

Creationism (A Reasonable Faith)

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Hebrews 11:3 declares, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Hebrews 11:6 adds, "But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is ..." Both Creationism (an eternal God creating the universe) and evolutionism (everything starting by chance) are faith-based presuppositions but Creationism is a reasonable faith whereas spontaneous generation by sheer chance is an unreasonable faith.

If we would believe what happened in the beginning, according to the revelation of the Bible, then we would know how the universe began. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The Bible teaches that creation was all a direct work of God since the Bible declares that "God said" (vs. 3), "God saw" (vs. 4), "God called" (vs. 4) and "God divided" (vs. 7). There is no evolution found in God's creation. None!

To believe in spontaneous generation (life comes from nonliving substance) would be a miracle and not science since life can only beget or produce life. The law of biogenesis is that life only comes from life. The evolutionist shoots himself in the foot, since it would take a miracle to produce life from nonlife. As a result, it takes more faith (howbeit unreasonable faith) to believe in evolutionary dogma (the miracle of life occurring from nonlife without a Creator) than to believe in the Biblical teaching of Creation (life miraculously coming into existence by the word of the Creator). Evolutionists must accept spontaneous generation by faith since there is no scientific evidence to actually *prove* this happened and since no one was there to *observe* it taking place 4 or 5 billion years ago. Job 38:4 asks the question, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?"

Richard Dawkins relegates design and the universe to what he calls "the watchmaker ... of the blind forces of physics." Basically, Dawkins is insisting that the blind chance of natural selection and mutations working together provided the mechanism for the evolutionary process. This is just a sophisticated way of saying that blind chance and evolution is the designer!

How rational and logic is this reasoning? The logic of creation is built into the universe (Rom. 1:20) which tells the never ending story that the universe is not haphazard or arbitrary. Believing in an eternal Creator is not a “lazy way out” regarding the origins of life, as Dawkins suggests; it’s the only way out! In fact, to conclude that life originated from primordial soup billions of years ago is a “loony way out!”

Evolutionists reason that God creating everything is a cheap and easy answer to a complex issue. However, to believe that a skilled craftsman put a Swiss watch together is not a cheap explanation or far-fetched idea. Every watch must have a watchmaker, every design must have a designer, every building has a builder, and every structure has an architect. Something cannot come from nothing and every effect must have a cause. Now this is a reasonable faith!

Richard Dawkins said in an interview that he believed evolution has been observed but then he added, “It’s just that it hasn’t been observed while it’s happening.” How scientific is this? We might similarly conclude, “It can be observed that New York City evolved by an evolutionary process of chance but we just didn’t observe it while it was happening.” And the evolutionists think the Creationists are crazy! From the complexity of a single cell to the eye of a human being calls for a Creator, Designer and intelligent Being called God – not what Dawkins calls a blind watchmaker!

Instead of everything coming from a single dot or singularity, or chemical reactions taking place in the inanimate matter of primordial slime, the Christian faith is more logical (Heb. 11:1) and can be viewed as a “reasonable” or rational faith that rests upon certain apologetic facts (1 Pet 3:15). The absurdity of “naturalism” (everything evolved by nature and chance) goes largely unchallenged today. Common sense and logic dictates that chance and enough time did not spontaneously generate everything in the universe.

Harvard professor George Wald wrote: “The evolutionist says, ‘Given enough time, that which is impossible becomes virtually certain.’” This is sheer doubletalk and illustrates the *blind faith* (not a reasonable faith) of evolutionists. Utter irrationality becomes the only “rational” choice. Although evolutionists want to wholeheartedly embrace natural selection (things evolving from previous material) their theory contradicts itself, since evolutionists must believe that the universe came into existence by blind

chance, that everything ultimately sprang from nothing, and nothing is responsible for everything (intricate design, morals, order, information, and intelligence). Evolution boils down to a matter of faith - blind faith. Since life is built upon information; it cannot begin without information. The philosophy of “mutations to men” or “particles-to-people” is grounded in faith; howbeit, an unreasonable faith.

The Bible says, “Professing themselves to be wise they became as fools” (Rom. 1:22). “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God” (Psalm 14:1). The wise man says: “There is a God” and Psalm 19:1 declares: “The heavens declare (they are telling, relating, celebrating, and making known) the glory of God (His splendor and the magnificence of the Creator); and the firmament (atmospheric and stellar heavens) sheweth his handywork (design).”

The saddest words ever written to me came from an evolutionist: “It would be nice to believe in something (something other than chance and evolution), as from where I stand, things look pretty grim.” I must agree with him. Things do look pretty grim or sad when you reject the light of reason and Creationism. How much better to believe in an eternal God who created everything, the only true God that exists outside of time and space, as we know it, and the God who sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal Himself to mankind and save him from hell? Outside of God and His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; John 6:47), things are pretty grim and hopeless. But through faith in Jesus Christ (His death and resurrection) we can have the hope of everlasting life in Heaven (John 14:6). This is a reasonable faith!