

## Human Universe! - Week 95

I quote from a description of a current BBC TV series "Human Universe": "Why are we here? What made the universe? How did the universe make us? Are we alone? What's the destiny of the human race? These are the questions posed by Brian Cox in this epic five-parter exploring the past, present and future of mankind".

Well there we have it! The good old unbiassed programme-makers at the BBC have struck again, giving a telegenic, atheist professor five programmes on mainstream national television to trot out his evolutionary assumptions about our origins and future prospects. Millions of people will watch and, as a result of what they are told, can be confirmed in their opinions that "Science has disproved the Bible".

The Bible claims to have given us all the answers to Brian Cox's questions anyway! - but sadly these answers are going to be ignored in these programmes. Instead we shall be told that we got here by naturalistic, evolutionary processes over billions of years.

Now because we have all been brainwashed with such evolutionist talk from our childhoods, many Christians unthinkingly accept it, assuming it is based on real "Science". They then downgrade early Genesis from what it claims to be - factual, historical description - to a lesser status of myth and legend.

Those who take this view, ("theistic evolutionists"), then say that none of this matters anyway! "So what?", they argue, "if God DID use evolution?" - for Truth comes in different forms, and the origins debate is only a sideshow, because it is not a "salvation issue".

Frankly, such an approach, though widespread within the Church, is mistaken, foolish and dangerous. For a start, it ignores the fact that the Gospel message is based on bloodshed and death only entering this creation AFTER the Fall, AS A RESULT of human sin. So how could God have used evolution BEFORE the Fall? - even assuming such a gruesome process can be squared somehow with His gracious character? No. Clearly God would not, and did not, use evolution.

Furthermore, the downgrading of Genesis is wholly unnecessary, for the "Cox View" is not Science at all - for evolution cannot be observed, tested or repeated, the three essentials of the scientific method. It is merely a Belief System - a rival

to the Belief System that is early Genesis. Being confronted with two contradictory Belief Systems about our origins, we examine the factual evidence around us to see which Belief System is the most likely to be true.

When that examining is done, based on the rocks and fossils around us, belief in a recent, global Flood (Genesis 6-8) wins "hands down" over a belief in a long-age / evolutionary view. And if Genesis has it quite right over a recent Flood, against all the odds, then why ever should it not also have it right over creation, Adam and Eve, the Fall, the genealogies and Babel? Yet millions are misled over this, while the Church, by and large, "shrugs its shoulders".

So, some suggestions if I may: First, prayerfully read, in one sitting, Genesis 1 - 11, setting aside any pre-suppositions you may have. Second, you could visit [www.creation.com](http://www.creation.com) or [www.csm.org.uk](http://www.csm.org.uk) - are these PhD-possessing scientists really just a few extremist nutcases? Third, if you watch the Cox programmes, try to distinguish between real FACTS and mere ASSUMPTIONS - rocks and fossils don't come with date labels. Fourth, ask the BBC to commission five programmes telling us the story of our origins and future as revealed by Almighty God our Creator in His holy Word..... I suspect we already know their answer! Fifth, bearing in mind that this clash of Belief Systems over our origins is actually the hottest part of the battle for the Bible and the Gospel, whenever anyone is speaking in evolutionary terms, just react with - "That's interesting, whatever makes you believe that?" - and watch the wriggles begin!

***"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is (Exodus 20.11).*** The key event pointing to the literal truth of that wonderful statement is the Genesis Flood, for which there is abundant evidence all around us. Praise God, true Science always supports the Bible.

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