

The One True Faith: Questions Science Cannot Answer

Hello from Hong Kong and nice to be with you again. Today, I want to continue the theme I began last week, which is to justify the statement I made two weeks ago, and that statement was that Christianity is the one true faith. Now, last week we examined the historical and archeological evidence supporting the Bible's accuracy. My argument was that if the Bible could be proven to be historically inaccurate and not supported by archeology, then what we have is no reason for believing its contents to be true. Now, given that Paul in 2 Timothy 3:16 states that the Bible is 'God breathed', then historical inaccuracy and an absence of archeological support for the Bible's contents would also call into question the whole of the Christian faith. However, last week we were able to show that archeological finds have proven that the Bible is accurate. A few testimonies from the experts in the field support this fact. For example, regarding the Old Testament, William F. Albright, one of the greatest authorities on Biblical archaeology - he has stated this:

*"There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of the Old Testament tradition."*¹

Regarding the New Testament, referring to Luke, who is one of the four Gospel writers and the author of the Book of Acts, which, taken together, discuss the life of Jesus and his legacy, Sir William Ramsey, one of the greatest archaeologists in history, stated that:

*"Luke is a historian of first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... this author should be placed along with the very greatest of historians."*²

Now, this week we will examine the authenticity of the Bible by uncovering the flaws in the scientific theories that are proposed as alternative accounts of the creation and development of this world to what we read in the Bible. The title of this teaching is 'Questions Science Cannot Answer'. Now, in choosing this title, my argument is quite simple: if science, through its theory of the creation of the universe and evolution cannot provide a satisfactory explanation for human existence, then we are left with the only feasible alternative explanation; God, through his 'intelligent design', created the universe and everything in it as described in the Bible.

Let's begin by examining the competing explanations of the creation of the universe.

¹ William F. Albright, *Archaeology and the Religions of Israel* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1968), p. 176.

² W. M. Ramsay, *The Bearing of Recent Discovery on the Trustworthiness of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1953), p. 222

The Creation of the Universe

The Bible is quite clear on how the universe was created and the opening of Genesis 1 says it all. The Bible opens with the following statement: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* (Genesis 1:1)

In contrast to this simple truth, most scientists still believe in a version of the big bang theory as an alternative explanation to the biblical account of the Creation. However, the big bang theory has some fundamental flaws and there are many of them. However, given the time available for this teaching, I will refer to only one which I believe is the central flaw in the theory. This is described very well in an article from the Christian Courier³. This is what the article says:

“The big bang scenario speculates that the marvelously ordered universe randomly resulted from a gigantic explosion - a “holocaust,” Never in the history of human experience has a chaotic explosion been observed producing an intricate order that operates purposefully. An explosion in a print shop does not produce an encyclopedia. A tornado sweeping through a junkyard does not assemble a Boeing 747. No building contractor dumps his materials on a vacant lot, attaches dynamite, and then waits for a completed home from the resulting bang. The idea is absurd.”

Second Law of Thermodynamics and Evolution

The big bang theory actually violates the scientists' own law, which is the Second Law of Thermodynamics which can be viewed as a universal law of disorder and decay over time. The second law of thermodynamics in layman's terms means that complex things left alone become simple things through a process of decay. A human being, for example, when left alone to die (as we all do) ultimately decays to dust. This is a universal law identified and articulated by scientists. However, these same scientists generally believe in evolution where a world, left alone, enables the evolution of simple organisms through mammal-like creatures, through to apes and then to man in all his complexity. The simple question for the scientists is how can the theory of evolution, and make no mistake, it is only a theory, be satisfactorily reconciled with their own second law of thermodynamics?

The Population of the Earth

Now, let's move on to discuss the population of the earth. Modern geologists and geophysicists tend to agree that the age of the earth is around 4.54 billion years. Scientific opinion on the existence of man ranges from 200,000 to 2 million years with speculation that an earlier form of man, named Lucy discovered in Ethiopia, dates back 3.6 million years.

³ www.christiancourier.com/articles/133-the-big-bang-theory-vs-gods-word

By contrast, the Bible indicates the existence of man for approximately 6000 years with Noah and the Great Flood taking place approximately 4300 years ago when only four couples were saved. These were Noah and his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives.

Based on the biblical timelines for man's existence on this earth from Noah onwards, and using an annual average growth rate in the world's population of slightly under half of one percent, which is a scientific calculation based on 400 years of data, the world's population should be approximately what it is now, around 7 billion. However, using evolutionists' timespan and assuming that mankind has been around 500,000 years (which is a quite conservative estimate bearing in mind the scientists claim that man may have been around for 3.6 million years), an annual population growth rate of just under half of one percent gives a current population of around 2.45 multiplied by 10 with 990 noughts after it!⁴ Can you imagine writing this figure down and then multiplying it by 2.45!

If the evolutionists' calculations are correct, why then are we not literally rubbing shoulders with our fellow earth dwellers, and why are we not up to our necks in bones and skeletons?

The Book of Job and Dinosaurs

Evolutionists claim the Bible cannot deal with dinosaurs, and it is true that dinosaurs are not mentioned in the bible by name because, quite simply, the word was not invented until the 19th Century.

Now, one of the oldest books in the Bible, the book of Job, probably written 2000 years before Christ, has the following in chapter 40 verses 15 - 24, worth listening to carefully:

Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword. The hills bring it their produce, and all the wild animals play nearby. Under the lotus plants it lies, hidden among the reeds in the marsh. The lotuses conceal it in their shadow; the poplars by the stream surround it. A raging river does not alarm it, it is secure, though the Jordan should surge against its mouth. Can anyone capture it by the eyes, or trap it and pierce its nose?

Some have claimed that this is a description of an elephant or a hippo. However, from the passage in Job, we learn that this is a particularly large creature (it ranks first among the works of God), its tail is likened to a cedar tree, one of the

⁴ <http://www.kolbecenter.org/population-statistics-support-biblical-chronology/>

larger tree varieties, it is a herbivore, a plant eater, and its habitat includes water – remember it hides among the reeds in a marsh. Is this a description of an elephant or hippo, or is it a reference to the largest of the dinosaurs: the apatosaurus, which was one of the largest land animals that ever existed? Now, you'll be seeing on your screen now a short video depicting an apatosaurus, a creature that was formerly known, incorrectly, as a brontosaurus, which you should be familiar with. Notice its overall size and particularly the size of its tail. This creature was at home in water, in fact it spent much time in water to keep cool, and it was a herbivore.

It's also worth noting that the passage from Job states that the behemoth was made along with Job. If we accept for a moment that the passage in Job does in fact describe an apatosaurus, then we have the co-existence of man with dinosaurs, something which is flatly denied by the general scientific community. However, there have been reports of fossilized human footprints being found alongside those of dinosaurs and on some occasions, within dinosaur prints, which certainly indicates the co-existence of man and dinosaur.⁵ In their book, "Walking Amidst the Dinosaurs", Drs. Brad Harrub and Bert Thompson, have reached the following conclusion:

*"Contrary to popular opinion, dinosaurs do not present a problem for creationists. In fact, quite the opposite is true. It is the evolutionists who have a problem. While they continue to maintain, as the late paleontologist Roland T. Bird of the American Museum of Natural History once put it, that 'no man had ever existed in the age of the reptiles' (1939, 43[5]:257), the evidence documents exactly the opposite."*⁶

The Sea Slug

I want to talk now for a moment about the sea slug, not on everybody's lips, right? Evolution is about adaptation to the environment. Sea slugs feed on sea anemones that have poison darts sticking out of them, which sea slugs put inside their stomachs for their own defence.⁷

Evolutionists needs to explain how a sea slug could have adapted to absorb the poison darts when the first slugs, not adapted, would have died when they came into contact with the darts?

Man's Evolution from Apes

Let's move to a central issue: man's evolution from apes, which has become an accepted wisdom in this world, where there is not one shred of evidence to support this so called wisdom. There is absolutely no concrete evidence of

⁵ <http://www.Biblebelievers.org.au/giants.htm>

⁶ Harrub, B and Thompson, B (2003). Walking Amidst the Dinosaurs, Reason and Revelation, 23 (2): 15

⁷ <http://creationanswers.net/intelldesign/seaslug.htm>

fossilized 'missing links'. Not one of the so called 'missing links' or transitional fossils showing the link between ape and man have proven to be unquestionably true.

According to the Institute for Creation Science website

"In the entire fossil record, there is not a single unequivocal transition form proving a causal relationship between any two species. From the billions of fossils we have discovered, there should be thousands of clear examples if they existed. The lack of transitions between species in the fossil record is what would be expected if life was created".⁸

To put this in layman's language, man's evolution from an ape, if it happened, would be an example of macro-evolution, which is the evolution of one species to another. If this happens, as evolutionists claim, then we would expect to find many transitional fossils, whereas in fact, we do not have any clear, undisputed examples! This is because macro-evolution does not and will not happen. Why, because the Lord created species intact and as they are, and they do not become other species. One has to really exert a blind faith to believe in macro-evolution!

Chirality and Evolution

Now, let's get a little technical for a minute and discuss the notion of chirality, which actually dispenses with the idea of evolution entirely. Amino acids are the building blocks of protein and life. Amino acids exist in both left-handed and right-handed forms and this property is called 'chirality'. Our hands have the property of chirality that means they are right-hand or left-hand mirror images. Now, only chains of left-handed amino acids are able to produce a working protein molecule that builds life. However, any production of amino acids by chance, produces an equal proportion of left-handed and right-handed amino acids.⁹ Therefore, life cannot be produced by chance and evolution is based on the idea that life came about by chance!

Summary

Now, this week, I've presented just a few of the issues in the time I have available, that scientist have not resolved in their attempts to explain the origins of the universe and human existence and development. There's a very good reason for this, and it is quite simply because their theories do not provide any credible answers to creation and existence. In fact, we can afford to discount these scientific explanations as mere speculations from a scientific community which, for it's own reasons, refuses to face facts, namely that *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* (Genesis 1:1)

⁸ <http://www.icr.org/fossils-stasis/>

⁹ <http://www.icr.org/article/105/>

Well, I hope this week's teaching gives you plenty of scope for discussion in your various churches and your various groups. I'll see you next week when we'll round up this series on 'the one true faith' by comparing the Christian faith with the two other major faiths in this world; basically Hinduism and Islam on the basis that they are also the two largest faiths, other than Christianity, in terms of numbers. So I'll look forward to seeing you next week. Have a good week. God Bless.

Discussion Questions

1. Given the argument in this week's teaching, what value has science for the Christian?
2. The teaching referred to the term macro-evolution. There is another term used in the creation vs. evolution debate called micro-evolution. What is the difference between the two?
3. What has science got to say about the notions of 'good' and 'bad' i.e., morality and ethics?
4. What about Neanderthals. Surely we all know that these were an earlier version of man i.e., evolutionary ancestors of modern man! Is this true?
5. Jim points to the book of Job, chapter 40 verses 15-19 as evidence of the co-existence of man and dinosaur. Is there any other evidence outside of this passage in Job, that men and dinosaurs lived at the same time?

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