

Problems with Evolution

Introduction

If *evolution* means only “change over time,” there is abundant evidence for it. We see erosion and build-up, mutation and adaptation.

The question is whether evolution can account for the origin of the universe and everything in it and whether it can produce change that crosses over from one kind to another.

The answer to these questions is a resounding “absolutely not.” That’s what the science says, and it bears out what the Bible teaches.

1. Cosmic (Inorganic) Evolution Problems

2nd Law of Thermodynamics—all things tend toward entropy; therefore, there had to be a beginning.

Ocean sediment
Moon dust
Decay of magnetic field

Current Evolutionary Explanation—Big Bang
Expanding Universe

Two problems

When do explosions produce order?
Where did matter come from in the first place?

Law of Cause and Effect: "Nothing cannot create something, and something cannot create itself."

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:14-16

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

2. Biological (Organic) Evolution Problems

- *Biogenesis*—Only life begets life.

If life developed elsewhere and was transported here, how did life originate elsewhere?

Aliens? Why not accept the historical record—In the beginning God created all things, including life.

- Complexity of a single living cell

Zero evidence that ordered messaging (DNA) can come from a non-intelligent source.

Even the simplest living cell must have all its parts from the start to function at all. It cannot gradually come into being (Darwin).

John 1:3-4

³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

- Animals reproduce according to their own kind.

For it to be otherwise, there has to be NEW genetic information. Random mutations and natural selection and adaptation area completely inadequate—statistically impossible. Negates the possibility of all

animals coming from a single ancestor.
(Darwin's Tree of Life)

Genesis 1:11-12

11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:21, 24

21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

"After its own kind"

Evolutionists like to say that what we observe is only the appearance of design and order, that in reality it all happened randomly. Why so willing to deny what appears to be so for a theory that we observe cannot work?

Zero transitional forms from one kind to another in the fossil record.

The missing link is still missing. What were thought to be transitional (ape men) turned out to be composites of scattered bone fragments, forgeries, and fakes.

Psalm 104:24

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all; the earth
is full of your creatures.

3. Origin of the Immaterial in a Materialist Universe

- Logic
- Science itself—requiring rational thought, analysis, evaluation
- Morality—no means of defining right and wrong

Love, imagination, creativity

What about theistic evolution?

Is it possible that God used evolution to create the universe?

- Hopelessly self-contradictory.

The universe has the appearance of order, but it is actually undirected and random, as directed by God.

- Presents a low view of God
He started up everything and then abandoned it (Deism).

He is disengaged or powerless.
He has allowed or been unable to correct millions/billions of years of suffering and death before sin entered the world.

But the Bible teaches categorically that God is sovereignly active in all of human history.

Colossians 1:16-17

16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Acts 17:24-28

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, **25** nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. **26** And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, **27** that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find

him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.’

- Guts the gospel.

If sin and its curse are not what brought suffering and death, then how does Christ’s death for our sin reverse the curse?

What happens to the dignity and purpose and accountability and redemption of human beings if we are not created in the image of God?