



Daddy, Who Made Me?

How do you answer your child when he or she asks you to reconcile the creation account taught in Sunday School against the stunning productions aired on television: *Dinosaurs*, *Allosaurus*, *Neanderthal*, *Real Eve*, the series *Nova*, and similar technical wonders?

The answer most Christians give today, I fear, is that “God made us and evolution is how He did it.” Why is that the answer given so commonly among Christians? Is it because we are now better able to translate the ancient biblical texts and have found our previous beliefs to be unfounded? Is it because science has proven evolution to be indisputable? Wouldn’t it have to be one or the other to overturn a basic religious belief that has stood for thousands of years?

The answer to origins is the same today as when Peter recorded, Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 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. 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: 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. 2 Peter 3:3-7.

The answer is, God created everything in six literal days, including man on day 6, as His Word reveals. The evidence supports this. The world is seeking another answer.

ON THE SIDE OF SCIENCE

I could try to be real cute here and leave a blank space, because I do not believe there is any science supporting evolution, but that would hardly help us address our children. On the other hand, a tract is such a brief forum that it is difficult to approach such a subject as our origins; but, we’ll look at some basics.

Big Bang: Science must explain where the universe came from, but cannot. The only non-biblical solution is to say that there was a big glob of “stuff” that blew up and resulted in all of the galaxies, solar systems, stars, moons, planets, comets, etc. They haven’t figured where the “stuff” that the Big Bang started with came from.

Fossils: Plants and animals died. Over years and centuries it is believed they were covered by earth and fossilized. The notion is that the oldest species are on the bottom, and as we come up the geologic column we find the more recent species that evolved from the earlier ones.

Dinosaurs: Ancient creatures that dominated the planet until a large meteor, 2 miles in diameter, landed in the Gulf of Mexico, starting a chain reaction that brought the dinosaurs to extinction.

Eve: Scientists believe that, based on the study of mitochondrial DNA, we are all ancestors of one woman, The Real Eve.

Millions and Billions of Years: For the Big Bang to occur and “stabilize” (my words), for the entire geologic column to be laid down with the resulting fossil record, for dinosaurs to evolve and then achieve extinction, long ages (including eons of struggle-and-death evolution) would have been necessary.

THE BIBLICAL SIDE

We should be indebted to all of the scientific findings that are supportive of the biblical creation account.

Big Bang: I really would like to know where the matter came from. Is it easier to believe there always was a God or there always was matter? Is it easier to trust scientists than God? Since the question in this tract is more, “did God use evolution,” we’ll skip those points. A basic problem with the Big Bang comes from the laws of physics, specifically the Law of Conservation of Angular Momentum. When a figure skater begins to spin in a circle, his or her angular speed increases as he or she tucks more tightly into a spin. Essentially, conservation of angular momentum means a relationship between energy and the distance from the center of the skater must be kept. In the same way, the central objects in solar systems should be spinning at tremendous speeds, but they are not. This basic law then goes against the Big Bang.

Fossils: How do fossils form? If you could see this occur for yourself it would be most easily understood. The next time you pass a road kill, retrieve it and place it in your front yard. Wait for it to be covered with dust and dirt over time, then allow years for fossilization (mineralization), then dig it back up. Better yet, place several specimens in your yard. Do you think that other animals and insects might eat a few carcasses before they can be covered? Might the remainder decompose first? If you think this you are right. The animals would need to be covered fast. What could do that?

The fossil record is most likely the result of Noah’s flood. Plants and animals would have been covered quickly, all over the earth. That is also why marine fossils are found on the tops of many tall mountains. The ark was large enough to carry dinosaurs, too. Genesis 6:15-16 indicates the ark had more floor space than two football fields.

Dinosaurs: There is evidence that dinosaurs lived with man. Some footprints of man and dinosaur have been found together. The Bible indicates that man and land animals (such as dinosaurs) were created on the same day (day 6). Job describes creatures that sound like a sauropod and t. Rex. The Schofield Bible suggests perhaps the hippopotamus and crocodile, but read for yourself: Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God: Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteneth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth. (Condensed from Job 40:15-23. Behemoth fears no man, no beast). Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? None is so fierce that dare stir him up: His scales are his pride, His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. In his neck remaineth strength, When he raiseth up

himself, the mighty are afraid: Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. (From Job 41:1-33.) David wrote Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people. (From Psalm 74:13-14.) “Dragon” is mentioned throughout the Old Testament. Could there be credibility to the dragon legends of the middle ages?

Eve: Current, sound science links all of us to a single woman ancestor. In the cytoplasm of our cells are organelles called “mitochondria.” These structures contain some DNA that is only inherited from the woman. In analyzing this DNA in humans all over the globe, scientists showed that all humans on earth inherited this from one woman. Scientists call this woman “Eve.” The Bible calls this woman, “Eve.”

Millions and billions of years- God only took 6 days. What took Him so long? Answer- He had to create time, perhaps His most difficult task. Six thousand years ago is when He did it.

Daddy, and Mommy, God made me on day 6 of the first week. He lovingly formed me with plan and purpose. His literal, biblical creation is how he did it!

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