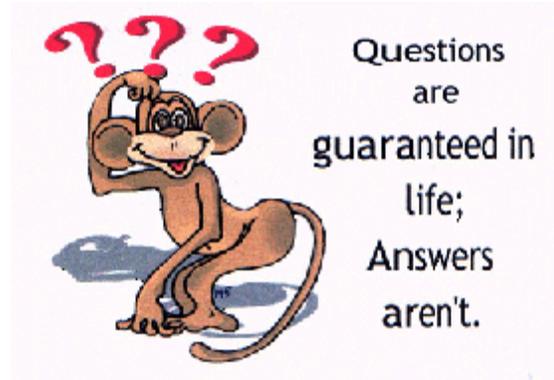


The Physical & Biblical Evidence for Creation

V. Serious Questions for Theistic Evolutionists

Introduction

There is no doubt that the doctrine of creation does not satisfy our natural reason. The Bible teaches us that creation is something we have to believe. “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11.3). To say that God used evolution to create the world might sound like the answer to a lot of our questions. But is this really the case? Does theistic evolution create more questions than it solves?



1. Does God actually use death to create? Evolution not only requires death, it requires a lot of death and suffering.

Commenting on the struggle for life in the evolutionary scheme, Darwin offers these comforting words... “When we reflect on this struggle, we may console ourselves with the full belief, that the war of nature is not incessant, that no fear is felt, that death is generally prompt, and the vigorous, the healthy, and the happy survive and multiply” (Origin of Species, p. 92).

Seven times in the account of creation we are told that what God was doing was good. In the last instance we are told that it was very good (Genesis 1.31). If this is so, and if God used evolution to create, then we must conclude that God considers death to be good. What does the Bible say?

Genesis 2.17

1 Corinthians 15.26

Revelation 21.4

2. What is the relationship between sin and death? The Bible clearly links sin and death together.

Romans 5.12

Romans 6.23

3. If God used evolution to create, how did human beings acquire a soul or the image of God?

Genesis 2.7

4. If God used billions of years to create the world, how will He bring this world to an end? Christians who accept the idea that the world has evolved over billions of years are also challenged by the Bible's teaching regarding the end. Just as the Bible teaches a sudden beginning of the world, it also teaches a sudden end.

The Future According to Evolution: Humans will either become extinct or evolve into a new species. Eventually the universe will suffer "heat death." This will occur when all available energy is used up, and matter comes to complete rest at absolute zero (-460°F).

The Future According to the Bible : The world that God created will one day "pass away" (Luke 21.33); "perish" (Hebrews 1.10-12). Peter specifically describes this happening in a violent manner (2 Peter 3.10).

Sooner or later God has to intervene or we are left with a meaningless, materialistic existence.

5. The Biblical account of creation may be considered by some to be a fairytale. But what will you put in it's place? If I'm going to be asked to believe something fantastical, I'd rather believe the fantastical things that God's word records, not the imaginations of man's heart.
6. Where does this approach take us? Dr. Francis Collins assures his readers that his approach avoids the dangers of "liberal" theology that undermine the meaning and historicity of all Scripture. But he does not believe in the historicity of the books of Job or of Jonah. He does not believe Jesus when He teaches that Adam and Eve were real persons. Where does this approach stop?