

## **CLIFF NOTES FOR SCIENCE DESTROYS THE EVOLUTIONARY PARADIGM**

The humanist manifesto of 1933 claimed that the universe is self-existing, not created, and that man is a part of nature, having emerged as a result of a continuous process via evolution. Creationist and theologian Tim LaHaye rightly defined secular humanism as embracing atheism, evolution, immorality, human autonomy and ultimately globalism. John Lennon of the Beatles immortalized this philosophy in his lyrics for *Imagine* using these words, “Imagine there is no heaven, it’s easy if you try... And no religion too, Imagine all the people living life in peace.... Humanists have been highly successful within America’s contemporary society at portraying evolution as a fact via media and internet sources. Their greatest success is the mass indoctrination of our youth largely through our public school system.

Given the humanist’s mantra declaring that evolution is a fact, one must ask why this tact is so powerful. In opposing this premise, we need look to Jean Piaget, the Swiss psychologist, who described the assimilation of facts as indicative of a concrete-operational level of cognitive development and an intellectual level of a 7 to 11 year-old child. Proponents of evolution are clearly saying, “Trust us, we are right, do not question our facts.” The churches’ approach to children and adults alike in sharing God’s Holy Word, whether it is via a Bible class format or in a Sunday morning sermon, is to also present God’s Word as fact/truth. A common proof text in this regard is II Peter 1:21, “For no prophet was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” This approach toward ministry is based on the recognition that the Scriptural narrative is the world’s only coherent and valid philosophy as contrasted with all other man-made religions. However, in refuting Christianity, proponents of evolution claim their philosophy is backed by science in contrast to Scripture which is characterized as myth. Therefore, Christians must move past accepting this apparent stalemate as Paul did in confronting the false philosophies in Colossians 2:8 by stating “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than Christ.”

In approaching this problem, creationists must understand that there are actually two meanings of the term science, one being observational science and the other, historical science. With observational science, experiments are performed resulting in clear and observable results. In contrast, historical science deals with events for which there are no direct evidences to support specific conclusions. Therefore, the historical sciences including archaeology, astronomy, astrophysics, cosmology, geology and paleontology are actually based on unproven assumptions. Considering this fact, it is easy to appreciate the mantra supporting evolution, “the present is the key to the past.” As we begin to understand this worldview involving materialistic naturalism, we realize that evolution is actually a philosophy opposing to all man-made religions. Fundamentally, the theory of evolution is based on the notion that the foundational components of matter, nature, chance events and “millions of years” have the power to produce the universe

and all life on planet Earth. The fact is that these foundational components are powerless to generate the universe as the following evidence illustrates:

- Existence of matter – Matter is not self-existent as required by the storyline of evolution; therefore, not being of natural origin, evolution's only default is that matter is the result of a supernatural event.
- Aristotle (384-322 BC) established a model for a geocentric universe with the Earth at its center surrounded by concentric heavenly bodies, the planets and stars. His was a "static universe" that was unchanged throughout eternity.
- Around 1850 Rudolf Clausius and William Thomson codified the First Law of Thermodynamics (Conservation of Matter). This law stated that matter can be converted into energy and vice versa; however, it also confirmed that there is absolutely no scientific or naturalistic explanation for matter occurring spontaneously which, by default, infers that matter could only be of supernatural origin.
- In 1929 Edward Hubble documented the expanding universe with his new and more powerful telescope via his documenting of the red shift. This event occurs when light waves are stretched resulting in longer wave lengths. As observed from Earth, the light from most objects in the universe are redshifted suggesting that celestial objects are moving away. Some believe that this discovery proved that the universe had a beginning and also confirmed that the universe had a cause, namely a Creator. The Big Bang theory was an outgrowth of Hubble's discovery and theorized that the original matter that comprised the universe was a compacted bit of material termed the "singularity," however, this construct has never having been clearly described and the origin of the singularity is unexplained. Therefore, the heart of the Big Bang theory is the pre-existence of matter, a premise for which there is no naturalistic explanation. Of course, the unacceptable alternative for secularists would be that matter is of supernatural origin.
- By the 1920's astronomers first established that the universe was expanding. Since Einstein believed the universe existed in a "steady state," expanding but maintaining a constant average amount of matter, he added a cosmological constant a fudge factor to support the construct of an eternal universe. This he later called this the greatest blunder in his career. There is an urban legend that Einstein changed his perspective when he visited Edward Hubble on Mt. Wilson to observe the red shift. However, research suggests that his reevaluation occurred after many encounters with the most influential astrophysicists of his generation.
- Nature – Nature is a term which evolutionary scientists attribute to being an active force in the development of life forms and observable physical processes on Earth.
- In 1850 Louis Pasteur's ingenious experiment using a nutrient broth rejected the ancient world's adherence to the spontaneous generation of life forms. His law of biogenesis stated that only life produces life, therefore offering nature no starting

- point for the emergence of life from inorganic or inanimate substances and deeming evolution an impotent process.
- The Miller-Urey experiment of 1953 attempted to prove that life developed solely via natural causes. This experiment endeavored to show that electrical discharges or lightening could produce simple organic compounds that could then combine to produce more complex compound and eventually life. However, there is no evidence to suggest the composition of the early Earth's atmosphere. Secondly, the products of the reactions in this experiment were removed from the reaction chamber; otherwise they would be destroyed by the electrical charges that produced them. The efforts of these scientists were unsuccessful due to the utter complexity of the various proteins involved in life processes. Even today few evolutionary scientists attempt to experiment in this area due to the astronomical complexity of a cell and life itself. Furthermore, they would not want to bring attention to this unsolved problem.
  - Chance – With regard to the theory of evolution, valid scientific laws have shown that matter has no spontaneous origin and natural processes are incapable of creating life. Science has thus rejected these two foundational cornerstones of the evolutionary process - matter and nature. Therefore, it is rather silly to even consider the probability of events that have no basis in reality. Furthermore, as we examine the various supposed proofs for evolution such as natural selection or genetic mutations, it is not surprising that we find these proofs are either unfounded or incoherent. The fact is that mutations consistently result in the loss or destruction of genetic material and therefore cannot represent a process resulting in the progressive development of life forms. However, God's original, perfect creation is not random and personifies true order, logic and morality, having the hallmark of design, not chance. During the first century AD Paul made mention of this fact in Romans 1:19-20, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." Additionally, creationists including Galileo, Kepler and Newton noted God's design as they studied and marveled at the fine-tuned nature of the universe.
  - "Millions of years." - These expansive periods of time add nothing to the vacuous theory of evolution, given the fact that its previously defined pillars including the spontaneous generation of matter, the futility of nature producing life and senseless dimension of chance generating design do nothing to support this senseless theory.
    - Dinosaurs represent the primary method of introducing the construct of "millions of years" to children. Being at a relative primitive level of cognitive development, pre-adolescents typically believe what they are told, therefore accepting dinosaurs as examples of prehistoric creatures as a fact. Consequently, the disingenuous nature of the evolutionary perspective is to implant this pivotal "seed" within the minds of our youth at this very vulnerable time of their lives. A massive amount of evidence for

dinosaurs living within a biblical timeframe is denied by these secularists. Yet history is replete with references to “dinosaur like” creatures (dragons) and various representations as found in ancient cultures across the face of the Earth. Furthermore, the term “dragon” occurs within the languages of the peoples on numerous continents. Contrary to supporting the “millions of years” was the finding of Mary Schweitzer, an evolutionary paleontologist from North Carolina State University. In 2007 she discovered intact blood vessels and blood cells in the thigh bone of a *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Scientists can offer no rational explanation of how this organic material could have avoided the process of decomposition for 65 to 230 million years, which is demanded by the secular theory of evolution. It is not that similar finds of soft tissue have also been found in supposedly prehistoric samples; the basic problem for evolutionary scientists is that the evidence found by Mary Schweitzer, “one of their own,” unmistakably contradicts their mantra of “millions of years.”

- To support a concept or theory, it is commonplace for evolutionist scientists to create visual representations of their hypotheses. Consequently, the geologic column was developed to illustrate the supposed history of the world and the various life forms that evolved during specific timeframes. However, this visual construct represents less than 1% of the rock strata on the Earth’s surface. In many places the rock layers do not agree with the sequences found in the published “geologic column;” however, all of these layers give evidence for Noah’s Flood. Many of these layers extend across continents with some sedimentary layers of North America extending as far as Europe. Within these rock layers discrete biological forms and no transitional forms are found, this documenting the proclamation of Genesis 1 regards God’s creation of specific “kinds” in contrast to supporting evolution’s theory of the transition from molecules-to-man.
- Radiometric dating, the gold standard used by evolutionary scientists, is based on a number of unprovable assumptions that have been shown to be neither valid nor reliable. One example of this involves the radiometric dating of rock materials resulting from the eruption of Mt. St. Helens on May 18, 1980, which range from 350,000 to 2.8 million years of age. Additionally, the results of the Carbon-14 dating technique used in testing organic matter yields results well within the range of a young Earth timeframe.

A helpful acronym in recalling the foregoing supposed pillars of evolution is Mother (material) Nature (nature) Champions (chance) Magic (“millions of years.”) When dealing with the issue of origins, realize that the heart of the evolutionary storyline involves making much “noise about low hanging fruit” such as Darwin’s tree of life, the “millions of years” and/or the supposed transition from the great apes to man. Understand that this manipulative device is a ploy deflecting focus from the inherent fatal flaws and contradictory nature of evolutionary theory. Since science has been historically defined as based wholly on human reason, Scripture has been relegated to a mythical status. In contrast to the tact of secularists, the preponderance

of time, money and efforts of creation scientists and apologists is often spent dueling with proponents of evolution over various areas of evidence. These efforts represent distractions for which evolutionary scientists have developed unshakable assumptions based on their religious dogmatism of materialistic naturalism. Therefore, a far more productive approach would be to attack the indefensible foundations of evolutionary theory: matter, nature, chance and “millions of years.”

Even without referencing Scripture, definite rational for the creation of the universe, nature and life are self-evident. Historically, philosophers have pointed to three arguments in this regard: teleology, cosmology, and morality. Socrates (470-399 BC) formulated the teleological argument for an intelligent creator based on the universe being marvelously fine-tuned and therefore designed. The cosmological argument for God was offered by Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), an Italian theologian who stated that anything that exists has a beginning and therefore a cause. In contrast, the early Greeks assumed that the universe was eternal. William Paley (1743-1805), an English clergyman and forerunner of the contemporary intelligent design movement, used the metaphor of finding a watch while on a walk through the heath. In offering this construct, Paley pointed to design, a Creator and rejected the notion of design being a chance occurrence. Additionally, in 1973 Brandon Carter proposed the anthropic principle which states that numerous and highly complex physical factors converge to make the Earth hospitable for life, this commonly referred to as the “goldilocks principle.”

Lastly, morality offers an unmistakable argument for God’s existence. This construct is inherent in the social fabric of man as was clearly delineated in the writings of the Christian apologist, C. S. Lewis. With Darwinian evolution, the survival of the most fit has resulted in society adopting the immoral practices of abortion, euthanasia and Hitler’s attempted creation of a master race in Germany through eliminating the supposedly defective and inferior people groups. Therefore, although proponents of evolution give voice to the construct of morality, they do not and cannot rationally support this construct since a non-material concept such as morality is contradictory to a philosophy which claims that only material constructs exist. In this, proponents of evolution consistently contradict themselves since, in opposition to their reliance on chance events, given the marvelously God-ordered mind of man, they use logic and the language of mathematics to defend their fabricated theory. In truth, by their efforts to reject their Creator-God, they are actually witnessing to his existence.

Robert Jastrow, an American agnostic astronomer and physicist believes there is nothing beyond material phenomena, claiming neither a belief nor unbelief in God. However, contrary to his philosophical position, he explained his confusion as follows: “At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

Some ask, “What is the only true religion if indeed there is one?” Others may claim that all religions are the same. Ravi Zacharias answers these concerns in his explanation of why

Christianity is the only religion offering coherent answers that stand the test of time. He points out that Holy Scripture answers life's four most basic questions: origin, meaning, morality and destiny. Within this paradigm, Scripture presents empirical evidence, logical reasoning and a coherent philosophy. In terms of origins, God created the universe and all within it out of absolutely nothing by his almighty Word, perfect in every respect like God himself. However, God did make man from the dust of the ground. Man lost that perfect image of God through Adam's sin. The true meaning in life comes via the work of the Holy Spirit with man through coming to faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Redeemer from sin and sharing this wonderful message with others. Morality involves accepting and following God's rules and respecting and worshipping him as the Creator-God. Man's true destiny is found in receiving the free gift of eternal life in heaven and living there with God and worshipping and praising him throughout all eternity.

Martin Luther, in challenging the abuse, corruption and dogma of the Catholic Church, stated that man's awareness of God is based on the existence of the universe, man's conscience and Scripture. Philosophers such as C. S Lewis have pointed to the conscience of man as evidence for a Creator since matter cannot possibly produce non-material outcomes. In breaking from the dogma of the Catholic Church, Luther vehemently accepted the supernatural hand of God in nature and, of course, within the Genesis 1-11 creation and global flood narratives. His truly authentic biblical approach is revealed in the following creation-related perspectives of Genesis:

- Genesis 1:1 declared that God created the universe out of absolutely nothing, the Hebrew word for "create" meaning to make from nothing.
- Genesis 1:12 states the following, "And God saw that it was good," meaning that God's original creation was perfect in every way, like God himself.
- Genesis 1: 12 & 24 records that God created plants and animals, all of which reproduce "after their kind," i.e., dogs bearing dogs, cat bearing cats, etc. The view offered by proponents of evolution requires transformations from lower to higher life forms ultimately resulting in the evolution of man. In opposition to this perspective, entropy (science's second law of thermodynamics) articulates that the natural state of matter is from order to disorder, therefore contradicting evolution's positive transformation from one "kind" to another. The notion that genetic mutations are the central factor in the evolution of life is highly problematic since mutations result in the loss and degeneration of genetic materials which, in man, generate diseases such as cancer and disorders including manic depression and various forms of mental retardation.
- Genesis 1:27 states that God instituted marriage between one man and one woman.
- In Genesis 2:17, God commanded man not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of "good and evil" in the middle of the garden; however, man did not follow God's command. Because of Adam's disobedience, he no longer lived in the perfect state of God's original creation, but was plagued by sin and disorder. Man's sin resulted in God cursing the ground making man's life one of toil until he passes this life in death and increased greatly the woman's pain in childbirth (Genesis 3:15-19). Furthermore, the Earth

suffered the curse of disorder, no longer being perfect. Roman 8:22 refers to this event as follows, “We know that that whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” A very important theological perspective in this regard is that God is not responsible for the pain and suffering that occur to man and the disorder that is within nature, these circumstances wholly being the result of man’s sin. Given man’s fallen state and God’s enduring love for man, God promised to send a Savior to redeem man from his sinful and lost condition. So through the sacrifice of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, mankind has the opportunity to live with God forever in a redeemed and perfect state.

Historically, creationist scientists have made phenomenal contributions to human knowledge. These include Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519; hydraulics), Johann Kepler (1571-1630; celestial mechanics), Francis Bacon (1561-1626; scientific method), Isaac Newton (1642-1727; calculus), Gregor Mendel (1822-1884; genetics) and Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778; systematic biology) to name but a few. Renowned scientists who were staunch opponents of evolutionary theory include Louis Agassiz (1807-1873; glacial geology), Lord Kelvin (1824-1907; energetics), Louis Pasteur (1822-1895; bacteriology) and James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879; electrodynamics). These geniuses are in stark contrast to the overwhelming majority of research scientists today who embrace the theory of evolution. A reasonable question to ask is what forces in society over the centuries have caused many within our contemporary scientific community to abandon the message of Scripture and the Genesis narrative?

To answer this we will begin by considering the Enlightenment, commonly referred to as the “Age of Reason.” This 18<sup>th</sup> century European movement rejected traditional authority and embraced only rational thought processes. Baruch Spinoza, a Dutch philosopher, pioneered this movement in developing the groundwork for biblical criticism by challenging the traditions of the Catholic Church and arguing that God is an abstract and impersonal being. An outgrowth of the Enlightenment was the scientific method, which in concert with Spinoza reliance on naturalism rejected any consideration of the supernatural.

The political and economic turmoil of the late 1920’s and 1930’s eventually produced the humanist movement that embraced socialist and communistic ideology. This ideology emphasized human autonomy and global control; it denied the existence of any god as a divine being. Man had become the measure of all things. The current evolutionary model reflects this same philosophy by denying any supernatural involvement in the universe. Consequently, matter must have been pre-existent, nature must be a sufficient force, chance events must be able to make products that look like they were designed and the universe must be old enough to produce the current state of things – the universe, the earth, plants, and animals and man without any miraculous or supernatural involvement. This deceitful worldview is offered to our youth as a fact with the goal of thwarting a careful examination of the various assumptions, fabrications and the incoherence of this empty philosophy of materialistic naturalism.

This philosophy of modernism developed in America as a rejection of European culture and the traditions associated with the Catholic Church. It pursued social progress, rejecting all religious and moral principles and ushered in a new era of permissiveness. Its proponents attacked the creation narrative as ancient myth, viewed the God of the Old Testament as a hateful and vengeful being, discounted Scripture's code of morality and adopted a higher critical method of biblical interpretation. Higher criticism exclusively used reason to scrutinize foundational disciplines of a society including theology. In attempting to undermine the original Scriptural message, the denial of prophecy, biblical inspiration and the supernatural was a given.

By the middle of the late 20th century the reactionary movement of postmodernism emerged. Simply put, postmodernists denied historical realities, reinterpreting history in order to gain power over others through their manufactured agenda. Therefore, revisionist history became a source of empowerment and propaganda for use in philosophical, political and social realms. For a postmodernist, there are no facts, only fictional redefinitions of history. In contrast to a Christian worldview which views history as the revealing of God's divine plan to redeem a fallen humanity, the postmodernist's perspective is that life is relatively meaningless, having no ultimate purpose.

Given the philosophical metamorphoses in western civilization and within America during the last few centuries, there has been a transition from a reliance on Scripture to reason, embracing the naturalism and rejecting the supernatural. These transformations have resulted in the secular reinterpretation of Scripture and the discarding of biblical morality. With postmodernists, history and Scripture has been reinterpreted for the empowerment of a variety of social causes. Therefore, given this ongoing avalanche of dis-information, it is critically important to challenge assumptions that undermine the veracity of Scripture in general and the Gospel in particular. This secular menace is most clearly illustrated with evolutionary theory which is endemic within our society. Therefore, a beginning consideration is to question built-in assumptions when they arise as they do within almost any conversation regarding origins, particularly with regard to the Genesis narrative and the age of the Earth. The apostle Paul's example in his speech in the Areopagus (Acts 17:23-34) is much like the ministries of young Earth apologetic groups such as Answers in Genesis and the Institute for Creation research which consistently confront the validity and reliability of the secular message of evolution. Paul's tact in challenging his Greek audience was to explain the veracity of Scripture and God's message of salvation through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

In summarizing the conceptual framework of the book, *Science Destroys the Evolutionary Paradigm*, our supernatural and perfect God created the universe and all within it in six literal 24-hour days. God himself offered a witness of this event in Exodus 2:11 as follows: "For in six days the Lord made the earth, the sky and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day." The Scriptural narrative provides a history of the Jewish people and of man's creation, his fall into sin and God's promise to redeem his people from their sinful condition. This promise was fulfilled when God send his only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to suffer and die, covering the sins of mankind in the sight of God.



At the most fundamental level, evolution's storyline violates the most basic scientific laws proving it to be a false and incoherent theory. Its proponents attempt to substitute natural processes (nature) for the acts of a supernatural God. This philosophy was initially an outgrowth of the Enlightenment (Age of Reason) that developed toward the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The scientific law regarding the conservation of matter and energy is a natural law and provides no valid scientific basis for the origin of matter. Evolutionary scientists, given their definition of the scientific method, demand that only human reason is used to determine outcomes. This premise leaves them in the untenable position of having no explanation for the existence of matter, and obviously, without matter there is no foundational unit on which evolution can proceed. Given this quandary, these so called experts have literally "painted themselves into a corner" since the answer to their dilemma is that matter is of a supernatural origin, being the result of an almighty God who created the universe out of absolutely nothing. Furthermore, the notion that nature is a dynamic force in its own right is baseless. Nature is a product, it is not a cause. The law of biogenesis rejects the spontaneous generation of life and leaves no viable avenue for nature to initiate the process of biological evolution. Adding chance events to this deceitful theory to bypass the creative act of an almighty God's is contradicted by the unlimited evidences of God's incredible design in nature and in the fine-tuning of the universe including the anthropic principle which states that numerous complex physical factors converge to support life on the Earth. As for the "millions of years" which supposedly support the construct of evolution, that consideration is baseless given a theory that is not supported by any valid scientific construct.

Proponents of evolution, having no actual scientific foundation for their theory, regularly relegate Scripture to the status of being myth. This most frequently occurs by characterizing the creation narrative and Noah's flood in the book of Genesis as allegory. Even some Christian denominations denigrate our supernatural God by attributing to nature unwarranted and creative powers and infusing "millions of years" into the creation narrative. This viewpoint implies that God used the tools of death and disease in the creation of man. Theologically, this makes absolutely no sense since it implies that God is contradicting his holy and perfect nature by utilizing sin and disease to achieve his creative act. Presenting this contradictory picture cannot only create doubt in the minds of some, but it can also generate unbelief in vulnerable souls. Additionally, claiming that man evolved after "millions of years" of evolution contradicts Christ's clear statement found in Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6 using these words, "From the beginning of creation God made them, male and female."

To those who embrace evolution, life is typically viewed as hopeless and without meaning. Furthermore, true morality is rejected in the face of Darwin's the survival of the fittest perspective which implies that only the fit will survive. When this philosophy is applied within a societal setting, it has been used to justify eliminating the weak/unwanted as occurs with abortion and happened with the holocaust in Germany during World War II due to Hitler's efforts to create a master race by eliminating of the infirm and the Jewish and Slavic peoples.

On a most fundamental level, skeptics need to be challenged to realistically think through the basis of their empty philosophy and offer a reasonable defense. This is exemplified by the Greek

word “apologia” which means to defend. Holy Scripture directs us to defend our faith in Jesus Christ with all meekness and humility as stated in I Peter 3:15 “... always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Therefore, with all gentleness and respect, it would be appropriate to confront individuals who accept evolution as a fact in order to help them reassess the validity of their empty worldview. One approach would be to ask questions which illustrate the contradictory nature of the philosophy of evolution, thus offering an apologist the opportunity to ultimately share how Scripture deals with the same matter and the coherence of God’s creation and his plan for man. Based on these apologetic cliff notes, questions such as the following would prove useful:

- What is the origin of the matter in the universe? Nature has no answer for the existence of matter; therefore, the only default is that matter is of a supernatural origin.
- How is non-living matter transformed into the incredible complex formations found in life forms? Spontaneous generation of life is rejected by the law of biogenesis; therefore naturalism again has no realistic answer for this most basic question.
- Since the law of entropy documents the ongoing transition of order to disorder of matter which is inherit within genetic mutations, how can the theory of evolution justify the positive transformation of molecules-to-man?

Such an approach attacks evolution’s indefensible positions on these four concepts: matter, nature, chance and “millions of years.” First, evolutionary theory has no scientific explanation for the origin of the “singularity” that supposedly exploded and eventually produced the universe. Second, evolution claims that nature possesses a force adequate to produce the universe from nothing. Third, evolution requires chance random events to produce the complexity and variety we currently observe. Evolutionists additionally argue that the complexity and perceived design of the universe are the result of random events. In their view, the universe just appears to be designed and that there is no supernatural designer. Fourth, “millions of years” is the final fallback position for the evolutionary paradigm. Someone has said, “given enough time everything can happen.” These secularists ascribe to time a creative power which cannot be verified. Any measurement supporting long geological ages to the universe depend upon countless unprovable assumptions. Not a single one of these evolutionary foundational stones can survive critical empirical scientific scrutiny. Therefore, evolution has no empirical scientific foundation.

In contrast to evolution and its byproduct of humanism, the Scriptural narrative offers a philosophy that is coherent, being a valid reflection of our perfect and loving God. This evidence of God’s compassion is shared in Isaiah 55:8-9, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Scripture truly provides a worldview that fits the facts, lacks contradictions and is useful in life. This

Christian worldview answers all of life's most basic questions in contrast to all other worldviews, these answers being offered as follows:

- The origin of matter, the universe, life, nature and man.
- The source of logic, order, fine-tuning and design in the universe.
- Man's ability to reason and his consciousness and feelings.
- How and why man and animals differ.
- The source disorder in man and nature.
- The origin of morality.
- Why there is evil in the world in the face of a good and perfect Creator-God.
- Man's relationship with his Creator and his purpose in life.
- Man's ultimate value beyond his earthly existence.

Helpful young Earth apologetic resources include the following:

- *Acts and Facts* – A free monthly magazine is offered by Institute for Creation Research.
- *From Atheism to Christianity*, C. S. Lewis' life story by Joel Heck.
- *Guide to Creation Basics*, available through the Institute for Creation Research.
- *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek.
- Internet sites including Answers in Genesis and the Institute for Creation Research.
- *Is Genesis History?* – A feature film.
- *Life's Big Questions God's Big Answer* by Brad Alles.
- *Mind Siege* by Tim LaHaye and David Noebel.
- *The Ultimate Proof of Creation, Logic and Faith*, etc. by Jason Lisle.
- Sources of apologetic materials, Answers in Genesis, Institute for Creation Research and Master Books.
- *10 Basics Every Creationist Must Know*, a brochure offered by Answers in Genesis.

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