

We see today an explosion in science and technology – even these babies in the nursery are taking advantage of their I-pods. This is good.

But with the rise in technology and scientific discovery and the independence of man has arisen some serious hostility to the concept of God and to the idea of miracles and to the Bible itself. Some people refuse to accept the supernatural stories that are recorded in the Bible. Bill Maher, who has been on one cable news or TV show or another about once a month for the last few years making fun of Christians and religious people and their beliefs. “Do you think if they had switched the fairy tales that they read to you in bed with the Bible, you would know the difference? Do you think if it was the fairy tale about a man who lived inside of a whale and it was religion that Jack built a beanstalk today, you would know the difference? Why do you believe in one fairy tale and not the other?” Is the Bible full of fairy tales that modern science has disproven?

This morning we continue our Big Questions message series – trying to answer tough questions about Christianity –today the question is “Doesn't Science disprove the Bible?”

Hopefully we have some folks here who are seeking out answers to these questions. Some of you may already be convinced that the Bible doesn't. But can you explain why and what you believe? for God has said not only that we should be convinced but be able to explain what we believe- 1 Peter 3:15 always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence:

-Now I know that this type of discussion gives some of you a headache. But be tough, let's focus, take an Advil and here we go.

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-Science first began as a search to discover what God had done. The founders of modern science were overwhelmingly believers in Jesus Christ and the truth of the Bible. - Samuel Morse – Telegraph inventor; Robert Boyle – founder of modern Chemistry; Blaise Pascal – who invented the barometer and you can thank him for advanced mathematics like Calculus

-Sir Isaac Newton – Fig's brother - “I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever”. (secular or non-religious)

-Francis Bacon – father of scientific method – “There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent our falling into error; first, the volume of the Scriptures, which reveal the will of God; then the volume of the Creatures, which express His power.”

-Wernher Von Braun – space scientist – former head of NASA – “It is as difficult to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of God as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advances of science”.

Science and the Bible are very, very compatible.

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**2) Science cannot disprove or prove the biblical creation story (Hebrews 12:3).**

Some people have used science in the last two centuries as a battering ram against the Bible. No where is this more true than in the area of evolution.

But there is a fair amount of intimidation going on here. We were all taught the scientific method – pure science or hard science requires an observable and repeatable experiment - but the study of our origins, how the universe came to be, is a soft science – it is more history than science – history with a microscope –no one was there to witness when the world began - so there is a myth of scientific certainty about how our universe began. Science cannot disprove or prove the existence of God – it can only provide evidence one way or another.

Evolution is a faith position, just like Creationism – Now I believe in evolution – microevolution

-Why is evolution a faith position?

1) Antisupernatural (naturalistic) – Many evolutionists are like Sir Arthur Keith, noted British anthropologist, "The only alternative to some form of evolution is special creation, which is unthinkable". This is not an open-minded, non-biased statement- "Everything must have a naturalistic explanation"!? This is not a search for the truth.

2) Relies on "Uniformitarianism" – carbon and uranium dating which are used to date fossils are based on the current decay rates of uraniums and carbons – BUT, major cataclysms like a worldwide flood or an ice age may have thrown off the rate of decay –

-Also could God have created a mature universe – like Jesus created wine which normally of course takes time to ferment

3) Relies on missing missing links between species - Charles Robert Darwin, The Origin of Species "Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory."

Stephen Gould – Harvard – brilliant paleontologist – died in 2002 - he was not a Christian and an atheist - "The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology." (Natural History)

-So – he developed a new theory Stephen Gould - Punctuated equilibria – "In any local area, a species does not arise gradually by the steady transformation of its ancestors; it appears all at once and fully formed." (Natural History).

(Option) -transitional organs are useless

4) Relies on blind faith in chance - Evolutionist Julian Huxley admitted in his book Evolution in Action that the chances for the evolution of a horse are one in one thousand to the millionth power. (This is the number one followed by three million zeros, or 1,500 pages of nothing but zeros!) He admitted that no one would ever bet on anything so improbable. Yet he persisted in believing it did happen!

-the evidence for the evolution of the horse - some problems with the neat little progression in size through time. The smallest horse is a dog-sized creature called Eohippus But, the Eohippus, is nearly identical to the hyrax, a small rabbit-like animal which still lives in Africa. Bones of our modern horse species have been discovered in the same layer as Eohippus. This is an indication that the modern horse and its so-called ancestor lived at the same time.

What are the chances of just one organ of man evolving from nothing? – Charles Darwin – "To suppose that the eye, (with so many parts all working together) could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree."

AND I can't scientifically prove to you that the biblical Creation account is true either

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. -ex nihilo – "out of nothing"

-Creationism is by faith, yet it is rational and consistent with scientific laws – scientific laws can be observed and are repeatable

First Law of Thermodynamics - law of conservation of energy- energy is neither created nor destroyed – the total amount of energy has always existed – this fits with the concept of a Creator

Second Law of Thermodynamics – entropy - energy is converted to less useful forms– energy moves to

chaos, not to order – I just had my AC in my car serviced – the Freon gas in my air conditioner compressor had mostly leaked out – has anyone's car ever improved over time all by itself? – no over time the air leaks out of the tire, the engine leaks oil - etc

Now some well meaning Christians have tried to say – well probably God used evolution to create the species – but the theory of evolution requires the deaths of generations and generations of creatures as they develop and change into new species leading up to man – but the Bible says that the species were already created before the fall of man when death had not even entered into the picture – so macroevolution and the Bible are not compatible.

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### 3) Science has been used to suppress truth (Romans 1:18-21).

Romans 1:18-19 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

Suppress the truth - Who keep back, or restrain the truth.

-there have been huge mistakes and even hoaxes regarding the evolution of man – Piltdown Man, Java Man, Peking Man, Nebraska Man, Lucy, Ramapithecus

But intellectual honesty demands that we also admit that the Bible has been used to quench science – the earth is not flat and the earth is not the center of the universe

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. God has made it obvious and instinctive to everyone that He exists and that He has created the earth – some people would deny this I realize – but even as a small child it struck me that the human body was amazing

Romans 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools. -Proverbs -the fool says in his heart “There is no god”

-advanced scientific info in Bible

Job 26:7- God “hangs the earth on nothing”.

Jer. 33:22- stars cannot be numbered vs. 5000

Eccles. 1:6-7 Blowing toward the south, Then turning toward the north, The wind continues swirling along; And on its circular courses the wind returns. –(Describes the Jet stream) All the rivers flow into the sea, Yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, There they flow again. (water cycle)

" Charles Darwin, Life and Letters, "Often a cold shudder has run through me, and I have asked myself whether I may have not devoted myself to a fantasy."

(Robert Jastrow) “For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.” From his book, God and the Astronomers

-But God has been there watching all along – look at this picture of the Helix Nebula taken from the Hubble Spaceship – it is also called “The Eye of God”

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