



LESSON 67

Evolution, Part 2

“Evolution is a fairy tale for grown-ups. This theory has helped nothing in the progress of science. It is useless.”

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Kirk's Comment

As you will see in this lesson, it actually takes more faith to believe in Darwinian evolution than it does to believe in God. This information will help you intelligently refute evolution.

QUESTIONS & OBJECTIONS

“Where did Cain get his wife?”

Many ask this question thinking they've found a “mistake” in the Bible—that there must have been other people besides Adam and Eve. However, Scripture tells us that Adam is “the first man” (1 Corinthians 15:45); that there were no other humans when he was created, because God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Genesis 2:18); and that Eve is “the mother of all living” (Genesis 3:20). Cain and Abel, then, must have married their sisters. All of the first-generation siblings married each other in order to populate the earth. At that time there was no law against incest. But as the population grew large enough, and as the risk of genetic problems increased due to sin's curse, God outlawed marriage between immediate family members.



Man's Dominion

The Bible tells us that animals are created “without understanding” (Psalm 32:9), and that human beings are different from animals. We are made in God’s “image.” As human beings, we are aware of our “being.” God is “I AM,” and we know that “we are.” We have understanding that we exist.

Among other unique characteristics, we have an innate ability to appreciate God’s creation. What animal gazes with awe at a sunset, or at the magnificence of the Grand Canyon? What animal obtains joy from the sounds of music or forms an orchestra to perform symphonies? What animal among the beasts sets up court systems and apportions justice to its fellow creatures? We are moral beings.

While birds and other creatures have instincts to create (nests, etc.), we have the ability to uncover the hidden laws of electricity. We can utilize the law of aerodynamics to transport ourselves around the globe. We also have the God-given ability to appreciate the value of creation. We unearth the hidden treasures of gold, silver, diamonds, and oil and make use of them for our own benefit. Only humans have the unique ability to appreciate God for this incredible creation and to respond to His love.

No, man is not just an animal on the evolutionary food chain. God has given him dominion (authority) over all the animals (Genesis 1:28). Man is intellectually superior to them and has *priority* over them—every animal is “under his feet” and may be brought into submission by him (James 3:7). Birds (parrots) can be taught to speak. With a crack of a whip, lions will do what he says. Even killer whales obey his voice.

Man’s dominion is obvious. Cows yield milk for his cereal, cheese for his hamburger, butter for his bread, yogurt to keep him healthy, and ice cream to delight his taste buds on hot days. The same cow gives him meat to keep him strong and leather to keep him warm. Sheep and goats also yield many of these same products. The chicken makes eggs for his breakfast and provides finger-licking meat for his dinner. The sea overflows with an incredible variety of fish for him to catch and eat. Dogs protect his property and herd his sheep. Elephants lift great weights for him. Camels carry him across deserts. The horse is perfectly designed to be ridden by him.



Man is the pinnacle of God's earthly creation. He is not a mere part of the evolutionary process having to yield to the rights of animals. Jesus said that mankind is "much better" than birds and sheep (Matthew 12:12). He is to subdue the earth and bring its vast resources into submission. All were created for him by the infinite genius and loving hand of Almighty God.

Even evolutionist Stephen Hawking, considered the best-known scientist since Albert Einstein, acknowledges, "The universe and the laws of physics seem to have been specifically designed for us. If any one of about 40 physical qualities had more than slightly different values, life as we know it could not exist: Either atoms would not be stable, or they wouldn't combine into molecules, or the stars wouldn't form the heavier elements, or the universe would collapse before life could develop, and so on" (*Austin American-Statesman*, October 19, 1997). In *A Brief History of Time*, Hawking wrote, "It would be very difficult to explain why the universe should have begun in just this way, except as the act of a God who intended to create beings like us."

NASA astronomer John O'Keefe stated, "We are, by astronomical standards, a pampered, cosseted, cherished group of creatures... If the Universe had not been made with the most exacting precision we could never have come into existence. It is my view that these circumstances indicate the universe was created for man to live in."

Law of Probabilities Refutes Evolution

The theory of biological evolution requires that nonliving chemicals somehow developed completely by chance into highly complex, living organisms. However, nonliving things coming to life is the stuff of science fiction, not science. Louis Pasteur's famous and repeatable experiments have demonstrated the Law of Biogenesis: that "spontaneous generation" is impossible and that life can arise only from other life.

Scientists have spent decades trying to create life in the laboratory in carefully controlled experiments, and have repeatedly failed. If highly intelligent scientists using all the latest, most sophisticated equipment available cannot create a living cell—even with the code and materials of life available to them—how could molecules possibly assemble themselves into living cells through only mindless, undirected random chance?



The famous astronomer and mathematician Sir Frederick Hoyle calculated the probability of the spontaneous generation of life: “The likelihood of the formation of life from inanimate matter is one out of $10^{40,000}$... It is big enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution. There was no primeval soup, neither on this planet nor on any other, and if the beginnings of life were not random, they must therefore have been the product of purposeful intelligence” (*Evolution from Space*).

In Darwin’s time, it was assumed that “simple” cells were just primitive blobs of protoplasm, so it wasn’t too hard for scientists to envision them assembling by random chance. Because cells cannot be seen with the naked eye, scientists mistakenly thought that the chemistry of life was simple. But with today’s sophisticated microscopes, molecular biology has shown how vastly complex even a “simple” cell actually is. Molecular biologist Michael Denton, an evolutionist, acknowledges: “Although the tiniest bacterial cells are incredibly small, weighing less than 10^{-12} grams, each is in effect a veritable micro-miniaturized factory containing thousands of exquisitely designed pieces of intricate molecular machinery, made up altogether of one hundred thousand million atoms, far more complicated than any machinery built by man and absolutely without parallel in the non-living world.”

Despite being a supporter of evolution, biochemistry professor Michael J. Behe confesses its improbability: “I believe that Darwin’s mechanism for evolution doesn’t explain much of what is seen under a microscope. Cells are simply too complex to have evolved randomly. Intelligence was required to produce them.”

Hoyle puts evolution in perspective for us: “The chance that higher life forms might have emerged in this way is comparable to the chance that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein.”

Earth’s Population Refutes Evolution

Grant R. Jeffery writes in *The Signature of God*: “The evolutionary scientists who believe that man existed for over a million years have an almost insurmountable problem. Using the assumption of forty-three years for an average human generation, the population growth over a million years



would produce 23,256 consecutive generations. We calculate the expected population by starting with one couple one million years ago and use the same assumptions of a forty-three-year generation and 2.5 children per family... The evolutionary theory of a million years of growth would produce trillions \times trillions \times trillions \times trillions of people that should be alive today on our planet. To put this in perspective, this number is vastly greater than the total number of atoms in our vast universe. If mankind had lived on earth for a million years, we would all be standing on enormously high mountains of bones from the trillions of skeletons of those who had died in past generations. However, despite the tremendous archaeological and scientific investigation in the last two centuries, the scientists have not found a fraction of the trillions of skeletons predicted by the theory of evolutionary scientists.”

QUESTIONS

- 1. How would you explain to someone where Cain got his wife?**
- 2. What are some of the ways man is superior to animals?**
- 3. How could you argue that God designed the universe for mankind?**



4. **How does the law of probabilities disprove evolution's claim that life arose spontaneously?**

5. **What does the microscopic cell tell us about evolution?**

PREACHER'S PROGRESS

Christian: "Hi, guys. How are you doing?"

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: "We're fine."

Christian: "What are you doing here?"

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: "Looking at trees. We love them."

Christian: "Who doesn't? They look good, and they are so useful."

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: "We're here representing the eastside branch of TWIG."

Christian: "What's TWIG?"

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: "Trees Wherever I Go. It's an organization in which we promise to take care of trees wherever we go."

Christian: "That's commendable."

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: "Thanks. We're putting down roots in this area."

Christian: "I agree, we should take care of trees and use them for the purpose for which they were intended."

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: "Right."

Christian: "Do you know what God made them for?"



Memory Verse

“For thus says the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

ISAIAH 57:15

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: “We wouldn’t actually say that God made trees. They evolved . . . over millions of years.”

Christian: “Well, it seems kind of nice that we can use them to provide wood for housing and furniture, make maple syrup for pancakes, rubber for tires, etc., as well as turn the pulp into paper for books, etc. It’s also a blessing that evolution thought of using trees to turn our carbon dioxide back into life-giving oxygen. We couldn’t live without them.”

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: “Whatever. But that’s our point. If we keep cutting down trees, there won’t be any to give the air its oxygen. Trees are the lungs of the earth! It’s an environmental crisis. We have to prevent logging companies from cutting down the rain forests, or any trees for that matter!”

Christian: “I wouldn’t be too concerned about that. Evolution will work something out if all the trees go. So you want to protect trees. That’s nice. How do you feel about abortion?”

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: “It’s a woman’s right to do what she wants with her own body!”

Christian: “I have a question for you. Do you know what is the number one killer of drivers in the United States?”

Tim Burr & Teresa Green: “Drunk driving?”

Christian: “No. Trees.” *

** Lining the highways of America are millions of trees. When a car goes off a road and hits a tree, the tree doesn’t move, the driver does—into eternity.*

Last Words

Robert Burns (1759–1796), the Scottish poet, ranks as one of the two greatest figures in Scottish literature. That he appreciated, but failed to experience, the power of the Christian faith is apparent in his works. To his attendant, he said:

“Be a good man; be virtuous, be religious; nothing else will give you any comfort when you come to be here.”