

## Creation and Evolution

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Questions on evolution:

*Why do people even believe in evolution?*

“Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. **The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**” (1 Cor. 2:12-14)

Man always looks for natural, or scientific explanations, in preference to spiritual ones. An example is in John 12:28-29: “Then a voice came from heaven: ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’” Some are able to discern the voice of God; others hear only thunder.

The Bible is a spiritual book. It affirms God as Creator without naturalistic explanations and justification. “God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’” (Ex. 3:14)

*How did the theory of evolution come about?*

In the early 1800's, geologists began to propose a much older age for the earth than previously thought and naturalists discovered thousands of fossils of extinct animals. Charles Darwin in 1858 published *The Origin of Species* taking advantage of that supposed time to explain how organisms could arise from others. Although written as a scientific theory independent of religion, evolution was immediately used to attack the credibility of Scripture.

Before Darwin's theory it was generally recognized that the universe must have some intelligent being behind it. Not everyone, however, saw that being as a God who was personally involved with mankind, and who could love men to the point of sending a Savior to redeem them. Unbelievers were plentiful before Darwin. He just gave them a theory to justify their unbelief.

*How can something come from nothing?*

It can't. In its search for a beginning point, the theory of evolution has been extended all the way back to the origins of the whole universe. The big bang theory says that all matter “evolved” from a single point of almost infinite energy. There are some unresolved problems with this theory (look up Variable Speed of Light). And science admits it cannot see past that point in time to anything that came before.

Even if life evolved from simple organisms, there can be no fossil evidence of the first organisms. Francis Crick, a co-discoverer of the structure of DNA, at one point proposed that

the first DNA on earth was brought by space aliens because he could not see how it could arise by itself.

God alone can turn nothing into something: “God ... who gives life to the dead and **calls into existence the things that do not exist.**” (Rom. 4:17). “By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that **what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.**” (Heb. 11:2).

*How can I defend my faith?*

The basis of the Christian faith is the cross where Christ Jesus died so that sinners may repent and inherit eternal salvation. It is not a scientific theory. To debate creation on its scientific merits is to shift the ground from the spiritual to the natural, where the natural man has home field advantage.

The Christian’s experience confirms the Bible’s teachings on matters that can be observed: the sinfulness of man, redemption through faith, the working of the Holy Spirit. Written history confirms its prophecies. Nothing in Scripture contradicts scientific principles that have been established through direct observation and experimentation. In fact, the Bible has hints of scientific principles that were only recently discovered:

- The universe had a beginning (big bang theory)
- Light (electromagnetic radiation) is the fundamental cornerstone of the universe. In commonly held scientific theory, it was the first thing that existed and its speed is the only thing that is constant (Gen 1:3)
- Time is not eternal, but was created along with the material universe (Gen. 1:14)
- The universe is expanding outward (Psa 104:2)
- Someday the universe will curl around and collapse in on itself (Rev 6:14, Isaiah 34:4, Psa 102:25-27)
- Three-dimensional space will end along with the material universe (Rev 20:11)
- Science has not explained what holds matter together (Col 1:17)
- $v$  = “vacuum expectation value of the Higgs field” = 1. If it were any other value, matter would fall apart, but the known forces on it would cause wild swings in the value

**It is entirely logical to believe the Bible’s account of creation, an event which science did not observe and cannot replicate.**

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth” (2 Tim. 4:24-25)