

How Then Should We As Believers Respond?

Rom. 1:25 “For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”



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Outline

- The controversy
- Our foundation
- The issues
- Defending our faith
- Actions we can take
- The stakes are high
- Creation resources
- Questions?



Kansas Evolution Hearings

“For those scientists who take it seriously, Darwinian evolution has functioned more as a philosophical belief system than as a testable scientific hypothesis. This quasi-religious function of the theory is, I think, what lies behind many of the extreme statements that you have doubtless encountered from some scientists opposing any criticism of neo-Darwinism in the classroom. It is also why many scientists make public statements about the theory that they would not defend privately to other scientists like me.”

“In my judgment, this state of affairs has persisted mainly because too many scientists were afraid to challenge what had become a philosophical orthodoxy among their colleagues.”

Open letter



Kansas Evolution Hearings - 2

“Fortunately, that is changing as many scientists are now beginning to examine the evidence for neo-Darwinism more openly and critically in scientific journals.”

“Intellectual freedom is fundamental to the scientific method. Learning to think creatively, logically and critically is the most important training that young scientists can receive. Encouraging students to carefully examine the evidence for and against neo-Darwinism, therefore, will help prepare students not only to understand current scientific arguments, but also to do good scientific research.”

“I commend you for your efforts to ensure that students are more fully informed about current debates over neo-Darwinism in the scientific community.”

Open letter



What Is “Science”

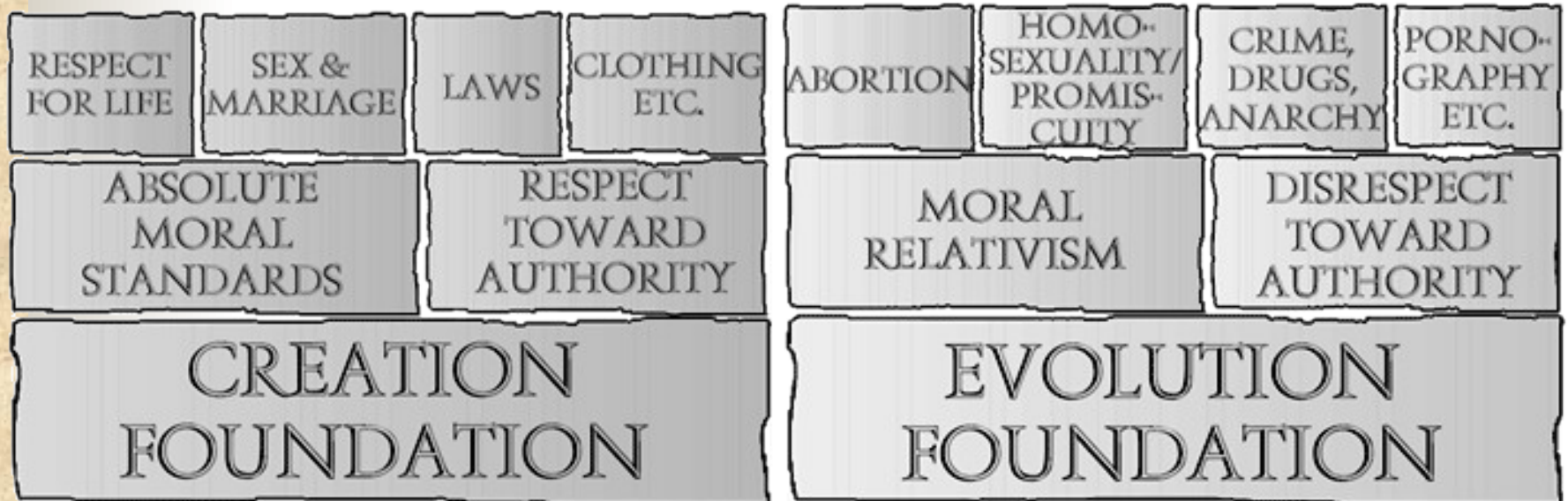
“A human activity of systematically seeking natural explanations for what we observe in the world around us.”

Evolutionists

“A systematic method of continuing investigation that uses observation, hypothesis testing, measurement, experimentation, logical argument and theory building, to lead to more adequate explanations of natural phenomena.”

Intelligent Designers

Which Foundation?





“Deliver Us From Evil”

- Book by Ravi Zacharias
- Characterizes the society we live in by:
 - Secularization -> loss of shame, generating evil against those we love
 - Pluralization -> loss of reason, generating evil toward those we choose to hate
 - Privatization - > loss of meaning, generating evil against ourselves



Characterizes Evil By

- The facts of evil
 - Destroys the essential sanctity of life
- The feelings of evil
 - Sears the conscience
- The face of evil
 - Responsibility



What Then Should We Do?

- Influence those around us
 - We are vulnerable to wrongheaded leadership - political and theological
- Learn to think
 - Critical thinking
- What to do with our children
 - Junior High age is key

Jesus did not change society by legislation, e.g. ten commandments - the Cross makes the difference



Reasons For Action

- Evolution is the greatest myth ever foisted upon our society in the name of science
- The impact of the philosophy of Evolution has been pervasive and destructive
- The **TRUTH** is important
- Ideas **DO** have consequences

Hiding The Truth With Euphemisms

Issue	Meaning	Euphemism
abortion	right to life	reproductive rights, pro-choice
homosexuality	unnatural	sexual orientation, alternate lifestyle
child care	anti-mother at home	support families with working mothers
beginnings	God the Creator	Evolution, big bang, natural selection, “scientific”
religious freedom	freedom to worship	anti-God, atheist



More Euphemisms

Issue	Meaning	Euphemism
pornography	demeaning to humanity	art, victimless crime
sex + violence	anti-God	freedom of expression
education	God is knowledge	humanism, without God
euthanasia	“play God”	right to die
drugs	unnatural, destructive	victimless crimes
divorce	for life	right to be happy



Implications

- **Creation and evolution have important religious, moral and social implications:**
 - Evolution is far more “religious” than creationism
 - Evolution requires more faith than creationism
 - Creationism is more scientific than evolution
 - Monotheistic religions (Christian, Jewish, Muslim) are inherently creationist
 - Polytheistic, pantheistic, humanistic, atheistic religions are based on some form of evolution



If Bible & Christianity Are True

- Geological ages must be rejected
- Day-age, gap, or any other theory cannot be reconciled with Genesis
- Worldwide flood must be accepted as the basic mechanism for fossil-bearing sedimentary rocks
 - Needs more research to show the relationship



Bible & Christianity True - 2

- Godless movements spawned by pervasive and powerful system of evolutionary uniformitarianism must be turned back
- Special creation must be re-established on a Biblical and scientific basis
- Must be primary emphasis in Christian schools and churches
- We need to energize this movement



Defending Our Faith

- “But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.” **1 Peter 3:15**
- What is hope?
 - To have confidence and trust
 - To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment



Defending Our Faith - 2

- Give an account for the hope:
 - Events that occurred (OT & NT)
 - Evidences for these events, e.g. resurrection
 - Effects of these events, e.g. changed lives
 - Reliability of the Bible
 - Faith based on facts, not experience
- **Rom. 15:4** “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”



Examples of Our Hope

- **John MacArthur's grandmother**
 - Lived to be 93 years old
 - “Leave me alone, I’m going to see Jesus today”
- **Samuel F. B. Morse (1791-1872)**, the inventor of the telegraph, commented that:
 - “The nearer I approach to the end of my pilgrimage, the clearer is the evidence of the Divine origin of the Bible, the Grand Juror and the sublimity of God’s remedy for fallen man are more appreciated, and the future is illumined with hope and joy.”



What Can We Do?

- As a school teacher or administrator:
 - Make sure your students are getting a balanced view
 - Encourage seminars by knowledgeable creationists
- As a parent:
 - Know what your child is being taught
 - Make sure they are getting a balanced view
- Struggling with evolution?
 - Know your scriptures
 - Study **Genesis 1-11**
 - Be knowledgeable about the evolution/creation/science basics
 - Know what the Bible has to say about science/creation



Actions To Take

- Do a detailed Bible study on Genesis 1-11
 - Know the Scripture
- Know what the evolutionists believe
 - e.g. read your children's text books
- Explain the problem to others
 - Evolution is **not** a fact
 - Superior scientific explanations do exist



Actions To Take - 2

- Learn more and teach others. Avail yourself of books and seminars on the topic of origins and creation/evolution
 - Look over some of the reference material available during this class
- Inform educators (teachers, board members, administrators) about the issues
 - More than 70% of parents want both views to be taught in the classroom
 - Teach students to think critically
- Challenge evolutionists to written or oral debate on the topic of origins
 - If/when you are familiar with the evidence



Actions To Take - 3

- Expose theistic evolution. Invite outside speakers in if necessary
 - Speak to your pastor, minister, teacher
- Write letters to the media (TV, radio, newspapers, magazines) to promote a balanced view of creation/evolution
 - Provide reasoned criticisms when they assume evolution to be a “fact”
- Pray for teachers, evolutionists, and other victims of evolutionism
 - Pray for those in the creation movement



Turning Back The Tide

- Wilberforce stopped the slave trade in England
- Lincoln stopped slavery in the USA
- Churchill stood up to the evil of Nazism
- Individuals are standing up to abortion today
- Who will tell the message on evolution today?

One step at a time ...



“Deliver Us From Evil” Book

“The ideas that shaped our culture were great and worthy. The principal goal was to reconcile liberty with law. But in the last century our culture has undergone incredible changes and challenged the ideas that once shaped and guided us. The result has been the collapse of law, the eradication of the spirit, and the unleashing of evil. The response of the Christian calling for a return to morality is a scream in the dark, because morality has no self-sustaining light. It is a vacuous term left at the mercy of our passions. Only in the defense and authority of the Word can morality be anchored, evil understood, and the soul restored.”

Forward by **Ravi Zacharias**

Predominant Worldviews

	Secular Humanism	Marxism-Leninism	Biblical Christianity
Source	Humanist Manifesto	Writings of Marx & Lenin	Bible
Theology	Atheism	Atheism	Theism
Philosophy	Naturalism	Dialectical Materialism	Supernaturalism
Ethics	Ethical Relativism	Proletariat Morality	Ethical Absolutes
Biology	Darwinian Evolution	Punctuated Evolution	Creation/ID
Psychology	Self-Actualization	Pavlovian Behaviorism	Dualism

Predominant Worldviews - 2

	Secular Humanism	Marxism-Leninism	Biblical Christianity
Sociology	World State Ethical Society	Abolition of Home, Church	Home, Church, State
Law	Positive Law	Positive Law	Biblical/Natural Law
Politics	Globalism	New World Order	Justice, Freedom, Order
Economics	Socialism	Communism	Stewardship of Property
History	Historical Evolution	Historical Materialism	Historical Resurrection



Some Statistics

- About 60% of Christians renounce their faith before graduating from college
- Christians are thinking more and more like humanists
- Among adults, 32% of those who claim to be “born again” believe in moral absolutes [compared to 15% of others]
 - Among teens, 9% and 4%



More Statistics

- Liberalism is on the rise among college students:
 - 57.9% think gays should have the right to marry
 - 36.5% say marijuana should be legalized
 - 32.3% advocate ending capital punishment
 - 29.9% say they are liberal or “far left”

If You Want To Kill a Tree ...



Go After The Roots, not the Branches!



Creation Organizations

- ICR – Institute for Creation Research
 - www.icr.org
 - Books by Henry Morris (founder), e.g.
 - The Genesis Flood
 - The Genesis Record
 - The Modern Creation Trilogy
 - Acts and Facts articles on Creation
- Answers in Genesis
 - www.answersingenesis.org
 - Founded by Ken Ham
 - Books, seminars, articles on Creation



Creation Organizations - 2

- Creation Evidence Museum
 - www.creationevidence.org
 - Dinosaurs and human tracks
- Creation Moments
 - www.creationmoments.com
 - Radio spots
- Creation Research Society
 - www.creationresearch.org
 - Publication of peer-reviewed creation articles



Creation Organizations - 3

- Center For Scientific Creation
 - www.creationscience.com
 - “In The Beginning” Book by Walt Brown, Ph.D.
- Creation Science Evangelism
 - www.drdino.com
 - Videos, seminars
- Discovery Institute
 - www.discovery.org
 - Intelligent Design “Think Tank”



Important Books

- The Genesis Record, Dr. Henry Morris
- The Genesis Flood, Dr. John Whitcomb & Dr. Henry Morris
- The Collapse of Evolution, Scott Huse
- The Lie: Evolution, Ken Ham
- Refuting Evolution, Dr. Jonathan Sarfati
- Evolution: The Fossils Still Say No!, Dr. Duane Gish
- Scientific Creationism, Dr. Henry Morris
- Dinosaurs by Design, Dr. Duane Gish
- Genetic Entropy & the Mystery of the Genome, Dr. J.C. Sanford



More Important Books

- The Young Earth, Dr. John Morris
- Science and the Bible, Dr. Henry Morris
- Tornado in a Junkyard, James Perloff
- In The Beginning, Dr. Walt Brown
- Evolution: A Theory in Crisis, Michael Denton
- Darwin on Trial, Dr. Phillip Johnson
- Darwin's Black Box, Dr. Michael Behe
- Design Inference, Dr. William Dembski
- Icons of Evolution, Dr. Jonathan Wells



Yet More Important Books

- The Battle for the Beginning, Dr. John MacArthur
- Total Truth, Nancy Pearcey
- The Design Revolution, Dr. William Demski
- The Origin of Species Revisited, W. R. Bird
- It Matters What We Believe, Mike Riddle
- The Evolution of a Creationist, Jobe Martin
- Grand Canyon (a different view), Tom Vail
- In Six Days, Dr. John Ashton
- Starlight and Time, Dr. Russell Humphreys
- Starlight, Time and the New Physics, De. John Hartnett



**Thank you for
your attention!**

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“For I am well aware that scarcely a single point is discussed in this volume on which facts cannot be adduced, often apparently leading to conclusions directly opposite to those at which I have arrived. A fair result can be obtained only by fully stating and balancing the facts and arguments on both sides of each question”

Charles Darwin in
Introduction to The Origin of Species