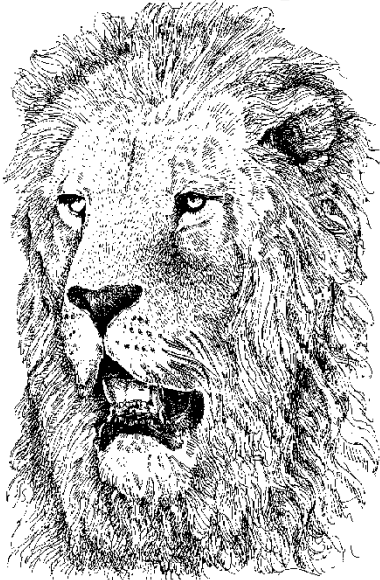


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LESSON 5

He is before all things, & in him all things hold together.



CREATION VERSUS EVOLUTION

(Part 2)

Scripture Texts: Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 11:2-3

It is very important that we, as God's creation, know the truth of our high origin. Since the Bible account of the beginning of things is God's eternal Word, it is true.

The theory of evolution – that all life began by itself as simple cells and evolved into all the forms of plants and animals and people – cannot also be true. The theory of evolution of species is contrary to the Bible. We cannot believe both. Jesus tells us that Moses' writings, which record Creation, are true.

We have learned in the past lesson a few of the many reasons why the evolution of species cannot have happened, that it is proven untrue.

MEMORY VERSE: *He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.—Ecclesiastes 3:11*

Apostles Taught Creation

Colossians 1:16-17 For by him – God – were all things created...in heaven...in earth...all things were created by him. Here Paul makes it very plain that the early Apostles believed and taught the report of creation as recorded in **Genesis**. By him all things consist. God put together just the right consistency to make all things just as He desired them to be in their finished state.

Faith in the Bible is Vitally Important

Hebrews 11:2-3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God... It makes a great difference which is true, evolution or creation. If evolution were true, the Bible would not be. If man evolved from a lowly state to a higher one, then the Bible account of his fall from a holy state to one of sin would not be true. Not being a sinner, he would have no need of a Savior.

If a man's origin was from a cell in the slime and up through the brute beasts, then he would not be responsible to anyone for the quality of his life. But if, as the Bible says, man was created by God and in God's image, then we are responsible to God, and the Bible statement of a coming judgment is inescapable. Then man needs a Savior.

Since man needs a Savior, any false theory, however good and beautiful it may appear, which binds him to that fact and so prevents him from receiving one, is unspeakably bad.

Some Objections to Evolution

Webster defines evolution as follows: To evolve means to unfold or unroll, to open and expand. As to the method by which the many animals and plants came to be, evolution is the theory that "all animals and plants are the descendants of very few simple organisms, perhaps of but one, not unlike some of the simplest protozoans existing now. The theory includes also the descent of man from the lower animals." Now let us list a few of the glaring errors in the theory of evolution of species.

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1. Not Proven – The evolution theory is but a theory; that is, it is unproven. In two volumes of Darwin “we may well suppose” is found more than 800 times. In contrast, the Bible account of creation is definite and positive. In the first chapter of **Genesis** “it was so” is found five times.
 2. Impossible – Life is here. It had to have a beginning, a source. If evolution were true, it would mean that the first life was produced by inorganic matter. That has never happened and is impossible to happen. It is much easier to believe that God created life.
 3. Not Seen – The evolutionist says one species evolved from another continually, but gives no examples of proof. No one has ever seen a form of life part way between one species and another. **Genesis Chapter 1**, in the space of fifteen verses, ten times states Gods Law that both plant and animal life shall bring forth “after his kind.” That is what we see happening.
 4. Contrary to God’s Law – To be evolution at all, the forms of life must change somewhat from generation to generation, adding organs and faculties which previous forms did not have. This would be in direct opposition to God’s Law that each should bring forth “after his kind,” that is, like himself. Both cannot be true.
 5. Contrary to the History of Man – The evolution theory supposes continual improvement of the race. Yet what we know of man from history and from research indicates degeneracy, that is, that man fell from a high physical, mental, and moral plane to a lower state. The really proved conclusions of science agree with the Bible. **Genesis** tells of man coming from the hand of God perfect, then falling into sin. Scientific investigation agrees with this, showing that people have gone from civilization to savagery, rather than the other way.
 6. No Missing Link Found – A few bones have been found at different places and times which evolutionists claim to be those of beings part way between the ape and the man. There is no proof of this. In November 1953 one such, a skull called the Piltdown Man, has been found to be a hoax. It was discovered to be of a modern ape, scraped and treated with acid to appear human and old. Human skulls have been found in deposits more ancient than were alleged “links” have been found.
- In **Matthew 6:26** Jesus speaks that man is better than the **fowls of the air**. In **Matthew 12:12** He declares that man is better than the animals, **than a sheep**. What a mighty God we serve!

JUST A THOUGHT

**Nowhere in God’s Word do we read
of anything just happening in Creation.**

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