

Faith & Reason Made Simple (Part 1)

(Introductory Material & The Scientific Flaws of the Theory of Evolution)

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Introductory Materials

1 Peter 3:15 NASB but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

Often, people outside the Christian faith accuse Christians of having **blind** faith

Faith and **reason** fit together! (Acts 17 – Paul **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures)

Ravi Zacharias has said, “What I believe in my **heart** must make sense in my **mind**!”

Definitions of faith:

1. (From Easton’s Bible Dictionary) – **“Faith is in general the persuasion of the mind that a certain statement is true. Its primary idea is trust. A thing is true, and therefore worthy of trust. It admits of many degrees up to full assurance of faith, in accordance with *the evidence on which it rests*”**
2. (From Webster’s Dictionary) – **“The assent of the mind to the truth of a proposition advanced by another; belief, or probable evidence of any kind.”**
3. (From Hebrews 11:1) – **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”**

Faith is very much related to **reason**. (Faith is not blind but is based on, and is made strong by supporting evidence that confirms what it believes.)

The Bible & **Science** are not against each other.

Many evolutionary scientists and professors say that you cannot be a legitimate scientist if you do not believe in Darwinian Evolution. This is a form of intimidation and propaganda. Dr. John C. Sanford is a great example of scientists who do not believe in Darwinian Evolution but who have contributed much to the world by the science they have been involved in. (Of course, most of the pioneers of science believed in God as creator as well. This is actually what often motivated them to study the world scientifically.)



1980 - 1998 Assistant – Then Associate Professor of Horticultural Sciences at Cornell University

Honorary Adjunct Associate Professor of Botany at Duke University

Sanford has published over 70 scientific publications

Sanford is an inventor with more than 32 issued patents

At Cornell Sanford and colleagues developed the “Biolistic Particle Delivery System” or so-called “gene gun”

He has founded two biotechnology companies

Author of “Genetic Entropy & the Mystery of the Genome”



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Example - Brilliant Scientists Who Believe in Creation

What is Science?

“Knowledge”



For something to be truly scientific it must be observable, demonstratable and repeatable. (Note – Evolution is not observable, demonstratable or repeatable.)

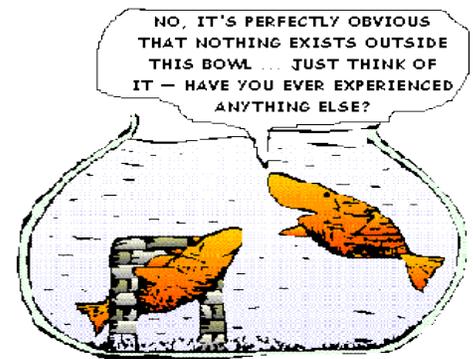
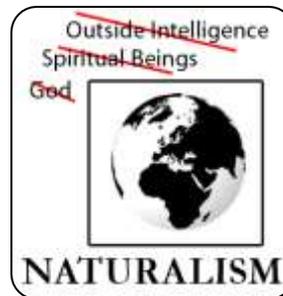
In order to understand how the issue of creation vs. evolution fits within scientific study we need to understand that there is a difference between Operational (or Observable) Science and Historical Science. Historical Science involves ideas and theories about the past and does not involve empirical evidence that can be demonstrated and repeated in a laboratory. (The theory of evolution does not deal with Operational Science but rather with Historical Science.)

What is Naturalism?

(Those who deny creation as a possible answer for origins do so because they are committed to Naturalism)

“Naturalism is a system of which the salient characteristic is the exclusion of whatever is spiritual or supernatural .”

By declaring that anything beyond the natural realm cannot be considered in science as an answer for how things are as they are, naturalism eliminates creation as a credible explanation to how things came to be, no matter how much the scientific evidence points to a creator.



Summary of introductory points – Creation is attacked and evolution is promoted in our culture, not by scientific evidence, but by propaganda, intimidating accusations and deceptive definitions.

The 6 Scientific Flaws of the Theory of Evolution

1. It Violates the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics states that the amount of usable energy within any closed system always decreases. (Things move from order to chaos, not from chaos to order) (The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics is also referred to as “entropy”)

The theory of evolution depends upon the idea that total chaos (a huge explosion) has become increasingly ordered without any outside assistance. (This idea violates true science. Some evolutionists attempt to explain this away by saying that the earth is not a closed system. This does not explain away the problem at all though because the Law of Thermodynamics impacts the entire universe, not just the earth.)

Explosions do not create orderly things, they destroy things!

2. It Violates the Law of Biogenesis

The idea of “Spontaneous Generation” or “life coming from non-life” has been proven to be false. The theory of evolution states that life came from non-life here on earth billions of years ago.

Even many evolutionists, such as Dr. Francis **Crick** have acknowledged that life is too complex at the cellular level to have come about from non-life here on earth.

3. It Purposely Confuses “Microevolution” which is adaptation within a kind of creature, with “Macroevolution” which is one kind changing into a completely different kind of creature over time.

Microevolution, or adaptation within a kind is scientific and Scientist who believe in Creation acknowledge the reality of adaptation within a kind. Macroevolution, or one kind turning into a completely different kind of creature over time has **never** been observed in the past or in the present and is not scientific.

Evolutionists point to examples like **fish** turning into different types of **fish** and bacteria turning into other types of bacteria as their proof that Darwinian Evolution is scientific.

4. It Violates the Evidence that is Found in the Fossil Record

If evolution had occurred as the theory states, there should be millions (or billions) of **transitional** life forms found in the fossil record but there are not. Even the few supposed transitional fossils that evolutionists have referred to have often been proven to not be transitional life forms at all, or have, in some cases even been proven to be frauds.

5. It Violates the Fact That Mutations Do Not Increase Genetic Information

The theory of Evolution says that genetic **mutations** bring about beneficial changes that are then selected by natural selection to bring slow but continual evolutionary changes within creatures.

In fact mutations are almost always **harmful** & are almost always involve a decrease in genetic information.

6. It is Contrary to the Order, Beauty & Design We Find Throughout the Known Universe

No matter where we look in the universe things appear to be designed with purpose. They are orderly and often beautiful. Even some evolutionists acknowledge that things appear to be designed, but they say they are not designed. They come to this conclusion not by evidence, but because of their preconceived religious view, holding to naturalism and humanism.

Romans 1:20 NASB For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature**, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Based on Romans 1:20 we would expect to see marvelous, precise design features everywhere we look!

Examples within created things that show great design rather than random, unguided evolutionary processes -

Protein synthesis – Each protein consists of many amino acids connected in perfect order. There are 20 different amino acids that can be chosen from, for each link of the protein chain. That means that the probability of the protein chain being correct by chance would be figured by considering a 1 in 20 chance for every amino acid in the chain. For example, if a protein consisted in just 1 amino acid, the chances of the correct amino acid being in place would be 1 in 20. If the protein consisted of 2 amino acids the chances of both amino acids being in the correct order would be 1 in 20 times 1 in 20, or 1 in 400. For a protein with 3 amino acids the chances would be 1 in 8,000. The average protein in the human body has 300-375 amino acids lined up in a precise order. Consider that for a simple protein of just 150 amino acids to be sequenced correctly by chance, the odds would be 1 in 10 the 164th power. Just how big is that number? There are believed to be 10 to the 80th power atoms in the entire universe. So, as you can see, proteins are an example of the exquisite design that God has used in creating the universe that we live in. These kinds of exquisite designs rule out evolution as a viable explanation for life.

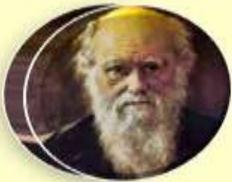
There are many other examples of these design features that we can see throughout the universe, whether we are looking into the vastness of space, or into the tiny microscopic world where proteins and amino acids are found.

Also consider –

- * The design of Male & Female (Could they have evolved at precisely the same moment?)
- * The Finely Tuned Universe
- * The Earth which has been created to be Inhabited (Isaiah 45:18)
- * Living Creatures on the Earth

We will look at many of these examples, and more, in part 2 as we look at evidences of a creator.

**Summary – The 6 Scientific Flaws of the Theory of Evolution
(It will be beneficial to memorize these 6 points)**



THE FLAWS OF THE THEORY OF

Evolution



- 1 – Violates the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics**
- 2 – Violates the Law of Bio-Genesis**
- 3 – Purposely Confuses Micro-Evolution w/Macro Evolution (New Kind)**
- 4 – The Fossil Record Contradicts Evolution**
- 5 – Mutations Do Not Bring Increased Information**
- 6 – Evolution Contradicts the Order, Design, Beauty & Information We Observe**