

Spiritual Discernment

Lesson 9: Darwinism
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Briefly review the main points from the last lesson.

- Multiculturalism is the belief that all cultures should be treated as equally valid. Its implied moral statement is that *multiculturalism* is better than *non-multiculturalism* (self-contradiction).
- Tolerance is the belief that any kind of behavior should be treated as morally permissible. It is notably opposed to the idea of an absolute moral principle—yet it is a moral principle in disguise (self-contradictory).
- Another problem with “tolerance” is that no one tolerates everything!
- Marriage has always been “discriminatory”—i.e., not everyone is allowed to get married. Discrimination does not imply *inequality* of the persons who are not allowed to marry.
- “You can’t legislate morality”—but in fact, morality is the *only* thing you can legislate (i.e., right and wrong).

Adherents to Darwinism claim that the theory of evolution is supported by overwhelming evidence. What are some examples you’ve heard of?

Darwinism is grounded in a *naturalistic* philosophy of science. *Atheism* is the starting assumption—which means that intelligent causes are automatically *excluded* from consideration.

Darwinism is a vain attempt to explain reality in the absence of a Creator. How does Romans 1:18-19 speak to this problem?

One of the underlying assumptions of naturalism is an old universe. What would happen to the theory of evolution if the universe was not “old enough”?

Part of the belief of naturalistic scientists is that time makes the improbable inevitable. Hence, all the complexity in nature was able to occur spontaneously.

Even scientists as brilliant as Stephen Hawking adhere to an irrational belief in “spontaneous creation.”

Many scientists say that we should keep religion out of science. What do you think they mean by that? Can you see how scientists are often blind to their own reliance on faith?

Unfortunately, many Christians have compromised by embracing Darwinism. We should recognize that Darwinism is an unbelieving worldview that cannot be reconciled with scripture. Put another way, Darwinism is a false religion which makes it a form of idolatry.

Either we are here by the power and purpose of an eternal Creator, or we sprang out of nothing and evolved as a result of countless undirected mutations. One worldview gives meaning and purpose to our lives, while the other worldview says our existence is absolutely pointless.

What do you suppose are the consequences to society if we fully embrace Darwinism?

What happens to the doctrine of original creation if we try to bring evolution into the discussion?