

## Genesis, part 3 – The Beginning of Life

“When I was a high school student, my parents brought me to McLean Bible Church nearly every Sunday . . . However, since then, I have discovered that I am irreconcilably at odds with Christian theology.”  
“You and McLean Bible Church seem to support very strongly the creation story found in the Book of Genesis.”

“The idea that a supernatural being that is omnipresent, yet stands outside the universe and interacts with the universe is an absurdity.”

“I must remind you that the theory of evolution is a *scientific* one . . . and is as much a fact as gravity.”

“In response to your letter, I offer you the words of the Bible (Psalm 14:1): ‘The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”

“You may not believe that there is an omnipotent God, but I can assure you that if you continue on our present course, you are going to meet Him under very unpleasant circumstances one day.”

“If you ever come to your senses and desire to reconnect with God, I would be happy to meet with you and try to help you. Sincerely, Lon Solomon.”

For many Americans (especially under the age of 40), what the Bible says about how the world came into being represents a major obstacle in their coming to faith in Jesus Christ.

We as followers of Christ **must** be able to show that the Bible’s explanation of how the world came into being is at least possible.

“So, God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems after their kind, and every bird after its kind.” Genesis 1:21

“And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals, each after its kind.’ And it was so.” Genesis 1:24

“And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind.” Genesis 1:25

Seven times = “after its kind”

The whole foundation of Darwinian evolution is that there were transitions between the species/genuses/families of life here on earth.

In direct contrast to this, the Bible says that God created each creature “after its kind.”

Genesis 1 declares that God placed insurmountable boundaries around every genus of plant and animal here on earth.

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.’” Genesis 1:26

What we have here in Genesis 1:26 is the Three Persons of the Godhead talking among themselves!

“So, God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27

“The LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7

The Bible tells us that we are the unique apex of God’s creative work – in that we are created in the very image of the Living God Himself!

The Bible says that God created two different “forms” of human beings.

“So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man; and while he was sleeping, God took one of man’s ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.” Genesis 2:21

“Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken from the man and brought her to the man.” Genesis 2:22

“And the man said, ‘This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.’” Genesis 2:23

The Bible says that God created woman “out of man” (“bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh”) – resulting in **one** gene pool and **one** human race.

Genesis 1 is calling on us to believe that – personally and directly – an Almighty, life-possessing, life-giving, omnipotent God created all the life we see on this planet, culminating with His creating mankind in His own personal image.

#1 – “**What about** the fossil record?”

- The **issue** is not whether we can find some animals that don’t exist anymore
- The **issue** is whether we can find any “transitional animals”

“If my theory be true, numberless intermediate varieties . . . must assuredly have existed.”

**Charles Darwin**

From the book **Darwin’s Enigma** - “None of the museum officials from the five greatest fossil museums that I visited could offer a single example of a transitional series of fossilized organisms that would document the transformation of even one different type of animal to another.” **Dr. Luther Sutherland**

**Dr. Mark Czarnecki** (evolutionary paleontologist) *The Revival of the Creationist Crusade* MacLean’s Magazine

“A major problem in proving the theory (of evolution) has been the fossil record . . . This record has never revealed traces of Darwin’s hypothetical intermediate variants – instead, species appear and disappear abruptly and this has fueled the creationist argument that each species was created by God.”

**Dr. Carlton Brett** – Professor of Geology at the University of Cincinnati

“Did life on earth change steadily and gradually through time? The fossil record emphatically says, ‘No.’”

**Dr. Stephen Gould** – Professor of Geology and Paleoanthropology at Harvard

“From such scrappy data, it is hard to see how anyone could derive with confidence the gradualistic interpretation [of Darwin] . . . unless one were predisposed to it from the start.”

We could establish evolution as fact – if we could prove from the fossil record that even one category of life transitioned to another category of life – **but we can’t!**

**Dr. Edmund J. Ambrose** – Professor Emeritus at the University of London and Dept. Head, Cell Biology at the Chester Beatty Research Institute

“We have to admit that there is nothing in the geological record that runs contrary to the views of creationists.”

#2 – **What about** DNA and all we’re learning about the cell? It seems like this should tell us how life happened here on earth.”

The genetic makeup of human life is so complex that it defies all mathematical odds of having happened by evolutionary chance.

**Dr. Gunter Wagner** – Professor of Evolutionary Biology at Yale University

“The set of genetic instructions for humans is roughly three billion letters long.”

**Dr. George Howe** – Biologist and Botanist at Westmont College

“The chance that one useful DNA molecule could develop without a designer is approximately zero.”

**Sir Fred Hoyle** – Late Professor of Astronomy and Mathematics at Cambridge University

Hoyle calculated that the chance of obtaining the required enzymes for even the simplest living cell was one in  $10^{40,000}$ !

“To suppose that the first cell originated by chance is like believing that a tornado could sweep through a junkyard filled with airplane parts and form a Boeing-747.”

“If one proceeds straightforwardly in this matter, without being deflected by the fear of incurring the wrath of scientific opinion, one arrives at the conclusion that biomaterials with their amazing complexity and order must be the outcome of intelligent design.”

**Dr. I.L. Cohen**, Mathematician, in the book **Darwin Was Wrong**

“At that moment when the DNA/RNA system became understood, the debate between evolutionists and creationists should have come to a screeching halt.”

“Mathematically speaking, based on probability concepts, there is no possibility that evolution was the mechanism that created the approximately 6 million species of plants and animals we recognize today.”

**Dr. Francis Crick** in his book, **Life Itself, Its Origin and Nature**

“The first living cells were brought to earth by a space ship from outside our solar system!”

All we’ve learned about DNA has made us realize that life is so complex that only a masterful God could have created it.

From an article in the October 2004, **National Geographic**

“Genetic analysis has traced all modern males back to a common Y-chromosome ancestor, nicknamed Adam . . . whose descendants spread from there all around the world.”

#3 – “**What about** never say never?”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics:** Things always get more random and disorderly unless you put in directive energy to keep them organized.

**Isaac Asimov**

“We have to work hard to straighten a room, but left to itself it becomes a mess again very quickly.”

“The same truth applies to our work places, our yards and our bodies. All we have to do is do nothing and everything deteriorates, collapses, breaks down, and wears out all by itself.”

“This is what the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics is all about.”

The problem is that Darwinian evolution demands the opposite of this law.

Evolution demands that a random system left to itself – with no input of directive energy – got more and more organized until it reached a level that defies all mathematical probability!

**Dr. G. N. Haspoulis**, Physicist

“There is no recorded experiment in the history of science that has ever contradicted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics or its corollaries.”

Darwinian evolution (if it’s true) would be the only example in the history of the world where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics was contradicted!

**Michael J. Behe** in the book **Darwin’s Black Box**

“Life on earth is the product of intelligent activity.”

“This conclusion of Intelligent Design flows naturally from the data itself, not from any sacred books or any sectarian beliefs.”

“The result of investigating the human cell is a loud, clear, piercing cry of design.”

**Sir Fred Hoyle** – Late Professor of Astronomy and Mathematics at Cambridge University

“Once we see that the probability of life originating at random is so utterly miniscule as to make it absurd, it becomes sensible to think that the favorable properties of physics upon which life depends are deliberate . . . and must reflect a higher intelligence at work.”

Genesis chapters 1 and 2’s account of how life came into being on this planet may very well be the most intelligent explanation of all.

So What?

As human beings, we were “designed” to be creatures of personal relationship.

God is a **personal** God – who carries on **personal** relationships – and if we are created in His image, then it means that we are the same way.

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the Garden in the cool of the day.” Genesis 3:8

God came into the Garden to walk and talk and have relationship with Adam and Eve.

**First** – honest and intimate communication

We cannot build a strong relationship with God without a serious prayer life.

**Second** – Discovery

“God made known His ways to Moses . . .” Psalm 103:7

**Third** – Dedicated Time

“. . . I meditate on Thee in the night watches . . .” Psalm 63:6

- “How satisfying, **really**, is your relationship with God?”
- “How much effort do you put into cultivating it?”

Prayer + Bible study + dedicated time with God = intimacy and depth of relationship with Him.