

Why I'm Excited About Creation Science!

Background:

Youth: I was brought up in a Christian home. I was taught that the Bible was true from cover to cover. If God said it – it must be true. That made sense to me!

High School: Then came High School. I learned about micro-evolution, macro-evolution, the fossil record, and that evolution was a fact. I was told that ALL scientists believe it. I learned that science is science and religion is religion. They are separate, and need to be kept separate. Now – having been exposed to only one side of the science, I had no alternative rational conclusion but to accept evolution as fact. So I swallowed it; hook, line, and sinker.

College: By the time I entered college, I was completely sold out to evolutionary dogma and survival of the fittest. (My nickname was 'Australopithecus.') Being a rational, logical person, it did not take long to fully grasp that evolution and the Bible cannot possibly coexist. There are simply too many substantive contradictions.

<u>The Bible</u>	<u>Evolution</u>
1) The earth and life were created recently; perhaps as recently as 6000 years ago.	1) The earth evolved billions of years ago.
2) Life was created very abruptly; in six days.	2) Life evolved over millions of years.
3) Death is a direct consequence of sin.	3) Death and destruction have always been here and have nothing to do with sin.
4) Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and resurrection from the dead paid for our sins and conquered death!	4) Christ's death is irrelevant. We are all going to die anyway.
5) For those who are saved, our soul will live forever with God Himself!	5) "Souls" do not exist since they cannot evolve.

Just to name a few of the direct contradictions. This being the case (as I saw it), at best, only part of the Bible can be true. Now the question is, "Which parts?" As time continued, I logically removed and/or reinterpreted verse after verse to suit my own whims. Eventually I threw out the entire Bible with the conclusion, "You believe what you want and I'll believe what I want. It really doesn't matter." (My own personal belief was somewhere between an agnostic and an atheist.)

Side comment: By the way, with respect to the common terms, “gap theory,” and “day-age theory,” keep in mind that the word “theory” is a technical term with a technical definition. Neither of these so called “theories” actually exist. Even the sequence of events of the Bible and evolution are different. If these were actual “theories” there would be scientists and research organizations studying evidence for these differences and “theorizing” as to why they are different. This is not the case. These terms were coined by theologians, and have no scientific basis.

Conflict: I was taught two competing theories of evolution:

Darwinian Evolution:

Species evolve by minute changes over millions of years. Micro-evolution, minor changes in the DNA, are responsible for the gradual development of all new species.

The problem with this theory, of course, is the fossil record. If life evolved by enormous numbers of minute changes, the fossil record (with as rare as fossils are) should still provide enormous support for this theory. The fossil record proved to provide virtually no support for this theory even during Darwin’s own lifetime.

Macro-Evolution /Punctual Equilibrium:

New species evolved by either a) vary rapid mutations or by b) major substantial “lucky” mutations that made significant sequential changes very abruptly. These theories eliminate the need for large numbers of support fossils, but still have significant problems. a) Rapid mutations are generally deadly since most mutations are negative and very few are constructive. b) The new “lucky” creature that enjoyed the significant constructive change has the very unfortunate situation of having no other creatures with which to mate!

Nevertheless, even with these conflicts, I found no problem accepting evolution as fact. After all, “Everyone else accepts it.”

Hope: There was one thin ray of “hope” that occurred in my college years; the “Great Creation/Evolution Debate.” As I recall the event, Dr. Henry Morris, founder of the Institute for Creation Research, came to Va Tech to debate one of the professors. (By the way, Dr. Morris was the previous director of the Civil Engineering Department at Va Tech just a few years prior to my enrollment there.) I went to the debate with the “hopes” that the Va Tech professor could shed light on the conflicts of micro and macro evolution. I figured this other guy (Dr. Morris) would be good for “entertainment value” only. After all, all he had to offer was, “Well, the Bible says....”

As I exited the debate, I was stunned, shocked, laughing, totally confused, and completely beside myself. Most of the details of the debate are lost and gone forever from my memory. But two details are just as vivid today as they were 30 years ago.

- 1) The Va Tech professor made no effort to explain the micro/macro evolution conflicts, and,
- 2) Dr. Morris never rested his case on the phrase, “The Bible says...” He provided scientific evidence for every claim that he presented! Dr. Morris unquestionably “won” the debate. Needless to say, I was stunned.

The story would be greatly shortened at this point if I could say I was instantly “converted” to a scientific creation point of view, but that would be far from the truth. It was nearly 10 years later before I even had much of any continued interest in the subject. After all, in my mind, “Everyone (except for this ‘Morris’ guy) accepts evolution as fact.”

Conclusion:

The Short Story: So as to not ramble on for pages, let me wrap up this “excitement” as briefly as possible. About 20 years ago, leading evolutionists from all over the world held a conference to discuss and bring closure to the conflicts of the micro and macro evolution theories. The hopes would be that, with so many qualified evolutionists at one conference, they could either resolve the conflicts OR provide an alternative explanation. By the end of the conference, they could do neither. That got my attention! I thought I was the only one that didn’t understand the theories.

By now I had already discovered that Dr Morris was NOT alone, in fact there were numerous scientists promoting evidence for creation, and numerous books had been written on the subject. Consequently, for the past 20 years, I have been studying evidence supporting both evolution and creation. My conclusion? I have to tell you, I cannot find one single scientific discipline that doesn’t have a more rational and plausible explanation for creation than for evolution. That is not to say there is no valid evidence for evolution. That certainly would not be a valid statement. BUT, even where evolution has valid supporting evidence, creation science has more plausible, rational evidence. That’s exciting!

So what’s so exciting about it? Is God’s Word just a story book? Did God leave it up to us, mere man, to pick and choose which parts of His Word are true and which parts are fables? If we rationalize false science with God’s Word, then we are, by definition, picking and choosing which parts are true and which parts are false. The Bible and evolution are contradictory and therefore cannot possibly both be true. If this be the case, how do we know where we stand with God? Do we think we can pick and choose our standing as well? If so, based on what criteria? That which we have picked? The good news is, and I tell you this with great excitement, we don’t have to pick and choose. God’s Word is true from cover to cover. True science supports it! You can bet your life on it. (In fact, you already have.) And that brings us to why I am so excited. I know where I stand with God. I know because He told me in no uncertain terms. I’d simply like to share that excitement with you!

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