



How Did Life Begin?

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Have You Thought About How Life Began?

There are two competing world views regarding origins:

1. Evolution teaches us that stars have changed into people over billions of years, and that there never was a worldwide flood.
2. Creation teaches us that God created everything, including stars and people, thousands of years ago, and that there really was a worldwide flood.

We all see the same fossils, same rocks, same animals, and same universe. Why are there two world views?

Living Cells

The most basic unit of life is a living cell. We now know that even the most basic of cells is extremely complex. The experts in this field describe each cell as being filled with a large number of complex machines that function cooperatively. How could such an intricate system come to be, since every part of the cell would have to be fully functional from the start? Finding a natural process that can cause non-living chemicals to self-assemble into the first living cell appears to be an impossible dream.

DNA

The six feet of DNA in every one of the 100 trillion cells of your body contains all of the information needed to make your entire body. This DNA information is stored, read, duplicated, and acted upon by the many machines in each cell, so that they can make repairs to the cell. Where did this information come from? Experts tell us that information cannot randomly appear. The only known source of information is intelligence (in this case that would mean God).

DNA Changes

New varieties of animals have been produced both through natural selection, and through human selection of breeding stock. The many varieties of dogs are a good example. What are the facts concerning these changes?

1. You always end up with the same kind of animal with which you started. If you start with a dog, you end up with a dog.
2. All changes, even those from mutations, result in a loss or corruption of information in the DNA molecule.

Producing a new kind of animal would require new information, and none has ever been seen to occur.

Producing a new kind of animal through natural selection is impossible, no matter how much time is allocated, since the required new DNA information NEVER becomes available.

Radioactive Dating

Evolutionists use radioactive carbon dating to measure the age of things that used to be living. Various other radioactive dating methods are used to determine the age of rocks. All of these dating methods are based upon assumptions that have often proved to be wrong. Lava flows known to be hundreds of years old have been dated at millions of years old.

Since radioactive dating can return questionable numbers, evolutionists sometimes replace those measured radioactive dates through the following "more trustworthy" procedure. They date rocks by the fossils that were found in those rocks, and they date fossils by the rocks in which these fossils were found. This dating method is illogical, and it is often referred to as "circular reasoning".

Can Science Prove Our Origin?

Evolution is filled with scientific impossibilities in most of its facets, from the formation of stars and planets, to how life began and how new species emerged. Even though the scientific facts strongly point toward creation and away from evolution, the truth is that science CANNOT PROVE how life began.

Evolutionists START with a BELIEF that everything came about by natural processes through time and chance, THEN they begin to look at the evidence. Evolutionists do not consider creation as a possibility, because creation goes against their blind faith in time and chance.

Evolution is NOT science. Evolution is a belief system, just as creation is a belief system.

We Are All Rebels

By our very nature we are all rebels against God. We do not want a creator, because then we would be subject to the creator's authority. This is why evolution can be so seductive to us. In the Bible, God describes the corrupted thinking with which we are all born and how we can deliberately forget about God. Jesus' disciple Peter wrote the following words almost 2000 years ago, but these words describe the thinking of a modern evolutionist.

2 Peter 3:3-6 "In the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this "coming" he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.' But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed." (NIV)

Our Creator

In the Bible we learn the truth of our origins from the one who was there, God. The Lord God created the entire universe in six days. Adam and Eve were the first man and woman, and they are the ancestors of every human being. Originally Adam and Eve were very happy and content, but eventually they rebelled against God, and this corrupted their entire thinking. We, as their descendants, have inherited this corruption. That is why, by nature, we are so enticed by evolution with its promise to eliminate God.

Death and Suffering Begin

God created a perfect world. There was no suffering or death. People and animals lived in perfect harmony with each other. All animals and all people were vegetarians. There was no evil, only good.

When Adam and Eve rebelled, everything changed. They now had evil thoughts and desires, and they did evil things. In addition, they no longer loved and trusted God as they had. Their corrupt thinking (sin) separated them from God, just as our sin separates us from God.

Because of Adam's rebellion, God cursed the earth, causing weeds to grow. The animals were also affected, and they began to kill and eat each other. Suffering and death entered the world because of the rebellion of Adam and Eve.

The Flood

Adam's children married each other and populated the world. Over 1600 years passed and the earth became populated with people who did not care about God. Only Noah's family still worshipped God. After warning the people for 120 years, God flooded the entire earth with water. God saved Noah's family and 2 of every animal, using a large ship called an ark.

This year-long flood changed the face of the earth. The vast quantities of fossils, deposits of coal and oil, and continental-sized sedimentary rock which we find today are what would be expected from a flood that covered the entire earth. The earth is very different than it was before the flood. Many creationists think that dinosaurs become extinct because they could not survive in the post flood environment.

You can read the entire account of creation and the flood in the first 8 chapters of the book of Genesis, which is at the beginning of the Bible.

God's Answer

God answers our rebellion (our sin) with love. The Bible tells us in the book of John, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

God is carrying out His plan to restore creation to its original state of perfection. He desires to give everyone, including you, the free gift of eternal life with Him in heaven. *LSI*