

Is there a God?

Fact	Question	Fact	Question	Question
The Universe Exists	Does the Universe show signs of design?	Man Exists	Does man show signs of design?	Is there a designer
Possibilities	Answer	Possibilities	Answer	Possibilities
It simply happened	Yes	Evolution	Yes	Creator
There was a cause	No	Intelligent Design	No	Chance

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Introduction:

A. "Does God Exist?" is without a doubt the most momentous and significant question that can occupy the attention of mankind.

1. If we deny His existence we involve ourselves in many insurmountable difficulties (as we shall see later in the lesson).

2. To admit His existence is to acknowledge Him as the greatest of all realities:

a. He Is the Source of Our Life ... in Him we live and move and have our being. Acts 17:28 'For in him we live and move and have our _____.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' 29 "Therefore since we are God's _____ we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone-- an _____ made by man's design and skill.

b. He is the Father of our Spirits

Heb 12:9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the _____ of our spirits and live!

c. He is the Fountainhead of all Truth

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the _____ and _____ of God! How unsearchable his _____ and his paths beyond tracing out!

B. Beyond any doubt, the knowledge of Him and His will is the greatest knowledge we can attain to, and is worthy of our time and most diligent efforts.

John 17:3 Now this is _____ life: that they may _____ you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

C. Every Christian should strive for both the knowledge and courage to meet the skeptic and to “give a reason for the hope that is in you”.

2 Pet 1:3 His _____ power has given us _____ we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

1 Pet 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an _____ to everyone who asks you to give the _____ for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

D. The three most prominent positions regarding the proposition:

1. Theism—Belief that there is One God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, Father of our Spirits, Source of Righteousness and Truth, and Object of Worship and Reverence.

2. Atheism — Denies the existence of God and seeks to prove that He does not exist. (We will show later that it is absolutely impossible to sustain this position.)

3. Agnosticism—Does not believe that the existence of God is capable of proof one way or the other and hence frankly admits “I do not know.”

E. Limitations of our study.

1. Remember that the Being and Will of God are matters of Divine Revelation (“the world by its _____ knew not God” I Cor. 1:2 I).

2. The Bible does not argue the existence of God; it is a fact recognized from the first verse on.

3. To the person who rejects the Bible as a revelation from God, the best we can hope to do is to show that, based upon our observation of the universe about us and the nature of our being, it is more reasonable to believe in God than not to believe.

a. That God recognized the validity of such evidence is seen in these passages
Ps 19:1 The heavens _____ the glory of God; the skies proclaim the _____ of his hands.

Rom 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the _____ God's _____ qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they neither _____ him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their _____ hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

I. The Universe Exists:

A. The fact is so self-evident that it needs no proof. To deny it would be to deny our own senses and consciousness.

1. But something cannot come from nothing.

a. Every effect must have a cause.

(1) Virtually all scientists now agree that there was a beginning – a “Big Bang”. And they agree that something started the “Big Bang” although they don’t know what that was.

(2) All scientists look to a primordial condition from which they believe life came - thus a cause.

(3) Every effect we observe in the universe has a cause, something or someone who brought the effect about.

2. Even an Atheist will not deny cause and effect. The question resolves into this proposition: Since the Universe exists, and something does not come from nothing, then something (or someone) has always existed.

a. Atheists and Materialists say matter and/or energy are eternal. Einstein’s theory of relativity shows they can be interconverted. Some scientists postulate that from some unexplainable explosion, the basic elements that form the universe were formed and that by sheer chance, spontaneous generation followed by evolutionary development brought plants, animals, and man into being.

b. Christians (a group which includes many scientists), on the other hand, affirm that a designer (God) has always existed and that He is the cause of the universe’s origin as well as the designer of the Universe.

Ps 90:2 Before the _____ were born or you brought forth the _____ and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3. Why we believe that Intelligence (God) is eternal rather than matter.

a. Intelligence is greater than matter.

(1) Intelligence knows, matter is the object known.

(2) Intelligence moves, directs, and modifies matter.

(a) By intelligence electricity is channeled.

(b) By intelligence, the power of steam is controlled.

(c) By intelligence, the strength of a lion is subdued.

(3) The tree is not greater than the craftsman who cuts it down and shapes it into a beautiful piece of furniture.

(4) The chemicals are not greater than the chemist who combines those chemicals into useful products.

b. Matter is not capable of design!

- (1) The tree does not turn itself into a polished piece of furniture.
- (2) Iron ore does not turn itself into metal and the metal into a machine.
- (3) Intelligence is required to control, and shape the dead materials of the Universe.
- (4) If dead matter produced the universe, will there be design or will all be randomness? _____

c. Matter has not always existed.

- (1) Not only does the Bible teach that the material creation had a beginning (Gen. 1:1), it also teaches that it will come to an end (2 Pet. 3:10) Science has now come to the same conclusion.

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The _____ will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by _____, and the _____ and everything in it will be laid bare.

Many years ago, scientists thought that matter was indestructible. With the dawning of the nuclear age we know that matter can be changed into radiant energy such as light or heat and cease to exist as matter (by fission or fusion). Combustion(non-nuclear) releases the stored energy from readily available carbon sources. It may result in reduction in mass but does not destroy matter nor convert matter to energy. The fire we see in the stars comes from the destruction of matter and results in the production of energy and loss of mass (by thermonuclear fusion). The stars must, therefore, have had a beginning.

- (2) Random chance is often given as a possibility for the combination of the elements into life. However, random chance does not explain the existence of the elements themselves, i.e., the beginning. In addition there are radioactive elements that continually decay. There must have been a beginning for the elements themselves to have begun their decay. Additionally, there is the problem of time in random chance. For the elements to randomly form themselves into living matter would require a nearly infinite length of time (to be discussed later).

- (3) It is certainly more reasonable and logical then, to accept the Biblical truth that In the beginning God (Eternal Intelligence) created the heavens and the earth than to accept the alternative that 'In the beginning matter (dead, senseless, passive) formed itself into the heavens and the earth.

II. The Universe shows signs of Design and Purpose.

A. The immensity of the Universe:

This earth on which we live is huge. But the sun which warms the earth is a million times larger. The circumference of the earth is 25,000 miles. The distance to the sun is nearly 4000 times larger than the circumference of the earth, which is about 93,000,000 miles. The planet Neptune is 2.8 billion miles away from the sun or thirty times as far away as the earth is from the sun. In 2003, the

number of stars seen by telescope was 70×10^{22} or about 10 times the numbers of grains of sand on all the world's deserts and beaches.

The distance to many of the stars is so great that it is measured in terms of "light years". Sirius, the brightest star in our sky is fifty-one million million miles away (8.8 light years). Some stars are millions of light years from the earth. This means that hundreds, thousands or millions of light years are required for light, traveling at the rate of 186,300 miles per second to reach us from these bodies. The Andromeda galaxy is thought to be 2.2 million light years away from the earth and is the farthest object that can be seen with the naked eye.

It takes light 80,000 years to travel from one edge of our galaxy to the other. The Milky Way has a hundred billion stars and beyond the Milky Way there are at least a billion more galaxies, each one having at least as many stars in it as our galaxy.

Our finite minds may find it difficult to comprehend the vastness and complexity of the Universe in which we live but no person should fail to see design and purpose in it all.

Rev 4:11 "You are _____ our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you _____ all things, and by your will they were created and have their _____ .

B. The design and purpose of the Universe itself.

1. In spite of the innumerable stars, planets, and even galaxies like our own, in spite of differences in the size, and speed of these heavenly bodies, they all operate with mathematical precision according to set laws. They do not operate by mere chance. There is such order and design in their movements that scientists can foretell an eclipse of the sun years in advance (to the minute) and can chart the position of planets and the stars for years to come and for much of the past. It is true that cataclysmic events have occurred in the past, but these are accounted for by the creation leading to the world in which we live.

2. The Universe not only shows design, but appears to be specifically arranged to make life possible on the earth. The rotation of the earth on its axis is about 1,000 miles per hour at the equator. If it were slower, the light and dark periods would result in additional heat and cold destroying life. The sun, the source of light, has surface temperatures of $12,000^{\circ}$ Fahrenheit. The earth is just the right distance away from the sun for the right warmth on the earth. If the sun were larger giving off more energy or the distance greater or smaller, the result would either freeze us or roast us all. The slant of the earth is at an angle of 23° , which gives seasons, and if it were not at this angle, the sea would turn to vapor or the continents into ice. If the moon were closer to the earth, the gravitational pull would be so great the tides would submerge the continents twice daily. If the crust of the earth were ten feet thicker, the oxygen would be tied up in the elements and there would be no oxygen in the atmosphere and life could not exist. If the atmosphere were 10% thinner, the rays of the sun would destroy life by disrupting the genetic code of all living creatures. All of these facts are proof that the universe and the earth were the result of intelligent design, created by the hand of God . The universe is governed by mathematical laws and is the not product of random chance.

3. This design and purpose is seen not only in the overall scope of the Universe but is equally as marvelous even in the minutest detail.

a. We marvel that a piece of flesh the size of a piece of rice has a billion cells.

b. The smallest cell of a living organism has more information stored than the largest computer available.

c. The atoms which make up the elements are so small that a piece of rice made of copper has over 1000 billion billion billion atoms of copper in it.

C. The Design of the human body.

1. The Psalmist exclaimed “I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps. 139:14). The longer men study the human body, the more they realize that it is a masterpiece of intelligent and superhuman planning.

a. A telescope can bring distant objects into focus; it may be adjusted for objects near and far; it may be placed on a tripod to move from side to side. It has a lens that is precisely ground to a curve so that the light will be refracted to give a distinct image. If we had never seen a telescope before, we would, upon examination, come to the conclusion that (1) it was the result of intelligent planning . . . it did not just happen (parts created by blind chance in the “Big Bang” could not have accidentally fallen together to assemble themselves into a telescope) and (2) it was obviously designed for the purpose of observing objects.

b. When we examine the human eye we find an optical instrument far more intricate and having greater automation than the finest telescope connected to the most powerful computer available.

(1) The eye has an exquisite ability to view colors and is capable of distinguishing minute differences making it equal to the finest spectrophotometers man can build.

(2) The eye is self-focusing and with the same lens can perceive objects in varying distances from a few inches to several miles instantaneously.

(3) The eye has a self adjusting shutter, the pupil, which expands or contracts while maintaining a circle. The pupil adjusts automatically to the available light whereas even the best automatic shutters and self focusing lenses take far longer to adjust do not provide the same depth of field as the eye.

(4) The eye is incredibly quick in its side to side, right or left, up or down, movement without even moving the head, all the while adjusting its focus.

(5) The eye has a self cleaning mechanism which removes excess fluids and solids. The eye has a special fluid built in, keeping it both moist and clean, while the excess liquid drains through a hole in the bone of the nose. In telescopes and fine optical instruments, great care is taken to keep the lens away from dirt particles and it must be periodically cleaned to be efficient.

(6) Our admiration for this amazing mechanism is further enhanced when we realize in order for it to be of value it had to be completely assembled as none of the parts are of value to the eye unless the eye is complete. That is, there is no reason to make a cleaning tool for the eye unless the eye is functioning and needs a cleaning tool with fluid.

c. Now, who is willing to say that the telescope is the product of intelligent planning and purpose but that the eye, that excels it virtually every aspect of intricacy and utility was just the product of chance? Whether we understand all there is to know about the eye or not is not the point. The fact is, just a superficial

examination of it proves it was designed by intelligent planning to serve a specific purpose.

d. The argument is made stronger when we consider the following:

(1) An eye is not found in man alone but in thousands of different animals, each showing the same marks of design but perfectly adapted to the needs of the animal.

(2) The eye is provided in duplicate in every animal and perfectly coordinated so that they can work together or separately.

(3) The eye is only one of hundreds of organs and parts of the human body. Each part separately shows the same amazing design and planning, so much so that modern medicine has developed specialists in virtually every major part or organ (a man devoting the majority of his study and work to just one part of the body) because each part of the human body is complex it requires its own field of study and work.

e. The identical argument on design and purpose can be made concerning every organ and part of the human body.

(1) Who would say that distribution systems that pump water through the various parts of a large city are the result of intelligent planning and engineering but the human heart, which pumps about 6,000 pounds of blood through the 10,000 arteries and veins of the body every 24 hours and sometimes operates for more than 100 years without shutdown or repair (and which, in some instances, is repaired by the body itself) is the result of blind chance?

(2) Who would say that the telephone systems covering entire continents are the result of brilliant engineering and planning but that the human nervous system with its system of messages and impulses from the brain to every part of the body (and can again operate in many cases for over 100 years without repair) is the product of blind chance? In fact, this system is so complex that in the year 2002, we still can only make minor repairs.

(3) Who will say that the Windows operating system or Pentium computers are examples of extraordinary planning and design but that the brain which is far more complex and sophisticated is the product of blind chance? If you were to find a watch like the one on your arm in the middle of the desert, would you think it was randomly created or the product of intelligent design?

D. The design and purpose of plant and insect life— a few examples.

1. Have you ever thought of the waste disposal system for manure? No dung beetles existed in Australia and after the introduction of animals from Europe, huge piles of manure continued to reside on the landscape until the dung beetle was introduced by man into that continent. An elephant in Africa leaving a 75 lb mass of about 30 quarts volume will have the entire mess cleaned by dung beetles within 30 minutes.

2. Bees are required to spread the pollens of many plants. They have hairy surfaces in order to have the pollen attach and then detach at the next plant. The plants can't reproduce

without the bees to spread the pollen. The bees need lots of flowers with the nectar for their food. Which came first?

3. The newborn kangaroo, measuring about a ½ inch long climbs from the birth canal up the outside of its mother over 20 inches to reach the marsupial pouch, gets in, finds a nipple and attaches to complete its growth over the next 5-9 months..

4. The acacia tree puts out a toxin when a giraffe begins to eat on it. The entire tree produces this bitter taste and the giraffe merely grazes for a short while and moves on to another tree. The acacia tree continues to live and so does the giraffe. The toxin goes away a short time after the tree is no longer being chewed on by the giraffe.

5. The surface of cacti and other plants of arid regions here are waxy to prevent water loss in the dry climate and they store water during the rainy season to carry them through the dry spells that can last for years.

6. Milkweeds have a white sticky sap. When ants and beetles seek to climb up the plants, their pick-like claws pierce the tender tissue, letting out a tiny droplet of the fluid which is toxic to the insects and limits the number of insects that can live on the milkweed.

E. To summarize the argument: The Universe in all of its aspects is a masterpiece of intelligent planning. All science is predicated upon the proposition that the visible Universe is intelligible. It is built on laws that can be observed, repeated and catalogued. The question then is “from what source can intelligibility come except from intelligence?”

To say that all of this is “Nature” does not answer the question, for if they mean by “Nature” some source of intelligent planning, they are simply using a different name for God. If they mean by “Nature”, dead, senseless matter then they still have not accounted for the design, planning and origin of the Universe.

1. Since the Universe is run by laws, there is an intelligent Lawgiver.

2. Since the Universe operates on mathematical principles, there is an intelligent Mathematician.

3. Since the Universe itself and the smallest atom in it are masterpieces of engineering skill there is an intelligent Engineer.

4. Paul in Heb. 3:4 made the same argument when he said *For every house is built by someone* (something does not come from nothing), *but God is the builder of everything.*

III. Man Possesses a Unique Nature.

A. It is undeniable that man is a unique part of the creation. He possesses characteristics and faculties that are not only unknown to the highest form of animal life but which, from the very nature of the case, could not have been the result of a gradual development from the animal kingdom.

B. Again, we are faced with two choices as to how we shall account for man’s existence and nature:

1. Man was created by God

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the _____ and the earth.

Gen 1:10 God called the _____ ground "land," and the gathered _____ he called "seas."
And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:21 So God created the great _____ of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their _____, and every winged _____ according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:25 God made the wild animals according to their _____, the livestock according to their _____, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our _____, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own _____, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and _____ in number; _____ the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every _____ creature that moves on the ground."

Gen 2:7 the LORD God formed the man from the _____ of the ground and breathed into his _____ the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

- a. This accounts for his origin.
- b. This accounts for his intellect, his religious intuition, his aesthetic appreciation, his moral consciousness.
- c. This accounts for his dominion over the animal world.

Ps 8:4 what is man that you are _____ of him, the son of man that you care for him? 5 You made him a little _____ than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the _____ of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the _____ of the seas.

2. Man is the product of evolution.

- a. The difficulties of this position will be explored shortly but for the time being a passage from Isaiah 29:15, 16 is well to keep in mind.

Woe to those who go to great _____ to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?" You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the ____! Shall what is _____ say to him who formed it, "He did not make me"? Can the pot say of the potter, "He knows nothing"?

3. Theistic Evolution – The idea that God began the universe and then stepped back and allowed evolution to proceed. This supposed third choice “Theistic evolution” is really no choice at all.

- a. The theory of evolution, of which there are many, are all based on the non-miraculous origin of the Universe and life – hence God is ruled out.

- b. In theism, God created the universe and designed and created life, so evolution is ruled out.

- c. Theistic evolution then, is a contradiction in terms. If God has created it, then God is the creator. If it has just happened there is no design and no designer, thus no God. To maintain that evolution can be theistic is inconsistent as it claims both an intelligent design and a random chance.

C. Why we reject Darwin's Theory of Evolution as the answer to man's existence and nature.

1. It is an unproved theory.

a. There is a difference between a theory and a proven law. Laws are repeatable and observable. Neither creation nor evolution are repeatable or observable.

b. A "theory" is defined as "a possible explanation based on observation" perhaps of the end result but not of the actual fact. Theory is often used of "a hypothesis" or "something assumed as a starting point for investigation".

c. If Darwin's theory of evolution (or other similar theories) were always identified for what it is, an unproved theory, (or rather, many different and opposing theories), instead of being taught as a proven fact of science, the faith of many unsuspecting young people would not be shaken by their contact with it. Let us be precise in our terminology. While evolution (the word means gradual change) itself does occur, for instance in the increasing size of boys and girls in the US or the differing skin color of different ethnic groups, the theory of evolution presents gradual change as a possible answer to man's existence without intelligent design, thus making such a theory an impossibility.

d. Many prominent scientists do not believe in the theory of evolution.

(1) Dr. Robert Millikan (1868-1953), Physicist (coined the term cosmic ray) and Nobel Prize winner (for determining the mass of an electron 1923), author of a number of books on the relationship between science and religion: "The pathetic thing is that we have scientists who are trying to prove evolution which no scientist can ever prove."

(2) In a survey of scientists at Oxford University, one of the most prestigious universities in England, it was found that 65% of all the scientists there believed in God!

2. The theories of evolution do not account for the origin of man.

a. If all of the accounts of development within various species are granted, that still does not explain the origin of life.

(1) Life comes from life . . . this is a scientific fact! There is life in a million different forms all about us. Where did it come from? If not from a creative God then dead matter produced it. This has never been proved.

In fact virtually all scientists will scoff at the theory of "Spontaneous Generation" which was discredited in the 17th to the 19th centuries. Francesco Redi showed in 1660 that maggots of flies in putrefying meat did not "spontaneously generate" but were only present when flies were allowed access to the meat. In 1768 Lazzaro Spallanzani showed that boiled, sealed, solutions would remain free of microbial life. In 1862, Louis Pasteur further disproved spontaneous generation by showing that particles in the air when put in sterilized nutrient solutions would produce many microorganisms, whereas without the air particles, the solutions remained sterile.

(2) Dr. John Coulter: "The study of evolution has nothing to say concerning origins. When one goes beyond the observed changes and tries to trace the

successions back to their source, he is in the region of speculation and outside the boundaries of science.”

3. Not only does Darwin’s theory of evolution have no proof for the beginning of life but two-thirds of the whole chain is missing!

a. Recently it was shown that the Neanderthals **were not** an ancestor of modern man. (Goodwin W Nature, March 2001) DNA studies of modern humans indicate a common ancestor (mitochondrial Eve) less than 200,000 years ago.

b. The first assemblage of organisms is found in the Cambrian rocks.

(1) The earliest skeletal fossils are one-half billion years old and the closest in appearance to man contains “modern human DNA.” Hence, at least 2/3 of the whole theoretical chain of evolution from one celled species onward has no proof and there are no earlier fossils!

c. The real issue with Evolution Theorists is not whether there has been development and improvement within a species but whether there has been “transmutation”, the crossing of the line between vegetable and animal and animal and man.

d. But, many ask, “What about all of the pre-historic men we have seen pictures of in textbooks.”?

(1) Many assume that these furnish the link between man and ape.

(2) Many also assume that whole skeletons have been found to bridge this gap. But such is not the case!

(a) The Heidelberg man, discovered at Heidelberg, Germany, in 1907 consisted of one jaw.

(b) The Java man was put together from a cranial cap, a thigh bone, and a few teeth. It could not even be proved that they were from the same creature.

(c) The original Peking man consisted of one tooth!

4. Darwinian evolution fails to account for the characteristics man possesses which are completely unknown to animals.

a. Man has the capacity for complex, rational thought.

(1) This is distinguished from the teaching by “instinct” used in training a bear to skate, a horse to count, etc., in small tricks. An animal does not have the intellect to train other animals, to accumulate knowledge from generation to generation, in any but the simplest tasks.

b. Man has a sense of morals.

Only man punishes his own kind for doing wrong. In all societies of man there are moral codes about murder and incest. In the animal world, such things do not result in remorse. They are mere instincts for preservation. Have you ever seen anything

that shocked your sense of moral decency? If so, at that moment you exercised a faculty possessed by man that is unknown to animals.

c. Man has an Esthetic nature. inherent in man is the capacity to appreciate and enjoy the beautiful and harmonious. A monkey or dog or cow are unmoved by a beautiful painting, an exquisite orchid, a beautiful sunset, etc.

d. Man is inherently religious. Even the most primitive civilizations have had a sense of a higher being, a basic fear of death, a conception of a life after death, and a form of worship. Evolution has failed to account for the fact that animals are completely devoid of this inherent religious intuition.

e. Man has a conscience. As an integral part of his infancy and adolescence, man's mind and his surroundings shown an innate reluctance to take the life of another.

f. All of these marks of personality in man prove two things:

(1) Man was created in the image of a "Personal" God with those same qualities of intellect, free will, moral sense, etc., and was not the product of so called "resident forces" of the material Universe.

(2) There is something in man that is not material. Scientists tell us that our bodies are constantly changing . . . that our bodies today (including our brains) do not contain a single atom or molecule which they contained ten years ago. Yet our personality, our memory of who and what we are, our moral consciousness, and intellect are still present. We must have something else besides atoms and molecules.

5. The theory of evolution's "proofs" continue to shift as they fall by the wayside of true scientific progress.

a. Lamarck's theory of "acquired characteristics may be transmitted to offspring" published in 1822 and considered to be possible from 1870-1910, has been completely discarded.

b. Where there were once nearly 200 vestigial organs (organs which serve no purpose in modern man but are left over from evolution, among which were the thyroid, the pituitary, the appendix), there are now none! There is a reason for each and every part of your body. Although you can do without some due to the amazing redundancy of the body, you are best served by having all your organs, limbs, etc.

c. Mutations produced by radiation were supposed to be the answer for evolutionists but here again, in spite of all the experiments which have produced an amazing number of varieties, (99% of which have been harmful), there has still been no evidence whatsoever of transmutation (the crossing of species). Experiments by Prof. H. J. Muller of the University of Indiana on the fruit fly, has, by radiation, produced the equivalent of 1/2 million years of evolution. But did it turn into a bumble bee or a June bug? No, they changed its eyes from red to white and back again, its wings from long to short and back again, but it is still nothing but a fruit fly.

d. One of the strongest arguments against evolution is the absence of "nascent organs" or organs in the process of developing for use in the next stage of development. The anatomy of thousands of species of animals has been carefully

studied, it is impossible to name a structure in any of them which is even probably in a nascent condition. In fact, even the enzymes in the organisms are perfectly fitted for their purpose in that organism and no improvement in their function for that organism has been seen when they have been changed by scientific experiment. In other words, no fish has half formed legs in preparation for the transition to amphibian, no reptile has half formed wings in preparation for the transition to bird life, no species of ape has a half formed soul (conscience, moral sense, capacity to worship, etc.) in preparation for becoming a man.

6. The logical consequence of Darwinian type evolution is the selective breeding of human beings and the destruction of those deemed unfit.

a. Darwin's *Descent of Man*, 1874 Edition, pp. 149, 150 "With savages, the weak in body or mind are soon eliminated; and those that survive commonly exhibit a vigorous state of health. We civilized men, on the other hand, do our utmost to check the progress of elimination. We build asylums for the imbecile, the maimed, and the sick; we institute poor laws; our medical experts exert their utmost skill to save the lives of everyone to the last moment. There is reason to believe that vaccination has preserved thousands who, from weak constitutions, would have succumbed to smallpox. Thus the weak members of civilized societies propagate their kind. No one who has attended to the breeding of domestic animals will doubt that this must be highly injurious to the race of man."

Let the implications of such statements sink in! All of the sickening cruelty of heathen societies' "survival of the fittest", all of the stench of Hitler's "Master Race" ovens, are wrapped up in these conclusions. Some evolutionists may say that they are not willing to go that far, but why not? If man is just a superior form of animal life, why not selective breeding to improve the strain? Why should moral, religious, and sociological factors even enter into the picture? One of the hardest questions for the evolutionist is "If man is just a higher animal, why is it wrong to kill a man but not wrong to kill a deer or chicken?"

IV. The Alternative Theory of Origins Cannot be Proved

A. Ps. 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Why?

1. Because he must deny his own nature and relegate himself to the level of brute animals.
2. Because he closes his mind to all the evidence God has written into His creation.
3. Because, from a logical and scientific standpoint, he is utterly unequipped to make such a declaration and incapable of proving it.
4. To make such a declaration, one would have to possess the qualities of God.
 - a. He would have to be omnipresent (everywhere in the Universe) because wherever he is not, God might be.
 - b. He would have to be omniscient (know everything) because the truth he admits he does not know could be the proof that demonstrates the existence of God. He would have to be able, with certainty, to give a reason or cause for everything in the Universe or else that cause which he cannot describe may be God.

c. He would have to be eternal because before he lived, God may have powerfully demonstrated His existence.

5. In short, the presumption of this finite being—whose life span is just a dot on the pages of eternity, who knows only one little section on one little planet in a vast Universe, who is hedged about by inscrutable mysteries, who cannot say for sure where he came from, where he is going, or even if he will be here tomorrow—in making such a declaration is nothing short of amazing.

6. To summarize, we have seen that Atheism cannot be proved and is morally bankrupt.

B. Agnosticism is cowardly, refusing to make a decision.

Agnostics freely admit “We do not know.” Why give up a faith that is meaningful, a moral standard that is uplifting, a hope that sustains us in the trials and sorrows of life, the fellowship of the best people on earth when the best alternative is “I do not know!” Additionally, the choice of agnosticism leaves one without a moral standard, without hope, with sorrow that this life is the best one will ever know and with no one to care unless they receive a reward for caring.

C. That leaves theism, the belief that “God Is” as the most reasonable explanation for:

1. The order, design, and purpose of this vast Universe.

2. The origin and personality (intellect, moral consciousness, religious intuition, etc.) of man.

3. Ps. 104:24: How many are your _____, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the _____ is full of your creatures.

Isa. 40:25, 26: "To whom will you _____ me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift your eyes and look to the _____: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is _____ .

Neh. 9:6: You _____ are the LORD. You made the _____, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the _____ and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

Questions

1. What is an atheist? _____

2. What is an agnostic? _____

3. What is a theist? _____

4. What is the Second Law of Thermodynamics? _____

5. What is the difference in the Big Bang Theory and the Steady State Theory? _____

6. Which of these theories fits the Biblical account of the Beginning? _____

7. Which of these theories fits the scientific evidence best? _____
8. What verse differentiates God as being matter or non-matter? _____
9. What is the current scientific estimate of the length of the universe? _____
10. What implication does the size of the universe have for the time God used for Gen 1:1-2:2?

11. What is the significance of II.B.2 in terms of probability? _____
12. If there are 1 billion cells in a 1/8 inch diameter sphere (the minimum size of a lump a woman could feel in searching for breast cancer), how many cells are in an average human body? _____
13. How does the trilobite eye compare in complexity to man's eye? _____
In what period do scientists place the trilobite? _____
(You have to look this one up)
14. What advantages do cacti have for growing in the desert? _____
15. What is the difference between man and animals? _____
16. What three possibilities for man's creation are possible? _____
17. What is necessary to prove a theory? _____
18. How do evolutionists account for the origin of man? _____
19. Are hoax's such as the Piltdown Man a good argument against evolution? _____
20. Who discovered that the Piltdown Man was a hoax? _____
21. What four characteristics of man over animals does Wilson give? _____
22. What does vestigial mean? _____ Are there any vestigial organs? _____
23. Do mutations result in species shifts? _____
24. Do mutations result in genera shift? _____
25. What is the evolutionist position on the retarded, weak, or slow? _____
26. Is it wrong to kill animals? _____
27. What is agnosticism? _____
28. Why is theism reasonable? _____

