

The Origin of Evolution

The idea of evolution did **not** originate with Darwin.

The modern widespread acceptance of evolution does date from the publication of Darwin's '*Origin of Species*', but it was a doctrine held by many scientists and philosophers before Darwin.

Belief in spontaneous generation of life from the non-living and in transformations of the species was quite common among the ancients.

Among the early Greeks, for instance, Anaximander taught that humans had evolved from fish and Empedocles that animals had been derived from plants.

The doctrine of spontaneous generation was universal among ancient thinkers.

It was commonly thought that all living creatures were generated from mud, slime or some other inorganic medium.

With this belief there was no problem in believing that one species could be transmuted into another.

Quotation '*Introduction to Evolution*' by Paul Amos Moody [Harper and Brothers, 1962].

"Ideas that by one means or another evolution does occur far antedated Darwin. Infact, such ideas are probably as old as human thought."

When we study ancient cosmogonic myths, whether Babylon, Greece, Egypt, India, or wherever, there is no concept that the universe had originally been created out of nothing by an act of God.

Always is recorded a primeval chaos or primeval system of some kind, upon the "gods", or the forces of nature, began to work in order to bring the world and its inhabitants into their present state.

Special creation seems to have been unknown completely, or if known, rejected by ancient thinkers.

Today the naïve assertion is made by modern sceptics that the Genesis account of creation was written as an "*accommodation*" to the simple culture of the early Hebrews.

It is considered that these early Hebrews were incapable of comprehending an evolutionary system of origins, such a notion as this is ridiculous, for the simple reason that all early people only thought in evolutionary terms.

The idea of a special creation by an omnipotent eternal God who alone existed "*in the beginning*" was a new and revolutionary thought.

It is well known that many ancient astronomers and philosophers dated the universe almost infinitely old.

Because of this concept, the Biblical revelation of origins was almost universally resisted and rejected until the supposed triumph of Christianity in Europe.

But this apparent triumph was short-lived as evolutionary speculations continued to thrive even within the Christian church, preparing for the emergence of Darwinism in the 19th century.

As Huxley says “*the whole of reality is evolution*”, this is proved true by the way evolution now completely dominates modern thought in natural sciences, social sciences, philosophy and even religion.

The Biblical concept of special creation is widely derided and ridiculed considering that only the hopelessly ignorant or prejudiced could possibly believe in it.

This is completely contrary to all true science as well as to Biblical revelation.

If evolution is basically impossible from a scientific point of view, as demonstrated by the two universal laws of thermodynamics; and untrue from the historical point of view (as demonstrated by God’s revelation of a finished creation and the subsequent curse of creation) then how can we explain the well-nigh universal insistence that all things have come about by evolution?

Let us seek the answer to this in God’s revelation in the Christian Bible, our Handbook For Life.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 [NIV] “*And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*”

Who is this “*god of this age?*”

Revelation 12:9 [NIV] “*The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*”

The answer is Satan.

He has deceived the whole world by blinding them to the gospel message brought by Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:5-7 [NIV] “*The devil led him [Jesus Christ] up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendour, for it has been given to me, [Satan] and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”*”

Jesus did **not** contradict Satan when He claimed to own all the kingdoms of this world.

John 8:43-44 [NIV] “*Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*”

Jesus condemns the devil [Satan] as the father of all lies. Satan’s biggest lie must be that of evolution.

Ephesians 2:1-2 [NIV] “*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*”

The ruler of the “*air*”!

What comes into every home via the air?

The media of television and radio, that has an enormous influence on the way people think and act.

1 John 5:18-19 [NIV] “*We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.*”

All who are “*born again*” Christians are safe from Satan’s influence but the rest of the world is under his control.

If we accept this evolutionary lie that Satan has influenced all humanity to believe, then humans do **not** have any responsibility to a Creator God, there was **no** original sin of Adam and Eve and **no** curse on the earth.

Therefore there is **no** need of Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

When we recognise that Satan is the originator of evolution then many other confusing issues begin to come into focus.

The ultimate issue in the whole universe, in fact the only real issue, is the Sovereignty of God.

Is God really Creator and Lord over the universe or is He limited to a greater or lesser extent by His creation?

Apart from Biblical Christianity there is really only one religion under different names.

All religions other than Biblical Christianity are dominated by the doctrine that every human has to do certain things to earn “*salvation*” or to improve his standing in the world and in the eyes of some deity.

Every non-Christian religion philosophy is an attempt to deduce ultimate truth concerning the universe without submission to the revealed Word of God, the Christian Bible.

All of human religions and philosophies, apart from the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ, are human-centred or perhaps more generally creature-centred rather than Creator-centred.

All non-Christian religions involve some system of works, of improvement, of development of human betterment, that is evolution!

Rather than simple submission in helpless faith in the Sovereign grace of the Christian God manifest in the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, for the sins of the world.

Psalms 118:8 [NIV] “*It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*”

Perhaps it is providential that this verse is at the centre of the whole Christian Bible.

In a very real sense, this is the message of the Creator God to humanity.

It is better to trust in God to provide salvation than any system of human works, for you can never know if you have done enough to be saved.

It is better to believe the revealed Word of God, the Christian Bible, our personal Handbook For Life, than any science or philosophy devised by humans.

Since humans and all human work are at this time under the dominion of the god of this world, Satan, **putting confidence in humans, in the last analysis, is putting confidence in Satan** who is the father of all liars.

2 Corinthians 11:3 [NIV] “*But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*”

Remember that Satan, inspite of all his power and influence, is like man, only a creature!

Satan is **not** omnipotent [with unlimited power].

Satan is **not** omniscient [perfect in all knowledge].

Satan is **not** omnipresent [an infinite spirit being everywhere in the universe].

Only the God of the Christian Bible is all the above.

How is it then that Satan is able to deceive the whole world and even a host of angels to follow him in rebellion against the Creator God?

How can any number of mere creatures, even when led by such a powerful created being as Satan, ever possibly hope to be successful in a revolt against the Creator God of the Christian Bible?

This seems to be the height of insanity.

I wish to present to you an answer to the above questions which is found in two scriptures.

Commentators are in disagreement as to whether these passages of scripture apply specifically to Satan or only to his human instruments, the king of Tyre and the king of Babylon respectively.

I believe that they apply initially to the earthly kings but ultimately to Satan who is energising these humans.

Why?

Because many of the statements made seem impossible of specific application to any human being.

In either case, the spirit of rebellion and pride described in these passages of scripture is surely Satanic in nature and graphically illustrate the character of Satan's revolt against His Creator.

Satan's ultimate fate is a powerful warning to all humans **not** to follow his example of pride and rebellion against our Creator God.

Ezekiel 28:12-15 [NIV] *“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “**You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.**”*

According to the Christian Bible Satan originally was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was at the very throne of God and blameless in all he did.

Ezekiel 28:17 [NIV] *“**Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.**”*

Until pride corrupted his wisdom and reason.

Isaiah 14:12-14 [NIV] *“How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! **You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars [angels] of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.**”*

Satan's pride blinded his reasoning and he thought he could take God's place in ruling the whole universe.

Isaiah 14:15 [NIV] *“But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.”*

This is the ultimate end of Satan’s attempt to take over God’s throne and Sovereignty.

Satan was **not** alone in this fateful rebellion.

Revelation 12:4 [Living Bible] *“His [Satan’s] tail drew along with him a third of the stars [angels] which he plunged to the earth.”*

Revelation 12:9-10, 12 [NIV] *“The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.” ... “Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”*

Satan and his demons now vent their anger on humans as much as God allows him to.

Why did Satan allow his pride to deceive him?

God had undoubtedly told Satan that he was created, but there must have come a time when **he doubted God’s Word.**

Pride begets unbelief and unbelief strengthens pride and this twin sin of unbelief and pride become the root of all other sins.

With all his beauty and wisdom, he could undoubtedly win reason to question the Word of God.

How did Satan rationalise this notion that he and God were equal so he could take over God’s throne.

If God had not created him who did?

If God were not all powerful, who was?

In other words, was there a real God?

An all-powerful God who created all things?

Doubting this all-powerful Creator God led Satan to belief that somehow everything must have come about by a process of natural growth and survival of the fittest, that is the theory of evolution.

This is what Satan still believes and wants all humans to follow him in that belief.

Psalms 14:1 [NIV] *“The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no-one who does good.”*

How utterly, hopelessly, tragically foolish it is to believe there is no Creator God.

Psalms 53:1-4 [NIV] *“The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no-one who does good. God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. **Everyone has turned away, they have together become corrupt; there is no-one who does good, not even one. Will the evildoers never learn, those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on God?”***

How tragic that the vast majority of humans have been deluded by Satan into believing that there is **no** Creator God.

Genesis 3:1 [NIV] *“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “**Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?**”*

Satan’s first contact with human beings was designed to cause them to disbelieving God’s Word.

The sin of Adam and Eve, essentially, was believing the serpent’s suggestion that God’s Word could **not** be trusted, that God was withholding information which they had the right to have, and then they could be like God.

This tragic story of the fall of all humanity into a Satanic attitude of rebellion is summarised in God’s Word.

Romans 1:21-25 [NIV] *“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and **their foolish hearts were darkened**. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things [including Satan] rather than the Creator, who is for ever praised. Amen.**”*

The description of all-but-universal drift of society into a degenerate system of evolutionary pantheistic humanism.

This is the basic framework of all man-centred, as opposed to God-centred, religion.

It is evolutionary because it rejected creation out of nothing and always accounts for the world as somehow developing from pre-existent materials.

It is pantheistic because it identifies God with all nature in one way or another, and is humanistic because it exalts man’s reason above the revealed Word of God.

Believing that humans are the highest stage to which evolution has yet attained, is in essence making humans God.

We create God instead of God creating us!!

2 Peter 3:3-4 [NIV] *“First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “**Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.**”*

Humans in the last days will resist the thought that there is a Creator God who will one day come in judgement, requiring them to give an account of the stewardship of the life He has given them and sustained during the physical existence.

Unbelief in God’s Word and human pride in their own ability to rule their own destiny, have yielded the bitter fruits of these thousands of years of human sin and suffering on the earth.

Today this God-rejecting and human exalting philosophy of evolution has bred materialism, modernism, humanism, socialism, fascism, communism and ultimately Satanism in terrifying profusion all over the world.

That is the fruits of evolution.

Is that what you desire?