

The Bible Standard

"Send out your light and truth! Let them lead me;..."

Psalm 43:3

"LIFT UP A STANDARD FOR THE PEOPLE"

Isaiah 62:10

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EVOLUTION AND THE BIBLE

“The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Genesis 2: 7 (NKJV)

In sailing the Pacific, Charles Darwin pursued his passionate curiosity of nature. His conclusions led him to formulate ideas—not all his own—which have profoundly altered the secular and religious views of the world. The accepted view of the time was that the earth was young. Darwin’s theory required a much older planet and it generated bitter controversy. Nevertheless, through vigorous advocacy by prominent men such as Thomas H. Huxley and Ernst H. Haeckel, a German scientist, who propounded his own “recapitulation” theory, evolution became an accepted doctrine in the scientific world. Zoologist and author, Richard Dawkins, a self-confessed disciple of Darwin, called him the greatest scientist Britain has produced.

It seems then, that Adam and Eve are “out,” and DNA is “in.” The genetic code DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) with its 64-“word” structure is responsible for regulating the cell development of all living creatures. Modern Darwinists hold up this fact as proof of Darwin’s basic ideas.

Without doubt the teaching of evolution has undermined the faith of millions since Darwin’s seminal work, “The Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection,” appeared in 1859. Over the past century and a half, research by scientists from Malthus to Mendel has been advanced to buttress the theory, spawning countless arguments which fly in the face of the Bible teachings on creation.

Predictably, this has generated heated debate between the evolution and creation camps. Into this fray stepped the Pope. Although John Paul’s declaration that “the theory of evolution is more than a hypothesis” merely confirms the long-standing view of the Catholic church—Catholic schools have long taught evolution—it is a significant public concession, and has been received with disappointment by many Christians.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE EVOLUTION THEORY

THE IDEA, proposed by evolution, that new species develop from accidents in the genetic code and that distinct development of identical but isolated species occurs, forms much of the underpinning of current thinking in this field.

“Punctuated equilibrium,” a sort of twitching, jumping evolution, which produces large changes in species and then slows down for a long period, is another way of looking at the same thing: Man is a product of a natural, impersonal force. In other words, he is an accident, albeit a fortunate one.

S. J. Gould, a leading U.S. paleontologist, and one of the foremost spokesmen for evolution, believes that the evolutionary explanation of man’s origins clearly displaces traditional religious beliefs. He further observes that man’s longevity on this earth is vastly exceeded by that of bacteria, and that when the human species is extinct, bacteria will continue. He applies to bacteria the statement which the Christian creed applies to God, they “were, and are, and ever shall be.”

Many evolutionists are atheists. They teach that, without an intelligent Creator, the universe and its plant and animal life produced themselves by a series of transmutations from one form into another. The theory of Darwinian evolutionists, however, is that God created matter, its forces and the first form, or less preferably, the first few forms of plant and animal life, which thenceforth developed themselves into ever higher forms culminating in man. These evolutionists (among whom some clergymen are found) like to convey the impression that their theory that man evolved from the ape is now commonly accepted by scholars, scientists and churchmen in general. This is by no means true. Nevertheless, because this theory has been and still is being taught in schools and colleges, and even in many churches, and has been

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and still is being advocated in many museum exhibits, books, magazines, newspapers, radio and television programs, etc., many have more or less accepted it, without ever thinking much about it, or investigating for themselves whether or not it is in harmony with reason, facts and the teachings of the Bible. It is therefore appropriate that we examine here some of the main arguments that are advanced to support it, and also set forth some strong arguments against it.

First of all, it should be stated that evolution is built on the most extravagant guesses, which are proven to be unreliable by the fact that there is the utmost diversity in evolutionists' guesses necessary for the theory. Some of them guess that the human race has existed 2,000,000 years; others guess it as 100,000 years; and there are almost endless variations between these two figures. Scarcely any two of them agree on these guesses. Some of them guess the age of the earth to be 50,000,000 (50 million) years and others 4,000,000,000 (4 billion) years. Some of them assign to the age of plant life 3,000,000,000 (3 billion) years and others about 40,000,000 (40 million) years, with all sorts of variations on the part of others between these two extremes. Some of them claim that their own manufactured pithecanthropos (ape-man) lived 750,000 years ago; others claim that this figment of their imagination lived 375,000 years ago. On almost everything connected with the time element they widely and wildly disagree with one another.

Of course, reasoning people, in distinction from fanciful people, at once see that on these matters they are long on guessing and short on truth, else they would be in reasonable harmony on such essential matters. Mr. Darwin in his two principal works on evolution, in making his inductions, uses terms expressive of guessing 800 times—terms like “we suppose,” “if we may assume,” “perhaps,” “it may have been.” He built his theory on 800 interdependent guesses. Applying the rule of compound probability to this theory so constructed, and very liberally allowing an even chance to his 800 guesses being right, out of one chance there is a half chance in each case that he was right. The chance that the theory is right is one as against the number of chances that it is wrong represented by 241 digits, the product of two squared 800 times, a set of figures which, allowing for twelve to an inch, would require over 20 inches of line space the size of the type in which this article is written, i.e., over 6 of our lines! A theory so extremely improbable should never be taught as science—true knowledge. Rather it should long ago have been assigned to the circular file as much too improbable to be considered.

While rejecting the guesswork and speculations of evolutionists, let us not go to the opposite extreme of insisting that the creation of the earth and the preparing and ordering of it for man's habitation were accomplished in a very short period. We should keep in mind that the Bible account does not tell us how long it took God to create the earth (Gen. 1: 1), nor how long an interval of time elapsed between the creation of the earth and the condition described in v. 2, when “the earth was,” i.e., existed, though “waste and empty,” nor how long the Spirit, the power of God, moved upon, or energized, the face of the waters, as described in Gen. 1: 2, before the beginning of the first of the “days” of God's ordering matters on earth to prepare it for man's habitation (Gen. 1: 3-5).

GENESIS DAYS NOT 24 HOURS

Nor should we assume that these “days” were periods of 24 hours only, for the term “day,” both in the Bible and in common usage, frequently denotes a much longer period. In the Bible we find it used to designate a 40-year period (Psa. 95: 7-10), a 1,000-year period (2 Pet. 3: 8); and in common usage we speak of Luther's day, and Washington's day. We know that the “days” of Gen. 1 were not sun-days, of 24 hours each, for neither the sun nor the moon was visible until the fourth day (Gen. 1: 14-18); rather, they were long periods of time. The Bible shows that the seventh of these “days” is 7,000 years long (see *The*



Time is at Hand, Chap. II ; *The New Creation*, p. 19, and *The Photo-Drama of Creation*); therefore the others are logically seen to be of the same length, making a period of 49,000 (7x 7,000) years in all. Looking at the matter from this standpoint, there is no disagreement with the true Biblical statements (as distinct from the credal views inherited from the Dark Ages) respecting creation and the assured results of scientific discovery of facts as such, though there is much conflict between these statements and the wild guesses and speculations of evolutionists.

FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR “MISSING LINKS”

Evolutionists have moved heaven and earth in search of so-called “missing links,” particularly between man and the ape, but have never found an undoubted one. Some of them have offered four alleged “missing links” between man and the ape—pithecanthropos, the Heidelberg man, the Piltdown man and the Neanderthal man. But these will not bear close investigation and most scientists laugh them to scorn, especially now since the Piltdown

man has definitely been proven by chemical tests and also otherwise, to be a hoax.

How these alleged “missing links” originated is shown by the following: Dr. Dubois, an ardent evolutionist, in 1892 found in some sand in Java a small part of the top of a skull and a tooth, the latter three feet away from the former; and fifty feet away in some more sand he found another tooth and a thigh bone. He claimed that these belonged to the same animal—“the missing link!” Shortly after their discovery twenty-four of the leading European scientists examined these four fragments. Ten of these said that all of them belonged to an ape; seven said they belonged to a man and seven (evolutionists) said they were the missing link. Prof. Virchow said: “There is no evidence at all that these bones are parts of the same creature.” But what did evolutionists do with these two teeth, one thigh bone and a very small part of a skull top? They had a “reconstructor” draw on his imagination and construct an entire image of what they thought was the missing link and called this dull figure pithecanthropus!—ape-man.

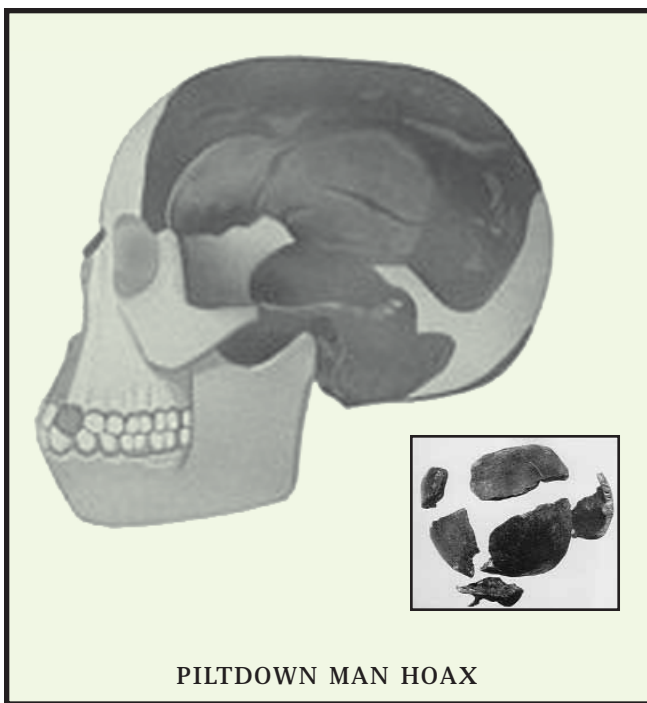
A very few bones were found at Piltdown, England and likewise near Heidelberg and Neanderthal, Germany. The bones of all three of these finds combined would not fill a bushel basket, let alone fill up a complete human skeleton. The same “reconstructor” formed, out of his imagination, three “ape-man” figures from these few bones. These figures are exact images of evolution—imagination! They are indeed monuments of infamy to evolution, the laughing stock of biologists; yet, “as per plan,” they have been used very much and some of them are still being used to inoculate immature children and poor-thinking adults with the idea of man’s descent from lower animals.

The folly of trying to establish anything definite as to man’s origin on the basis of a few fossil fragments is illustrated very well by the incident of the “million dollar tooth” found some years ago in the bed of a stream. It was regarded by eminent evolutionists as certainly out of the jaw of the famous imaginary “missing link”—but imagine their chagrin when, a little later, teeth exactly like it were found in the jaw of a wild pig!

THE PILTDOWN MAN A HOAX

As to the Piltdown man, the announcement of the British Museum that the “Piltdown Skull” was a forgery caused one of the greatest sensations in scientific circles.

In exposing the Piltdown man to be a fake, the British Museum bulletin explained that some unknown “expert” had: (a) broken off the front of the lower jaw of a big ape; (b) removed all its teeth except two molars; (c) stained the jaw to make it look like the fossil skull bones found in the gravel pit at Piltdown; (d) inserted the jaw bone so treated into



this gravel pit, at the spot where the bones had been found, doing it so skillfully that the two experts who came upon this jawbone when searching for fossils were convinced that the gravel had not been disturbed; (e) doctored a skull bone belonging to another skull, to make it look like the fossil bones found in the gravel pit; (f) doctored a molar tooth and filed it down to make it look like the molars in the jaw; (g) placed the doctored skull bone, the doctored molar and a fossilized bone fragment of a

skull found in the gravel pit in such a position as led Charles Dawson and Dr. Smith Woodward to believe that they were all genuine fossils. These charges were made by men of the highest scientific standing, including Dr. K. P. Oakley of the British Museum and Dr. W. E. LeGros Clark and Dr. J. E. Weiner, professors in Oxford University. Many able scientists had challenged the correctness of the “reconstruction” of this skull when it was first produced, insisting that the jawbone was that of an ape or chimpanzee, but their protests were not heeded.

As to the Heidelberg and Neanderthal men, their few remaining bones exhibit less abnormalities than can be found in many humans now living, let alone bones of dead humans disfigured by the chemical action of the earth. In fact, many able scientists from the first have claimed that these findings were bones of abnormal humans, among others not a few evolutionists so holding. Yet partly on such flimsy humbugs as evidence, shallow-thinking evolutionists have been claiming man’s descent from apes as scientifically proven!

EVOLUTIONISTS' OWN TESTIMONY

Some testimonies of evolutionists, disapproving the claims made for the alleged "missing links," will be in place here, and we will therefore quote them: Prof. Wassman says: "There are numerous fossils of apes, the remains of which are buried in the various strata from the lower Eocene to the close of the alluvial epoch, but not one connection has been found between their hypothetical ancestral forms and man at the present time. The whole hypothetical pedigree of man is not supported by a single fossil genus or a single fossil species." Darwin says: "When we descend to details, we cannot prove that one species has changed." H. G. Wells, a most fanciful evolutionist, in his history, p. 69, admits: "We cannot say that pithecanthropos is a direct human ancestor." On p. 116 he gives a diagram showing that none of the four alleged "missing links" could have been an ancestor of the human race, since that one would be the last of his species, hence had no descendants.

Dr. Osborn, another eminent evolutionist, says that the Heidelberg man "shows no trace of being intermediate between man and the anthropoid ape." Again, speaking of the teeth of the Neanderthals, he says: "This special feature alone would exclude the Neanderthals from the ancestry of the human race." Prof. Cope, a great anatomist, says: "The thigh bone [of pithecanthropos] is that of a man; it is in no sense a connecting link." Dr. Orchard declares: "The remains bearing on this issue [these four fakes] which have been found are very few; and their significance is hotly disputed by scientists themselves—both their age and whether they are human or animal or mere [human] abnormalities." Prof. Bronco, of the Geological and Paleontological Institute of Berlin University, affirms "Man appears suddenly in the Quaternary period. Paleontology tells us nothing on the subject—it knows nothing of the ancestors of man." With these remarks we leave these four fakes to the credulity of those who like to be fooled, while posing as wise—in their own conceits. As Douglas Dewar, F. Z. S., writing on this subject in *World Science Review*, stated, "The whole picture is one of twisted and highly disputable evidence."

PAINTINGS IN CAVES NO EVIDENCE

Another poverty-stricken argument evolutionists offer is this: In certain deep, dark caverns, notably in Altamira, Spain, there are paintings and frescoes of various animals, some of them now not existing. They claim that these pictures are 25,000 to 50,000 years old. But on their own admission, at those times of their ape-men, fire, torches, wicks, etc., were unknown. Then these paintings must have been made in the dark. But who could have done any painting

that would reproduce good likenesses of animals in such darkness? Certainly not ape-men! How would ape-men have known enough to mix the paints so as to produce the brown, red, black, yellow and white that appears in these paintings? How could ape-men have produced ladders and scaffolding needed for those paintings? How could these colors have remained so clear in those damp caverns for from 25,000 to 50,000 years? Do not these objections overthrow the theory of ape-men doing such painting and point to some modern artist, using modern equipment, and drawing on his imagination, a thing allowable in art, but not in science, as the one who did it? How short of real proof must a theory be that will resort to such non-probative points!

ALLEGED VESTIGIAL ORGANS NO PROOF

Evolutionists resort to the alleged vestigial organs in the human body that they allege have no use—as proofs that they were inherited from nonhuman ancestors. Their favorite vestigial organ is the appendix. This, they assert, proves that man descended from some animal that had some use for it; but, they claim, it is useless for man (except to the evolutionist who needs it to prove [?] his descent from ancestors that needed it). But as medical science and surgery have advanced, they have found a use for the appendix. Finding that those who have lost their appendixes suffer from constipation, eminent medical and surgical authorities, after exhaustive investigation, have concluded that the appendix has its place at the beginning of the large colon in order to assist elimination and thus it serves to prevent constipation. Here, certainly, a very interesting use for this so-called "vestigial organ" has been found, and that to the unhappiness of evolutionists, who are ever anxious to prove their kinship to beasts—at least they have shown their mental relationship to the ass on this point. This argument on the appendix, if it had merit at all, would favor our descent from the rat, rather than from the monkey, for the former has proportionately a larger appendix.

BLOOD TESTS NO PROOF OF EVOLUTION

Blood tests are another argument that evolutionists allege for their doctrine. They put the argument like this: Dog's blood injected into a horse kills the horse; but man's blood injected into an ape does it very little harm. Hence, they reason, the dog and horse are not nearly related, while man is nearly related to the ape. In reply we say: Dog's blood is poisonous to most animals; while the blood and blood serum of the sheep, goat and horse are not poisonous to other animals and man. Hence serums are usually made from these animals, especially from the horse. But no serums for man have been made from apes, because they

do not help man. These facts would prove man to be more nearly related to the sheep, goat and horse than to the ape, if the argument under examination were true.

THE RECAPITULATION THEORY

Evolution has invented a theory called the recapitulation theory, according to which evolutionists claim that the human embryo passes, during the first few weeks of its existence, through all the stages of the lower species, i.e., the whole history of evolution is allegedly repeated in the first few weeks of human embryonic life. We ask, How could all the alleged changes of the thousands of animal species be crowded into a few weeks? This would be physically impossible. Again, changes alleged by evolution as being due to the environment would have to have that same environment present to make them—a thing impossible in an embryo's environment.

Whatever resemblance there is in a human embryo to those of other animals is due to the fact that a wise Creator has in all mammals used the same basal structure, which as such must appear in the early stages of all embryonic life; the variations due to differences in such species must come in later, i.e., after the basal mammal structure has been developed. Certainly an inventor would make the basal parts of similar inventions very much alike. So with God. This fact is as far from proving evolution from the standpoint of the similarity of the early stages of the human embryo to other mammalian embryos as the east is from the west. This variation amid similarity we find on all hands—no two leaves, however similar, are exactly alike; nor are two human faces, two mountains, two trees, nor two of any other thing exactly alike. Like evolution, the recapitulation theory, once widely accepted, is now seriously questioned by the ablest scientists and is rejected by not a few of them. The above points certainly show that evolution cannot prove itself by the alleged recapitulation of all animal species in embryo.

THE SO-CALLED "BRAIN AGE"

Evolutionists point also to the wonderful inventions and increased knowledge of our day as a proof of evolution as working in man, ever lifting him to higher planes of being. To a superficial thinker this seems to be a strong proof in favor of evolution. But under analysis this "proof" falls to the ground. In the first place, remarkably few individuals are real inventors. So, too, remarkably few people are real inventors of thought, however widespread knowledge is. If evolution were true, the generality of the race now living would be great inventors and thinkers. But such is not the case; the greatest works of painting, sculpture, architecture, poetry, music, oratory, statesmanship, philosophy, history and religion, do not

belong to our day. We, therefore, deny that humans have greater ability now than in former times.

And what shall we say as to their claims on the increase of knowledge and inventions, as a proof of evolution? We reply that this increase, because of its suddenness and rapidity, so contrary to slow-going evolution's alleged ways, must be due to increased knowledge that God here in the "Time of the End" (Dan. 12: 9), since 1799, has given to mankind as a preparation for two things: (1) the overthrow of Satan's empire and (2) the needs of God's Kingdom on earth, soon to be established. The special knowledge of our time was in part designed to expose the rotten foundations of Satan's empire in order to assist mankind to overthrow its present earthly status. Furthermore, it is in part for the purpose of furnishing the human race with the instruments that will accomplish this destruction, that many special inventions have recently come into existence. The constructive inventions of our time are also Divinely intended to prepare conditions in human society for Millennial needs and progress. It is for these reasons that we have such a great increase of knowledge and inventions peculiarly marking our times above all others in these respects. Previous knowledge, of course, became the basis of our present knowledge; for previous generations hand on their knowledge to succeeding ones. Thus we stand upon the shoulders of previous generations in our basal knowledge. Since the invention of printing, in 1440 A. D., this has been the case and with the introduction of the internet into world society we have entered a new age of the spread of knowledge to a wider audience than ever before.

The special increase of knowledge and many inventions of our time did not come in the way that evolutionists claim evolution works, slowly and gradually, but very suddenly and rapidly, compared with the rate of progress in all the years of human history previous to 1799. It is since 1799, beginning with the first steamboat, that the rate of discoveries and inventions has rapidly leaped forward and knowledge has been increased. These facts do not prove that man's mental ability has increased, but rather that his opportunities to use his capacities have increased greatly, rapidly and suddenly since 1799. These facts, therefore, disprove evolution and prove Divine providence since the advent of the "Time of the End" (Dan 8: 17; 12: 4) to be working special opportunities to increase knowledge and multiply inventions, as preparations for the destruction of Satan's empire and for the needs of God's Kingdom on earth. Hence, not increased capacities, but increased opportunities to use one's capacities, mark our day, which, of course, disproves evolution.

MENDELISM DISPROVES EVOLUTION

Several of the more recently discovered sciences, namely, Mendelism, disprove evolution. Mendel, by a vast series of experiments in plant and animal life, has proved several natural laws of heredity. One of these is that the first offspring of a positive (dominant) and a negative (recessive) plant or animal takes after the dominant parent. In the second generation, the dominant one predominates, but the negative one appears. In the third or fourth generation both appear about equally in the descendants. If a giant variety of peas is crossed with a dwarf variety, the offspring are all tall; in the second generation both appear, but the giant variety in the proportion of 3 to 1. In the third or fourth generation they are on the average equal in number; but when these dwarfs are self-fertilized all the successive offspring are dwarfs. Experiments with flowers, rabbits, cats, rats, dogs, etc., proved the same thing. This law applied to man and apes should make the ape appear in some generations among men. So, too, we ought to find some men turn to apes—in the negative characters. But nothing of the kind happens, which shows that there is no taint of the ape in man.

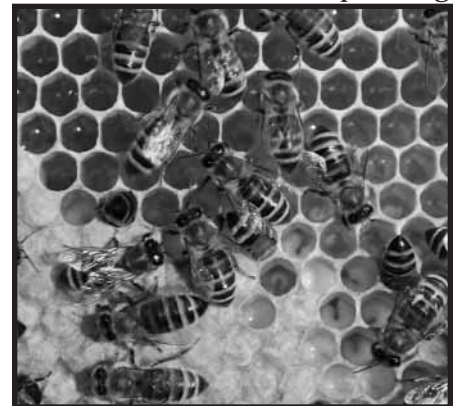
HYBRIDS—A REFUTATION OF EVOLUTION

If evolution were true, and one species would evolve into another, hybrids would be indispensable for its functioning. But hybrids are well known to be sterile, which flatly contradicts evolution. God's law that each should reproduce "after its kind" is proven by the sterility of hybrids to be the rule of reproduction. Thus nature itself destroys evolution by its only possible avenue of operation—preservation of evolved powers by propagation with other, but kindred species. Species do not change nor unite with others to produce new permanent species; dogs and cats do not interbreed and produce a new species. A few nearly-related species are so much alike that we scarcely know whether they are of different species or varieties of the same species, like the jackass and the mare. These frequently interbreed, but their offspring is sterile. The same is true of the Zebulon, the offspring of a zebra and a mare. The same is true of all other closely-related species. A human and an ape cannot produce offspring, which proves that they are not even nearly-related species. But if evolution were true, we would have much and similar interbreeding with the production of fruitful offspring. Even plant hybrids, according to Darwin's own testimony, are not permanent. All this goes to prove God's law that each kind will bring forth no other species except its own. But even if species could interbreed and thus form permanent new species, a thing utterly lacking in proof, genera could not do so by the wildest stretch of imagination. Yet Evolution must assume this impossibility. Surely it is a hopeless and helpless theory.

The Standard Dictionary in the article on Hybridism states: "Hybridism is one of the greatest obstacles to the general acceptance of the principle of Evolution."

BEEES AND ANTS DISPROVE EVOLUTION

Another telling point against evolution is the fact that some insects have more skill and practical ability than apes. We instance the honeybee and the ant. These have a social organization far superior to the ape and certainly surpass it in constructive ability, government and social life. They have armies, sentinels, police, courts (which decree penalties) and executioners of such penalties. They have a highly organized society with kings, queens, nobles, plebeians, higher and lower slaves, etc. The bee forms a honey cell laid out geometrically along the lines of a hexagonal prism, which the mathematical science, Calculus, proves is the most economical space and material saver known to science. Each cell is perfect in itself and is perfectly adjusted to its neighboring cells. A crowd of bees build these, even in the dark, with exquisite skill. If evolution were true, why were these qualities in ever-increasing development not transmitted to their alleged descendants in later-developed species? The ape cannot in his social life and in his activities approach the degree of excellence attained by the bee and the ant. Yet if evolution were true, the ape, being



allegedly a so very much later evolved species than the bee and the ant, should be at least as much more highly developed than these, as man is more highly developed than the ape. Furthermore, the bees' and ants' skill as to work, etc., does not come from their parents by heredity; for the workers are all sterile. The drones are their fathers and the queens, which, aside from laying eggs, do not work, are their mothers. Here, then, is a fact of development which is entirely apart from evolution and for which evolution can offer no satisfactory explanation. Creation is the only solution of this matter, God gifting the bees and ants with abilities that even the highest of the lower animals lack and that do not appear in the intervening species; whereas if evolution were true, all alleged later species would increasingly excel the bee and the ant in these respects, which, except man, they do not do.

EVOLUTION CONTRARY TO THE BIBLE

The Bible account of man's creation, as given in Genesis, states that man was created, not as a microbe or proto-

plasm, nor one step removed from a monkey, but “in the image of God created he him” (Gen. 1: 27). Man was created a mental, moral and religious image of God (not a physical image of God, because God is a spirit being, while man is of another nature—human, fleshly, earthly). This thought of man’s original perfection of being is borne out by many other Bible statements. From the context (v. 31) we learn that God looked upon His creature with approval, pronouncing him to be “very good”; from Deut. 32: 4 we learn respecting God as a Master workman, that “His work is perfect”; in Psa. 8: 5-8 we read, “For you have made him [the man Adam] a little lower than the angels, and you have crowned him with glory and honor [his mental, moral and religious likeness to his Creator]. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea”; in Eccl. 7: 29 we read that “God made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions,” and in Luke 3: 38 we read that Adam “was the son of God.”

But evolution, both in its atheistic and Darwinian forms, flatly contradicts this Bible testimony—it denies that man originally was created in God’s image and likeness, perfect in all his faculties—physical, mental, moral and religious. This denial, of course, brings with it the denial of man’s trial for life in a perfect condition and his fall from that perfection into sin and death along physical, mental, moral and religious lines. How could Evolutionists but deny these Biblical teachings (Rom. 5: 12-20; 8: 18-21; 1 Cor. 15: 21, 22), since they (even some clergymen among them!) express their belief on the subject in this way: “If man fell, he fell upwards.” The impossibility of falling upward shows the folly of such an alleged fall and is revelatory of the unclear thinking of the evolutionists who propound such a thought. Denying man’s fall from perfection into sin and death, of necessity they must deny the Bible’s antidote for man’s fall: the ransom and its effect—restitution (Acts 3: 19-21; see *The Divine Plan of the Ages*, Chap. IX, particularly the part on “Restitution versus Evolution”). So surely as “all the holy prophets since the world began” spoke of the “times of restitution of all things,” so surely the Evolution theory is in violent antagonism to the utterances of God through all His holy prophets. There is no middle ground on this question, and the sooner all decide positively in accord with the Scriptures on this subject, the better it will be for them—we should all let God be true, though it make every man a liar (Rom. 3: 4).

If the first man was only one step removed from the monkey, how could a perfect man—Jesus—be required as

a ransom (a corresponding price, 1 Tim. 2: 6) for him? Even the most degraded of our race, since its supposed evolution from the ape, would be more than a corresponding price for an ape-man. Moreover, such a degraded being could not with justice have been put on trial for life. Hence no ransom in justice could have been required for him. So, too, restitution would be an unspeakable curse to the race; for it means a return to the original estate—the condition of the ape-man via evolution; whereas the Bible holds out restitution as the hope for the race to be in a return to human perfection (Acts 3: 19-21).

As for the Bible, instead of its being an inspired revelation, to the Evolutionist it is largely the product of men not far removed from the ape-man, and is far from being able to meet the evolved needs of this “brain age.” Evolutionists, of course, look upon their literary products as religiously far superior to the Bible. Instead of the Divine plan of the Ages, evolution becomes to them the plan-less accident of nature, and Mr. Darwin’s books become their Bible, even as he recognized this, proven by his following reminiscent words: “I was a young man with unformed ideas. I threw out queries and suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire and people made a religion of them.” Here, then, we have the actual result. They rejected the Bible explanation of Man’s creation and substituted Darwin’s theory.

No real believer in the Bible can agree with the evolutionists who teach that man evolved from the ape. Their rejection of the Bible, the Divine plan as described therein and also Almighty God as its author is, for the Christian, the greatest argument against evolution, and to be consistent he must reject it.

A SOLEMN INDICTMENT

We feel that we should not close our discussion of evolution, as the theory that man evolved from lower animals, without a solemn indictment of it. It has had its general acceptance among the “intelligentsia,” though now, even among many leaders of science it is rejected; but among the superficially-educated and shallow thinking it has worked, and will continue to work the direst of evils. It has made atheists, agnostics and infidels of many. It is demoralizing our youth, who, by it are made to believe in their superiority to their elders and their kinship to the beast; hence their growing disrespect for law and order in the home, state, society and church, and their increased indulgence in the lower elements of their nature, homosexuality, etc. From the thought of no God or that God

created only the first forms of life, no responsibility to law, no higher authority, no hereafter and a brute descent, it becomes for youth but a natural step to a disrespect for religion and government, disobedience toward parents, immorality as to sex, drugs and drunkenness and a materialistic outlook on life. A generation of evolutionist professors in colleges and universities and teachers in the public schools has produced much of the moral, social and religious havoc that we behold in so many of our youth and middle-aged today. The pessimism and indulgence of brute instincts inculcated by evolutionists have in

large part produced the moral collapse everywhere manifest in church and state and contributed largely to producing the World War in its two phases, as they are also doing a large share in the work of degradation leading the nations to Armageddon and World Anarchy. When these shall have wrought their unprecedented havoc on mankind, society will in great resentment arise and repudiate every feature of this theory, burying it everlastingly in the grave, where it belongs.

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DARWINIAN EVOLUTION EXAMINED

*“To be wise you must first have reverence for the LORD.
If you know the Holy One, you have understanding.”*

GNB; Prov. 9: 10

All wise parents wish to give their child a right start in life. This is especially true of parents who are consecrated; they will not leave educational choices to mere chance but will plan to take advantage of all available opportunities in the interests of their youngster. They will study the prospectus of each educational establishment and take every opportunity to speak to, and get advice from, the teachers at every parents' meeting. They will carefully scrutinize every detailed report that they receive from the school about progress in every subject of the curriculum.

If human parents go to such lengths to give their children a good start, surely the Creator of the human family would also be concerned to ensure that His highest and most intelligent of earth's creation would have right incentives for life. A study of man's environment indicates that the Creator placed the Earth at just the right distance from the Sun. The atmospheric gases are just in the right combination so that man can breathe and live; also, not all the waters on earth are salty, so that he can drink. The plant life is suitable for humanity so that they can feed and gain nourishment for their bodies.

The Creator's loving and paternal care of His vulnerable and delicate human creation cannot have been a

product of mere chance. Otherwise, how could man have survived in a vast hostile universe? Those who insist that man is just a chance product clearly have not carefully thought through the matter, and are in danger of becoming just as incredulous as those who bow down before stone or wooden images, believing them to be alive in some way (Psa. 115: 1-8). On the other hand, the Bible offers an explanation of man's introduction to the planet Earth that can satisfy both heart and mind with enough essential information to lift such a faith from base incredulity to a reasoned and factual, intelligent belief.

The very first verse of the Bible sets the tone for the whole of its teaching about man's beginning: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1: 1). It was one of direction and purpose; randomness and chance played no part in God's plan or purpose in creating humanity's home. If indeed the Universe started with a Big Bang, it would have been a controlled explosion with the matter being carefully planned and supervised by the Creator, the extent and awesomeness of the Universe having been carefully thought out by the great Jehovah and the Logos, His first special creation, long before it happened. Man did not witness these events, but a loving Creator provided an inspired account so that we could know something of

this matter with information on which we might build an intelligent faith. God has always existed; a concept which is difficult, if not impossible, for the finite mind to comprehend. At some point God decided to share His life with others—at this time we should note that God was totally self-sufficient without need of any companionship. His motive in sharing life with others was not selfish, but rather altruistic; a concept Bible Students call disinterested love (1 John 4: 8).

The Bible indicates that the Almighty God only created one being and that He used that being as an agent for the rest of His creation. This special and only direct creation by God is hidden in symbolism in the book of Proverbs 8: 22 “The LORD *possessed* me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old.” The Hebrew word translated ‘possessed’ in the King James is “*qanah*” and is more accurately translated ‘made’; “The LORD “*made*” me in the beginning of His way of creation” (Rotherham, Green, Good News).

This indeed was the right start to life with the Father bringing into existence His Son, the *only* begotten Son of the New Testament (John 1: 14, 18). He did this so that He might use His Son as “a workman” (Prov. 8: 30 Young), to bring into existence the rest of His creation. From the use of the Greek prepositions, we can clearly understand that the Apostle Paul accepted this concept and that it was the teaching of the Church: “But to us there is but one God, the Father, *of* whom are all things and we in Him—and one Lord Jesus Christ, *by* whom are all things and we by Him (1 Cor. 8: 6). Two different prepositions for two persons and two different functions!

For anyone wishing to study, in detail, this subject of the creation of the Logos, we would refer them to the SITS Epiphany volume 2, *Creation*, where the matter is thoroughly analyzed. The question now arises: what method did the “workman” use in the bringing into existence of the rest of creation? Human wisdom has for millennia sought to contrive clever fables which would dispense of a personal Creator and thereby remove any obligation on the part of humanity towards their Divine Creator. So they have provided a wrong start to life!

Around 500 BC to 300 BC, Greek philosophers repudiated the gross polytheism of Babylon and Egypt and their creationist mythologies and went to the opposite extreme of teaching that life came about by spontaneous generation without any Divine intervention. This theory of biogenesis is the basis of modern evolution. There is no room for compromise or appeasement in this matter; the “workman” used evolution or He directly

created the separate species; each rules out of existence the other. It will help us here to give some definitions. It has been said: “He who would teach clearly *must define* clearly” Evolution is defined as: “The process by which different kinds of living organisms are thought to have developed and then diversified from earlier forms during the history of earth.”

In complete contrast, Creationism is defined as: “The belief that the universe and living organisms originate from special acts of Divine creation, as in the Biblical account, rather than by unnatural processes such as evolution.” Many have confused the adaptation by animals to different climates and environments with organic evolution. They have failed to realize that God built in information systems into His creations so that they could adapt to new situations that they would meet in their lives. To adapt means to make something suitable for a new purpose; to modify. It should *not* be confused with evolution.

There are seven things that Mr. Darwin did not know in 1859. (1) THAT a complex genetic code was to be found at a cellular level. (2) THAT the laws of heredity were to be discovered by Gregor Mendel. (3) THAT Catastrophism was to be brought forth by Emmanuel Velikovsky. (4) THAT his theory would 150 years later lead to moral degradation. (5) THAT the missing link would *still* be missing a century and a half later. (6) THAT genetic information *must* come from *existing* genetic information. (7) THAT nanotechnology and irreducible complexity would prove him wrong.

We will now examine each of the above in some detail. These seven have been chosen from among many. It would be possible to add more; but time and space forbid exhaustiveness in this case.

The discovery of the DNA’s blueprint of life is generally credited to an English Scientist, Francis Crick and his American colleague, James Watson; but its earlier discoverer was the American Scientist, F. Miescher, in 1868. Nearly a century later, its significance was truly appreciated with the development of the double helix plan of Watson and Crick. This apparent chance discovery caused all the biology textbooks to have to be rewritten; suddenly a new set of words entered into the vocabulary of the world of science. This came hand-in-hand with the development of a technology that allowed men to peer into the smallest units in creation. A blueprint is a designed plan or technical drawing as a model or template for land distribution, building construction or item of manufacture. The realization of the role of DNA in the functioning of the life process has led many to question the atheistic philosophies of

some scientists; for whoever has heard of a blueprint without some designer drawing it? This discovery has led to a host of other amazing discoveries. In this, one is reminded of the work of Pastor C. T. Russell, who brought to light the “blueprint” of God’s plan of salvation for all the human family; which led to many further fine Biblical insights.

It is very doubtful if Darwin or his associate and co-founder of the evolution theory, Alfred Wallace, a spiritist, would have embarked upon the theory of Natural Selection if they had acquired the knowledge of the blueprint of life revealed in DNA. Nor was Mr. Darwin aware of the work of the Austrian abbot, Gregor Mendel; whose findings in the laws of heredity in 1865, brought into disrepute in 1900 the Darwinian theory and caused its supporters to set forth a new and revamped theory. The regularity and consistency of continuing characteristics in the breeding patterns discovered by Mendel in plant reproduction disallowed changes of the species.

Early in the nineteenth century, a battle raged between the Catastrophists led by Baron Cuvier and the Uniformitarians (or gradualists) led by lawyer Charles Lyell. The former taught that huge changes upon the Earth had happened in a relatively brief time of thousands of years; while Mr. Lyell taught that change could only come over a very long period of millions of years. It appeared to be more logical to accept that what one saw happening over hundreds of years had always been happening, and that no exceptional event had occurred to disturb the equilibrium of nature apart from the occasional local flood or erupting minor volcano.

The misconceptions and illusionary views of Lyell took precedence and gave Darwin something that his theory desperately needed—time. The millions of years of uniformitarianism helped to foster the delusion that a change of species could occur by imperceptible and minute changes over aeons of time. If Catastrophism had won the day then evolution could not have been foisted upon mankind, because that would have been only thousands of years; too short a time for Darwin’s specious speculations to have occurred.

Darwin must have felt secure in the knowledge that Catastrophism was dead and buried and forgotten. Little did he dream that this doctrine would have a revival about a century after his death. The revival of Catastrophism was the work mainly of one remarkable man, Emmanuel Velikovsky, whose work “Earth in Upheaval” 1956, began the overturning of the theory of Uniformitarianism. In earlier works (e.g. *Worlds in*

Collision) he had used various folk mythologies to establish his theories—but in this work he repudiated these sources and relied totally on “bone and stone” for his evidence. His 1956 work was thoroughly researched and clearly written so that everyone could realize that the world had in its recent past been subject to a series of massive catastrophies.

It should be noted that Velikovsky was harassed and persecuted by the scientific community because they realized that his scholarly work cast shadows of considerable doubt upon Darwin’s theory of evolution by natural selection, as well as disproving Lyell’s speculations. As one writer says, Emmanuel Velikovsky earned: “the undying enmity of the scientific establishment.” The eyes of these scientists were closed, to the valuable studies of H. H. Howarth and J. J. Prestwich in the late Victorian era, by a pernicious procrustean prejudice that would wish all to conform unthinkingly to a dark Darwinian world view.

With the advent of the Darwinian hypothesis began the search for the “missing link”; however, in truth, whole chains were missing in the geological record and since this evidence was vital to his theory, Darwin shortly before his death, in desperation, offered a reward to anyone finding any such evidence. (See letter on page 76). In the year 1881 the reward of £200 was an enormous sum for the discovery of a fossil. This letter is to be found in the autobiography by Sir Archibald Geikie: “*A Long Life’s Work*” (1924) on page 192. Needless to say no one has collected that reward since 1882!

Our age is one of discovery and revealing of matters previously hidden—the advent of the electronic microscope in 1933 has brought to light many minute organisms and their functions of which Darwin was totally unaware. Such remarkable discoveries *should* have sent evolution to the rubbish bin years ago.

Since the making of one of the first computers at Manchester University, England, in 1948, there has been a revolution in the way information is dealt with and stored. Information technology continues to grow and influence mankind to an astonishing degree. A leading scientist in this field of research, Dr Werner Gitt, is suggesting that the time has come when the concept of life as consisting of material and energy only should be abandoned and that information should be *added*. It has become increasingly clear with discoveries in genetics that the role of Information is just as important as that of Matter and Energy for life.

Down, Beckenham, Kent, Nov. 1881.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have been much interested by your account in *Nature* of the great "find" in the Lower Carboniferous strata. As so many scorpions were found, one might hope for other terrestrial animals and plants, if some new places were searched by blasting away the overlying rocks. But I daresay you would not think yourself justified in employing the officers of the Survey in such work. This leads me to make an offer, - and I hope and trust that you will not think that I am taking a liberty in doing so, - namely to subscribe £100 or £200 if you can find anyone whom you can trust to send, and if you think it worth while to make further search for the chance of fresh and greater palaeontological treasures being discovered. If my offer seems to you superfluous or presumptuous pray forgive me and believe me.

My dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

CH. DARWIN.

Mr. Darwin's final effort to find any 'missing link'? He wrote it to Sir Archibald Geikie who records this remarkable document in his autobiography called: 'A long life's work' (1924) About six months later Darwin died in the following April. Mr. Darwin's reward of up to £200 was never claimed! The modern equivalent of this reward is about £9,000. A desperate man indeed!

cell (the smallest structural and functional unit of an organism) using the tool of X-ray— crystallography, the complex structure of the cell at atomic and molecular level, was revealed. These findings displeased evolutionists for they revealed that the only way that these structures could have come into existence was by intelligent design. The interdependence of the parts on each other made the rapid development of the cell, which without the presence of a blueprint, is beyond the realms of possibility.

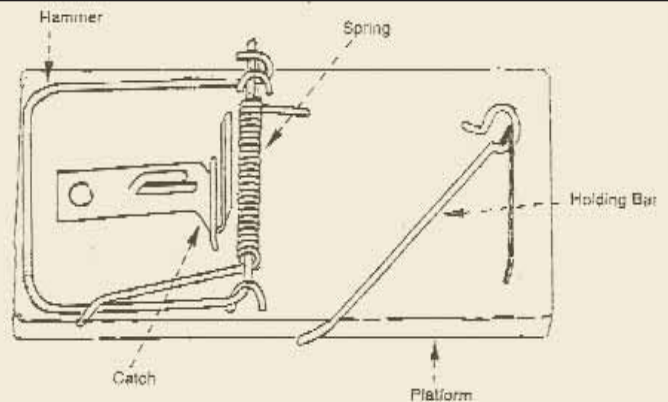
The discoveries of the last century have forced Darwinian devotees into similar situations that the flat-earth theorists found themselves; for the pictures of Earth that were sent from satellites orbiting the Earth showed beyond any doubt that the Earth was a sphere. Likewise, human life and the intricate operation of the universe cannot be seen as existing from any other standpoint than that of the detailed out-working of intelligent design emanating from an all-wise loving Creator.

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The doctrine of Scientific Materialism is a child of atheism; it teaches that Energy and Matter alone make life possible. Energy and Matter have no intelligence. If information is added, then this doctrine is altered completely. In the development of information a higher intelligence must be present. In other words, the presence of information within life, testifies to the existence of God. This indicates that the information found in our genetic code was developed by a living intelligent source.

The final matter of our seven of which Mr. Darwin was unaware was the doctrine of what may be called "irreducible complexity". The discovery of this phenomenon is due to a scientific methodology called nanotechnology. Our dictionary says irreducible means, "that which cannot be reduced from one state to another; not to be lessened." When scientists with more sophisticated and more powerful electronic microscopes began to explore cellular structures at molecular and atomic level they found not less complexity, *but more*, to their utter amazement. Life became more complex, not less, in the smallest life forms.

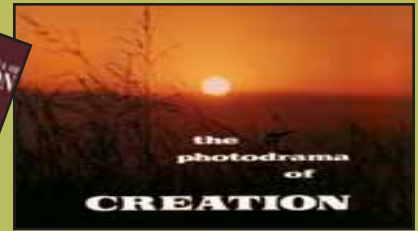
According to Michael J. Behe (*Darwin's Black Box* 1998 Simon & Schuster, New York), the cell was to Darwin "a black box" that he could not open. When scientists in the twentieth century opened the human



A PICTURE OF AN ORDINARY MOUSETRAP
(Acknowledgement)

This picture is taken from "Darwin's Black Box" p. 43 (2003 edition) by Michael J. Behe. This volume is aptly sub-titled "The biochemical challenge to Evolution." It is a seminal work, pregnant with positive consequences in the field of Creation research: a truly eye-opening masterly overview of the faults and failings of Darwinian evolution at a molecular level.

The author uses the component parts of a mousetrap as an illustration of 'irreducible complexity' in the cell. The trap becomes ineffective if even one part is taken away; all parts are necessary for it to function. When it ceases to function it has no reason to exist or any purpose. How could any cell have come into existence by mere blind chance?



NEPHILIM DESTROYED

The account of the fall of the angels from being sons of God to be demons helps us to understand why God decreed the Deluge to wipe out all of the human race except Noah and his family. We perceive that God from the first intended to deal only with Adam and his family. The giant sons of the fallen angels (Nephilim) came into being contrary to the Divine will; hence, properly, no provision was to be made for them. They never had a right to life, nor will they have a resurrection. On the other hand, all of Adam's posterity, redeemed by Jesus' death, must be recovered from death, with full opportunity to secure everlasting life. (See BS # 853, p 61).

After the Deluge, the demon angels dematerialized—resumed their spirit conditions. St. Peter and St. Jude reveal the penalty inflicted upon them. "Those angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation [spirit condition], God restrained under chains [restraints] of darkness, unto the Judgment of the Great Day."—2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6.

The liberties of the fallen angels—demons—were restrained. They are unable to use deceptions in the light—unable to materialize as formerly. Note, however, that the limitation "unto" implies that when the "great Day of Wrath" shall come, these fallen angels will be permitted to materialize and become potent factors in the strife. Other Scriptures indicate that these fallen angels will have much to do with the great "time of trouble" with which this Age will close, and in which Messiah's Kingdom will be inaugurated. (Request our free booklet "*Spiritism is Demonism*.")

These fallen angels were cast to Tartarus—our Earth's atmosphere. Satan, a cherub-angel of higher rank, is styled the Prince of Demons. They are not in some far-off place stoking fires, but keep as close to humanity as possible. Not permitted to materialize, they seek to obsess, to demonize by clairvoyance and clairaudience. Mankind would properly resent them if their true character were known. They therefore personate the dead, communicating through spirit-mediums. (Send for the free "*What is Hell*" tract.)

Questions on Lesson 17

1. What is the difference between an angel and a demon?
2. Why did God cause the Deluge?
3. What were the Nephilim? What became of them?
4. Did they have a right to life and resurrection?
Par. 1
5. What is meant by materialization and dematerialization?
6. What will be the final destiny of the demons?
Par. 2
7. Have they the same liberties they once enjoyed?
8. What will they have to do with the great Time of Trouble? Par. 3
9. Where do they live?
10. Who is their leader? What is his name?
11. What is their chief pastime?
12. What are the intermediaries between the demons and humans called?
13. What should the attitude of humans be toward the demons? Par. 4



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My God bless you in this wonderful work and like you I look forward to the Millennial Kingdom.

J. W. D., Diamond Head, MS

To the Editor, Ralph Herzig,

Your well worded letter was received recently with much appreciation. May God bless you for all you have exposed and explained to me on this issue. You have opened my eyes and mind on Bible and God—the Bible should be held in reverence as it is God's inspired word. We cannot improve on God's Word or His great plan of salvation, which is through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (Rev. 22:18, 19). This is the good news that we wish to tell to all the world.

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C. A., Enugu State, Nigeria

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Christian Greetings and love to all of you dear ones. Please give our love to Sr. Pearl Gohlke. Some of our class has known her since our childhood. (*Sr. Pearl died August 29, 2009, Editor's note.*) We attended Bible class with her and her sisters beginning 1944 in the home of Bro. Shaw's parents. Also remembering when he and Sr. LaVerna were married; now we are sending this memorial in Sr. La Verna's memory.

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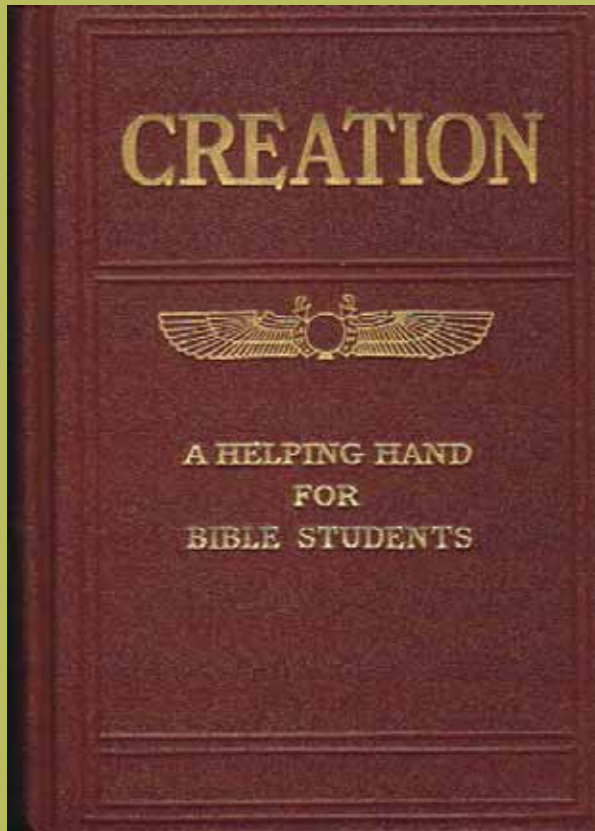
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THE MUSIC OF THE SPHERES

Hast thou not heard it, the universal music,
The throbbing harmony, the old e'erlasting rhyme.
In the wild billows roaring,
In the mad torrents pouring,
And keeping with the stars its beat and march sublime?
Hast thou not heard it when the night was silent,
And nothing stirred but winds amid the trees,
And the star-orbits, strings of harps celestial,
Seemed quivering to the rush of melodies?

If in thy soul there pulse not some faint responsive echo
Of that supernal, everlasting hymn,
Thou'rt of the low earth, lowly,
Or livest life unholy,
Or dullest spiritual sense by carnal grossness dim.
Hear it, O Poet, hear it! O preacher, give it welcome!
O loving heart, receive it, deep in thy inmost core,
The harmony of angels—glory, forever glory,
Glory and peace and joy, and love forevermore!