



A NEWSLETTER TO PROVIDE CHRISTIANS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND PROGRESS ON THE CREATION MUSEUM

IS YOUR CHURCH CELEBRATING EVOLUTION SUNDAY?

On February 15, 2009 many churches across America will celebrate Evolution Sunday for the fourth time since 2006. Almost 12,000 clergy have signed a letter that was originally issued by Michael Zimmerman, Dean at the College of Liberal Arts in Indianapolis, Indiana. On the Clergy Letter Project website Zimmerman states: "I wanted to let the public know that numerous clergy from most denominations have tremendous respect for evolutionary theory and have embraced it as a core component of human knowledge, fully harmonious with religious faith."

I would like to point out a few problems with this statement. He refers to "clergy from most denominations." I spent several minutes scrolling down the list of churches, and the denominations that appear to be heavily represented there are generally only what most evangelicals would consider to be leaning or completely on the liberal side. I also noticed that a professor of philosophy from Princeton University was among those who had added their names to the list. However, I did not find any denominations listed such as: Baptist; Nazarene; Assemblies of God; Christian Church; Church of God; Church of Christ; Evangelical Free Church, and many others that could be named. One can see from this that the "most denominations" is mis-

leading and is not a true representation of the list in question. This list can be found easily by typing "Clergy Letter Project" in Google.

Zimmerman also states that evolutionary theory is "fully harmonious with religious faith." Again, a very misleading statement. He may think that evolutionary theory is harmonious with his "religious faith," but the real issue is whether evolution is harmonious with the Bible? This continues to be misunderstood. **IT IS NOT THE BIBLE VERSUS TRUE SCIENCE, BUT THE BIBLE VERSUS EVOLUTION!**

How can a theory which teaches that humans evolved over millions of years from lower forms of life like apes, be compatible with the Bible which plainly declares that God created man from the dust of the ground and woman from the man's side? Of course, there is no harmony here whatsoever.

The celebration of "Evolution Sunday" is another ploy and weapon used by Satan to side-track people away from the truth. It undermines the Bible's inspired account of the real history of the world, and by so doing does damage to the loving sacrifice of Jesus at the cross. Jesus did not die for the sins of humans who evolved from imaginary ape-like creatures, but He sacrificed His life for those He created in His own image. Genesis 2:7 says, "And 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." This is what we will demonstrate through *Creation Museum of the Ozarks*.

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God bless you,
Rod Butterworth
President



"God Finally Made a Mouse That Worked"

By Rod Butterworth

Wayne Grudem writes satirically in *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*, that if a Christian believes God used evolution as His method of creating, then the Scriptures would read something like this:

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds." And after three hundred eighty-seven million four hundred ninety-two thousand eight hundred seventy-one attempts, God finally made a mouse that worked.

Grudem is saying that the millions of mutations that would be necessary (even if it were possible—which it is not) to evolve a mouse by gradual accumulated changes over the supposed millions of years, is totally incompatible with the Genesis account. In the documentary *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, atheistic professor Richard Dawkins while admitting that favorable mutations were rare, suggested that with "a little luck" here and there evolution over time is possible. However, the actual scientific evidence does not support this, and of course, such an idea is totally incompatible with the Bible.

In spite of the lack of real scientific evidence, some Christians have apparently felt pressure to believe that God may have used evolution as His method of creating. One of the reasons for this would be a desire to appear in sync with modern prevailing evolutionary dogma. Also, there could be a sincere desire to show that there can be harmony between the Bible and evolution, thus leaving the Bible's inspiration and integrity unimpaired. But is this really being honest with both the Bible and science?

Grudem lists six objections for Christians to consider who have accepted the idea of God using evolution—usually referred to as *Theistic Evolution*. I will summarize his points as follows:

1. The Bible pictures God as creating intentionally and with purpose. "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds" (Gen. 1:24). By contrast evolution claims that creatures developed by chance random mutations without the creative hand of God imputing intelligent design into His creation. Did God let millions of years of death, disease and suffering pass until creatures had finally and fully developed into maturity before God could declare "it was good"? (Gen. 1:25).

2. The Bible indicates that when God spoke creatively there was immediate response. "Let there be light"; and there was light" (Gen. 1:3). Likewise with the rest of His creation—not millions of years.

3. God created "according to their kinds" (Gen. 1:11, 24), indicating that life did not all arise from one stock, or one root that became a tree as depicted by Darwin's tree of evolution. There is variation and adaptation *within* kinds but there are reproductive limits as confirmed by biological science.

4. In a true sense we still see God's creative hand in the birth of every baby. "You formed my inward parts" (Ps. 119:13). Also, God causes the grass to grow (Ps. 104:14), feeds the birds (Matt. 6:26), and all creatures (Ps. 104:21, 27—30). Evolution's haphazard ideas are quite unrealistic in comparison.

5. The creation of Adam and Eve shows them to be distinct and unique from all other created life, and the Bible clearly indicates that they were literally the first two humans (1 Cor. 15:21—22, 45—49).

6. There is no need for Christians to feel forced to accept evolution and thus compromise with the Bible. Even many non-Christian scientists are increasingly raising questions that reveal deep problems with evolutionary ideas.

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