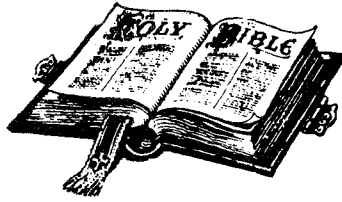


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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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Scientists Say Findings Show Darwinism Absurd

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An eminent British scientist has mounted a new assault on the Darwinian evolutionary theory, saying the possibility of it being true are "so utterly minuscule" as to be absurd.

Modern developments in microbiology have "made it overwhelmingly clear that the truth is quite otherwise," says Sir Fred Hoyle, internationally recognized astronomer and mathematician.

HE DIRECTLY challenges both the Darwinian concept of gradual evolution of different life forms from common origins, and also that the first living cells developed by random processes in some primordial ooze.

The chances of that happening are not sensibly "different from zero," he says.

Hoyle, 87, with numerous honors in his field, makes the case in his collaboration with Chandra Wickramasinghe, also a British scientist, in a new book, "Evolution from Space," published by Simon and Schuster.

They say biomolecules are now known to be so enormously complex that "quite explicit instructions" were necessary for their assembly and that other means than "natural selection" were required for life's development.

"The requisite information came from an 'intelligence,' the beckoning specter," they conclude, calling it a series of question-marks, or God. "The new evidence points clearly and decisively to a cosmic origin of life."

In making their case, they array findings of microbiology, mathematics, computer technology and the fossil record against the Darwin theory, declaring it has been undercut by new knowledge.

They say that paleontologists for years have recognized that "the slow evolutionary connections required by the theory did not happen" but it hasn't made much impression on general opinion.

THE CHANCES OF random chemical shufflings in some primordial soup producing the complex basic enzymes of life are only one to 10 to the 40,000th power, or one followed by 40,000 zeros, the two scientists calculate.

In effect, they say, the chances are nil, so "outrageously small" it would be incredible "even if the whole universe consisted of organic soup." They add:

"Darwinian evolution is most unlikely to get even one polypeptide

Hoyle and his colleague say that most scientists still cling to Darwinism because of its grip on the educational system and out of fear that any retreat would "open the flood-gates" of irrationalism.

Once a whole society "becomes committed to a particular set of concepts, educational continuity makes it exceedingly hard to change the pattern," the authors say. "You either have to believe the concepts or you will be branded a heretic."

They note their own revolt has been greeted, not with furious attack as they expected, but with a "wall of silence" in scientific journals, which tend to accept any hypothesis in order to uphold Darwinism.

For some, it may not "matter too much that belief in Darwinism is at variance with the truth," the authors say, but "it does matter that students of biology are taught the same incorrect history" of life's development.

HOYLE, KNIGHTED by Britain for his scientific contributions, has headed the Royal Astronomical Society and taught at leading universities in England and America. Wickramasinghe, an authority on interstellar matter, heads the mathematics-astronomy department at University College in Cardiff, Wales.

Declaring the fossil record shows no transitions between species, the authors say either there were none or they were so quick they left no intermediate forms.

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(chain of essential life substances) right, let alone the thousands on which living cells depend for survival.

"This situation is well known to geneticists and yet nobody seems to blow the whistle decisively on the theory. If Darwinism were not considered socially desirable...it would of course be otherwise."

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Editorial . . .

“HE CAN SAY WHAT HE KNOWS VERY CLEARLY

Several years ago J. F. Dancer Jr. was scheduled to preach in a series of gospel meetings at the **12th Street Church of Christ** in Bowling Green, Ky. where Don Bassett was a local preacher. Two or three months prior to the meetings, Don announced them in the **12th Street Bulletin**. With reference to J. F. he said: **“He is a very capable Bible student and preacher. He can say what he knows very clearly.”** (7-21-76)

I was impressed with the commendation that Don Bassett gave J. F. Dancer. Having known J. F. for more than thirty-five years and having heard him preach a number of times I can personally say that it was (and is) an appropriate one. It clearly stated some **essentials** that a preacher must have in order to properly discharge his responsibilities as he endeavors to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is certainly essential that preachers be **studious**. A person can **not** properly teach others unless he **knows** what should be taught. He must **give diligence** to learn God's truth as revealed in the Scriptures. (Please read carefully and consider 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Preachers should endeavor to **say**

what they know very clearly. Nehemiah 8:8 says: **“So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.”** We learn from Paul's first letter to Corinthians that he did **not** go to them **“with excellency of speech or of wisdom,”** declaring unto them the testimony of God. His **speech** and his **preaching** was **not** with **enticing words of man's wisdom.** Paul preached as he did so that their faith would not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (See 1 Cor. 2:1-5). It seems that many preachers strive to do the very thing that the apostle said he did **not** do! In his second epistle to the Corinthians he said: **“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech.”** (2 Cor. 3:12).

Instead of studying to learn to use **“excellency of speech or of wisdom”** and **“enticing words of man's wisdom”** we need to study to learn how to **say what we know very clearly!**

Of course, it is possible for a preacher to say what he knows very clearly and still be wrong! Here is why: He may **know** the **wrong** things! Or he may **know** the right things and may say them very clearly but he may say them with the wrong motives! Or he may **know** the right things and **say** them very clearly but he may not **practice** what he preaches!

Preacher friend, do you **know** the right things to preach? If you are not a capable Bible student you don't. Do you say what you know **very clearly**? Or do you try to “impress” people with your speaking ability? Do people often misunderstand your position on an issue because you have **failed to say what you know very clearly**? Do you speak in such a way so as to be misunderstood?

It is my prayer that every gospel preacher will be a capable Bible student and preacher and **will say what he knows very clearly.**

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Scientists Say Findings Show Darwinism Absurd

Nevertheless, by the device of diagrams showing entirely conjectural and "presumed connections drawn in firm solid lines," the "scientific world has been bamboozled into believing that evolution has been proved," the authors say. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

They say that Darwinism depends on "mutations" or "garbling" of genetic inheritance, which is almost always harmful, as a means to program evolution to more complex forms, and add:

"Every competent space mathematician would assure you that such a Darwinian idea had no chance of working...Every computer expert will in fact assure you that throwing random mistakes into a computer is no way to improve it."

Darwinism is "not only inadequate to explain the evolutionary changes that have occurred, sometimes over quite short intervals for both plants and animals, it is woefully inadequate," the authors say.

They offer what they maintain is a vastly more logical theory — that life stemmed from microgenetic fragments from outer space, "exactly the right size to ride on the light waves of stars," arriving at peak intervals, thus explaining the sudden bursts of new life forms shown by the fossil record.

OBSERVATIONS ON ARTICLE

The article on "Scientists Say Findings Show Darwinism Absurd" is very interesting and enlightening. According to the article and the scientists quoted in the article the following things are true.

1. The possibility of the Darwinian evolutionary theory being true is "so utterly minuscule as to be absurd."

2. Modern developments in microbiology "have made it overwhelmingly clear that the truth is quite otherwise."

3. Paleontologists have recognized for years that "the slow evolutionary connections required by the theory (Darwinian - CRS) did not happen" but it hasn't made much impression on general opinion.

4. The Darwinian theory is most unlikely to get even one chain of life substance right, let alone the thousands

on which living cells depend for survival.

5. Although this situation is known to geneticists nobody seems to blow the whistle decisively on the Darwinian theory of evolution.

6. "The fossil record shows no transition between species." Either there were none or they were so quick they left no intermediate forms.

7. Belief in Darwinism is at variance with the truth.

8. Darwinism is considered socially desirable by many.

9. "The scientific world has been bamboozled into believing that evolution has been proved, . . . but nothing could be further from the truth."

10. Darwinism is not only inadequate to explain the evolutionary changes that have occurred, sometimes over quite short intervals for both plants and animals, but it is woefully inadequate.

11. The Darwin theory has been undercut by new knowledge.

12. The development of life required "intelligence."

13. Most scientists still cling to Darwinism because of its grip on the educational system and out of fear that any retreat would open the flood-gates of irrationalism.

14. The revolt of these two scientists against Darwinism has been greeted with a wall of silence in scientific journals, which tend to accept any hypothesis in order to uphold Darwinism.

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS

1. Sir Fred Hoyle and Chandra Wickramasinghe are eminent British scientists.

2. Fred Hoyle is an internationally recognized astronomer and mathematician. He was KNIGHTED by Britain for his scientific contributions. He has headed the Royal Astronomical Society and taught at leading universities in England and America.

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WHY NOT BE JUST A CHRISTIAN?

One can believe all truth and obey every commandment of God without belonging to any denomination. Can you think of an exception to this statement? Can you think of any truth that you cannot believe or any commandment that you cannot obey without joining a denomination? I don't believe you can. Can you think of any truth that you cannot accept or any commandment that you cannot obey while being just a Christian? Isn't it sufficient to be just a Christian? Isn't it wrong to be something different from or more than a Christian? Since one can be a Christian without joining any denomination, then why join one? Would it not be wrong to join one, since denominationalism is division and division is wrong? Let me emphasize the statement that I can believe all truth in the Bible or out of the Bible and obey every commandment of the Lord without joining any denomination. This being true, what then does it take

to make one a member of a denomination? Believing truth will not make one a member of a denomination, because he can believe all truth on the outside. Obeying God will not make one a member of a denomination, because he can obey God on the outside. If believing truth and obeying God will not make one a member of a denomination, then what will it do? To become a member of a denomination, it is obvious that one must believe something beside the truth or do something beside obey God.

— Harris J. Dark in THE WAY
Feb. 24, 1977

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3. Chandra Wickramasinghe, an authority on interstellar matter, heads the mathematics-astronomy department at University College in Cardiff, Wales.

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— SENTENCE SERMONS —

You hear many echoes in the world but only a few real voices.

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The best goodness is genuine and habitual goodness.

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We need faith that will not worry or whine but watch and wait.

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The cost is high for low living.

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Every generation needs regeneration.

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