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Why I Believe in Creation

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Who is the Creator



The One God of the Old and New Testaments is the Creator of the universe. The Bible emphatically declares that God created it by Himself, not with a committee or by the second person of a so-called trinity. (See Isaiah 45:18.)

1 What Did He Create?

The first chapter of Genesis gives a detailed breakdown of how God created the heavens, the earth, our solar system and outer space, the plants and animals; and finally this chapter ends with God's crowning creative achievement: man. The scope of God's creation is summed up by Paul in Colossians 1:16: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." In other words, God created everything.

Genesis 1
Exodus 20:11
John 1:3, 10

2 How Did He Create?

God created everything by His Word. In Genesis 1:3, "God said, Let there be light: and there was light." By His spoken Word, God made things appear. Ten times in Genesis 1's account of the creation alone, it states, "And God said," and whenever He spoke, things were created. In fact, the Bible teaches that the reason the creation still exists and functions is because of God's Word.

Psalms 8:5-8;
33:6-9; 148:5
2 Corinthians 4:6
Hebrews 1:3; 11:3

With that in mind, it is beautiful to see the awesome way God created man. After God spoke His intention to create the masterpiece of creation, Genesis 2:7 says, "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." God did more than speak when He made us: He was willing to come down from heaven and get His hands dirty in order to create us!

3 When Did He Create?

The first chapter of the Bible tells us that God began His creation "in the beginning" and that God created everything in 6 days (Genesis 1:1). The rest of the Bible then records 6,000 years of human history.

Psalms 102:25
John 1:1-3
Hebrews 1:10

Why Did He Create Us?

The psalmist David asked almost the same question in Psalm 8:4 when He asked, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" According to Revelation 4:11, God created "all things" for his "pleasure." In Colossians 1:16, Paul said it like this, "All things were created by him, and for him."

When the Bible says that we were created for God's pleasure, it does not mean that God created us so He could laugh at us; instead, it means that God created us for His enjoyment. God enjoyed creating us, and He enjoys us. He enjoys our company. God also created us so we can enjoy Him and everything He has made for us.



God did not create us because He needed us. As God, He needs nothing. God did not create us because He was lonely. Since He is God, He doesn't get lonely. But God created us because He loves us. In fact, He loves us so much that He made us in His image and after His likeness. In other words, God made us like Him!

Seeing as we were created "in the image of God," we have the ability to know God, and, because we know God, we can love Him, worship Him, and please Him (Genesis 1:27).

Jeremiah 9:24
Deuteronomy 6:5
Revelation 4:11



Thank you for taking your time to go through this Bible study.

We pray this Bible study has helped you understand why we believe in creation. As you study the Bible, let it become more than just a book to you. Let it become alive to you as it has to so many others!

God has so many jewels in His Word that are just waiting to be found! So search the Bible for yourself and find your own relationship with God. There is nothing that can take the place of your own personal experience with God and His Word.

Evolution is False

Scientific Method

Although the theory of evolution is widely accepted as the accurate account of the origin of all living things, there are many problems with the theory that are not possible and have never been proven.

Everything from children's books, to museums, to textbooks, to toys all declare evolution as true science without taking into account the impossibility of the entire idea. Evolution is plainly "science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20).

If something is truly science, it needs to fit the scope of the scientific method. Since the origin of the world cannot be observed, experimented with, or repeated, it should generally not be accepted as science. Even Darwin himself understood the problems with his theory and hoped to find proof, which has never been found. David Raup, an evolutionist, writes, "In the years after Darwin, his advocates hoped to find predictable progressions. In general, these have not been found—yet the optimism has died hard, and some pure fantasy has crept into textbooks."¹

Scientific Method:
Observe
Hypothesize
Predict
Experiment
Repeat
Conclude

Foundation

One problem with evolution is that it is based on such a weak foundation. The possibility for evolution to occur is similar to that of a tornado moving

through a junk yard and creating a Boeing 747 airplane, a mathematical impossibility. Evolution violates several laws of the universe, including the second law of thermodynamics (things go from order to disorder, not vice versa), and the chance of it occurring is astronomical.

Fact:
In mathematics, a probability smaller than 1 over 10^{50} is practically impossible.

Another problem with evolution is time. Without eons of time, evolution does not stand a chance; yet, we find no proof of an old earth beyond 6,000 years. Carbon dating has been proven to be inaccurate, yet staunch evolutionist still try to use it as a foundation for their theory.

Just because the majority believes something to be true, does not mean it is. History is replete with examples like Galileo and Christopher Columbus who challenged the opinion of the majority in their day.

1 Change

2 Time



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the Bible teach that animals evolve?

No. God created many different types of animals that could change within limits. In Genesis 1:24 we read, "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." So animals' colors, sizes, etc. could change, yet they

could not evolve into a different species. For example, horses, zebras, and donkeys probably descended from an equine or horse-like kind since they can interbreed, yet their offspring cannot reproduce.

2. Are dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible?

Yes. The word "dinosaur" was first used in 1841, approximately 1750 years after the Bible was completed, so obviously this word could not have been used in the Bible. However, the Bible refers many times to animals such as "behemoth" and "leviathan" that very easily match our modern day definition of dinosaurs (Job 40:15-24; 41:1-34).

3. Did man evolve from apes?

No. Genesis 2:7 is very clear that "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." True science and the fossil record do not contradict this, in spite of many efforts to twist the facts. An example of this is the Nebraska man "discovered" in 1927, which was later found to be the tooth of an extinct wild pig!

4. Is evolution a scientific fact?

No. For something to be scientific fact it must be observable, testable, repeatable, and falsifiable. Since neither creation nor evolution is directly observable, testable, repeatable, or falsifiable, both require faith. Creation begins with the belief that there is a God Who created all things, while evolution assumes that there is no God. Also, it is important to notice that it is called the theory of evolution in recognition of the fact that even evolutionists recognize it is not a scientific law.



Fact or Fiction?

If chemical evolution was true and hydrogen and helium were created by the "big bang," where did all of the other chemicals in the Table of Elements come from?

What Are The Benefits?

1 Order One of the differences between creationism and the theory of evolution is order. When God created the world, and everything that is in it, thousands of years ago, He created it orderly. He keeps it in order too!

2 Purpose God created everything, including us, on purpose and for a purpose. We are not an accident, but God created us with a purpose in mind. One reason why God created us is so we can praise Him!

3 Self worth How valuable are we? No matter how much others may think we are worth, God thinks we are worth a whole lot because He not only made us like Him, but He also gave His life for us.

4 Accountability God has trusted us with so many things. He has given us time, talents, and treasure. While we can do whatever we want with what He has given us, in the end, we will answer to Him!

5 Values We are the best of God's creation. And because we are the crown of God's creation, it is our responsibility and privilege to act like it. We must keep ourselves pure despite all of the negative peer-pressure.

6 Relationship Do you ever get lonely? Do you ever wish there was someone you could talk to who understands you? Well, there is someone: God. He loves, understands, and cares about us very much.

Hebrews 1:1-3;
11:3
Job 26:7
Isaiah 40:22

Psalms 139:14;
148
Proverbs 3:5-6
Jeremiah 29:11

John 15:13-16
Matthew 6:26;
10:29-31
Hebrews 2:6-8

1 Corinthians
4:5
2 Timothy 4:1, 8
Hebrews 12:23

1 Timothy 4:12
Titus 2:11-12
James 1:27

Psalms 94:9
Hebrews 13:5
James 4:8

Evidence of Creation

Genetics A powerful argument for creation is the field of genetics. Evolutionists say that through mutations and natural selection, man has evolved from a soup-like material, which came from a rock, which came from a "big bang." This is completely impossible. Zero mutations have been observed to be beneficial; in fact, many mutations cause diseases. Mutations scramble DNA, which is like a misspelling in the manual for cells. Information is not gained by mutations, it is lost, which is harmful. The rate of mutations in humans is so high that it would be impossible for evolution to overcome it. This is overwhelming evidence for the Biblical creation account because it points back to a perfect specimen, i.e., Adam and Eve, and we have continually degenerated from their perfection because of their disobedience to God. Inbreeding is often targeted by evolutionist, but either way inbreeding occurred. The question to answer is, "Was it from a rock or Adam?"



The fossil record is often promoted by evolutionist as proof of Darwin's theory. The problem with this is that finding a transitional-looking skeleton doesn't tell us if that species ever had any descendants, and if they did, it cannot be proven that their descendants were different. This eliminates all fossils as proof of evolution. Lining different skeletons up in some kind of order does not prove that they were related at all; in fact, they could have been different species altogether or had some type of disfiguring disease that altered their appearance. If transitional fossils are supposed to be real, then the question begs, "Why aren't any of us in a transitional form right now?" We would need to be evolving at a break-neck pace to keep up with genetic mutations, but that's not happening!

On the contrary, fossils support the Biblical account of the flood. Fossilization must occur only by rapid death and burial, e.g., by water. The only reason we have so many fossils is due to the upheaval caused by the flood in Noah's day when waters from below and above the earth changed the entire surface of the earth. (See Genesis 7.) This would explain fossils of aquatic life found on the tops of mountains. This would also explain how the Grand Canyon in Arizona and other phenomena of nature took place.

Fossil Record

