

## **My View on Creation and Evolution**

I am not one to argue about evolution versus creationism. But, the advance of a widely accepted view of creationism has troubled me and so I set at hand the task of putting to paper what I believe. This is not a tool to be used and wielded as weapon to cut away the 'logic' of this accepted view. It is only my written record of what makes the most sense to me based on prayer, bible study and facts that exist outside of the bible narrative.

I am a creationist by belief, in that I believe God created the heavens and the earth just as the bible says. But, I also believe in a limited view of evolution. Species of living things go through some minor design changes often to adapt to their changing environment or in order to preserve their survival. The evidence science presents, taken as only that, should collaborate the bible record, not dispute it. Otherwise there is no way to know who is right. I believe God to be true and everything else in question.

To begin with I will try to list a few of the alternative views of the creationist that are designed to explain why things are like they are.

- The biggest question often occurs when we try to cement the existence of dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures to the bible and what it says. The absolute anchor in the end result of what anyone holds true will be the fixing of the beginning. The first verse of Genesis says "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". The evolutionist believes that 'beginning' to be millions of years ago. The accepted view of creationism holds that beginning to be between 6000 and 10000 years ago. In this regard, I side with the evolutionist yet still hold fast to the bible as truth. I believe there is no real way to know just when that beginning was. It is a starting of time that only the Almighty knows. But, the scientific evidence, which I don't always hold to be absolute truth, seems to indicate the history of the earth to be much longer than 10000 years. My points below will use this as a basis for my path of belief in other areas that concern the presence of life on earth both now and in the past.
- Another theory that seems to have conflicting views between evolutionists and creationist is the belief of an ancient ice age. Evolutionists use this theory to explain some of the unexplainable disappearances of entire ecosystems and species. Creationists say what they are really seeing is the evidence of the flood of Noah, which would leave similar evidence to an ice age. Again, I will side with the evolutionist. I do believe this earth was plunged into a devastating time of cold and ice and that this cataclysmic event did wipe out entire species. Actually I believe it destroyed all life on earth as we know it to be and I believe it happened long ago. Much longer than the 4000 to 6000 years ago it would have to be to coincide with the flood of Noah.
- Evolutionists believe we evolved from one species to another and that the similarities between species are the leftover traits that link them together. Dinosaurs were once thought to be purely reptilian. However most recently paleontologists have discover bird-like traits in their make up that leads some of them to believe they may have been a predecessor to our modern day birds. I believe that any similarity life on earth today may have with life on earth millions of years ago is only seen because the same God creates. He has a pattern that is obvious in the Mastodon and the elephant, the terradactile and the bird, and the lizard and the dinosaur. It isn't that these ancient life forms 'evolved' into the other modern ones. It is the evidence that the same Creator created both and His traits are seen in each one.

Since I am neither a scientist nor a scholar, I will lay this out as best I can. I offer no more proof than either the learned evolutionist or the hardcore creationist. I only have what God laid out for me when I asked Him. I believe the bible supports my views, though the information is somewhat sketchy. Part of this I will attribute to the importance of knowing the answer God places on this subject. Obviously He isn't inclined to give us all the facts about this time in earth's history. He must have good reason and I will leave that to Him.

Let's go back to the beginning, literally. In Genesis there are many clues to this theory I have. Genesis 1:1-3 says this...

***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.<sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.***

The second line is very interesting and it gives us information about the rest of this theory. The English translation "without form and void" is the Hebrew form of *tohu* and *bohu*. These literally mean completely empty and in a state of chaos and confusion. There is a reference to these terms used in conjunction only one other place in Scripture in Jeremiah 4:23. In both cases it describes something God would never create but a state of being that was caused by some cataclysmic event. In other words, while God created the heavens and earth spoken of in verse one, He did not create it empty and in a state of chaos. Something had to have happened to make it that way. The verse spoken of in Jeremiah is an out take of a group of verses that describe a world system similar to the one in existence today, yet with some inconsistencies...

***"I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; and the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD, by His fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: "The whole land shall be desolate; yet I will not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black, because I have spoken. I have purposed and will not relent, nor will I turn back from it."***

Bear in mind this is not speaking of the earth prior to the flood of Noah because there is a reference to the absence of mankind. Yet this system was destroyed and made desolate, or void of life. I believe this a reference to an ecosystem that existed on earth long ago, before the Garden of Eden when life flourished on earth. I further believe Lucifer was given reign of this world and it was destroyed by God when he rebelled. Let me explain further.

From the opening line it is evident that the earth was in darkness. And the light spoken of here is not the sun as this wasn't initiated until the fourth day. This Light was the presence of God who is light. The indication of the Holy Spirit hovering over the waters is the signature of that. We can conclude from this that the earth was in total darkness prior to God's arrival in the form of the Holy Spirit. There are other references to God being light and in Him is no darkness. Jesus said He is the Light of the world. The absence of the physical light of the sun would wipe out all life on this planet and the absence of God would seal the possibility of it coming back. I believe this system was the one the scientist are showing evidence of its existence in the fossilized bones. The evidence of a cataclysmic event is the time God decided Lucifer's rebellion had to stop and He simply removed the sunlight and left this planet to hang in the total darkness. No wonder scientists find prehistoric animals with food still in their mouth frozen in the ice. They can't see how these animals died so suddenly. But, this theory explains it clearly. Only God knows how long the earth hung in total physical and spiritual darkness until the day He said 'let there be light'.

From the verses in the bible and the evidence found in the ground the sequence of events seems to be the following...

1. In the beginning God created first, the heavens then the earth. There is no way of knowing the exact date, but the scientific evidence seems to support millions of years ago. The bible does not directly disagree with this assumption.
2. When God came onto the scene in Genesis 1:2 the earth was dark, desolate and in a state of confusion. It is quite possible that a civilization that existed for millions of years that included all the

prehistoric life fossilized evidence presents, but void of mankind as we know it, came to an abrupt end. This seems to be the result of a worldwide rebellion of Lucifer, 1/3 of the angels and the life Lucifer was in charge of on the earth. His prideful beauty led him to falsely believe he could dethrone God.

3. When God created man on the sixth day, He put him in charge of the earth to tend it. This had most likely been the joyful past occupation of Lucifer long ago. So, naturally Satan comes after Adam to regain control of the earth.
4. When the Spirit of God hovered on the face of the waters, His presence brought with it the spiritual light that is characteristic of God Himself. From this time forward the clock started as God divided day from night and called out the first day. I believe the evidence support literal days as opposed to years. God is quite capable of creation in days, or instantly, if He desired.
5. The references to animals in the bible that don't appear today (leviathan, and others) are most likely creatures that have become extinct since the original creation in Eden.
6. Point three indicates a significant importance to earth and maybe even its location in the universe. No other planet was used to bring God's Son to so He could die for the sins of its inhabitants. According to the Book of Revelation, God will bring His home here, to earth. Kings normally have their castles in the middle of their realm. This may mean the earth is in the middle of the known universe.
7. The in descript mention of a past civilization prior to the creative acts recorded after Genesis 1:2 certainly doesn't mean God only created twice. There could have been multiple creative 'genesis's' on this planet over the course of millions and millions of years. The Word of God simply doesn't comment directly on this matter.

## **Conclusion**

We must be wise enough to seek the truth as completely as we can. You cannot argue with physical evidence. It speaks for itself. As a believer, you should not disagree with God's Word. It is inerrant. Somehow the two must be joined as logically as possible. The scenario described above is my own way of accomplishing this.