



“CREATION vs. EVOLUTION”

GENESIS Chapter 1

Introduction: Understanding different Worldviews:

<u>WORLDVIEW</u>	<u>THEISM</u>	<u>PANTHEISM</u>	<u>ATHEISM</u>
God	God made all	God is all	No god at all
World's origin	Out of nothing	Out of God	Out of matter
World's nature	Created spirit & matter	Eternal spirit	Eternal matter
God/world	God is beyond the world	God is the world	World only; no God
Man's origin	Creation	Emanation	Evolution
Soul/body	Soul & body	Soul only	Body only
After death	Resurrection	Reincarnation	Annihilation
Destiny of man	Be of God	Merge into God	Annihilation
Morality	Absolute	Relative	Relative
Truth	Absolute	Relative	Relative
History	Linear	Cyclical	Chaotic ¹

> **Genesis is the book of origins** – our understanding of God, the beginning of life, and of ruin through sin. Its first words, “In the beginning God,” are in striking contrast with the end, “in a coffin in Egypt.” Our adventure has just begun; we will discover the question on **“How did we get here?”**—God created us (**Genesis 2:18-25**). To **“Why am I here?”**—We are here for His pleasure (**Rev. 4:11**). Then **“Where am I going when I die?”**—Heaven or hell (**John 5:24-29**).

> In **Genesis chapter 1** we discover six days of creation, the **1st day**—light diffused (**v3-5**); **2nd day**—vapor above, water below (**v6-8**); **3rd day**—land and sea, plant life (**v9-13**); **4th day**—sun, moon, stars (**v14-19**); **5th day**—sea creatures and birds (**v20-23**); **6th day**—man created and given dominion (**v24-31**).

(1:1a) “In the beginning God” – When is the beginning? This beginning is not in regards to God’s existence for He is eternal, but rather the beginning of the heavens and the earth, which Jesus says was the creation of man and woman, **Matthew 19:4-6**- **And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?** We know that Adam and Eve were created approximately 6,000 years ago. According to the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, this is the time of creation.

(1:1b) The word **God** is **Elohim** in Hebrew, the first of the names of Deity, is a plural noun in form but is singular in meaning when it refers to the true God. This is known as a “uni-plural” noun in describing the Godhead. God often uses plural pronouns in speaking Himself, **Genesis 1:26** – **“Let us make man”**; **Gen. 6:8** – **“Behold, man is become as one of us”**; **Isaiah 6:8** - **“Who will go for us?”** Some would say that the “us” in **Genesis 1:26** refers to God’s consultation with the angels with whom He takes counsel before He does anything of importance; but **Isaiah 40:14** – **But of whom took he counsel**, shows that such is not the case; and in **Genesis 1:27**- **“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”** Notice man was created “in the image of God,” not the image of angels.

Let’s see its “uni-plural” reference in **Deuteronomy 6:4** - **“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!** The Hebrew word for “one” is **Echad**, which means a **compound unity**. The Bible teaches the **Elohim** is not gods, but three persons in one (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). In **Isaiah 44:6-8** - **“First . . . last . . . beside me there is no God.”** In **Isaiah 45:5** – **“There is none else, there is no God beside me.”** In **1 Timothy 2:5** – **“there is one God.”** In **1 Corinthians 8:4** – **“There is none other God but one.”**

In the New Testament we have **the Father who is God** (**Romans 1:7** - *To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*); the **Son who is God** (**Hebrews 1:8** - **But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”**); the **Holy Spirit who is God** (**Acts 5:3,4** - **But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”**)

¹ Creating God in the image of Man? - Norman Geisler

- Boardman, the Bible commentator writes, “The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead invisible (Jn. 1:18); the Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested, (Jn. 1:14-18); the Spirit is all the fullness of the Godhead acting immediately upon the creature, (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).”

(v1:1c) *created* – The Hebrew word is “*bara*” meaning the physical universe was spoken into existence by God. In Hebrews 11:3 - *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

(1:1d) *heavens* – In Hebrew is *shamayim*, which speaks of *space*, “outer space,” “inner space,” “atmospheric space,” we see in this word an understanding of space-mass-time universe.

(1:1e) *earth* – The Hebrew is *erets* referring to a component of matter in the universe, our planet earth.

(v1:2a) *without form and void* – The Hebrew is *tohuw* – simple meaning is nothing is on the earth as of yet; and void – In Hebrew *bohuw*, which speaks of emptiness, whereas, to say the earth lacked inhabitants at this time.

(1:2b) *darkness was on the face of the deep* – Dr. Henry Morris writes “The idea that God, being Light, could not create a world in darkness is invalid, God Himself said, “I form the light, and create darkness . . . (Isaiah 45:7). The physical universe, though created, was as yet neither formed nor energized, and light is a form of energy. The absence of physical light means a universe in elemental form, not yet completed. No evil is implied in either case, merely incompleteness.”

(1:2c) *And the Spirit of God was hovering* - Not only did God the Holy Spirit participate in creation, but so did God the Son (cf. John 1:1–3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2).

(1:3-5) **First Day - Let there be light** - God is the provider of light (2 Cor. 4:6) and will in eternity future be the source of light (Rev 21:23 - *The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*). Notice the evening and the morning are the first day. Is this to be understood as a 24-hour day, absolutely! Look at Exodus 20:11 - *For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.* Moses wrote Genesis and Exodus, case closed, six-day creation!

(1:6-8) **Second Day** – *Let the firmament divide the waters* - The atmospheric and stellar heaven. This could possibly have been a canopy of water vapor which acted to make the earth like a hothouse, provided uniform temperature, inhibited mass air movements, caused mist to fall, and filtered out ultraviolet rays, thus extending life. **OZONE**

(1:9-13) **Third Day** – *Land, sea and plant life are created* – Notice that God creates these herbs and fruit trees to reproduce after their kind.

(1:14-19) **Fourth Day** – *Creation of the sun, moon, and stars* – These lights are not only for the day, but also for a night-light. They give us our seasons, days and years.

(1:20-23) **Fifth Day** – *God makes creatures for the sea and birds for the air.* All reproducing after its kind.

(1:24-31) **Sixth Day** – *God makes the animals and then makes man in His image.* (More on this next week.) Evolution proposes reproduction across species lines; this is a false explanation of origins. The Bible say, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.*” (Ps 19:1-2)

Today our world sits in Romans 1:20-23 - *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*

➤ **LET’S PROCLAIM THE GLORY OF GOD’S INCREDIBLE CREATION!**

“CREATION FACTS”

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night shows knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.” — Psalm 19:1-3

- 1. The earth free-floats in space (Job 26:7), affected only by gravity.** While other sources declared the earth sat on the back of an elephant or turtle, or was held up by Atlas, the Bible alone states what we now know to be true – “He hangs the earth on nothing.”
- 2. Creation is made of particles, indiscernible to our eyes (Hebrews 11:3).** Not until the 19th century was it discovered that all visible matter consists of invisible elements.
- 3. Oceans contain springs (Job 38:16).** The ocean is very deep. Almost all the ocean floor is in total darkness and the pressure there is enormous. It would have been impossible for Job to have explored the "springs of the sea." Until recently, it was thought that oceans were fed only by rivers and rain. Yet in the 1970s, with the help of deep diving research submarines that were constructed to withstand 6,000 pounds-per-square-inch pressure, oceanographers discovered springs on the ocean floors!
- 4. Joy and gladness understood (Acts 14:17).** Evolution cannot explain emotions. Matter and energy do not feel. Scripture explains that God places gladness in our hearts (Psalm 4:7), and ultimate joy is found only in our Creator’s presence – *“in Your presence is fullness of joy”* (Psalm 16: 11).
- 5. Blood is the source of life and health (Leviticus 17:11; 14).** Up until 120 years ago, sick people were “bled” and many died as a result (e.g. George Washington). Today we know that healthy blood is necessary to bring life-giving nutrients to every cell in the body. God declared that **“the life of the flesh is in the blood”** long before science understood its function.
- 6. Which came first, proteins or DNA (Revelation 4:11)?** For evolutionists, the chicken or egg dilemma goes even deeper. Chickens consist of proteins. The code for each protein is contained in the DNA/RNA system. However, proteins are required in order to manufacture DNA. So which came first: proteins or DNA? The ONLY explanation is that they were created together.
- 7. Our bodies are made from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7; 3:19).** Scientists have discovered that the human body is comprised of some 28 base and trace elements – all of which are found in the earth.
- 8. Ocean currents anticipated (Psalm 8:8).** Three thousand years ago the Bible described the *“paths of the seas.”* In the 19th century Matthew Maury – the father of oceanography – after reading Psalm 8, researched and discovered ocean currents that follow specific paths through the seas! Utilizing Maury’s data, marine navigators have since reduced by many days the time required to traverse the seas.
- 9. Reproduction explained (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:24; Mark 10: 6-8).** While evolution has no mechanism to explain how male and female reproductive organs evolved at the same time, the Bible says that from the beginning **God made them male and female in order to propagate the human race and animal kinds.**
- 10. Incalculable number of stars (Jeremiah 33:22).** At a time when less than 5,000 stars were visible to the human eye, God stated that the stars of heaven were innumerable. Not until the 17th century did Galileo glimpse the immensity of our universe with his new telescope. Today, astronomers estimate that there are ten thousand billion trillion stars – that’s a 1 followed by 25 zeros! Yet, as the Bible states, scientists admit this number may be woefully inadequate.

- 11. Vast fossil deposits anticipated (Genesis 7).** When plants and animals die they decompose rapidly. Yet billions of life forms around the globe have been preserved as fossils. Geologists now know that fossils only form if there is rapid deposition of life buried away from scavengers and bacteria. This agrees exactly with what the Bible says occurred during the **global Flood**.
- 12. The solution to suffering (Revelation 21).** Neither evolution nor religion offers a solution to suffering. But God offers heaven as a gift to all who trust in His Son. In heaven, ***“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away”*** (Revelation 21: 4).

> **From 101 Scientific Facts (pamphlet)**

Evolution Fraud and Myths

In an attempt to further their careers and justify the claims that evolution is a legitimate theory, many scientists have fraudulently deceived the world by planting or reconstructing fossils which they would claim to be authentic finds.



Human Ancestral Frauds:

Pitdown man: Found in a gravel pit in Sussex England in 1912, this fossil was considered by some sources to be the second most important fossil proving the evolution of man—until it was found to be a complete forgery 41 years later. The skull was found to be of modern age. The fragments had been chemically stained to give the appearance of age, and the teeth had been filed down!

Nebraska man: A single tooth, discovered in Nebraska in 1922 grew an entire evolutionary link between man and monkey, until another identical tooth was found which was protruding from the jawbone of a wild pig.

Java man: Initially discovered by Dutchman Eugene Dubois in 1891, all that was found of this claimed originator of humans was a skullcap, three teeth and a femur. The femur was found 50 feet away from the original skullcap a full year later. For almost 30 years Dubois downplayed the Wadjak skulls (two



undoubtedly human skulls found very close to his "missing link"). (source: Hank Hanegraaff, *The Face That Demonstrates The Farce Of Evolution*, [Word Publishing, Nashville, 1998], pp.50-52)

Orce man: Found in the southern Spanish town of Orce in 1982, and hailed as the oldest fossilized human remains ever found in Europe. One year later officials admitted the skull fragment was not human but probably came from a 4 month old donkey. Scientists had said the skull belonged to a 17 year old man who lived 900,000 to 1.6 million years ago, and even had very detail drawings done to represent what he would have looked like. (source: "Skull fragment may not be human", *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, 1983)

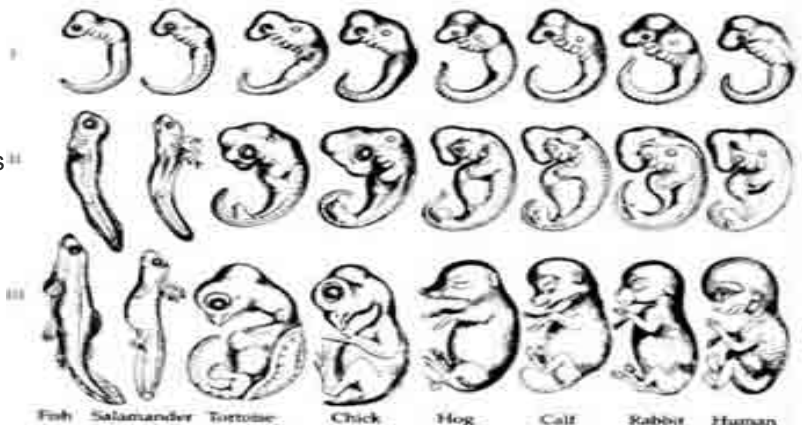
Neanderthal: Still synonymous with brutishness, the first Neanderthal remains were found in France in 1908. Considered to be ignorant, ape-like, stooped and knuckle-dragging, much of the evidence now suggests that Neanderthal was just as human as us, and his stooped appearance was because of arthritis and rickets. Neanderthals are now recognized as skilled hunters, believers in an after-life, and even skilled surgeons, as seen in one skeleton whose withered right arm had been amputated above the elbow. (source: "Upgrading Neanderthal Man", *Time Magazine*, May 17, 1971, Vol. 97, No. 20)



Ontogeny Recapitulates Phylogeny?

Haekel's faked embryonic drawings

The theory of embryonic recapitulation asserts that the human fetus goes through various stages of its evolutionary history as it develops. Ernst Haeckel proposed this theory in the late 1860's, promoting Darwin's theory of evolution in Germany. He made detailed drawings of the embryonic development of eight different embryos in three stages of development, to bolster his claim. His work was hailed as a great development in the understanding of human



evolution. A few years later his drawings were shown to have been fabricated, and the data manufactured. He blamed the artist for the discrepancies, without admitting that he was the artist. (source: Russell Grigg, "Fraud Rediscovered", Creation, Vol. 20, No. 2, pp.49-51)