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The phrase “the imagined Paradise” in regard to early Genesis (TWR 280) prompted us to ask why Darwinism has become so prevalent in human thought. After our 2-week interlude about significant events in Israel, we can now return to this vital question: have we evolved or not? – and does it really matter anyway?

Darwin’s 1859 book “On the Origin of Species” prompted the cry, “Science has proved we have evolved!” – (nonsense then and nonsense now). But Christian leaders quickly surrendered to these purported “scientific findings” by altering the Church’s approach to Genesis Chapters 1 – 11. No longer were these chapters to be seen as a straightforward historical account of our beginnings, as had been the prevailing view for millennia; now they were to be seen as “myth” that had never been intended to be taken literally, let alone now in this new age of “scientific progress”.

So was born “theistic evolution”, one particularly unfortunate offspring of Darwinism that remains the most prevalent view regarding early Genesis in western churches today. This belief appears to remove any conflict between “Science” and Scripture very neatly: “Science tells us we have evolved; so evolution must have been God’s chosen method of creation; so, “So what anyway?”.

So what indeed! Worryingly, few people realise the highly-damaging effects of “theistic evolution”. We now briefly examine some technical evidence to show that Darwinian evolution is pure fiction on scientific grounds alone, (quite apart from on scriptural grounds also which we plan to show next time).

No-God Darwinian evolution depends on a no-God Big Bang at the start. We are told that this Bang occurred 13 billion years ago, all by itself, from nothing at all, and has led to this stupendous universe in all its beauty, order and design. Eh?! The First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics demonstrate that the universe is not eternal, it did have a Beginning, and it is “running down”. Its Beginning has to have had a “First Cause”, a Creator, and to claim otherwise is clearly untenable.

Then we come on to the equal humbug of no-God Darwinian evolution, the belief that all species have evolved gradually from one very simple life-source, with no Creator being necessary. In developing this theory Darwin jumped from what he saw – changes WITHIN species, (ie., “Science”), into what he never saw or could see – changes ACROSS species, (ie., groundless Belief dressed up as a serious scientific proposal). Note that this involved his quietly discarding the phrase “after his/their kind” that occurs ten times in Genesis Chapter 1 alone (KJV).

But because Darwin carefully omitted a Creator, (hence the enduring popularity of his theory), he hit an insoluble problem: his whole claimed evolutionary process has to occur randomly, without purpose, plan or direction, over vast periods of time. This too is scientifically impossible, as two brief examples can now demonstrate.

First, any new species needs masses of extra, new genetic information, but where is this information to come from? Merely “shuffling the pack” of the information in an

existing species, via sporadic, random mutations, adds nothing new at all. New genetic information can only be provided by an Information Provider, a Creator.

Second is “irreducible complexity” – the need for the many parts of an organism to be fully present from the start for it to function at all, as with the eye, the ear, or a wing or feather for example (let alone the extraordinary double helix structure of DNA). Once again, random mutations are a total non-starter: irreducible complexity utterly depends on a stupendous Designer, a Creator.

A no-God Big Bang followed by no-God Darwinian evolution are completely impossible scientifically, before we ever get to Scripture! - so in football parlance the final score is, “No-God Beginnings, nil; Creator, two”. (We remark in passing therefore that the hasty downgrading of early Genesis from Fact to Myth on supposedly scientific grounds was entirely unnecessary – and it still is).

So we have reached a startling conclusion: If we really have evolved, this can only have been by the Creator’s choice. And if so – now the crunch question – is that really the creative method which God chose? Thankfully the answer to that crunch question is a resounding “No”, based on a host of scriptural evidence to be covered next time.

The answer to the “So what anyway?” question is just this: Darwinian evolution blatantly refutes the integrity of Genesis, the foundational book of God’s Word, and bestows intellectual respectability upon atheism as it does so. The theory’s extraordinary success, coupled with the needless surrender of the Church, has done untold damage to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so may we never drift into, or linger within, the casual view that this question of our origins is an irrelevant sideshow.

Meanwhile a solid dose of Psalm 148 and the like is now recommended! - a tonic that will do us much more good, praise God, than the scientifically-impossible ideas of Mr Darwin and his fellow-travellers.

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