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Introduction

The Truth About Creation vs. Evolution

There is much debate between the Church world and the world of science about this topic. This great debate centers around two things:

1. Who are we?
2. Where did we come from?

This argument has been around as long as mankind has. I'm sure that this brief commentary will not bring this issue to an end. However, my hope is to shed some light on a (once) very controversial subject. Whether you sit in the evolutionist camp, or you embrace the creationist thought--it is all the same.

Creation and evolution are one in the same. One cannot exist without the other.

In reality, there is no conflict between the truth of the holy scriptures and science. The findings of science will; without fail--validate every written word concerning the Bible account of creation. The Bible will (in the end) be found to be truth. It is God's written plan for man. Whenever there seems to be a disagreement between scripture and science, be sure to recognize that an error has been made; whether by the scientific community or by theologians.

We peer into our distant past by both science and the holy scriptures and determine that indeed, change has taken place in the earth and in man. We also see the direction in which things have moved.

The course is predetermined and is always a moving out from a thought or idea; an enlargement of, or expansion to, a better place or completion for every creature.

In every examination, we see an effect, yet linked to that effect is a cause. Just as “cause” and “effect” go hand-in-hand, so also do “creation” and “evolution.” The first and the last, the beginning and the ending; yet it is the same.

Part I

Failure In the Christian Community

This world was created by faith. God used faith to do it. I will get to all this very shortly, concerning the creation and how God's faith created the worlds; but first, let us discover the reason for the debate. Why is there a debate between the Church and science of whether we were created or just simply evolved?

The knowledge of God is the key! The knowledge of God is faith! What is faith and how does faith work? The Church is, and has been, somewhat lacking in faith. If we do not know what something looks like, we will not recognize it when we see it. The same is True of faith.

Not understanding what faith is, we cannot recognize it when we see it. The Church's failure to see faith in the book of Genesis, results in the inability of the Church to relate faith to others.

If you are familiar with scripture at all, you may recall that when Jesus (the Son of God) came to mankind, he found that there was no faith in man. We see this in the many stories related. We also see the lack of faith related in the terms he (Jesus) used, such as, "where is thine faith," "thou of little faith" or "if you had faith as a grain of mustard seed."

The purpose of the gospel of Christ is a new life of faith. It is for a restoring of faith; a reconnecting to faith or the original plan, if you will.

The very first chapter in the Bible is an account of faith. Here, the faith of God is in operation. It is not just an account of creation, but it is a revelation of God's creative process. This opening book of the Bible is a revelation of a spiritual process, however, it has been interpreted with natural minds. This is the reason for the confusion. The natural mind views the things in Genesis with the idea they APPEARED in the earth the instant the creator spoke them. This is the reason many people poke fun at the idea the world was created in six days. It is the failure to recognize this was a spiritual operation. It was the operation of faith.

“But the natural man (mind) receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually understood.” 1 Corinthians 2:14

As we begin to look at the book of Genesis under a new light--that is, through the eyes of the Spirit; we will begin to see the truth of the word. We will see the unity of his creation and the unfolding (or evolving) of life itself.

Part II

The Creator of Heaven and Earth

In order to understand the creation, it is necessary to know something about the creator. I will use holy scripture to convey this information. We are told the creator of heaven and earth is also the author of the Bible; therefore, there is no better source from which to get an understanding of the creator, than from his own words.

The gospel of John states, “In the beginning of things the word was present, and that the word was with God, and the word was (is) God.” (St. John 1:1 paraphrased.)

All things were made by him (the word). What am I saying? According to scripture, the WORD IS GOD and the WORD IS the CREATOR.

Want to see something even more insightful and impressive? Colossians 1:16 says, “All things were created by him (the word) and FOR HIM; whether they are things in heaven, or on the earth. Whether they are visible or invisible, whether they are thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or even powers. He is before all things, and by him (THE WORD) all things (are upheld or maintained) consist.”

That means everything; cars, houses, money, cities, and towns; anything and everything was created by the word, and for the word.

The creative power of the word is released through speaking and thinking. Many people do not realize this is the same WORD that was present in the creation. I will not get very deep into this particular teaching concerning the “word in man.” My goal, in this book, is to relate the power of the word within the context of Genesis.

Part III

Understanding the Creative Process

As I stated earlier, man knows very little about God and how God works. The Church, for now, is in the learning stage.

For those who are believers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, scripture states, “the just shall live by faith.” This is a lifestyle. This is the believer’s way of life. This is also a challenge, as we are yet growing in faith. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the WORD of God.

Just as we are to live by faith, God lives by faith. He always has and always will.

Check this out! As it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations.”

This is God speaking to Abraham; God, who quickens (gives life to) the dead and calls those things which be not, as though they were. God called Abraham, a father of many nations; even before he had any children. In fact, he and his wife were both old, and in their minds had lost all hope of having any children.

Although some things are not visible to our eyes, God sees them and speaks as though they are with us. In reality these things ARE with us because they are spirit. Spirit is the real truth. Man has lived his life from the outside in; rather than living from inside out.

This is God's faith and this is God's way of doing things. This is God modeling His expectation of us.

Another example is found in St. Mark 11:11-23. As Jesus and his disciples were on their way to the temple, Jesus spoke to a fig tree which (afterwards) dried up from the roots and died. The point of the lesson was to HAVE FAITH IN GOD (THE WORD).

It was the creative word which effected a change in the fig tree. Jesus continues his teaching saying, "Whosoever shall SAY unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea: and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that THOSE THINGS which he SAITH shall come to pass: he shall have whatsoever he SAITH."

This is that same WORD the apostle Paul speaks of when he says, “That the WORD is in your heart, and in your mouth. That is the word of faith which we preach.” Romans 10:8-10

Let us take a good look at the book of Genesis. Here we will see that God is indeed the same yesterday, today and forever. He has not changed. God yet calls the things that are not seen, as though they were here with us.

Part IV

Six Days To a Master Blueprint

The Bible account of creation, and of God's creative process (in Genesis), is just that, an account of creation and a revelation of God's faith. It is a picture of what was to unfold (evolve) in the years to come. Creation was God's idea--a blueprint, if you will--of what will be the final outcome or outgrowth of this idea. Life was no accident, it was planned.

The idea of evolution standing alone, in and of itself, is inaccurate. Evolution (rightly-defined) is an unfolding. Just as a seed germinates and unfolds, so does creation. In other words, evolution is the effect, not the cause.

A good example of this is the automobile. The idea of the automobile was born in the inventor's mind (in his thinking). As pondering, and reasoning occupies the thoughts of the inventor so does creation. The creation of the automobile happened years ago; nonetheless, the evolution of the automobile yet continues today. It was the creation of the auto that brought about the evolution of the auto. Without creation there could be no evolving; and this is true of anything.

I submit that the entire first chapter of Genesis is a blueprint! Allow me to clarify this. The first chapter of Genesis shows God using his words, and his imagination (faith) to call life into existence. God visualized his plan. He saw things just as he wanted them to be. He used his WORD to shape them.

It was at this time, he gave quality, meaning and purpose to life--speaking and giving direction to all that was to come forth; although (at this point) nothing and no one had yet appeared on earth.

As Chapter One closes, scripture records, “And God saw (visualized) everything that he had made, and behold it was very good, and the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” God saw or VISUALIZED a world that was very good. This is His hope.

Our imagination is a gift. It is a part of our great wealth as sons. We have the same creative ability as our father (God). Never underestimate this gift and its power. Take a look at what scripture has to say about our imagination.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but MIGHTY through God, to the pulling down of strong holds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalted itself against the KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, and bringing into captivity EVERY THOUGHT to the obedience of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

It is vital to our success and well-being that we maintain control of our every thought, as well as any passive imaginations. Uncontrolled thinking can lead us into harm and/or bondage. However, when we truly understand this great gift and use it, we will come into the fullness of our inheritance. This is the place of germination, in the imagination--in the creator's imagination that is. This is the place of our hope.

Part V

Evolution--The Unfolding of a Masterpiece

Evolution is actually the unfolding of a creation. There are two things I would like to point out regarding this unfolding. First, in Genesis 2:1-6, the earth was yet void to the naked eye and in blackness, even though God had spoken the creative word. Germination takes place in blackness (darkness). (God called those things which were not as though they were.)

Second, this literal creation took place in only six days. However, keep in mind, it was a spiritual process. Between the closing of Genesis One and the first seven verses of Chapter Two, it is

possible that millions of years passed before anything appeared on earth. At this point in scripture, there is no suggestion of anything less than that.

In reading Chapter Two, we begin to see the first evidence of the unfolding (evolution) of God's creation (blueprint). The very first verse in Chapter Two makes it very clear that God had finished all of his creation and yet the scriptures that follow states that NEITHER plant, animal, nor human life WERE PRESENT in the earth as of yet. How can this be, you say? Remember, Chapter One covers a six day photo shoot that now must develop or evolve.

I believe, what is revealed here is clear. Creation and evolution both exist and both work together in life's scheme of things. You can't have one without the other.

To be a creationist, only, is to be incomplete. Likewise to be an evolutionist, only, is to be incomplete.

If we are truly advancing, changing, developing, growing and becoming a more complete species (and we are!) then, of necessity, we must have come from *somewhere*. That *somewhere* is from an idea--God's idea. We came from the mind of our creator. Understanding this is more important than anything else we embrace. Within that mind, lies our purpose for being. Everything is held within the gravitational pull of the creator's imagination and the creator's hope.

If what I have stated here is true (and I believe it is), then we must look a little closer at the scripture (God's Word) for understanding.

We know the scripture has stated that man was created on the sixth day. Again, this creation was a picture of man, and what he was to look like in the end.

It is also recorded in Genesis 2:7, that God formed man from the dust of the ground. Did you notice we have a new word we did not have before? The word is “formed.” God formed man from the dust of the ground. This was not a one day event. It has taken much time for this to happen; that is for man to come up out of the ground. Keep in mind, all land creatures (not just man) came from the dust of the earth.

Many people are concerned whether we came from apes. I do not think it makes much difference what we look like at this moment, but the end result is what really count.

I am not aware of what we looked like during the various stages of that formation, however, according to the word of God we came from the ground; yet it is our final destination that is of greater importance.

The course we're on, is linked to the original idea; a direction that follows on to the perfect man. That is God's idea of what we are to become. It is time we be certain about our destiny. The written Word of God is too profound, and the bible filled with too many witnesses not to believe. The book of Genesis was recorded by Moses directly from the mouth of the God. This took place many years after the creation. The writings are infallible. They are a greater testimony than that of science; however, science will one day verify the truth of our beginnings.

We must, look back and seek to know, and understand the true revelation of Genesis.

The truth is: creation must be understood in conjunction with evolution. Teaching evolution without the knowledge of creation is like growing a plant without the seed. It is like the automobile coming into existence without the benefit of a designer. Likewise, rightly understood, creation needs an outlet and that outlet is evolution.

In closing, let both the creationists and evolutionists consider the words of the Prophet Isaiah, “come let us reason together.” As the will to reason together comes about, so will our ability to clearly see that, indeed, there is a oneness in the great scheme of things.

We will understand that we are a seed from the mind of the creator; A seed that is unfolding carefully and perfectly, until there stands (in clear view) a world of perfect order and beauty. We will discover and see that all of creation and all that has evolved, is indeed very good.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ. According as he hath chosen us **IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION** of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.”

Ephesians 1:4