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Theme : Mastering God's Word
Topic : Creation or Evolution? Which is the truth about where we come from?
Passage : Genesis 1
Key verse : Genesis 1:31 NIV - God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day

Introduction

Public schools, professors and media all talk about Evolution. Oxford University Professor Richard Dawkins & NTU Senior Lecturer Dr John Van Wyhe stated that "Evolution is a fact". Debates were hosted about "Science vs Creation" which gave a false perception that Evolution is science and Creation is against Science. How do all these affect Bible-believing Christians? Jim Warner Wallace reported that more than 90% of children who grew up in church no longer go to church after going to college having been taught about Evolution by their professors.

There are many detailed scientific arguments, but we just want to focus on a few that are key about where we come from, so that we are able to give 3 reasons why Evolution is not a fact at all, and 3 reasons why the Bible's account of Creation is true.

There are basically only 2 worldviews about our origins – where do we come from?

Theistic Worldview	A-theistic Worldview
God exists	God does not exist
Bible	Darwin's "Origin of the Species"
Bible-believing Christians. (Creationists)	Atheists (Evolutionists)
From nothing to everything	
Creation - In the beginning God ... - We are all created by God in 6 days, 6000 years ago	Evolution - In the beginning matter / big bang ... - We are all evolved from matter, 4.2 billion years ago.

1) Arguments against Evolution's claims

- a. **"Because of biological changes observed in Natural Selection, Mutation and Micro-evolution, given enough time, simple cells can change to become complex, and lifeforms can change from one animal kind to another kind."**
 However:
 - All changes observed are actually a lost of genetic information.
 - For simple cells to become complex, from reptiles to birds and mammals, new genetic information must be added. But no evidence for new genetic information added were found.
 - Even for insects which mutated to become resistant from insecticide, it was a lost of genetic information such that the component that made it vulnerable to insecticide, became no longer functional. E.g. a hand-cuff will not work on a person without hands.
 - The Bible states that animals only reproduce after its own kind. This is an observable fact.
- b. **"Because fossils of lower lifeforms are found at the bottom sedimentary rock layers while higher lifeforms are found at the higher sedimentary rock layers, it shows evolution of lifeforms over millions of years."**
 However:
 - Sedimentary rock layers can form quickly within hours as seen from the 1980 Mount St. Helens volcano eruption.
 - Fossils can also be made even in the home within a few days. Fossils require fast burial and high pressure to form.
 - We have fossils of T-Rex bone that were found to contain blood tissues. Blood tissues clearly could not have been preserved over millions of years. These are evidence that the fossils are not millions of years old, pointing to the creation's position of a young earth.
 - We also have fossils of fish halfway swallowing another fish, and of fish still giving birth. These show that their burial were so sudden that the they did not even have the chance to react. Such events are catastrophic and are evidence for the Bible's account for a worldwide flood in Noah's day around BC2000.
 - In a worldwide flood, it is logical that sea creatures and lower lifeforms at the bottom are first to be buried. Higher lifeforms will attempt to escape the rising waters and move to higher ground. This explains the fossils observed in the sedimentary rock layers today.

In summary, Evolutionists are unable to give foundational evidences for molecules-to-man evolution to be true.

a. Evidence for the origin of life.

- To change from non-living matter to living cell

b. Evidence for increase of genetic information

- To change from single cell to complex cells.

- For fully functioning organs, such as eyes and hearts cannot be evolved unless all the components exist together at the same time.

- For change of one animal kind to another animal kind

c. Evidence for material things to produce non-material things

- like thoughts, feelings.

2) Arguments for Creation

The following 3 Evidences demonstrate that an intelligent and all-powerful creator God is required and not achieved by random natural processes.

a. DNA

DNA is the molecule that carries genetic information for the development and functioning of an organism which is also called the instruction book for all life. Our human DNA genome is made up of 3.2 billion letter pairs. Our English Bible contains about 3 million letters. This means that our human DNA instruction book of life is equivalent to about $3.2b \times 2 / 3m = 2,000$ books of the Bible!

- Can a book form by itself?

- Can 3 billion pairs of letters randomly form into 2,000 books of the Bible? Or how about just 1 book of the Bible be randomly formed in 4.2 billion years?

- All known information comes from an intelligent mind.

- Given the insurmountable information of human genome, DNA must have come from an intelligent and all-powerful creator God

b. Design

Can random particles produce

- **Perfect Shapes:** squares, triangles, circles

- **Beauty:** a constant pattern using Fibonacci Ratio

- **Function:** eyes, heart, blood, reproduction

- **Irreducible complexity:** a bacteria's flagellum tail bears striking resemblance to rotary motors created by intelligent designers. It has 40 parts in specific shape and specifically connected together, for a specific function - for the bacteria to move. Any one part that is missing, disjoint or malfunction, will render the flagellum useless.

- Can the bacteria randomly evolve all the 40 parts over long periods of time, connected together in the right order, suddenly able to work together as a tail motor? Based on natural selection, these parts will never be able to form because before it has enough time to complete, these parts are useless and a burden to the bacteria, and therefore be "naturally selected out". For this smallest yet complex micro-machine to work, all the parts need to be formed quickly and sequentially in an assembly line.

Evolutionists say that given enough time, these things can happen. Simply ask them to demonstrate it.

Design will require a designer who has an intelligent mind and the all powerful Creator God to make it work.

c. Fine-Tuning

Our earth is the only known planet in the whole universe that has the right constants for life, in the goldilocks zone, not too hot, not too cold, and with all the right elements. Any change to just one of the constant, will make the earth uninhabitable. Just a few out of the many, are listed below that most of us can understand.

Temperature of the earth

- Earth's rotation is required and its speed must be maintained so that the day or night will not be too long, resulting the earth to become much hotter or colder.

- Earth's distance to the sun must be maintained while the earth orbits around the sun.

Life on earth

- Earth must have water and water cycle. Otherwise we will run out of clean water which is essential for life.

- Earth must have oxygen for life and maintained at 21 percent plus minus 2 percent. Life cannot survive long below 19 percent. Also, if the oxygen is above 23 percent, things can catch fire easily and we'll expect more forest fires and fire accidents which will not make life easy on earth.

Control of the sun

- The sun’s colour must not be too red or not too blue so that plants can photosynthesize.
- The sun must burn sufficiently and consistently to produce the right amount of heat without extreme fluctuations.

Why is it that earth, the only one out of the 2 trillion planets in the universe, is habitable? It is either the earth is lucky beyond human’s imagination, or that there is an intelligent and all powerful Creator God that designed it and made it happen. The latter is more reasonable.

3. Why can we trust the Bible’s account on Creation?

a. The Bible recorded many facts that were not known until hundreds to thousands of years later.

This shows the Bible’s superior knowledge of the world and we can trust its account on Creation.

Mentioned earlier in the Bible	Discovered many years later
BC2000 – “Can you send forth lightnings that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? Job 38:35	AD1864 - Light / radio waves were discovered that we are able to transmit message over it.
BC2000 – “He hangs the earth on nothing” Job 26:7	AD1650 – The earth’s free floating in space was discovered
BC1500 – “...the life of the flesh is in the blood” Leviticus 17:11	Up till AD1799, blood-letting was still being practiced and was used to treat the 1 st President of United States George Washington’s throat infection which he died within 2 days. AD1818 James Blundell performed the first successful blood transfusion. We do blood test today to tell the health conditions of our bodies.
BC1500 - “Now when the man with the discharge becomes cleansed from his discharge, then he shall count off for himself seven days for his cleansing; he shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water and will become clean.” Leviticus 15:13	AD1845 – Washing of hands was once a controversial medical advice. A young Hungarian doctor Ignaz Semmelweis implemented handwashing among the doctors after they perform autopsies, before they check on the pregnant women. This reduced the death rate of pregnant woman from a high of 30% to 2%. At that time, microscopic diseases were not yet discovered yet.
BC1500 - “As long as he has the infection, he remains unclean. He must live alone in a place outside the camp.” Leviticus 13:46	At AD1300, over 70 million died due to Black Death plague because they failed to separate the sick from the healthy. It was until AD1600 that the laws of quarantine were instigated.
BC1000 - “Of old You founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. Even they will perish, but You endure; and all of them will wear out like a garment” Psalm 102:25,26	AD1850 German Scientist Rudolf Clausius introduced the 2 nd law of Thermodynamics (law of entropy) which things will always move toward more disorder.
BC700 – “.He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth” Isaiah 40:22	BC330 Greek philosopher Aristotle provided strong empirical evidence for a spherical Earth. Prior to that many believed in a flat earth.

b. Jesus confirmed the reliability of the Genesis when He quoted them.

- “from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female.” Matthew 19:4
- Noah’s flood. Matthew 24:36

God’s Word also claims that the Lord Jesus is the Creator. “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” Colossians 1:16-17

Who can we trust better about the world than its Creator Himself?

Application / Small group:

- What impresses you about the truth of the Bible’s account of Creation?
- Give 3 reasons why Evolution is false and not true science.
- Give 3 reasons why Creation is true and true science always confirm the truths of the Word of God.