

Tree of Life

[Genesis 2:7-9; 16-17](#)

7. Then the Lord God formed a man^c from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

8. Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

9. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

...

16. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from **any tree in** the garden;

17. but you **must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

What is the Tree of Life?

Genesis 3:22-24

22. And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. **He must not be allowed** to reach out his hand **and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.**”

23. So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

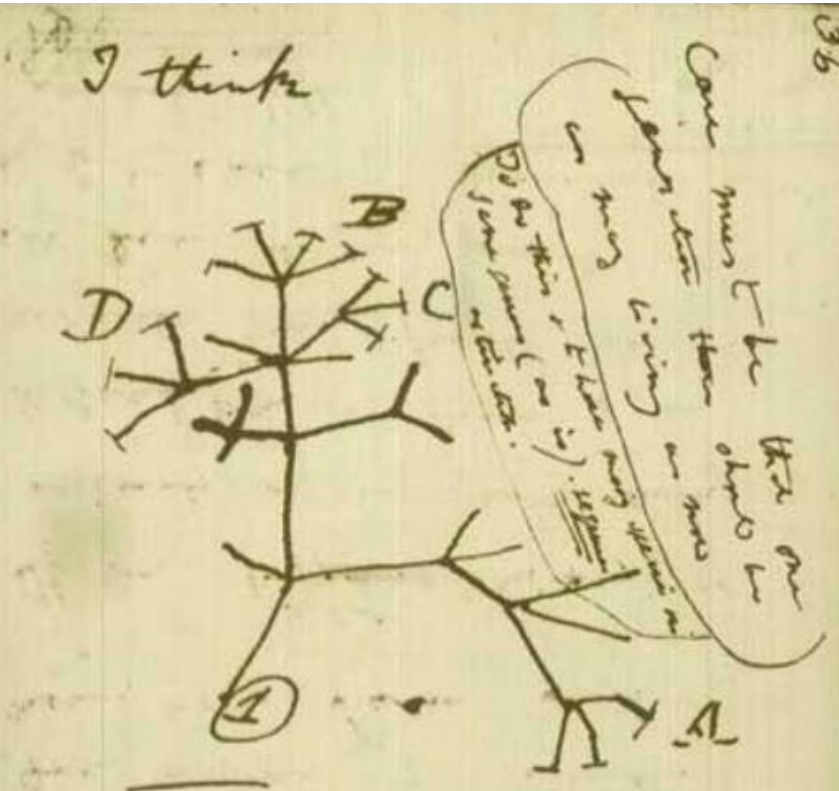
24. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side^e of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to **guard the way to the tree of life.**

Dictionary definition of tree of life

noun: **Tree of Life**; plural noun: **Trees of Life**; noun: **tree of life**

1. (in the Bible) a tree in the Garden of Eden whose fruit imparts eternal life (Gen. 3:22–24)

What is the Tree of Life? According to Darwin



“Darwin named his genealogical tree after the biblical symbol of regeneration of life ... To Einstein, Darwin’s Tree of Life, like its biblical precursor, promised deliverance from death.”

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The **tree of life** is a metaphor which expresses the idea that all **life** is related by common descent. Charles Darwin was the first to use this metaphor in modern **biology**. The evolutionary **tree** shows the relationships among various **biological** groups

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Tree of Life? But was Darwin Right?

The Guardian

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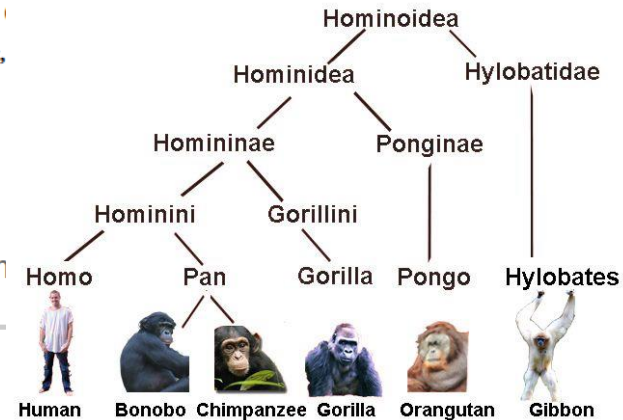


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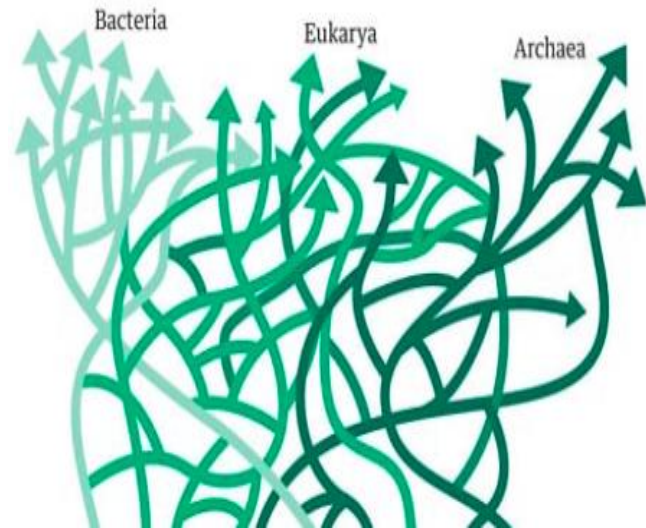
Scientists Unveil New ‘Tree of Life’

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What is the Tree of Life?

According to God's Word?

[Revelation 2: 1, 5](#)

1. “To the angel^a of the church in Ephesus write These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands ...
7. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will **give the right to eat from the tree of life**, which is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 22: 1,2, 14,15

1. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2. down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood **the tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are **for the healing of the nations**.
14. “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they **may have the right to the tree of life** and may go through the gates into the city.
15. Outside are the dogs [**men of impure mind, impudent men**], those who practice magic arts [a sorcerer; used of people using *drugs* and "religious incantations" to drug people into living by their *illusions*], the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters [**a worshipper of false gods, a covetous man, as a worshipper of Mammon**] and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

The Tree of Life:

Gen 2: 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

I Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

1. Death is consequence of Sin: Adams

The Tree of Life:

[Rom 1:32](#) and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them

[Rom 3:23](#) or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

[Rom 6:23a](#) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

2. Death is consequence of Sin: Ours

The Tree of Life:

[Ecclesiatics 3:11 New Living Translation](#)

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has **planted eternity in the human heart**, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

[Ezekiel 33:11](#)

"Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'

**3. Death is our #1 enemy and God's enemy:
God never intended us to die.**

The Tree of Life:

Why did Christ have to come ?

Hebrews 2:12-14

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

4. Christ came to break devil's hold of death
over us

The Tree of Life:

Hebrews 9:27, 28

**And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,
so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him**

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive his due for the things done in the body, whether good or bad.

The Tree of Life:

Ephesians 2:4,5

But because of His great love for us, **God, who is rich in mercy,**
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in
transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

5. Christ came to defeat death Spiritually

The Tree of Life: Our entrance is through Christ

[Acts 2:38](#)

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

[Rom 6:23a](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

[Romans 8:1](#)

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**5. Christ came to defeat death Eternally
(hell) abolished**

The Tree of Life:

1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

22 For **as in Adam all die [continuous event], even so in Christ all shall be [future] made alive.**

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: **"Death is swallowed up in victory."** 55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

5. Christ came to defeat death Physically

The Tree of Life: SALVATION and SANCTIFICATION

How do we gain access to the TOF after God shut humanity out because of Adam's sin?

John 8:24 Faith: Do you believing that the gospel claims are true, historically factual?

Luke 13:3, 5 Repentance involves a hatred of sin and a commitment to rid one's life of it.

Rom 10:9,10 You have to make Christ Lord of your life and openly confess that

Acts 2:38, 22:16; Rom 6:3-6 You make contact with blood of the Lamb in the watery grave of baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and gift of God's own spirit to help you for the next stage

The Tree of Life: SALVATION and SANCTIFICATION

How do we ensure we do not loss access to the TOF after initially trusting in Christ's redemptive work?

Matthew 16:26

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

Ephesians 4: 24-31

How has the blood of Christ made any difference to your thinking, attitude, outlook on life?

The Tree of Life:

Are you ready for Christ?

