

“He has appointed a day when he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained.”

The second rising of the Sun is when he comes to dispel the darkness of earth's long night, and be as the light of the morning-the bright and morning star. . .

The moon, the lesser light of the heavens, is the bride of the Sun. She shines in her gentle whiteness, not by her own light, but by the reflection of light from him.

In this study, we are impressed more and more by the evidence God has given of the Bible's divine origin. Many facts of nature and the universe learned thousands of years later by man in his gradually broadening field of knowledge and investigation are manifested in the simple yet profound language of Scripture.

The moon was the lesser light to rule the night. Her shining was to be in the nighttime. The Sun, hidden from the earth during the earth's night, is shining upon her and she, during the darkness, reflects his light to the earth and gives glorious evidence that he, though hidden, still exists and shines in glory and will return to bring the joyful brilliance of the new day.

So the faithful waiting Bride, lifted up into the heavenlies by the promise of God, must turn her face to the absent Bridegroom and reflect his glory upon the earth until the morning return.

She is the candlestick in the Holy Place of present probation, while the Sun is the Shekinah-glory of the perfection of the Most Holy.

"Ye are the light of the world," said Jesus to his followers, and Paul exhorts them to *"shine as lights in the world . . . in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation."* This is the present nighttime of man's dark rule of sin. In Bible times, the Moon was a far more important factor in men's lives than today. In the clearer air of those lands, it shone more brightly, and there was no artificial outdoor lighting such as we take for granted today. When men had to travel, or had work to do on their lands at night, a bright, clear moon was a tremendous comfort and blessing.

Throughout the Scriptures the number of the stars is used to typify an incalculable number, like the sand of the sea. Until the invention of the telescope, less than four hundred years ago, the greatest number of stars that could be seen was about 6,000, and less than half that number at any one time. With the telescope, hundreds of millions can be seen and the total number is estimated in billions.

The Bible speaks of a few particular stars. The Pleiades, referred to by Job and by Amos as "the seven stars," appear to have been always the most famous and best known cluster. History has always spoken of them as

seven, though to the natural eye only six are visible today. This is an interesting and perhaps significant fact.

This cluster of seven stars appears to be the foundation for the symbol of the seven star-angel of the ecclesias in the Revelation-*“The sweet influences of the Pleiades.”*

While the Moon is the Bride, considered in her completeness, the stars represent individual members. Paul says-

“As one star differeth from another in glory, so is the resurrection of the dead” (1 Cor. 15:41-42).

And Daniel was told-

“Many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake . . . they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever” (Dan. 12:2-3).

At the creation, the angels are spoken of as morning stars singing together as, at the bidding of God, they brought light and life to a dark, dead earth.

Morning stars are those whose rising heralds the dawn. Jesus is pre-eminently the Bright and Morning Star-the Sun himself-the ruler of the heavens.

In a secondary and limited sense, sun, moon and stars are applied to the present rulers and prominent characters of the kingdom of men. Suns being darkened, moons turning from peaceful white to bloody red, and stars being cast down to the earth, represent reverses and overthrowings among the powers of the world.

Jude refers to *“wandering stars to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever,”* applying the figure to that class of erratic and unstable persons who appear and disappear irregularly in the ecclesial heavens.

One particular heavenly phenomenon-COMETS-fits Jude’s reference strikingly. They flash spectacularly into view from outer space. They shine brilliantly for a short time, outshining the fixed and stable stars. Their actual mass and weight is very small-they are largely gases and small particles, giving, by borrowed light, a tremendously deceiving appearance of substance. They soon disappear again into the blackness. Some come back at intervals, some are never seen again. On bodies of any weight or stability, they have no influence because of their own lightness, but light bodies are disturbed in courses by them. They appear to gradually disintegrate. The spectacular brilliance that surrounds them is actually the

evidence of their process of disintegration. How strikingly all these details fit some individuals!

Another heavenly phenomenon is the METEOR. This is a piece of some substance, usually stone or metal, traveling through space, which collides with the earth's atmosphere at great speed. Friction with the atmosphere creates tremendous heat and light.

A large meteor can dominate the heaven briefly with its brilliance. Some will travel right across the sky. But their life is very short and all soon burn up entirely in the air or fall to the earth.

In Revelation 8:10, the career of the Attila the Hun, one of the scourges God used against Rome, is prophesied under this figure. He blazed brilliantly and briefly in the Roman heavens.

In Revelation 9:1 Mohammed is described similarly, with the addition (which fits perfectly with large meteors) that when he struck the earth he opened a great pit, out of which smoke arose and darkened the sky.

But the sun, moon, stars, comets and meteors of mankind are passing things. All belong to the heavens that will be rolled up like a scroll and taken away when the time has come to establish the-

"New heaven and new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Pet. 3:13).

The Firmament Showeth His Handiwork

We have seen how *"the heavens declare the glory of God."* Let us consider how *"the firmament showeth his handiwork."*

"And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament" (Gen. 1:7).

The firmament is the expanse-the atmospheric shell that envelops the earth and makes life thereon possible. About this, ancient man knew very little. It remained for the last days for man to discover the importance and significance of this basic divine revelation.

God divided the waters so that there were clouds above and seas beneath, and thus was established, with the aid of the sun, the water cycle that turns the earth from a desert to a paradise.

Life for the earth depends on the water cycle: up from the seas into the atmosphere by the power of the sun, across the heaven in clouds moved and guided by the winds, down again to the earth in rain or snow, to cause

the earth to bear fruit, back to the seas in rivers. So the endless, life-giving cycle flows.

Sometimes there are mountains in the way. The water problems in West Texas from time to time are because there is a hilly range between there and the Gulf of Mexico. As soon as that range is crossed on the way East, there ceases to be a water shortage problem. The mountains cause updrafts that cool the moisture coming from the Gulf and cause it to fall and it goes no further inland.

Let us remember that often mountains stand in the way, but faith can remove mountains. The political mountains of the earth today, the great, proud uplifted fleshly mountains of brass, break up the peaceful harmonious cycle of life's waters, God's basic natural provisions for fruitful abundance; therefore there is sorrow and suffering and hate and injustice and inequality and envy and criminal waste and heartbreaking want.

But we are mainly interested in the deep and beautiful and spiritual aspects of these symbols. Today's mountains are cold, bare barriers of pride and antagonism. We hear a lot these days about "summits," and the expression is very significant.

Zechariah's two latter-day proud, fleshly mountains of brass-the King of the North and the King of the South-are shaping up wonderfully for the time when the cherubim chariots of God will smite them asunder and go forth from between them into the whole earth, to establish the true mountain of stone that will fill the earth and manifest God's glory.

"In the last days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and all nations shall flow unto it"
(Isa.2:2).

God's Water Cycle Declares His Glory

The water cycle begins with the sea. We remember that on the third day God gathered the waters under the firmament together. The dry land He called Earth, and the waters He called Seas. On the third day-the symbol of resurrection- the Earth was born out of water.

The waters of the Seas represent the people of the nations.

"The wicked are a troubled sea, casting up mire and dirt" (Isa. 57:20).

Daniel saw the four winds of heaven striving upon the Great Sea, and as its waters churned and roared with the agitation of the wind, they brought

forth in succession the wild beast empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.

The wind, of course, was the Spirit of God, by which He-

“Rules in the kingdom of men and sets up over it whomsoever He will” (Dan. 4:32).

John, in the Revelation (13:1) had a similar vision of powers rising up and out of the Sea. And Psa. 89:8-10 declares-

“Lord God of hosts, thou rulest the raging of the sea . . . thou hast scattered thine enemies.”

This has a latter-day application-its fullest application. And so do the following-

“Was the Lord displeased with the rivers? Was Thy wrath against the sea that Thou didst ride upon Thy horses (Israel) and Thy chariots of salvation (the cherubim-the saints)?” (Hab. 3:8).

“He shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea . . . the pride of Assyria (King of the North) shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt (King of the South) shall depart” (Zech. 10:11). (This chapter is about the latter-day gathering of Israel).

“The mountains quake, the hills melt, the earth is burned at His presence . . . He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry.” (Nah. 1:4-5).

That is the final consummation-“He maketh THE SEA DRY.” In the vision of the New Jerusalem at the end of the Scriptures (Rev. 21:1), we are told *“there was NO MORE SEA.”*

During Christ’s millennial reign on earth, we are shown the redeemed of God standing upon a sea of glass, singing songs of victory. They have subdued the troubled, miry sea of nations to a crystal, glassy calm. Then the warm rays of the Sun of righteousness begin to work upon it, to bring about the time when *“there shall be no more sea”*-no more subdued mortal nations-all absorbed up into the heavenlies.

This brings us back to the water cycle. When the Sun sheds his beams upon the sea, something begins to take place, although what happens is completely invisible-vapor is drawn up from the sea into the air-and as it is drawn out of the sea, it is distilled-all impurity is left behind, up and up it goes, a vast host of minute particles of water. Jesus said -

“If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me” (Jn. 12:32).

And Paul rejoices -

“God hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:6).

Elihu asked Job (37:16)-

“Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds? The wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?”

What keeps the CLOUDS-containing countless millions of tons of water-floating in their snowy beauty in the sky?

For here is the heavenly rendezvous of the vast host of tiny water droplets drawn up into the heavens by the sun. Here they become manifest in their shining splendor, ready to pour scourging judgment or gentle blessings upon the earth, according to their great Creator’s will.

There are many references to the clouds-in their spiritual sense-as the medium of God’s manifestations and operations:

“He rode upon a cherub, and did fly. He was seen upon the wings of the wind . . . and thick clouds of the skies” (2 Sam. 22:11-12).

“He maketh the clouds His chariot. He walketh upon the wings of the wind” (Psa. 104:3).

“The Lord rideth upon a swift cloud” (Isa. 19:1).

“His pavilion round about Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies” (Psa. 18:11).

There are three Hebrew words for clouds, meaning thick, covering, and vapor. All three are used in the last passage-“thick clouds of the skies”-it is literally: “clouds of clouds of clouds”-a three-fold repetition, like *“Holy, holy, holy.”*

When we let our minds dwell upon the spiritual significance of clouds-how they are composed, what their purposes are, who they represent, we can see far more point and promise and harmony and beauty in God’s presence being so often manifested in clouds. This was how Israel knew Him-

“I will come unto thee in a thick cloud” (Ex. 19:9).

“The Lord went before them in a pillar of cloud” (Ex. 13:21).

“They looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud” (Ex. 16:10).

Of the Tabernacle, God promised-

“I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat” (Lev. 16:2).

And when Solomon's Temple was dedicated-

"The cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister for the glory of the Lord had filled the house" (1 Kgs. 8:10-11).

At the transfiguration of Jesus-the manifestation of the glory of his kingdom-a "bright cloud" overshadowed them, and they *"entered into the cloud"* (Matt. 17:5). And again, when he was taken unto heaven-

"A cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9).

When he returns-

"They shall see the son of man coming in the CLOUDS of heaven, with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30).

Likewise-

"Behold, he cometh WITH CLOUDS, and every eye shall see him" (Rev. 1:7).

When the multitudinous Son of Man is manifested, the Rainbowed Angel, he is-

"Clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow is upon his head" (Rev. 10:1).

The rainbow is the token of the Everlasting Covenant, the sign of the Memorial Name, "Yahweh Elohim." The rainbow occurs in only three places in Scripture, but very significant places-the covenant with Noah, the Cherubim visions of Ezekiel and the Multitudinous Son-of-Man similitude in the Revelation.

The rainbow is always associated with the cloud-

"I do set my bow in the cloud" (Gen. 9:13).

"The bow shall be seen in the cloud" (Gen. 9:14).

"The appearance of the bow in the cloud in the day of rain" (Eze. 1:28).

The cloud-the multitudinous droplets of water-are essential to the manifestation of the rainbow. Only they can thus reflect in brilliant beauty the manifold wonders of the glorious divine light-from the red of the flesh, through the yellow gold of tried faith and the green of life and resurrection to the heavenly blue and the royal purple.

The raindrops absorb the pure white light and reflect it back separated into its basic seven colors. They manifest the glory of God in detail-they

manifest the various characteristics that together make up the perfection of His goodness.

The rainbow around the throne in Rev. 4:3 is said to be in sight like unto an emerald, that is, green. Green is the central of the seven colors of the rainbow, and is the color of life and blessing-

"Like a green olive tree in the house of God" (Psa. 52:8).

"A green olive tree, fair and of goodly fruit" (Jer. 11:16).

"As a tree planted by the water, her leaf shall be green" (Jer. 17:8).

And the opposite is shown by-

"The grass faileth, there is no green thing" (Isa. 15:6).

"I have dried up the green tree" (Eze. 17:24).

"If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Lk. 23:31).

The true form of the rainbow is a circle, symbol of perfection and endlessness, like the spirit-wheels of Ezekiel's cherubim. It is significant that *the higher we go the more of the circle we can see*. It is only our low, earthly outlook that prevents us seeing the fullness and perfection of the divine purpose-the endless, everlasting covenant.

In our weak mortal state we see through a glass darkly, and we know in part. But even in our weakness, the higher we raise the plane of our spiritual vision, the more of the full circle of the purpose we can perceive. From an airplane (up in the heaven, entirely, away from the earth's obscuring), the full circle of the rainbow is visible.

So in the spiritual-the higher the view, the fuller the perception, the more complete and entire is the vision of the eternal purpose. The clouds are held up in the sky, and given motion and directions, by the wind. In Hebrew, there is no separate word for wind. It is *ruach*-*"breath, spirit."*

This may at first seem unnecessarily confusing. We are inclined to think there would be less danger of misunderstanding if it were a separate word, as in English.

But there must be a purpose. It must be to teach us something. Similarly, when we come to "thunder" we find again there is no separate word, it is "voice."

The thunder is the voice of God, and the wind His breath. Does not this give us a more intimate conception of His relations to His creation? Does it not make us more careful of ourselves, in relation to our attitude toward it?-toward all the various manifestations of His power and purpose in the weather?

We realize all too little the direct and continual dependence of the Creation upon its Great Creator. We get too detached and mechanical a view. The Scriptures try to teach us differently. Consider such Psalms as the 104th, designed to teach us how close God always is to the things that He has made-

“The young lions roar, and seek their meat from God.”

“These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season.”

“That Thou givest them they gather. Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good.”

“O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches!”

“THE LORD SHALL REJOICE IN HIS WORKS.”

There is the whole glorious secret of Creation.

Similarly when God is speaking to Job, He calls into review all the elements of the world and the universe, from the feeding of the ravens to the guiding of the stars in their courses. *Do we realize, CAN we realize, the infinite scope and magnitude of God’s handiwork?*

“Not a sparrow falls to the ground without God being aware.”

We find no confusion in the use of the same word for wind and spirit. Each falls into its place. All is of God, in a diversity of operation. The wind, literal and figurative, plays an important part in the fulfilling of His will and accomplishing of His purpose-

“He rode on a cherub, and did fly; He was seen on the wings of the wind” (2 Sam. 22:11).

“He bringeth the wind out of His treasures” (Psa. 135:7).

“Fire and hail, snow and vapors, stormy wind fulfilling His Word” (Psa. 148:8).

“A man (that is, THE man) shall be as an hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest” (Isa. 32:2).

“I will raise against Babylon a destroying wind” (Jer. 51:1).

We have seen just recently how utterly helpless is puny man when God causeth His winds to blow.

*“Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live”
(Eze. 37:9).*

The wind then, is the motive power-that which gives motion and direction, and, as breath, that which gives life. As the wind is in the natural heavens, so the spirit is in the spiritual heavens.

Actually, the wind is not a power in itself-as the Spirit is not a power in itself, it has a source-the sun. The basic power behind the wind is temperature, heat. Herein we see God as the Source and Center of all. In scriptural imagery, the Sun is more commonly applied to Christ, as the manifestation of God. But it is also often applied to God Himself-the ultimate and original Source of all light and heat and power and life, just as the term Saviour is applied in its ultimate sense to God. Jesus said-
“I can of mine own self do nothing” (Jn. 5:30).

We must always see in him God manifested-
“Not my will but Thine be done” (Lk. 22:42).

“The words I speak are not mine, but His that sent me” (Jn. 7:16).

The whole purpose and meaning of Christ is as the manifestation of God, just as-if WE are to have any meaning or purpose-it must be as manifestations of God.

So in tracing the water cycle, we have the drawing up of the vapor into clouds, and the movement and direction of the clouds by the wind. What follows that?

God demanded of Job-
“Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?” (Job 38:34).

Here is the next step in the process-the rain. God declares-
“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth

and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please” (Isa. 55:10-11).

Moses similarly says, in his great prophetic song with which he closes his last message to Israel -

“Give ear, O heavens; hear, O earth! “My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, as the showers upon the grass” (Deut. 32:1-2).

The rain from heaven is the Word of God, the Water of Life. This has various applications. In the fulness of the cloud symbol, the rain is the Word made flesh, the multitudinous Christ, overshadowing the earth and pouring out God’s blessing in the Millennial kingdom of righteousness-

“He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth” (Psa. 72:6).

Why the “mown” grass? Because this will be the new, fresh, tender growth. The harvest will have been reaped, all the old coarse, growth taken away.

It is this gentle rain, falling in the midst of the morning sunshine, that manifests the beautiful rainbow symbol of the everlasting covenant of life and peace.

Isaiah 55 also mentioned the snow. Snow is of great importance in the yearly life cycle of nature. On mountain tops it stores the waters which constantly replenish such mighty rivers as the Nile during the hot summer months when otherwise they would dry up. The snow of Hermon is the source of the Jordan.

Snow provides the gentle blanket of the winter, conserving the earth’s warmth through the cold months, and protecting both vegetable and animal life, storing the life-giving moisture for the springtime rebirth.

Snow affords one of the most wonderful and awe-inspiring evidences of God’s infinite wisdom, power, and love of beauty.

Each tiny snowflake is an intricate lacy, six-pointed star of exquisitely fine and symmetrical design, far too minute to be seen by the naked eye.

In even a small snowstorm, countless millions of these fall and, as far as man is able to determine, *there are never two exactly alike*, though they all follow the same six-fold pattern.

Infinite forms of beauty, *never seen by any eye but God's*, created in inconceivable profusion and often lasting but for a few moments!

"He hath made everything beautiful in His time . . . as for God, HIS WAY IS PERFECT" (Ecc. 3:11, Psa. 18:30).

When we thoughtlessly take up a handful of snow, we all unknowingly crush these tiny jewels of beauty by the countless thousands. How little we know and realize about the wondrous works of God, Who creates such unseen objects of beauty in endless and infinite profusion, just for the sheer joy of creating!

Before the invention of the microscope, no natural human eye would ever have seen the breathtaking beauty of this *"treasure of the snow,"* to which God refers in rebuking, humbling, and teaching wisdom to Job.

There is great comfort and peace in the contemplation of these things. Our God is a glorious and marvelous God. *Goodness and beauty and life and joy are the eternal pattern of all His works.*

All things that mar that beauty and joy are but passing shadows that will be swept away when their brief purpose is accomplished.

"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22)

These were the words of God to Job, as He marshalled before him the multitudinous manifestations of His boundless wisdom.

"HAST THOU ENTERED INTO THE TREASURES OF THE SNOW?"

The raindrop is a simple sphere which reflects the sun's light in the full range of the rainbow's spectrum of color. The snowflake, on the other hand, is an infinitely complicated pattern of symmetrical angles, forms, and surfaces that combine to reflect the light in its pure whiteness.

Snow is a symbol of purity-

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18).

"The Nazarites of Zion were purer than snow"
(Lam. 4:7).

The snow of Lebanon, shining in pure white beauty upon Mt. Hermon, visible throughout all the land, was a constant type and promise of stored up life and blessing to come, when "the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

It was a continual foreshadowing of the pure, white-robed city of God set upon a hill, even upon the holy mountain of God, pouring forth its

blessings to all the earth, under the healing rays of the Sun of Righteousness.

There are many other aspects of the heavens' declaration of God's glory. Much could be said about the marvelous beauty and significance of the "MORNING" symbol-

"In the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord" (Ex. 16:7).

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psa. 30:5).

"He shall be as the light of the morning . . . even a morning without clouds" (2 Sam. 23:4).

"At eventide trouble; before the morning he is not" (Isa. 17:14).

"His going forth is prepared as the morning" (Hos. 6:3).

"The beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning" (Psa. 110:3).

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We have considered mainly the gentle and beneficial side of the picture. There is a group of aspects, however, which portrays the other side-storm, tempest, thunder, lightning, hail, whirlwind, earthquake, and flood.

These things represent the righteous judgments of God against unrighteousness and disobedience. It is good that we remember both the goodness and severity of God. God is love, and God is a consuming fire. The purity of the love requires the consuming fire.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psa. 19:1).

May we, brethren and sisters, in our brief day of opportunity, have the wisdom to lay aside all else, and give all our hearts and minds and souls and strength to preparing ourselves for a place in those "new heavens wherein dwelleth righteousness" which will eternally show forth His glory!

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."

"Be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy."

*“And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall no more be heard”
(Isa. 65:17-19).*

Signs of the Times: Syria

The United States shocked the world recently announcing that they were withdrawing their troops from Syria. The US has had 2,000 troops in Syria, located on the Iraq/Syria border, with the expressed purpose of retaking the territorial gains of ISIS, (the Islamic State of Iraq and the Savant) from all portions of the Savant. ISIS has been reduced to a single city in Syria, and the US saw no further reason to keep troops there.

The Assad government in Syria immediately moved 5,000 Syrian troops into the areas where the US is planning to leave, as the Shi'ite Moslems oppose the Sunni Moslems of ISIS at least as strongly as the Western States do. In fact many American politicians have complained that the role the US was playing in Syria, was that of Syria's Air Force.

While the world looks on in shock at America's retreat from Syria, it is no shock to those of us familiar with Bible prophesy. Syria, while not specifically named among the nations of Ezk. 38, is a prominent nation among the King of the North, or those Gogian led forces which will advance onto the mountains of Israel.

Dan. 11 is first and foremost, a prophesy of the Greek Classical Wars between two of Alexander the Great's generals and their families. The northern king was Seleucus I, who established the Seleucid Empire from Syria, and Ptolemy I, who established the southern kingdom in Egypt. These families ruled their respective regions from 300 BC to about 40 BC. It details the wars between these two kingdoms with such accuracy, that critics accuse it of being written after the fact. The accuracy was such that Dan. 11 was used in the most popular history books of the 19th century (such as Rollin's,) to explain these wars.

But Dan. 11 ends with Christ defeating the Northern Kingdom on the mountains of Jerusalem.

Dan 11:44-45 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the

tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

The tidings which trouble this Northern King will be Christ with his Saints following the path of Moses up the eastern side of the Dead Sea, and then entering into the Holy Land through the “Valley of Achor,” north and east of Jerusalem. The Northern King will return from Egypt to meet them in the Kidron Valley, east of Jerusalem.



Daniel 11 begins with a peace treaty between the two Kings, being a marriage of Ptolemy's Daughter to the Seleucus King. It ended disastrously, with the murder of the new bride, resulting in the first war, the Southern Kingdom crushing the northern king. The Seleucid

Kingdom recovered and came again against the South, and was again defeated, but not decisively. In fact following that second war, a map of the Seleucid kingdom looked like the map above. The light blue on this map is the extent of the Seleucid Kingdom at the start of Antiochus the Great's reign. This encompasses Syria, Iraq, much of Iran and Turkey. Here we see most of the Shi'ite Arab states mentioned in Ezk. 38, showing us the prophesy of what the world will look like as the Northern King, Gog, assumes his aggressive position towards Israel.

Antiochus the Great expanded his kingdom to include Israel, as Ezk. 38 prophesies that she will. (The dark blue on this map.)



Following a few set backs, he ultimately conquers Israel, taking the battle almost into the heart of the Southern Kingdom in Egypt, before a third power begins to interject itself onto the world's scene. These two kingdoms thought they were the world's influencing powers, until a third power arose and began to dictate terms to them. The third power in Dan. 11 was the burgeoning Roman Empire. In

the complete fulfillment of the prophesy, it will be Christ and the Saints, in their mustard seed form, beginning to make their presence felt, as the tents of Cushan are afflicted, and the curtains of Midian tremble. Cushan and Midian would be the region just south of the light blue on the map, next to the Persian Gulf.

Dan. 11 then tells us of the expansion of the Northern King, Antiochus Epiphanes, into Egypt, shown in green on this map of A. Epiphanes' victories.



This mirrors Egypt being given to the Northern King, as a ransom that they should stop the utter destruction of the Jews in Israel. We learn of the tragic destruction of the Jews by Gog in the prophesies this way:

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Egypt, being given to Gog as a ransom, saves that third of the people of the land, and the half of Jerusalem from the horrible destruction that will dwarf the destruction of Jews by Germany in World War 2. Her rush into Egypt sets the stage for the “tidings out of the north and east” to trouble her, causing her to return to Jerusalem where she meets her end.

Bro. Thomas, Elpis Israel: “...in the time of the end the Horn of the North plays a similar part against Israel that it did of old by the hand of Antiochus Epiphanes in the days of Judas Maccabeus; therefore, he may be fairly taken as the type of Israel's last and greatest enemy, who shall come to his end, with none to help him.”

In the Beginning

By bro. G. V. Growcott

“Forgetting those things that are behind, I reach forward unto those things that are before” (Phil. 3:13).

We stand near the new beginning-the beginning of a new year. In our readings we began in Genesis: *“In the beginning God created.”* We begin Psalms: *“Blessed is the man. ...”* We begin the Gospel record: *“The book of the generations of Jesus Christ”*-Savior of the world.

There is great power in a new beginning. It is a time for self-examination and renewed determination and dedication.

In the wisdom and love of God, our lives are divided up into little periods of activity and consciousness, separated by periods of rest and sleep. Each new day is a new beginning. If we are sincerely trying to serve God, we can each day, with complete confidence, forget the failures of the past, as long as we rise up and try again.

God assures us through the prophet Ezekiel (18:22) that all past failures will be forgotten if at last we overcome. We must daily begin again. We must greet each day with renewed faith and hope, thanking God for each new day's beginning as it comes, doing our best for that one day while we have it, and closing the account as each day ends, to arise once more and begin again.

And now another full year of days has ended and been laid away, and we start a fresh new chapter in our lives.

Genesis 1 is a foundation, and a fortress. It is simple and satisfying, dignified and devout. It tells us of the creation of the present dispensation of things on earth in six days, about six thousand years ago. It is in direct contradiction to the speculation of “Evolution,” and attempts to harmonize these two opposites have brought shipwreck to the churches of the world.

This is the frontier on which the Truth is being most seriously attacked today, both within and without. The ultimate purpose and end of the modern superstition of “Evolution” is to eliminate God and escape the authority of His Word.

And we see before us today the unbelievable sight of the churches of Christendom, corrupted by Evolution, seriously debating whether there is a God at all. What will the next generation see?

Let US hold fast to simple Bible Truth! Let us get the true BIBLE picture of man-the pitiful limits of his intellectual capacity and judgment. The mind of the flesh is folly, ignorance, change and confusion.

To be fearfully stampeded into going partway to accommodate the speculation of the fleshly mind is fatal. This chapter is our rock foundation. Hold its simple record, and we are safe. Evolution cannot get a foothold. This is the revelation of God.

But begin to twist it to fit man's speculations-and we are lost. There is nowhere to stop, as we see by the current speculations of some calling themselves Christadelphians that Adam could not have been a special creation from the dust, as the Bible says, but must have evolved from a millions-of-years-old race of creatures.

And truly, this is the only reasonable and logical and inevitable conclusion once we let Evolution get its foot in the door. There is nowhere to stop. We must at last go all the way down the slippery slope from the light of divine revelation to the darkness of fleshly speculation, as many are finding to their sorrow and dismay.

Some are toying with Evolution, trying to go to the brink, then stop and switch back to divine creation for Adam. But it cannot be done. Once the fatal course of accepting a little bit of Evolution is started, there is no logical end except complete abandonment of the Word of God and at last of God Himself. The churches of the world are very close to this now.

Let us thank God fervently and continuously for this first chapter of Genesis which is under great attack today by its reputed "friends." Let us accept it in childlike faith as our true brethren have in the past.

Let us not be swayed for a moment by the dark speculations of men, who know-and can know-NOTHING of the past; who cannot even run their own lives with wisdom; who in blind and proud folly choose the paths of death.

"The fear of God is the BEGINNING of wisdom." Anything short of this, however seeming wise, is darkness and folly, ending in death.

"AND WHATSOEVER HE DOETH SHALL PROSPER."

Thoughts On Evolution from Psalms

Hints for Bible Markers

Brother Jim has suggested that I try to make this page conform to the current themes.

While reading the first verse of 14th Psalm we garnered some thoughts on evolution. There are some who may feel that science is a bad thing, we however do not. It is a TOOL! And like any other tool it can be used to bring light to the mind or cover the mind in darkness. As we are reminded in the 19th Psalm the things in nature are to help us constantly keep in mind the greatness of God. *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.”* Science can help us to understand the intricacies of “his handiwork.”

Scientific method works by creating a theory and then looking for facts to back up the theory. The hideous, horrendous, pack of lies called the **theory** of evolution propagated by Darwin, Huxley, and others, since 1859, has yet, after 160 years, to be proven. It is still a theory, although taken by most of the world to be fact. What makes this theory so wickedly depraved is:

IT DIRECTLY CALLS YAHWEH A LIAR.

To sum up the theory in simple terms, it says that minute particles for some reason clung together, started living, and then branched off into fish, reptiles, birds, mammals, and plants. The Word of God declares in Genesis 2:7, *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”* The Old and New Testaments agree, for Jesus affirms this in Matthew 19:4 *“And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,”*.

God appeals to the fulfilment of prophecy as a proof of the veracity of His Word. Any and all who can discern the Scriptures can easily see the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Deity. But, none can show any facts to back up evolution. The truth of Genesis is sustained if the bible stands as the authentic Word of God. And the simple truth is located there, God created all “after their kind”.

What is the reason men adopt theory in place of simple truth? As the bible explains the imagination of men always appeal to his own ideas than any Divine message. Psalms 14:1 *“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”* bro. Beryl Snyder