

Evolution: Fact or Faith?

Throughout recorded history man has continually searched for his origin. Many proposals have been set forth, most of which have fallen into disfavor largely on the basis of a more rational approach to life. For example, the ancient Egyptians thought the origin of the earth was a great cosmic egg with wings. As it flew through space the contents of the egg hatched and out came the world. Later man was spawned from little white worms found in the mud and slime of the Nile River as it overflowed its banks in its annual floods. Today there would be few adherents to such a proposal. If any could be found they would be considered as proponents of a truly blind faith because there would be no rational basis for their belief. While other ancient peoples developed more sophisticated proposals, such as the Greek and Roman gods of mythology, they have not stood the test of scrutiny any better than that of the ancient Egyptians. In our modern world there are an extensive number of world religions, many of which are rooted in some very non-rational heritages. Today, arguably, the two views of our origin that take center stage at the most fundamental level of metaphysical considerations are evolution and special creation.

At the present time, in spite of the fact that evolutionists have not proven their case and most reputable scientists do not believe it, the Theory of Organic Evolution is presented in textbooks from grade school to the collegiate level as a fact no longer in dispute. The political lobby for evolution is so powerful that it not only presents an unproven and grossly improbable theory as a fact, it blocks special creation as being presented as a possible model for the evidence. When scientists and educationalists not only set forth hypotheses for consideration, but also make an equal effort to block the examination of alternatives, it becomes quickly evident that there is more involved than science. What we will find is that there is a socio-political agenda behind the work.

Evolutionists vigorously oppose the creation model being presented as an explanation for our origin. They claim it is not scientifically sound, whereas evolution theory is. Having effectively blocked the creation model as an alternative to evolution theory, the evolutionists win the scientific argument by political manipulation. Formally, Creationism is rejected, not because it fails to fit the evidence, but because its conclusion points to a supernatural power that brought everything into being. Therefore, as the argument goes, Creationism is rejected without a hearing because the supernatural conclusion is beyond the realm of scientific inquiry. It is immaterial that the evidence supports the conclusion, but the conclusion is unpalatable and rejected. On the other hand evolution theory is accepted because it proposes a naturalistic explanation. Regardless of the fact that evolutionists have failed to discover a mechanism that would make organic evolution work, that the evidence so far uncovered

does not well fit the theory, or that the whole "theory" is no more subject to scientific inquiry than the supernatural model, it is accepted simply because its hypothetical conclusion is naturalistic.

Christians, as theists and believers in supernatural creation, do not object in the arena of science that the theory of evolution be presented and examined, but that the creation model is not. The rejection of creationism is not a scientific consideration, but a political and ideological one. The present situation in the educational community regarding the study of our origin is egregiously dishonest and unethical. By political pressure, bad science, and deception, we are teaching generations of people not merely that some theorize that we have come into being by purely material forces, but it is a proven fact that we did. In reality the evidence can be clearly interpreted as supporting special creation and logic demands it be so. The evidence, fairly examined, will reveal that the Theory of Organic Evolution, and the materialistic origin of the universe, is not a fact, but a faith. It is purely a faith system, and one that is built upon questionable evidence.