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Ten Things Everyone Should Know About the Origins Debate

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1) Only God can bring something out of nothing.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He did this by speaking them into existence where nothing existed before. The Big Bang Theory came about because man, in his sinful nature, had to come up with a way to explain the marvels and complexities of the universe without any Divine Intervention or what is now called Intelligent Design. The Big Bang theory imagines that all the matter in the universe was once condensed into an infinitely small dot that contained an infinite amount of mass and energy (no explanation as to where this mass and energy came from). This infinitely small dot then exploded (no explanation for the cause of the explosion is ever given) and that explosion resulted in the formation of all the chemical elements. By some unknown process, protons and neutrons were able to come together for form nuclei, and then by some other unknown process, these new nuclei were able to combine with just the right number of electrons. The results of this explosion is that material would be thrown out in all directions for a central point. The Big Bang Theory says that at some point, gravitational force becomes a factor and matter begins to clump together (no explanation is given as to why particles of matter would start to attract together rather than continue to expand outward into space) into swirling gases. These clouds of swirling gases formed the first protogalaxies, which were *cold* and dark and without stars. From these cold protogalaxies came the galaxies which are clusters of stars that are *very hot* burning stellar objects. It is of interest to note that not all scientists agree with the Big Bang theory, and many have never agreed with it at all.

Darwinian evolutionists believe that living things spontaneously came from non-living things, and that those things gradually became more complex in evolutionary steps due to beneficial changes over millions of years. When God created all the animals He created them each according to their "kind". *Kind is not species*. Kind is a more general term like "dogs". A dog is an identifiable animal, even though there is a great verity of types of dogs, they are all still dogs. Variations within a kind do not conflict with Scripture because God built genetic variation into all kinds such as, elephant kind, cat kind, bird kind, etc. What we actually see happening in a mutation is a lose of information that can never be recovered again.

Louis Pasteur, a French scientist, validated earlier work by Francesco Redi and disproved spontaneous generation around 1850, just a Darwin's theory was becoming popular. Redi's experiments had been rejected until Pasteur boiled some nutrient broth

in a special glass flask with a long, S-curved neck. Nothing in the air was allowed to blow into the broth after it was sterilized, and no new growth occurred. When he broke open the neck of one of the flasks, air and dust got in and mold began growing on the surface. One of these flasks, with the S-curved neck, that Pasteur used in his experiments is still on display in a museum in France and shows no growth in over 150 years. Louis Pasteur rightly stated that, "Life always comes from life." This is called the Law of Biogenesis. Note that this is called a law and not a theory.

2) Evolution is not a proven fact.

The support for the theory of evolution is a sad list of theories that are improvable and full of flaws. Charles Darwin believed that living things became more complex due to beneficial, microscopic changes passed on to the next generation over millions of years. He did not know what a mutation was since DNA had not yet been discovered, he just called them changes. Small changes known as microevolution do occur within a species due to the genetic variability God has programmed into all living things. But we do not find macroevolution occurring where one species becomes another species. There are no macroevolutionary steps observed in nature or in the fossil record. This means that no new genetic information has been input that would change one creature into another creature. Rather what is observed is a loss of genetic information.

Another major headache for evolution is a process known as Entropy, which is the Second Law of Thermodynamics. The First Law of Thermodynamics, also called the Law of Conservation of Energy, states that energy cannot be created or destroyed, but can be changed from one form to another. God used His infinitely creative powers to create everything out of nothing before this law was established. Entropy, the Second Law of Thermodynamics, is that energy tends to even out all over the universe. No work can be done when energy is evened out and reaches equilibrium. Energy is defined as always moving toward a more disorganized state. Heat (energy), by itself, always flows from high temperature to low temperature and spreads out evenly in all directions. This means that hot things cool down, cold things warm up, metal rusts, things decay, and complex things become simple. The increase in order and complexity required by evolution violates this Second Law.

3) Flood Geology and Noah's Ark

Stories of a man and his family, usually eight people, surviving a great deluge with a large number of animals aboard a very large boat persist throughout many cultures and ages. The Mayans, the Incas, the Aztecs, and the Chinese all have flood stories. Ancient Sumerian writings go into great detail about Noah's family and the Flood. The Greeks remembered Noah as Nereus, the "Wet One" or "The Old Man of The Sea" and is pictured on a number of vases. There are many extra-Biblical sources for information on Noah's Flood.

The design of the Ark was given to Noah by God in measurements of cubits, which most archaeologists agree is about 18 inches. The dimensions of the Ark would have been

450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. The capacity of this vessel would have been adequate to care for Noah and his family, the animals, and all the food storage for over a year. A program on PBS showed scientists testing scale models of various types of ocean-going vessels. Of all the models tested, the one with the same ratio of dimensions as the ark proved to have the most stable configuration. The same ratio of dimensions has been used for hundreds of years on ships like the *Great Britian* and the *Great Eastern* which were built for stability. Ships like the *Queen Elizabeth II* have a different ratio of dimensions because they are built for speed.

When a Creation geologist looks at a fossil layer or a massive formation, she sees evidence of Noah's Flood providing the energy and stresses necessary to deposit the animals and form the layers. In order to have the fossils preserved, there had to have been rapid deposition and burial. Fossils will not form from millions of years of slow buildup of material over time. The fossil would disarticulate and disappear. Also the fossils record shows no changes over time, only stasis and extinction. The standard geologic column was established over 100 years before radiometric dating was invented, and was designed to show the pre-established evolutionary picture. It had nothing to do with what was actually in the ground.

4) Evidence for a Young Earth

There are many ways in which scientist can look at the earth and try to determine its age. They use geochronometers (*geo* meaning earth, and *chronometer* meaning time piece) which use different methods to approximate an age for the earth. Various such methods have been used over the years and surprisingly most indicate a relatively young age for the earth.

Petrified wood is supposed to take millions of years to form as microscopic bits of minerals are taken in by the wood as it lays in mineral-rich water. However scientists have found a recipe for petrifying wood very rapidly. They simply soak wood in a solution of silicon and aluminum compounds and then heat the wood. This produces what they called a *wood-ceramic* that closely resembles petrified wood. These same compounds occur naturally near volcanoes and certain rocks. In Australia they have found petrified fence posts with axe marks on them and some even have bits of wire fence attached. That certainly didn't take millions of years to form. Petrification can occur in a laboratory or in nature in a very short time.

Coal is also supposed to take millions of years to form. However, much work had been done on the rapid formation of coal. Coal is made up of logs, bark and vegetation. Creation scientists have turned fresh wood into coal in just a few days. The scientific community was astonished and even some geologists are admitting that coals that are supposed to be millions of years old could have formed very rapidly, very recently.

The eruption of Mt. St. Helens did much to further the true study of how geological features are formed. One of the most surprising was the formation of a large wall of varves. Varves are defined as very thin to microscopic, regular, alternating sedimentary layers caused by the annual, seasonal, depositional influences representing summer and winter. To evolutionists, one varve represents one year; a darker layer in

the summer when there is more vegetation and a lighter layer in the winter when there is less vegetation. Therefore, counting the varves would be the same as counting the years of accumulation. Included in the catastrophic erosion and deposition of material on the north side of Spirit Lake when Mt. St. Helens erupted, was a 25-foot thick bed of thinly laminated varves. Any secular geologist looking at that deposit would tell you it had taken millions of years to accumulate. The fact is that this series of layers was formed in less than one day and quite possible in only three hours!

5) The Fossil Record

The word fossil comes from the Latin work *fodere* which means “to dig up”. It can mean the preserved remains of animals, but it can also mean indirect evidences, such as worm tubes, ripple marks, rain drop prints, animal trackways, leaf prints, human artifacts, etc. In order for a fossils to be preserved it must be rapidly buried without oxygen in order to stop decay. A fish cannot die, fall to the bottom of a lake and slowly be buried over time. An exposed carcass would decay or be eaten long before it had a chance to be preserved. There are well preserved fossils of fish that show the details of the gill structures. Any one who has ever been fishing knows that the gills deteriorate in a few hours. To preserve them requires extremely rapid burial. There is a fossil of a fish eating a smaller with the tail sticking out of its mouth! That’s rapid burial. Long, slow, gradual sedimentation over long periods of time is not the answer to forming a fossil. Catastrophic, rapid burial is the answer. Evolutionists look at the fossil record and see evidence of a continuous change of life through the ages. Creationists look at the same fossil record and see evidence of a world-wide Flood.

Another problem for evolutionists is that the fossil record does not show the ever-changing organisms that they expect. What the fossil record does show is stasis and extinction of species. Organisms today look identical to organisms in the fossil record that are supposed to be millions of years old. A living horseshoe crab look identical to its 140 million year old counterpart. A living shrimp laid down next to a 150 million specimen looks just the same. A 54 million years old fossilized bat looks just like a modern one. A 300 million years old dragonfly fossil is virtually unchanged from one today. How could they have existed for 300 million years and show no evolutionary change? The same is true of plants like the *Comptonia*, *gingo*, and may others.

6) The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Astronomers have tried for years to prove that the universe is billions of years old. One major perplexity for them is that the galaxies are grouped in clusters. Nowhere are there any single field galaxies. All the galaxies should have been dispersed by now because they have been in motion during the 20 billion years since the universe formed by the Big Bang, if the universe were actually very old and receding. This presents an enigma for astronomers. However, if the universe is only about 6000 years old, as told in the Creation account of Genesis, then one would expect to see the galaxies still clumped together in clusters as they are observed.

The number of comets in our solar system is another problem for astronomers. As comets pass by our sun, the power emitted from the sun blows away parts of the comet partially disintegrating them. The visible tail of the comet is the part that is being blown away. Therefore, the comets will eventually disintegrate completely. The known, measured rate of comet disintegration has forced scientists to realize that all short-term comets would be gone in 10,000 years. We have five million comets still orbiting our solar system, which is a great indication that our solar system is young.

7) Oceans and Land Masses

Evolutionists believe that erosion of rocks is a long, slow process that takes millions of years. However, the actual, measured rate of erosion of the land masses is another good indicator that the earth is young. The average sediment load of all the streams and rivers from the continents has been measured at 27.5 billion tons per year. The volume of the continental land mass above sea level has been measured at 383 million billion tons. At the present erosion rate, all the continents would be reduced to sea level in only 14 million years. This is using the present rates of erosion and not allowing for the catastrophic erosion that occurred during Noah's Flood.

Conversely to the erosion of the continents is the accumulation of sediments on the ocean floor. Using the known rate of 27.5 billion tons of sediments per year that are carried into the oceans, with the known quantity of 410 million billion tons of sediments that is currently on the ocean floor, it would have taken only 15 million years for all that sediment to have been deposited there. If the oceans were as old as the evolutionists say they are, they should be completely full of sediments.

Sea water contains salt. More salt is being added to the world's oceans everyday. If life began in the salty oceans billions of years ago as the evolutionists believe, then it should be extremely salty by now and no life could exist in it. An extensive study was done to analyze the processes that add salt or sodium to the oceans and those processes that remove salt or sodium from the oceans. The analysis showed that by using the present-day rates of input and output, the salt in the oceans would have accumulated in 32 million years. And by using the absolute minimum for input and the absolute maximum for output, the present accumulation would have occurred in 62 million years. This is then a maximum age for the oceans, and it is still much too young for evolution to be accomplished very much. However, God created all the creatures and plants that live in the oceans and each one was made to thrive in a particular environment.

8) We are fearfully and wonderfully made

Scientists have tried to breakdown the mineral elements in the human body and come up with a price for the various components. Since the body is mostly water, some scientists have given its components a value of just a few dollars. Others have estimated that since the cost of everything has risen quite high lately, the elements in a body could be worth a million dollars. One biochemical company estimated that the ingredients

(elements) needed to make up one human body would be worth over \$3,800,000.00. However, the body does not operate merely at the elemental or atomic level. The human body functions at the molecular level. That means the body uses molecules, which are combinations of atoms, for proper function. For instance, instead of just using carbon, hydrogen, iron, oxygen, sulfur, and nitrogen independently, our bodies use the largest, most complex molecule that occurs in nature – hemoglobin!

There are many compounds like this that are needed for the body to function. Chemical compounds like this are tremendously expensive. In fact, the actual cost of these molecular compounds, if you could buy them, would make the human body **priceless**. Most compounds cannot be made synthetically. There is no biochemical company in existence that could put together all the molecular compounds necessary to make life function.

The man who discovered DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), Sir Francis Crick, was a strong atheist who totally believed evolution. However, after studying DNA for many years and working with a Pulitzer Prize-winning mathematician on statistical probabilities, he concluded that DNA could not possibly have evolved. Nor could anything else have evolved. The statistical probability that random chance could have produced anything as complicated as human DNA is equal to the probability that 50 million blind men could all solve the Rubik's cube at the same time. This is not very likely.

Now consider the incredible gift of our senses. Sight is a precious gift. If one has never been blind or deaf, it is hard to imagine life without these senses. Some people have a disease that causes them to not be able to feel pain or any sensation. Our senses help us to enjoy and appreciate the beautiful creation that God has given to us. For instance, the biomechanics of hearing are complex and involved. Sound wave energy is transferred into mechanical energy that is then transferred into electrical energy that is received as impulses in the brain.

Our vision is another amazing gift. Our eyes carry information about what we are looking at, but it is our brain that actually "sees". The receptors in the eyes are only part of the process of vision. The brain had to weave together many bits of information about motion, form, depth and color for us to be able to see. The pieces of the picture are interpreted by a complex network of processing centers.

9) Bad Science and Deliberate Hoaxes

Sometimes scientists are so blinded by what they want to discover that they let good scientific procedure slide in order to get the results they are looking for. This is often the case when looking for humanoids in the supposed ape-to-man chain. Neanderthal Man has long been included in this chain. Due to new scientific evidence, Neanderthal is now recognized as totally human. He was originally depicted with hair all over his body and walking hunched over with knuckles dragging the ground. It is now known that the hunched back was due to arthritis and that Mr. Neanderthal was merely a genetic variation of the human species. A famous anthropologist admitted that the uniqueness of Neanderthals appears to have been exaggerated.

Pittdown Man was a deliberate hoax. Two teachers took an ape jaw and filed down the teeth to make them look more human. They then put the altered jaw bone with a human cranium and stained them to look old. These two men then buried their “fossil” near the town of Pittdown, England and waited for two years. Then they took their class to the site and had their students “discover” the “fossil”.

And then there is Nebraska Man who, when originally found was only a tooth. From this one tooth Nebraska Man and his whole family of ape-like ancestors was drawn in great detail. There was the man, his wife and child, their animal skin garments, weapons, food, and tools, all from a single tooth. It was later discovered that the tooth was not even human, but that of a pig. The director of the American Museum of natural History in New York believed in Nebraska Man as did an eminent anatomist in Manchester, England. Every piece of evidence used for Nebraska Man has since been shown to be false and he is no longer found in reputable textbooks.

10) All Living Creature Reproduce After Their Own Kind

God made all the plants to reproduce after their own kind. He made all the creature of the sea, according to their kinds, and all the winged birds according to their kinds. Then God made all the land dwelling animals and man. This means that God created everything complete and whole with no need for any “evolutionary improvements”. All living things were genetically perfect at Creation. In fact, all living creatures reproduce after their own kinds so precisely that a Swedish botanist, Carl Von Linne, better known as Carolus Linnaeus, devised a classification system for plants and animals. This system of classification is still used today. The reason Linnaeus was able to classify living things was because they reproduce very precisely. If plants and animals were constantly changing into something else, a classification system would be meaningless. Plants and animals maintain their kinds because they were complete and fully functional at Creation. Kinds are not the same thing as species. A kind is more on the family level and would be like the horse kind which includes all horses from the smallest toy pony to the largest draft horse. Dog kind includes all dogs from the tiniest Chihuahua to the largest Newfoundland. God made everything from insects to elephants to dinosaurs and He made each to reproduce after its own kind.