

EVOLUTION OR CREATION?

BIBLE TEXT : Genesis 1:1-31; 11 Peter 3:1-14

LESSON 92 Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "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" (Colossians 1:16).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Genesis 1:1-31 (KJV)

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

² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

¹⁰ And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth

BIBLE REFERENCES:

1 The Supreme Authority - God's Word

1 God has anticipated man's perverse nature, and has made His Word plain,

John 1:3 (KJV)

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Mark 10:6 (KJV)

⁶ But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

Romans 1:20 (KJV)

²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Colossians 1:16 (KJV)

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:

2 God's authority has been rejected by many,

Psalms 53:1 (KJV)

¹ The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God*. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is none* that doeth good.

Romans 1:21-25 (KJV)

²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

²³ 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.

²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

²⁵ 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.

3 Many people are trying to serve two masters - the evolutionary theory and the Bible,

Matthew 6:24 (KJV)

²⁴ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

2 Peter 2:12 (KJV)

¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

II Scoffers in the Last Days

1 We should not deny the creative act of God, and substitute "chance," Genesis 1:1-31

1 Corinthians 15:38-41 (KJV)

³⁸ But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh: but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

⁴⁰ *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

⁴¹ *There is one* glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

2 We cannot deny the fact that man fell, Genesis 3:1-24

3 Unproved theories are exposed and rejected, II Peter 3:1-14

grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

¹³ And the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

¹⁵ And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

¹⁶ And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

¹⁷ And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

¹⁸ And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

¹⁹ And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

²¹ And 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.

²² And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

²³ And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after

III The Test of Time

I Man's wisdom is discredited by God,

1 Corinthians 1:19-21 (KJV)

¹⁹ For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

²⁰ 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?

²¹ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 (KJV)

⁶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

⁸ Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 3:19-20 (KJV)

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

²⁰ And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

James 3:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

2 The Bible is to be our guide and authority,

Ecclesiastes 12:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

Revelation 22:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

¹⁹ And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

NOTES:

The Authority of the Bible

For the child of God who has experienced the transforming power of the Spirit, and has enjoyed the promises given him in God's Word, one passage of Scripture such as this, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," would be answer convincing enough of the origin of man and the origin of the universe. But the unbelievers, the scoffers, and the more or less indifferent persons must be convinced by having the folly of man's theories pointed out to them. No doubt the heart of the scoffer will still be fully set in him to do evil, believe a lie, and be at enmity against God: "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

Rejection of a Personal God

There is no place for God in the theory of evolution. One of the early evolutionists said: "If you let God in one place you may as well let Him in all along the line." If what the evolutionist calls the "God-idea" is admitted at all, it is generally the idea of some sort of evolutionary god: "God, nature, or universe - all the same." Some men even declare that man is God. In His Word, God tells us that some men will deny Him: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

One of the evolutionist's objections to God and His Bible is that there has been no change, no progress in the idea of God and in the Bible accounts which were written when the

his kind: and it was so.

²⁵ 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.

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

²⁹ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

³¹ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Peter 3:1-14 (KJV)

¹ This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

² That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before

evolutionists declare "science was not known." No; there has been no change, because the perfection of God and the perfection of His Word were from the very beginning. They did not need to be changed.

"Ape-Ancestry"

In most of the schools, children are told that they are related to the ape; that evolution is seen everywhere; that the Bible is too unscientific for this age of advancement. A great many people are bewildered and deceived by that teaching; the Bible is being discredited; and Satan has found a most effective method of drawing men away from God: "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

The Real Issue

Atheists and scoffers are not so much interested in the age of the world as in the "origin of man," because that settles the whole question as to whether there is a Divine Creator who made the universe. Thoroughgoing evolutionists have generally been atheists. They say that they must forget anything like man's being made "a little lower than the angels," and must study him as one would a "new bug." It is not easy to tell whether they are atheists because they are evolutionists, or evolutionists because they are atheists.

Ready to Believe a Lie

In the nineteenth century there was a "deluge of doubt." Science was substituted for God. One man said he was afraid of believing in God because of his reverence for science. Those who had turned away from God were in the right mood then to receive Darwin's "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection," published in 1859. Even an evolutionist admitted that "shortly after the theory of evolution was launched in the world a wave of suicide swept through England and Western Europe." Also, spiritual suicide often follows in the trail of the teaching of organic evolution.

No Fall

According to the evolutionist, there is no need of a Savior for there never was the fall of man. They say man has always been progressing upward. They believe a lie:

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (II Thessalonians 2:10, 11).

Evolution Defined

Evolution is defined by one of its supporters as a continuous process which operated at all times upon plants and animals the world over.

It is used to describe all development. Many people are deceived by the word "evolution." They believe it means merely a progress of development such as the oak growing from the acorn, the frog from the tadpole, the butterfly from the caterpillar, and the human embryo developing into a man. That kind of evolution is the truth, but that is not the evolution that is meant by the followers of Darwin.

by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

¹¹ *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of *persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

¹² Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall

"Evolution," as the word is used in the widespread discussion of the present day, denotes a process which has taken place entirely naturally, without the miraculous intervention of any Divine Being, by which, from out of a single remote ancestor living in the waters of some distant sea, have come all the living things in the world today. It is a natural process which would enable all birds, fish, reptiles, mammals, apes, and men to trace their ancestry back to a speck of protoplasm that somehow came into existence hundreds of millions of years ago.

Spontaneous Generation

When asked how that first "speck of protoplasm" came into existence, the evolutionist is compelled to say he does not know. But he will be very slow to say that God created it. It came by chance, he says - by spontaneous generation, life coming from dead matter. He has also tried to explain it by saying that four gases - carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen - accidentally ran into one another and exploded, and the result was the protoplasmic cell that after many millions of years developed into a man. But he does not say where the gases came from.

The theory of spontaneous generation has been dropped by most of the leading scientists because experiments have been made repeatedly to produce life and no one dares say that he has succeeded. Life can come only from life. In the Bible we read where life came from: "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" (Genesis 2:7).

Compromisers

There are young men and women, older men and women, and preachers, who want to appear up-to-date on "science," but they do not like the ape-ancestry idea. They say they believe that God created the universe, but they want to reconcile that belief with "science" and popular thought. They discredit the animal-ancestry part of evolution but they are confused by the evolutionist's theory about the rocks that are said to be millions or billions of years old, in which "fossils of the ape-man and extinct animals" have been found that are supposed to "prove the evolutionary process."

Someone has said that a man can be both an evolutionist and a Christian if he is not much of either one. It is impossible to believe in the theory that everything came by chance, that there is no Divine Creator, that there has always been an upward progress of man - no place for the fall of man and his need of a Savior - and still believe that "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," as the Bible declares that He did.

Blasphemy

Evolution even teaches that the universe produced Jesus, that He, too, evolved from a lower form of life. In a geography for little children, an evolutionist describes the way he believes Jesus came: "First, the little scum on the warm, stagnant water, then the little colonies of cells ... the green moss . . . the movement of the shellfish . . . centipedes, insects, fish, frogs, lizards, dinosaurs, reptile-birds, kangaroos, mastodons, deer, apes, primitive man ... Abraham's migration, the Exodus, the development of Jewish religious life and the climax in the purest

melt with fervent heat?

¹³ Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

of maidens, Mary of Nazareth. The hour had come for the dawn of a new day, and the light of that new day was the birth of Jesus." Evidently without the moss we would not have had Mary; without an ape we would not have had Abraham; without the centipede the world would not have known Christ. This is one of the many blasphemies of the last days: "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" (Romans 1:23).

The Blood Tests

"Blood counts," says the one who tries to believe that blood tests have proved the relationship between a man and an ape. A scientist who has given the "blood tests" very careful study said that those who made the tests were really not testing blood at all. The Scripture tells us: "The life of all flesh is the blood thereof" (Leviticus 17:14). **When the blood cells have** been killed in the test, the life-principle has been lost; and what they are experimenting with is, according to a true scientist, nothing more than a "solution of certain salts - chiefly table salt, in water." This asserted "serum" test, therefore, proves nothing.

God has given life and breath to all things "and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). The race to which a man belongs cannot be ascertained from the blood - which proves just what the Word of God declares, that God has given life and breath to all things, "and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."

The kind of animal can be known by the blood. Evolutionists have laughed at the Apostle Paul's "ignorance" because he wrote: "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds" (I Corinthians 15:39). But today they have to admit it is a great scientific truth. The Bible and true science always agree. God gave them both.

Mendel's Law

One of the most important discoveries of science, and one that causes the evolutionist the most trouble, is called Mendel's law. Evolutionists have maintained that by small, slow changes that have been going on for millions of years "new" species have been produced. The Bible tells us that the "seed is in itself"; and this law of the Creator is the law that Mendel and others have found to be operative in all life. The Mendel law proves that what is appearing as "new" forms is merely a combination of the old parts of old "factors" that were in the species from the time God created it. A man wiser than the evolutionists said: "There is no new thing under the sun."

God has made possible wide variations in the kind. There are 40 or 50 kinds of dog, 40 or more kinds of cat, 5000 or more kinds of grass. Possibility for wide variation in many forms is God's loving forethought for man's comfort, convenience, and pleasure.

But variations are not new species. God has set the bounds "after his kind." Acquired character cannot be transmitted through heredity to the offspring; and this discovery has upset the evolutionist's theory, because transmission of changes was absolutely necessary for evolution. While carrying on

QUESTIONS

- 1 Why are atheists and scoffers more interested in the origin of man than in the age of the world?
- 2 Why is the theory of spontaneous generation unreasonable?
- 3 The conditions of the rocks can be explained by what event?
- 4 What important principle is last in the blood tests?
- 5 What statement of the Apostle Paul has been proved to be a great scientific truth?

experiments, a Columbia University professor discovered "blind" flies among fruit flies which he had produced in glass milk bottles in the sunlight. Therefore all students of heredity have had to accept the truth that the so-called "eyeless fishes" did not become blind because they had lived so long in dark caves but that they were blind before they drifted into the caves, and they remained there because it was a safe shelter. Therefore, the evolutionary theory that the "eyeless" fishes in the dark caves had lost their sight because of their environment has been proved to be false.

The reputed "new" lilies that Burbank was said to have created are by Mendel's law found to be only new forms of the old lilies, new combinations of the old "factors" that had always been in the lilies. To assert that it is a new species, the evolutionist must prove that the "factors" for the new form were not in the species from the very beginning. This they cannot prove. Mendel's law stands today, and it stands right with the Word of God: "On the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made" (Genesis 2:2). God created all and finished His work of creation. But He still governs it.

Prophecy and Evolution

For its alleged "proof" evolution depends almost wholly upon fossils being found in chronological order in the layers of the soil, in mountains and deep in the earth. The simplest forms of life - corals and starfish are said to be in the lowest and "oldest" layers of the earth, and the more complete forms - bears, elephants, camels - are found in the highest or, "youngest" layers. This is merely a paper diagram that evolutionists have made to fit their theory. They have not dug into the lowest layers of the earth to find the fossil deposits. The deepest that has been dug is ten miles, in search of oil. True geologists admit that there is no reliable dating of the rocks. They are not found in a chronological order. On the other hand, in very many places the fossil deposits are exactly contrary to what the evolutionist calls the "natural" evolutionary order. In China, Norway, the Alps, Scotland, New York, Tennessee, Georgia, Idaho, Montana, Alberta, and in other places the supposed-to-be "old fossils" are in the "new layers" and the "new fossils" are in the "old layers." A noted geologist frankly states: "I know as much of nature in her geological ages as any man living, and I fearlessly say that our geological record does not afford one syllable of evidence in support of Darwin's theory."

The Flood

When conditions contradict their theory, the evolutionary geologists call them "faults," and are forced to say that the mountains must have been lifted up by a great convulsion and pushed over a great many miles into the "faulty" positions in which we now find them. Another geologist admits that "the physical evidence is against any such thing's having taken place." But on the basis of the great Flood the formations of the rocks are reasonably explained. It is not difficult to understand that the torrential waters that God sent in the Flood, and the great tidal waves over the submerged mountains, made a complete change of the earth's surface during the Flood period and, very likely, for a long time afterward. The vast amount of water pouring down from the high mountains, retreating to the oceans, could scoop out valleys, overturn rocks, and form great channels and rivers: "And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon

the earth" (Genesis 7:19).

Fossil Beds

The theory that sea bottoms were "elevated" and land surfaces were sunk is a see-saw process of millions of years that evolutionists declare but cannot prove. It was easier for them to make this claim when it was believed that the interior of the earth was a molten mass. Today, however, it is generally asserted by physicists that the earth has a solid core consisting of iron, nickel, and a small amount of other metals; and, therefore, another of the pet theories has been exploded. It is reasonable to believe that the great Flood made the fossil beds.

Uniformity Continued

The claims of the evolutionists that the highest forms of life have evolved from the lowest forms through a period of millions or billions of years, and will continue uniformly to go on in the same process, with new forms constantly being created, is proof of the Scriptural statement that some men will always deny the coming of the Lord and will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." The Apostle Peter closely connects the evolutionist's denial of the Lord's coming and the Biblical account of the Flood when he says: "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished" (II Peter 3:5, 6).

The Test of Time

Hundreds of false theories have been and are today being discredited by men of true science. The Bible has withstood the attacks of kings, false prophets, men of a false science, and atheists. Today evolution is said to be "dead at the top," discredited by the leading men of true science. As reliable science advances, the Bible is found to be scientifically accurate in every pronouncement. The Holy Spirit inspired the Bible writers and their scientific knowledge, and the Holy Spirit was present in the creation: "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

The Bible story of creation tells us the origin of man. "So God created man in his own image" (Genesis 1:27). The evolutionist can only imagine what man's origin "may have been" or say that he does not know. It took millions or billions of years for the evolutionist's imaginary work to be accomplished. It took God only six days of twenty-four hours each to speak the whole creation into existence. "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth" (Psalm 33:6).