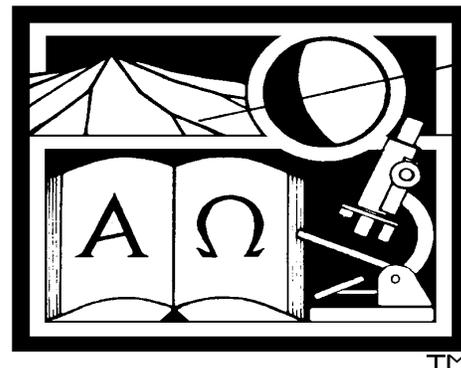


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Creation Evangelism

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I have just returned from my third mission trip to Perm, Russia. Like the other two trips, I presented the case for the scientific invalidity of evolution and the evidence that God created the Universe and life supernaturally. My presentations were advertised and I presented the lectures at two public meeting halls that I rented for the evenings. Each lecture was presented in PowerPoint and projected onto a screen. This year each lecture was translated into Russian by two natives of Perm who now live in England. I used three different, excellent interpreters to present my lectures. Each sixty-minute lecture was followed by a time of questions and answers. I also offered to schedule personal studies for anyone in the audience. The lectures were well received and good questions were asked.

I put many more hours into developing the presentations than you can imagine. The two who translated my lectures into Russian also put in many hours. I had the task of raising enough money to pay for the transportation to Perm, the various interpreters, rental of the lecture halls, my lodging, the costs for my Visa as well as many other expenses. I was also able to purchase several excellent books in Russian from Answers In Genesis, which I carried with me to give away in Russia. By June I felt so overwhelmed that I had determined that this would be the last time I would put forth that amount of effort for a trip to Perm. Are you feeling sorry for me yet? I didn't

think so.

I needed to tell you all of this because that is what my "flesh" felt like. Thankfully there is a "spiritual side" to this mission trip as well. I had been in prayer for my audience in Perm and I think several of you were in prayer for my audience and me as well. Thanks be to God! God has provided one of the very best experiences of my life. I cannot wait to put in a lot of work and return to Russia again next year.

You see, the lectures are important, but they are more important as means to opening the door for people who may never hear the Gospel message to hear it in the personal meetings I am able to have with people from my lectures. Jesus himself considered the salvation of even one person as incalculable worth. Do you remember Jesus' parables of the lost coin

and lost sheep? Well the angels rejoiced this again this year when another Russian had their sins removed by Jesus' blood.

In the space remaining, I want to explain why I feel so strongly about the worth of the message that can be presented in what I like to call "Creation Evangelism".

Question: Why is a proper belief in the Biblical Account of Creation important? Let's examine the two sides.

If evolution is true:

1 Man is no more special than any other form of life.

Our ancestors were bacteria-like

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organisms that evolved through 100's of millions of years to become all of the species of living organisms today from **amebas to humans**.

It is **not rational** to believe that **man** is anything more **special** than any other organism.

We care more about fellow humans because they are like us, **not** because of anything **intrinsically special**.

- 2 Man has **no soul** or real "spiritual" attributes.

Living things are merely chemical factories. Whatever the chemistry allows will be what happens. Man is material only.

- 3 Man's **religion has evolved** along with man's physical evolution.

The **Bible is merely one among many books** that contain the moral myths of the people who lived at the time of its writing. The Bible was **never intended to be scientifically accurate or contain literal historic truths**.

- 4 Adam and Eve were **not real people**. They were man's mythical ancestors.

Humans evolved by pure chance chemistry from ape-like pre-humans who had **no relationship with God**.

- 5 **Sin** did **not** come into the world **through any disobedience** by Adam and Eve.

- 6 There was **never a worldwide flood** that produced most of the fossil record.

- 7 **Jesus was mistaken** when he said that he **believed in a literal Adam and Eve**. He **endorsed misinformation** when he taught that Noah's flood was a worldwide punishment for sinful people.

- 8 If there is **no spiritual aspect to humans**, there is **no resurrection**. **Jesus' sacrifice was without meaning or real purpose**.

EVOLUTION IS ONE OF SATAN'S MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS.

THE BIBLE PROVIDES A DIFFERENT VIEW OF HUMANS.

- 1 Man has existed on Earth almost as long as the earth has existed.

Mark 10:6 Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'

- 2 Jesus believed the Bible was historically accurate

He believed Able was a real person Luke 11: 50,51 Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, 51from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

- 3 Paul believed Adam was the first human.

I Corinthians 15: 45 "The first man Adam became a living being"

- 4 Man is different from other animals. I Corinthians 15: 39 All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.

- 5 Man is immortal. I Corinthians 15: 51-53 For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

"Death has been swallowed up in

victory."

- 6 The very first people had language skills and could reason. Genesis 3 ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die... When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."

- 7 The first people could probably write. Adam named all of the animals and birds. He either had a great memory or he wrote the names down. - Genesis 2:20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

- 8 Man was a contemporary of all of the earliest animals while evolutionists believe that a majority of the animals had gone extinct long before man appeared. Genesis 1 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;

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male and female he created them.

9 Evolution concludes that man is amoral. **[There is no natural law to adhere to.]**

The Bible teaches that man was "created in God's image". Genesis 1: 26-27

10 The earliest humans could :

- Produce musical instruments. Genesis 4: 21 ²¹His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute.
- Produce metal alloys. Genesis 4:22 ²²Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron.
- Engineer and build a huge ship that worked. Genesis 6: 14-16 ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress[?] wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. ¹⁶Make a roof for it and finish[?] the ark to within 18 inches[?] of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

11 Evolutionists teach that the first humans were hunter/gatherers. The Bible teaches that the first human was a farmer and his sons Cain and Able were also farmers Genesis 2:15, 4:2 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it..... Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.

SO WHAT? DO OUR BELIEFS ABOUT ORIGINS MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

All of our beliefs and behavior are built on foundation stones.



Jesus taught that our choice of a foundation is important.

Matthew 7: 24-27

Does my foundational belief in the Genesis story of origins or evolution's story have any bearing on my acceptance of Jesus Christ as my savior?

If I am an amoral chemical factory and have no spiritual attributes.....**A savior** from my sins to reconcile me with a non-existing god is **not rational!** Moral behavior is not based on anything real.

Abortion, Homosexuality, Adultery, Euthanasia, Fraud, Murder, Stealing, and might make right philosophy is the result.

Would you like to live in that kind of society? Do you know the name of that neighborhood?

Its name is Hell!

If I really believe

- that somehow **I am a creature created in God's image** and that **I am spirit as well as physical.**
- If I believe that God gave us rules to live by
- Then **my behavior** can be based on a **real right and wrong.**

The **standard of my conduct** is based on the **instructions from a loving and wise God** who knows what is best for humans.

- If I believe that to have **relationship with the real God** is **possible and is desirable**
- If I really believe that my sins have forever separated me from enjoying relationship with God
- If I really believe that God provided a way to remove the barrier that my sins produce

Then Jesus Christ becomes the very attractive and rational right choice!

You probably noticed that my focus was on the creation of man. I believe that many other aspects of the creation story are important and I present many other ideas, but the question of, who man really is of most importance and must be presented. Many other topics will be more readily accepted after the person understands and accepts that they are the special part of God's creation. It is very difficult for an atheist to accept any part of the creation story. This is why I believe Creation evangelism is so important! I invite you who know and believe the message of Creation to use that message to help people to be motivated to consider the Gospel message.

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