THE FIRST MAN AND WOMAN DID NOT EVOLVE —GOD CREATED THEM

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There are two basic ways of completing the statement "Man and woman came into being as a result of..."Those two ways are: (1) "...the miraculous creative act of God" (the Biblical view) and (2) "...evolution" (the Humanist view). Point (1) means that God created man and woman full grown and, therefore, that man had no non-human ancestors. Point (2) (affirmed by atheistic Humanists) means that man came into being by some sort of changes from some lower (non-human) form of life and, ultimately, of non-living matter.

These are the two basic answers. It cannot be the case that both the Humanist view and the Biblical view are true, and it cannot be that neither one of them is true. It must be that one of them is true and the other is false.

Can we really know which one is true? We confidently affirm that we can. Since the Bible is the Word of God (this can be proved), then the Bible is infallible (God does not lie, Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2). Therefore, if the Bible gives the account of the origin of man, then by studying and properly interpreting the Bible, man can come to know the Truth about his own origin. It is of great significance to note that while the theory of evolution cannot be verified but can be falsified, the Biblical account of the origin of man can be verified and cannot be falsified. God Himself is eternal (having neither beginning nor end). The eternalness of God is noted in this stirring passage from the Bible.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God (Psa. 90:1, 2).

In contrast, the Bible begins with the precise statement which makes clear how everything, other than God, came into being (God himself did not come into being—He is self-existent). "In the beginning God created the heavens and earth" (Gen. 1:1). Further, the Bible says:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day. Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it" (Exo. 20:11).

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the seas, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle (livestock), and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (Gen. 1:26-27).

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made (Gen. 2:1).

In accounting for the origin of man, the Bible 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 soul" (Gen. 2:7).

In accounting for the origin of woman the same writer said:

And Adam gave names to all cattle (livestock), and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet (suitable–Editor) for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof. And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman and brought her to the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man (Gen. 2:20-23).

In the New Testament, the apostle John said:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made (John 1:1-3).

Of this same matter, the apostle Paul said:

For by Him all things were created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist (Col. 1:16-17).

The same writer declared, "For Adam was first formed, then Eve" (1 Tim. 2:13). From the above statements we learn that the Bible claims that: (1) God is eternal; (2) God is the creator of the universe; (3) the world was created through/by Jesus Christ; (4) God created the first man and the first woman (and, therefore, rules out the theory that man evolved by any process of evolution from some lower—non-human—form of life); and (5) Adam and Eve were the first human pair. Humanists (incorrectly) deny all of this.

The entire Bible is the Word of God. It is therefore just as accurate in giving the account of the origin of man as it is in giving an account of the saving work of Jesus Christ. In fact, Jesus Himself endorsed the historicity of the Genesis record of the origin of man (Mat. 19:3-12). In fact, all writers of the Bible, when they touch upon the subject, regard the Genesis record of the origin of man as true.

We plead with every reader to recognize the great importance of this topic. Without any doubt it is the case that not only the welfare of our nation but of the eternal salvation of ourselves and of our children is at stake in this matter.

We seek to lead men to see: (1) that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, (2) that to be saved men must both believe in and obey Him, (3) that the Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God and (4) that to be pleasing to God, we must accept what the Bible teaches about the origin of man.

There is no philosophic or scientific truth which anyone must deny in order to hold to this position. On the other hand, the theory of evolution is just that: a theory, and a false theory at that. We confidently affirm (1) that the theory of the evolution of human beings has not been proved to be true and (2) that no one knows that the theory of evolution of human beings is true. We further confidently affirm (1) that the creation of the first human being by God can be a matter of knowledge (and is for many people) and (2) that we know that the first human being on earth did not evolve but was created by Almighty God. We hold that relevant evidence points not to the view that the theory of evolution is true, but to the view that the Biblical one is the true account of the origin of man. We are committed to the Biblical account of that origin because we are sure that the evidence warrants such commitment. We are just as firmly convinced—because we know that God created the first human pair—that the Humanist view of the origin of human beings is false.

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