

Preacher's Pen points

Darwin, More Than a Century Later



The theory of evolution is inadequate to explain either the origin of life on earth or man's unique place in it. Evolution is popular, not because there is overwhelming proof for it, but because philosophically many do not want to believe in God and this is the most popular alternative. Well over a century ago Charles Darwin affirmed that evolution had occurred and offered some possible mechanisms for the process. Since then, virtually all of his "proofs" have been proven inadequate.

Vestigial Organs

For example, Darwin contended that man was a walking museum of antiquity having over a hundred needless organs in his body, the vestiges of an evolutionary ancestor. However, medical science has found a function for virtually all of them, refuting Darwin's assertion.

The Fossil Record

The fossil record has been devastating to evolutionary thought. Darwin predicted that there would be countless intermediate forms discovered in the fossil record, creatures changing from one life form to another. Yet the fossil record has not produced these "missing links". This has left many scientists talking about "hopeful monsters", "quantum evolution", or "punctuated equilibrium". In other words, without a shred of evidence we are expected to believe that huge changes occurred, caused by genetic mutation and natural selection, that enabled new forms of life to evolve without leaving a trace in the fossil record. (And they chide us for believing in miracles!)

Scientists, assuming evolution to be true, have constructed elaborate geologic tables to establish the evolutionary sequence of life in the geologic strata of earth. These seemingly impressive charts are easily exposed as fallacious by pointing out the many examples of fossils located where they could not be

if their evolutionary scheme is true. For example, a metal hammer was extracted from a limestone formation dating supposedly millions of years before man lived. (I want to know what frog made that hammer?)

Creationism, More Scientifically Tenable

While evolution continues to be proven inadequate, the evidences continue to grow for the Biblical view of creationism. The fossil record is more in line with the creationist model and the Biblical teaching that virtually all life on earth was destroyed in a global flood. Over 75 dating methods have been found to suggest that the earth is only a few thousand years old rather than the billions of years demanded by evolution. The Biblical account of creation sets forth a reasonable and adequate cause for the origin of all things. It is philosophical nonsense to suggest that the whole universe is an effect without an adequate cause, and that everything came from nothing as evolutionists are now saying. But the Christian has an adequate cause for all things, an intelligent and powerful God who not only created the world but has since given ample and multiple proofs of his existence.

Darwin notwithstanding, the words of Moses still provide the best and only reasonable answer to the question, "How did man come into existence". The more science probes the question of man's origin the more evident it is that they do not know the answer. But to the Christian these words offer great assurance: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". What a joy it is to know and to praise forever the God who so powerfully created this world and made His purpose for creating us known to us in the Bible.

—Johnny Felker