

Doctrine of Godless Evolution-Part I

Prologue: This report was first written when my daughter was a student in West Lake High School, Austin Texas. She asked for another view since she was being taught a Godless evolution as fact rather than theory. I first undertook this self-imposed assignment in 1975 but over a period of several years, I have revised the document as new information became available.

Preface

Many of the most famous and influential Christian scholars and leaders of the last 150 years also believed evolution was compatible with the Christian faith.

Please note that several people on this list had complex ideas about evolution, which cannot be reduced into a single quote. Some were skeptical about the strength of the science, or had questions about how evolution could fit with Christian doctrine. I am certainly not claiming that their views are exactly the same.

But they all affirm that God's creative power *could* be expressed through an evolutionary process. None of them see an intrinsic conflict between evolutionary science and the Christian faith. Together, their voices are a striking departure from the assumptions of many people today. They did not indicate they had all the answers but clearly their views are most interesting.

[Billy Graham \(1918-2018\)](#)

“I don't think that there's any conflict at all between science today and the Scriptures. I think that we have misinterpreted the Scriptures many times and we've tried to make the Scriptures say things they weren't meant to say. I think that we have made a mistake by thinking the Bible is a scientific book. The Bible is not a book of science. The Bible is a book of Redemption, and of course I accept the Creation story. I believe that God did create the universe. I believe that God created man, and whether it came by an evolutionary process and at a certain point He took this person or being and made him a living soul or not, does not change the fact that God did create man ... whichever way God did it makes no difference as to what man is and man's relationship to God.”

[C.S. Lewis \(1898-1963\)](#)

“We must sharply distinguish between Evolution as a biological theorem and popular Evolutionism or Developmentalism which is certainly a Myth. [...] To the biologist Evolution [...] covers more of the facts than any other hypothesis at present on the market and is therefore to be accepted unless, or until, some new supposal can be shown to cover still more facts with even fewer assumptions.

“For long centuries God perfected the animal form which was to become the vehicle of humanity and the image of Himself. He gave it hands whose thumb could be applied to each of the fingers, and jaws and teeth and throat capable of articulation, and a brain sufficiently complex to execute all the material motions whereby rational thought is incarnated. The creature may have existed for ages in this state before it became man: it may even have been clever enough to make things which a modern archaeologist would accept as proof of its humanity. But it was only an animal because all its physical and psychical processes were directed to purely material and natural ends. Then, in the fullness of time, God caused to descend upon this organism, both on its psychology and physiology, a new kind of consciousness which could say “I” and “me,” which could look upon itself as an object, which knew God, which could make judgments of truth, beauty, and goodness, and which was so far above time that it could perceive time flowing past.”

[Dr. Francis Collins](#)

Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, gives a presentation titled, "Reflections on the Current Tensions Between Science and Faith," at the 31st Annual Christian Scholars' Conference at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

“That forces a conclusion. If you are an atheist, either it is just a lucky break and the odds are so remote, or you have to go to this multiverse hypothesis, which says that there must be almost an infinite number of parallel universes that have different values of those constants,” ... we are here and so we must have won the lottery, we must be *living* in the one where everything worked.”

But it is “because the alternative is that you have to see the hands of a creator who set the parameters to be just so because the creator was interested in something a little more complicated than random particles, ...”

The NIH director ... came to speak for himself and not as a government official, delivered a thoughtful yet provocative hour-and-a-half lecture last ... at the conference titled, “Reflections on the Current Tensions Between Science and Faith.” The theme of the conference was: “The Path of Discovery: Science, Theology, and the Academy.”

More than 300 scholars from 90 different universities participated in the three-day conference, June 16-18, where they were challenged to discuss and engage with one another on the topic of faith and science. The scholars interacted through 91 paper, panel or performance sessions.

A message from the keynote presentation, speaker Collins deliberated out loud about a question that the Big Bang theory cannot answer. Although the Big Bang theory explains how the universe started, it can't explain what happened before that.

Creation and Evolution

Unlike most evangelicals, Collins said he never struggled between his acceptance of evolution and his Christian faith. When he looks at evolution, he thinks it is part of God's elegant way of creation.

But 45 percent of Americans believe that the Earth is less than 10,000 years old. The Young Earth Creationism theory is "very incompatible" with what scientists have learned from physics, chemistry, cosmology, biology, and geology, emphasized Collins, who believes the Earth is over 13 billion years old.

He noted that even though billions of years sound long to humans, if God is outside of time then it might not seem long to God.

Collins also pointed out that when Darwin's evolution theory was first introduced, there was not unanimous protest from the Church. Many Christians saw that as an explanation to how God created the world.

"God is the author of it all and we just learn something more about the how," said Collins. "God is an awesome mathematician and physicist ... God's plan included the mechanism of evolution to achieve that, to create this marvelous diversity of living things on our planet."

His view of evolution being a part of God's creation plan is called theistic evolution, or another term is biologos. Bio is the Greek word for "life," while Logos means "word." So biologos would mean God speaking life into being.

Adam and Eve

Even more controversial than theistic evolution is Collins' belief that Adam and Eve were not the only people on Earth. Looking at today's genetic variations, there must have been an ancestral gene pool larger than that of just Adam (Eve, based on a literal reading of Genesis, came from Adam's ribs and therefore would have the same DNA as Adam), somewhere in the range of 10,000 people.

"I can't see how you get there by going through a bottleneck of a single individual," contended Collins about present-day genetic variations. "You have to carry along variation and variation requires a population. This could not happen if you have just one person as the ancestor of all of humanity."

"The geneticist noted that scientists have been able to obtain the DNA of several Neanderthals and they are 99 percent identical to the human genome, said Collins. Moreover, where there is a region with sequence variation in the genome of Neanderthals, many times geneticists will find the same variation in humans today.

“So, this is convincing evidence that Neanderthals and human have a relationship and that our founding population was thousands of individuals and not one person, Adam. So I think you can preserve the idea of a literal, historical couple (Adam and Eve) as long as you don’t try to say they were the only humans and we are all descended from just them,” contended Collins. “That second part science won’t support.”

“The former director of the Human Genome Project said based on genetic research, it is impossible to support the belief that people today all came from only Adam. Another benefit of accepting that there were thousands of people besides Adam and Eve is being able to answer questions from the Bible like: Where did Cain find his wife? Who was Cain afraid would kill him? How was Cain going to build a city with just his family?

“People in the world are hearing you can’t have both. It has got to be one or the other,” said Collins about choosing between evolution or creation. “The essential thing is we’re about the truth. A faith that basically asks people to disbelieve facts is not about the truth. If there are aspects about our Christian faith that has gone down that road, it is up to all of us to try to pull that back.

“Look at the facts, look at the truth, and in the process, admire all the more and worship all the more God the creator. But in the nonessential things, let’s not get too worked up about those options about Adam and Eve as long as they’re consistent with the facts.”

For Collins, a key principle he uses to harmonize science and his Christian faith is based on a famous statement by former New York Sen. Patrick Moynihan: “You are entitled to your own opinion, you are not entitled to your own facts.”

The Doctrine of Godless Evolution

Introduction

Creation By Fiat Defined: God created out of absolutely nothing by fiat the earth and all living things. The source was the Trinity with the active agent being Jesus Christ.

Darwin’s Theory of Evolution Defined: Living forms in the world have arisen from a single source which itself came from an inorganic form. The source of this definition is Dr. G.A. Kurkut, Southampton University.

Textbook writers sometimes get carried away by teaching evolution as fact and refuse to teach the ambiguities, mistakes, prejudices, and gross assumptions or even minor perturbations attendant with the theory, and even worse general science and biology teachers refuse the student alternative views.

Our study will set forth what the Bible says and provide insight into what some have called “evolution-the great intellectual fraud.” It will be done in such a way as to antagonize and, therefore, stimulate your thinking.

No one person or group of persons will ever prove God or what He purports to have done, after all, if we could prove His existence, He would not be much of a God.

The Background of Evolution

Evolution's Foremost Assumption: That evolution is the only theory worthy of study and the only "scientific" approach. Since most evolutionists assume there is nothing better than Darwin's theory, it must be correct. Creation by Fiat is considered "mumbo jumbo" religion and thus unworthy of consideration. Several evolutionists have in fact gone on record as saying, "Even if evolution is "scientifically" disapproved there is no way a reasonable man could accept creation by fiat. Quotations supporting this prejudice are legend.

W. W. Wheeler in his book *Creation by Evolution* writes: "no plea for the supernatural origin of anything is valid so long as there is a possibility of a natural explanation of its origin."

George F. Hutchinson, 1957 *Encyclopedia Britannica* writes: "if there is no choice, instead of accepting the supernatural acts of God, the scientist may have to assume that there have been changes in the laws of nature ...

Arthur Thompson in *The Outline of Science* has written: "But frankly the only scientific way of looking at the present-day fauna and flora is to regard them as the outcome of natural selection."

Ernest Hooten writes in *Up From The Ape*: "Just how fins developed into limbs is still a mystery but they did."

Calvin S. Hall writes in *The Inheritance of Emotionality*: "You may question, of course, whether rat intelligence is the same as human intelligence, but if you do put the question, you are really not an evolutionist and, therefore your view deserves little consideration."

Horatio Newman in *Evolution, Genetics, and Eugenics* writes: "There is no rival hypothesis except that outworn and completely refuted idea of special creation now retained only by the ignorant, the dogmatic and the prejudiced."

Prehistoric Man

Assumptions

The Earth is some 6,000,000,000 years young.

Fossil remains have been found as old as 6,000,000 years.

Textbooks show an orderly progress of man from lower forms to higher forms. The picture is a smooth flow from ape to cave man to modern man.

The *World Book Encyclopedia* along with an orderly evolutionary progress chart also offered in 1973 the following as fact:

"... fossil man is said to have been 1,000,000 years in age. The Ape is said to be 1,500,000." The encyclopedia goes on to imply the 500,000-year period between man and ape was to be surely filled with an ancestry tree of ordered progression just as soon as evidence could be 'dug up.'"

And then in 1973 a giant fly fell into the ointment. Her name was "Thoroughly Modern Milly." She was discovered by young Dr. Leakey who dated her at 2,800,000 years thereby blowing the sanctity of evolutionary theory. The gap was now something which must be somehow explained away. Worse however the often-published orderly charts showing man's evolution from ape to man must now be destroyed, lest the world find out the hoax was on us. Dr. Leakey with reference to his find said: "Either we toss out this skull or we toss out our theories of early man."

See *National Geographic*, June 1973 for an excellent article describing Dr. Leakey's find. Thoroughly Modern Milly was either misdated or she was to be a cause for great alarm to former postulations that the oldest ape preceded man by 500,000 years. She was said to be as modern as any fossil man ever found and yet she preceded earliest fossil man by thousands of years and worse she was 1,800,000 years older than homo erectus - the ape who walked.

Evolutionists began to scramble for plausible theories. Maybe the genus represented by Milly had become extinct and she simply began a new evolutionary journey. This was basically Dr. Leakey's explanation and then a few cynics were so thoughtless as to state "maybe the ape evolved from man."

The August 17, 1995 issue of the *Wall Street Journal* reported "Scientist said they discovered a new species of human ancestor in Kenya. They said a shin bone indicates the creature walked upright, which means pre-humans were walking half a million years earlier than had been believed."

The Associated Press reported on the morning of 11 August 1995 that this shin bone provided further substantiation of the hypothesis that man evolved from an ape. The bone was said to be three and one-half million years old meaning the prior postulations were in error concerning progressions. At the time, I wondered how far off other postulations and assumptions might be. As you read this document try to fathom how this shin bone could possibly be "further substantiation to the theory of evolution." The shin bone is another in a series of discoveries which tends to indicate man may be even older than the ape.

I think it is safe to say that as of today we still have no fossil evidence of an orderly evolution of man; in fact, what we do have indicates (at best) great gaps in the order of development from animal to man. Even some data supports an evolution from man, to primate, and then to a new genus of man.

Today, most agree fossil evidence seems to show that man began and then became extinct and then man's evolution began again because the oldest likeness to man ceases and a gap of animal fossils span long periods of time and then suddenly man "appears" to develop again thus making clear the adage "you can't keep a good man down" or perhaps better said "you can keep a very old man down but not for long."

Writing for the *New York Times* in 1999 John Noble Wilford spoke to the point that a new trunk on the genus of the human tree had been discovered or "what ever happened on the way to mankind's orderly but inexorable though inexplicable evolution.

The Times reported, "Paleontologists in Africa have found a 3.5 million year old skull from what they say is an entirely new branch of the early human family tree, a discovery that again threatens to overturn the prevailing undocumented supposition that a single orderly line of descent stretched through the early stages of human ancestry ...

Humanity's family tree, once drawn with a trunk straight and true, is beginning to look more like a bush, with a tangle of branches leading off in many directions. The new skull was discovered ... by a research team led by Leakey [1999] ..."

After careful analysis, it was concluded that the nearly complete skull and partial jaw represented not only a different species but also a completely new genus - virtually a new trunk on the tree of human evolution." To say the least, the previously held position that the fossil record supported an orderly progression from primates to homo-sapiens had to be rethought. The former supposition that the fossil record supported an orderly progressive picture of early man proceeding from hominid to modern man was now under attack by many well respected Darwinians.

Many evolutionists, however, held resolutely to the sacrosanct supposition that "no other explanation of man's beginning would be accepted." Nothing slowed their deductive postulations that Darwin's theory was correct.

Adding insult to injury, on Saturday, April 20, 2002 an article appeared in the *Washington Post* under the headline: **New Study Primates Roamed with Dinosaurs**. In the article Guy Gugliotta threw a significant monkey-wrench (no pun intended) into formerly hard and fast evolutionary theory. We are told in this article:

"Primates, the mammals from which humans evolved, emerged on earth much earlier than had been thought, originating perhaps 85 million years ago during the age of the dinosaurs ... Paleontologists ... place the origin of primates at 55 million years ago ...

“the researchers developed a statistical model that builds an evolutionary tree based on the number of primate species alive today (235) and the number of recorded fossil species (396) and their ages. By assuming each primate species would live approximately 2.5 million years the team was able to estimate the length of time that elapsed between the oldest known fossil primate ... by this technique the lead researcher Robert Martin concluded former theories of dinosaurs predating primates by millions of years were in error ... Robert Martin was quoted in the article “I’ve been arguing for years that there’s [sic] so many gaps in the fossil record that primates are probably much older than we thought ...”

As you can see scientists, in 2002, were finding need to make profound and wild assumptions and projections over millions of years. They were now faced with the revised supposition that “the mammals from which humans evolved emerged on earth much earlier than previously thought ...” Before continuing our study of Darwin and his theory I want to introduce a point or two about Creation by Fiat.

I personally am not sure which I prefer, an ape for an ancestor or an ape for a descendent but in either case I am glad that God said: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Let’s see what the Bible has to say about Creation, Chaos and Restoration.

Let's begin by reading what the book of Genesis has to say about the original creation, the ensuing chaos and the six-day restoration. I want to read from the New International Version of the Scripture Gen 1:2 through Gen 2:7.

NIV

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Gen 1:4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

Gen 1:6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."

Gen 1:7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so.

Gen 1:8 God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning--the second day.

Gen 1:9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.

Gen 1:10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

Gen 1:12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:13 And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day.

Gen 1:14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years,

Gen 1:15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.

Gen 1:16 God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

Gen 1:17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth,

Gen 1:18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:19 And there was evening, and there was morning--the fourth day.

Gen 1:20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."

Gen 1:21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

Gen 1:23 And there was evening, and there was morning--the fifth day.

Gen 1:24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so.

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