

## **Why I Believe In Creation Part II** Selected Scriptures

### **Series: Why I Believe – Part 5**

#### **I. Introduction**

Is it intellectually feasible to believe that a supernatural, intelligent being (God) created the world, the universe, and all living things?

Is evolution a scientific fact that has empirically and logically been proven by means of the “scientific method” ~ (observation, hypothesis, testing, and predictable results) that life is the product of a purely material universe that came into being by random chance and/or accident?

#### **II. Defining our Terms**

##### **Micro Evolution vs. Macro Evolution**

#### **III. Exposing the Controversy**

- The Classic Position ~ Carl Sagan
- The New Voices ~ Patterson, Denton, Johnson, Behe

**Examining The Evidence For Yourself**

## #1 How Did Life Begin?

### Evolution . . .

"An unsupervised, impersonal, unpredictable and natural process." ~  
*Association of Biology Teachers*

"A random, undirected working without either plan or purpose." ~  
*Prentice Hall Text Book*

### Creation . . .

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."  
*Genesis 1:1 (NIV)*

## #2 Why Did Life Begin?

### Evolution . . .

Pure accident, random chance.

### Creation . . .

God created man in His own image to share relationship with Him, glorify Him and steward the Earth.

*Genesis 1:27-28*

## #3 How Did Various Plants & Animals Develop?

### Evolution . . .

A simple cell evolved to more complex plants and animals through the process of time, chance, natural selection, mutations, and survival of the fittest over a period of billions of years.

### Creation . . .

God created various plants, animals, kinds, and species in a harmonic balance to reflect His attributes and character.

*Romans 1:20, Psalm 19*

## #4 Which Theory / Claim Best Explains The Fossil Record?

- Darwin's Admission

- Darwin's Confidence of Future Discoveries
- The Present State of Fossil Records

### **#5 Which Theory / Claim Best Explains Our Most Recent Biological Discoveries?**

- Cambrian Explosion ~ Time Magazine
- Molecular Biology ~ Michael Behe's Darwin's Black Box
- Genetics Research ~ DNA ~ Coded Information ~ Michael Denton's Evolution: A Theory In Crisis

"If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

~ Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*

### **#6 Which Theory / Claim Has Had The Greatest Moral & Social Benefit To Mankind?**

### **#7 Which Theory / Claim Reflects Most Accurately The Laws Of Empirical Scientific Research?**

- Great Scientist's Historical Presuppositions
- Law Of Cause And Effect
- Laws Of Thermodynamics





### **#8 Which Theory / Claim Has The Best Archeological Track Record For Their Position?**

### **Conclusion ~ Questions To Ponder**

1. Is evolution really the "airtight," scientific fact that we were led to believe it was and were taught in school?

2. Should the current crises among top, non-Christian scientists cause you to reexamine your view of evolution's validity?
3. Since science overwhelmingly argues for creation as impossible without "intelligent design," what are the implications for knowing or believing in a *Designer*?
4. Could evolution be a mask we have collectively "hid behind" in order to avoid the accountability and implications of answering to our Creator?
5. What do you believe concerning the origin of life? Why?

**Resources:**

-  **Darwin on Trial, Reason in the Balance, Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds** by Phillip E. Johnson
-  **The Face That Demonstrates The Farce Of Evolution**, by Hank Hanegraaff
-  **The Facts On Creation vs. Evolution**, by John Ankerberg & John Weldon
-  **Evolution: The Challenge of the Fossil Record**, by Duane T. Gish, Ph.D.

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