

"AM I MY KEEPERS BROTHER?"

TEXT: 1 Cor. 15:39

THESIS: To show that creation is a better explanation than evolution for the universe and the existence of man.

INTRO.: A. Missionaries and soul-winners often find that the best way to win people to a stable, confident, and lasting faith in Christ is to begin with Genesis and creation, stressing Christ as the offended Creator, Genesis as the only real record of creation, and our great need of redemption.

B. Evolution and Creation are diametrically opposed world views. You can't have it both ways. Either God created everything as the Bible says, or everything came into existence without a cause and randomly formed itself into the complexity we see in our universe today.

Genesis 5

ILLUS.: Briefly evolution teaches that life came from nothing and created everything. **VIZ #1**
The Bible teaches that God created everything in six literal days.

QUOTE: Dr. Allen Rex Sandage, the greatest observational cosmologist in the world, formerly an avid evolutionist, concluded: "The Big Bang was a supernatural event that cannot be explained within the realm of physics as we know it. Science (has) taken us to the First Event, but it can't take us further to the First Cause. The sudden emergence of matter, space, time, and energy (points) to the need for some kind of transcendence...It was my science that drove me to the conclusion that the world is much more complicated than can be explained by science. It (is) only through the supernatural that I can understand the mystery of existence." *The Case for a Creator*, Lee Strobel, p.70

NOTE: The third view: the Gap Theory, is nothing but an accommodation to evolution – an attempt to fit the evolutionary ages into the framework of the Bible.

I. THE BIBLICAL CASE FOR CREATION:

A. In the Beginning Was The Word:

1. Most people no longer believe the Bible to be the inspired authoritative Word of God – but it is!

Romans 3:3-4 **For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.**

2. The Bible is the only record we have of the creation event.
3. The Bible unequivocally teaches special creation – there is no hint of evolution in any of its 66 books!

ILLUS.: The writers of Scripture had never heard of Darwin, but they were very familiar with the concept of pantheistic evolution which has been taught since the dawn of civilization and the rebellion of mankind against a transcendent God and their ultimate Judge. As far back as Nimrod, the 13th from Adam (!), and down through the N.T. with the Stoics, Epicureans, and Gnostics, some form of naturalism has been popular.

B. The Beginning Was the End: (of creation)

1. That God completed His creation is stressed in the summary verses Genesis 2:1,2 ("finished...ended...rested")

NOTE: Creation is an event of the past and thus cannot be reproduced in the laboratory. The First Law of Thermodynamics agrees that no new energy is being created. This fact is not only stated in the O.T. creation account but is repeated in the N.T.

Hebrews 4:3 **For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although *the works were finished from the foundation of the world.***

VIZ: Genesis 4

2. Never does the Bible say "God IS creating" it consistently says "God created."
 - a. This creative activity was completed in 6 literal days, not in millions or billions of years.
 - b. He could have created the universe instantaneously, but chose to use 6 days as a pattern for man, as Christ said: **"*The Sabbath was made for man.*"**

Exodus 20:8-11 **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**

II. THE SCIENTIFIC CASE FOR CREATION:

A. Evolution: Science or Religion?

1. Neither evolution nor creation can be proven scientifically, but the confirmed facts of science correlate much better than the so-called evidence for evolution.
2. We have no problem with evolution being "believed", but belief is in the realm of religion, not science.

ILLUS.: Creationists believe in micro-evolution, but not macro-evolution. **VIZ. #5** Micro-evolution teaches that there is variation within each kind (which allow for adjustments to changing environments without becoming extinct), but with clear-cut permanent gaps *between* each kind.

- a. If evolution was true there should be thousands of transitional forms of "missing links" – but they are all still missing.
- b. The half-reptile, half-bird archeopteryx was once touted as the evolutionists prize transitional form; but it has been proven to just be an extinct bird.

ILLUS.: If I were an evolutionist I would cite the duck-billed platypus as some kind of example of a transitional form. After all it has fur, suckles its young **like a mammal**, lays eggs & has a duck-like bill **like a bird**, has a poisonous sac **like a reptile**, and spends most of its time in the water **like an amphibian**. But even the most ardent evolutionist must admit that it is just a unique mammal! Not a transitional form or "missing link."

B. Evolution: Up or Down?

1. The second Law of Thermodynamics states that unless new energy is put into a system it tends to disintegration, decay and death.
2. This is exactly what would be expected as a result of the fall of man – devolution - "the wages of sin is **death!**"

III. THE MORAL CASE FOR CREATION:

A. Evolution: Poisoned Fruit from A Poisoned Tree

Luke 6:44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

1. Evolutionists cannot point to a single positive good generated by evolutionary philosophy.
2. It can point to many failures and evils: Nazism ("super race"), Communism, Hedonism ("if it feels good, do it"), Humanism (man is God), materialism, etc.

B. Creation: Good Fruit from A Good Tree

Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

1. The truly great scientists were creationists: Newton, Kepler, Boyle, Pasteur, Faraday, Pascal, etc.

ILLUS.: Within the last decade the tides have begun to shift. A large number of scientists from all the various disciplines have begun to concede a First Cause or the concept of Intelligent Design. Over one hundred leading scientists have signed a document in support of this concept.

QUOTE: *Stephen Meyer, PhD, earned degrees in physics and geology, molecular biology and evolutionary theory:* "...scientific theory actually supports theistic belief...if it's true there's a beginning to the universe, as modern cosmologists now agree, then this implies a cause that transcends the universe. If the laws of physics are fine-tuned to permit life, as contemporary physicists are discovering, then perhaps there's a designer who fine-tuned them. If there's information in the cell, as molecular biology shows, then this suggests intelligent design. To get life going in the first place would have required biological information; the implications point beyond the material realm to a prior intelligent cause...(Science) may try to exclude this possibility by restricting religion to mere matters of morality, but the writers of the Bible did not see fit to limit their claims about God to the nonfactual domain that (scientists) have allocated to religion. Now, there might be some religions that can fit comfortably with NOMA (non overlapping magisteria – limiting religion to morals). But biblical Christianity – because it's built not just on faith, but on facts – simply cannot. *The Case for a Creator*, Lee Strobel, p. 74

2. True science and the Bible are on the same page, and open-minded scientists are not only rejecting Darwinism and evolutionism, but they are adopting the concepts of biblical revelation.

QUOTE: Jonathan Wells, PhD, PhD, the Discovery Institute, Seattle, a senior fellow with the Institute's Center for Science and Culture, and former atheistic evolutionist stated: "...the case for Darwinian evolution is bankrupt. The evidence for Darwinism is not only grossly inadequate, it's systematically distorted. I'm convinced that sometime in the not-too-distant future – I don't know, maybe twenty or thirty years from now – people will look back in amazement and say 'How could anyone have believed this?' Darwinism is merely materialistic philosophy masquerading as science, and people are recognizing it for what it is." *IBID*, pp. 65,66

3. Missionaries have rescued civilizations from paganism, primitivism, demonism, the occult, shamanism (witch-doctors), disease, and superstition.
4. Churches have built hospitals, colleges, universities, rescue missions, etc. for the good and enrichment of society – liberals steal them from their Bible centered base and turn them into factories of Bible rejecting atheists.

CONCL.: I am NOT the keeper of my brother in a zoo somewhere, but I am to be my "brother's keeper" in the sense that I am responsible for others. And unless we believe in the Biblical creation account, we are merely monkeys out of cages headed to oblivion.