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Evolutionists Say Amazing Things

Dawkins: Evolution is an “Implausible Theory”

Richard Dawkins, Ph.D. in biology and international champion of evolution for the past 41 years, wrote many books to show evolution is true. In one of his more recent works, *The Greatest Show on Earth*, he quickly summarized six of his previous books which attempted to convince the reader to believe in billions of years. He then wrote, “Looking back on those books, I realized that the evidence for evolution was nowhere explicitly set out, and that this was a serious gap that I needed to close.” To close that gap, he wrote *The Greatest Show on Earth*, “This book is my personal summary of the evidence that the theory of evolution is actually a fact—as incontrovertible a fact as any in science.”

Dawkins closes his “summary of the evidence” for billions of years with the chapter, “*There is Grandeur in This View of Life.*” As he wraps up that last chapter and closes the book, he makes a remarkable admission [*italics in original*],

The theory that we seek, of the origin of life on this planet, should therefore positively *not* be a plausible theory! If it were, life should be common in the galaxy. Maybe it is common, in which case a plausible theory is what we want. But we have no evidence that life exists outside this planet, and at very least we are entitled to be satisfied with an implausible theory.¹

This internationally famous defender of evolution, reflects on his

¹ Richard Dawkins, *The Greatest Show on Earth—The Evidence for Evolution*, hardcover ed. (New York NY: Free Press, 2009), 422.

(at that date) 33 years² of presenting proof for evolution, and determines he is “satisfied” to have an “implausible theory” of evolution!

That amazing admission is similar to what Dawkins wrote in his earlier 1986 best seller, *The Blind Watchmaker*, that evolution is “a leap of imagination so large, that to this day, many people seem unwilling to make it.” Dawkins writes,

A third respect in which our brains seem predisposed to resist Darwinism stems from our great success as creative designers. Our world is dominated by feats of engineering and works of art. We are entirely accustomed to the idea that complex elegance is an indicator of premeditated, crafted design. This is probably the most powerful reason for the belief, held by the vast majority of the people who have ever lived, in some kind of supernatural deity. It took a very large leap of imagination for Darwin and Wallace to see that, contrary to all intuition, there is another way and, once you have understood it, a far more plausible way, for complex “design” to arise out of primeval simplicity. A leap of imagination so large that, to this day, many people seem unwilling to make it. It is the main purpose of this book to help the reader make this leap.³

Dawkins seems to say that humans innately see nature as proof of a creator god, and that he wrote this book to help people reject that creator god. He also states that evolution is “far more plausible” than creation by a “supernatural deity.” Now, it is understandable that an atheist like Dawkins sees evolution as a “far more plausible” origins explanation than creation by a creator god. Yet Dawkins later admits (in our first quote above) that he sees this “far more plausible” origins explanation of evolution as “implausible.”

² Amazon reports that Dawkins’ early book, *The Selfish Gene* (1976), is a “million copy international bestseller, critically acclaimed and translated into over 25 languages.”

³ Richard Dawkins, *The Blind Watchmaker*, 2nd ed. (New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 1996), xix. [First edition was in 1986.]

It's almost as if, in these quotations, Dawkins is doing his best to prove God right, when God reveals in Romans 1:18-23 (EHV):

Indeed, God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who try to suppress the truth by unrighteousness. This happens because what can be known about God is evident among them, because God made it evident among them. In fact, his invisible characteristics—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, because they are understood from the things he made. As a result, people are without excuse, because, even though they knew God, they did not honor him or give him thanks as God. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless heart was darkened. Although they claim to be wise, they have become fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human, or like birds, four-footed animals, and crawling things.

God reveals that everyone knows a powerful creator god exists because it is evident in nature. Dawkins writes that our “brains seem predisposed” to belief in a creator god.

God reveals that those who reject their Creator God “claim to be wise,” but they “try to suppress the truth” and become “fools” as they replace their Creator God with gods they make themselves. Dawkins, claiming to be wise, suppresses the truth and asks us to make “a very large leap of imagination” by rejecting our Creator God and instead being “satisfied with an implausible theory,” a theory invented by people.

If only everyone would accept their Creator God whom they see in nature, and their Savior God whom they see in Scripture. Pray for those blinded by unbelief.

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