



EVOLUTION ILLUSION

CAUSE AND EFFECT

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A. WHO MADE IT?

Do we know who made the universe? Benjamin Franklin once constructed a model of the solar system in a public place for everyone to observe. When the model was complete, an atheist walked up and remarked that the detail and quality of the model was very instructive. Not knowing who made the model, the atheist asked, "Who made it?"

Mr. Franklin replied, "No one. It just happened."

The atheist retorted, "That's ridiculous! Of course someone made it!"

Mr. Franklin simply smiled and stretched out his arms, and asked, "The world and universe around us, who made them?"

The Law of Causality (Cause and Effect) An established principle of scientific study is the law of cause and effect. Dr. Bert Thompson stated,

"Put simply, the law of causality states that every material effect must have an adequate antecedent cause."

What was the cause of the universe? In order to answer this question, please consider the following argument:

1. Something cannot come from nothing.
2. But, something exists now.
3. Therefore, something has always existed.

1. Something cannot come from nothing:

It is true that something cannot come from nothing. This is an obvious fact. The physicist, George Davis stated,

"No material thing can create itself."

The universe did come from nothing. It did not create itself.

2. But, something exists now:

A simple glance through a telescope proves that something is out there. We are witnesses of the existence of a marvelous universe. The very fact that we also consider our own existence, proves that we exist along with the universe. Though some go through useless debate as to whether we really exist, Decartes was still right when he said,

"I think, therefore, I am."

3. Therefore, something has always existed:

Something cannot come from nothing, and something now is in existence, something therefore has always existed. This is an obvious conclusion that needs no debate. But the question now arises, What, or Who is that which has always existed? There are only two possible answers to this question:

a) Either the universe, that is matter, is eternal matter.

b) Or there is an Eternal Cause greater than the universe itself.

What is the "Something" that has always existed? Let's consider an important question about existence of matter:

Has the universe always existed? To answer this question, we must remind ourselves that something cannot come from nothing. Matter is therefore unable to create itself. But could it be that the universe is eternal, that is, it has always existed? We say "no" because it is neither logical nor scientific to affirm that matter is eternal in its existence. Here's why:

Can you "unburn" a burnt match? Obviously not. Entropy, or the second law of Thermodynamics is the principle that all energy is dispersing, dissipating into a state wherein it cannot be used again.

Now, consider our own sun:

We know that the sun is burning out. As a burning match, it is running down, and thus, dispersing energy into space where it cannot be recaptured again. Now if the sun is burning out, we must logically conclude that there was a time, just like a match, when it was first lit.

Now think this for a moment. If the universe has always existed, then all of the suns of the universe would have burned out by now.

On the basis of science and reason, therefore, the creationist correctly affirms that the material universe cannot be eternal. It had a beginning.

The well-known astronomer, Robert Jastrow, once wrote,

"... the universe is running down like a clock. If it is running down, there must have been a time when it was fully wound up"

"Most remarkable of all is the fact that in science, as in the Bible, the world begins with an act of creation. That view has not always been held by scientists. Only as a result of most recent discoveries can we say with a fair degree of confidence, that the world has not always existed forever; that it began abruptly, without apparent cause, in a blinding event that defies scientific explanation".

Now if it is clear that the universe is not eternal, then what is that "Something" that has always existed?

In the Bible, the Lord God identified Himself before Moses by stating,

"I Am, that I Am" (Ex 3:14; Jn 8:58).

In these few words, God stated His eternity. As humans there was a time when we did not exist; God, on the other hand, has never not existed. He is eternal, He is therefore I AM.

Now, remember that matter cannot create itself, and that the material universe cannot be eternal. The Bible teaches us that God is spirit - He is not matter. He is the Eternal Power that is the only logical answer for the existence of a material universe that is burning out, and thus, coming to an end.

Summary Something cannot come from Nothing. Something - the universe and us - exists now. Therefore, Something - Someone, God - has always existed.

There is no other answer.



B. IN GOD'S IMAGE

The scientific law of cause and effect states that an effect must be the result of an adequate cause. For example, when we look at ourselves we notice certain characteristics:

1. We are alive.
2. We have emotions.
3. And we have intelligence.

A very interesting statement was published by the National Association of Biology Teachers in America. It was stated,

"Life is the outcome of evolution: an unsupervised, impersonal, unpredictable and natural process of temporal descent"

Now this type of statement is not only unscientific, it is illogical. It is illogical simply because something cannot come from nothing. How can that which is lifeless bring forth life, emotion and intelligence?

The Bible teaches that God made man from the dust of the earth, and then breathed life into him. With God's breath of life came life, emotion and intelligence.

Therefore, it is only reasonable to believe that our inner being is the product of a greater Being, and not the chance product of some lifeless, unemotional and unintelligent state of matter in motion.



C. AN ETERNAL MIND

Christians believe that the "something" that caused the universe to come into existence is Someone. That Someone is God. In recent years in the field of scientific studies, some very interesting facts concerning the existence of man's intelligence, or mind, have been revealed.

For many years evolutionists claimed that "mind" was nothing more than electrical and chemical reactions that took place in the brain. But is this true?

The Nobel Laureate, and neurologist, Sir John Eccles has documented that the mind is more than just matter. Dr. Eccles showed that the mind is able to work independently of the brain. Mind therefore is not merely matter.

John Pratt wrote the following in reference to the late Dr. Eccles' discoveries:

"Extensive experimental studies have shown that mental acts of attention and intention activate appropriate regions of the cerebral cortex. An intention to move, for example, initiates the firing of a set of neurons of the supplementary motor area about 200 Milliseconds before the intended movement takes place."

This is amazing as it shows that one's intention, does not originate within the brain! The intention or mind is a separate entity that controls the brain!

In speaking of this separation of Mind and Matter, John Gliedman wrote:

"This 'ghost in the machine' is responsible for everything that makes us distinctly human: conscious self awareness, free will, personality identity, creativity and even emotions such as love, fear and hate. Our nonmaterial self controls its "liaison brain" the way a driver steers a car or a programmer directs a computer."

This is a phenomenal breakthrough since atheists have always claimed that there is nothing beyond matter. But clearly there is!

What does this mean?

Remember, something cannot come from nothing. Since this is a logical conclusion, we must affirm that there was an original Mind that created our minds. This Mind would have been greater than the material world, even greater than our minds. And thus, we affirm that this Mind is God.

This point cannot be overemphasized. Scientific experimentation has revealed that mind is separate from matter! The law of causality states that something cannot come from nothing. Therefore, there has to be a higher Mind! Again, we must state that this Mind is God!

Consider Bert Thompson's thoughts:

"Everything that exists can be classified as either matter or mind. There is no third alternative. The argument then, is this:

A. Everything that exists is either mind or matter.

B. Something exists now, so something eternal exists.

C. Therefore, either matter or mind is eternal."

Dr. Thompson continued:

- A. Either matter or mind is eternal.
- B. Matter is not eternal, as scientifically proved.
- C. Therefore, it is mind that is eternal.

This is precisely what the Bible has always stated.

1. The cause of the universe cannot be matter because matter is not eternal. The Bible says that God is spirit or mind (Jn 4:24). He is not matter.
 2. The cause of the universe cannot be part of the universe, because the cause must be greater than that which is created. The Bible says that God created the universe. He is not part of it (Gn 1:1).
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1. The cause of all things must be eternal, because that which is created is not eternal. The Bible says that God is the great "I Am" (Ex 3:14). He is eternal.
 2. The cause must be adequate in providing the characteristics of the creation. The Bible says that God is the Father of our spirits (Hb 12:9).

We must conclude that it is more reasonable to believe that the Eternal Mind, God, is the originator of ourselves and this universe in which we live. This is the only logical and scientific answer to our present existence.



D. THE ALIENS DID IT

Science Fiction

In a study as this, believers in the Bible are often asked to believe that some alien race out there somewhere, somehow initiated life here on earth.

This claim cannot be taken seriously simply because there is absolutely no evidence of the fact. It is simply not in the area of the scientific method of study.

But for the idle curiosity of those who affirm such, this does not remove the need for God. We would simply ask, "Who then created the aliens?"

These speculations may create dynamic Hollywood productions, but they are certainly not a part of serious scientific investigation.

We wonder what would motivate those who work in the area of the scientific method to resort to such fantasies. Our wonder is answered in the fact that many evolutionists deny that there is a God. Because of their denial of the existence of God, atheistic scientists must believe that there is a non-miraculous answer for the origin of life.

One of the world's foremost biochemists, Klaus Dose, once said,

"More than thirty years of experimentation on the origin of life in the fields of chemical and molecular evolution have led to a better perception of the immensity of the problem of the origins of life on earth rather than its solution. At present all discussions on principle theories and experiments in the field either end in stalemate or in a confession of ignorance."

As you can imagine, scientists who are evolutionists, have some great difficulties concerning the origin of life on earth. Realizing that the spontaneous generation of life on earth is so incredible, some evolutionists have suggested that life on earth began through extraterrestrial sources. But at the end of the second day of an Origin of Life Scientist's conference in July 1999, "researchers had to agree that extraterrestrial delivery could not have supplied all the needed prebiotic molecules" for the origin of life on earth.

It is unfortunate that scientists who are leaders in discovery and development for mankind leave their fields of study in order to attempt to explain that which is beyond the scientific method of research.



E. MAN CREATES LIFE?

The law of Biogenesis is the principle that all life comes from life.

Before the 19th century, many people believed that life spontaneously generated. For example, it was generally believed that flies spontaneously generated into existence from substances such as decaying meat and milk. However, today we know that flies only come from eggs that have been laid by other flies.

It was the result of the scientific works of scientists as Louis Pasteur, who developed the system of pasteurizing milk, that many myths of years past have long since been exposed and discarded.

Nevertheless, history is often repeated in the studies of those who fail to heed the lessons of the past. Though Pasteur proved spontaneous generation to be false, evolutionists persist today in keeping the concept alive. It is still generally accepted by evolutionists that life spontaneously generated many millions of years ago.

In their persistence to cling to the discarded theory of spontaneous generation, evolutionists put themselves into conflict with the scientific law of biogenesis.

Concerning this contradiction, Dr. George Wald, a Nobel laureate, wrote,

"As for spontaneous generation, it continued to find acceptance until finally disposed of by the work of Louis Pasteur. It is a curious thing that until quite recently professors of biology habitually told this story as part of their introductions of students to biology. They would finish this account glowing with the conviction that they had given a telling demonstration of the overthrow of a mystical notion by clean, scientific experimentation.

"Their students were usually so bemused as to forget to ask the professor how he accounted for the origin of life.

"This would have been an embarrassing question, because there are only two possibilities: either life arose by spontaneous generation, which the professor had just refuted; or it rose by supernatural creation; which he probably regarded as anti-scientific."

Personal Application

Now you have to make a decision concerning the origin of life. There are only two possibilities. Either life created itself spontaneously in contradiction to the law of Biogenesis, or it was created by the eternal power that the Bible refers to as "God." There is no third alternative.

Man Creates Life?

Has anyone ever created life? In order to accomplish such a feat, an interesting history began in 1953.

Two scientists by the names of Stanley Miller and Harold Urey, of the University of Chicago, made a laboratory breakthrough which many scientists assumed would answer all questions concerning the origin of life. They recreated in their laboratory what they believed to be the original environment of the earth billions of years ago. They placed compounds such as methane and ammonia into a special glass container, and then subjected it to electrical charges. The result was a simple production of amino acids - the building blocks of life!

Needless to say, evolutionists were elated at this discovery, thinking that Miller and Urey had made a breakthrough in spontaneously generating life. But in reality, Miller and Urey would have had to complete two more major steps in experimentation before accomplishing their goal of producing life. First, the right amino acids would have to structure themselves into proteins, and second, these proteins would then have to somehow structure themselves into the formation of the first living cell. Regardless of these two insurmountable steps, the successors to Miller and Urey set out on a race to go from amino acids to the first created life. The race was on to create life!

Since the first discoveries of Miller and Urey, the race to create life has only ended in frustration by all contestants. What the discovery of Miller and Urey actually did was only highlight the tremendous impossibility of creating life. The probability of the spontaneous generation of life was only discovered to be impossible, even in the hands of well-trained scientists in a laboratory.

Martin A. Moe concluded,

"A century of sensational discoveries in the biological sciences has taught us that life arises only from life ..."

Walter L. Bradley, coauthor of the book, *The Mystery of Life's Origin*, stated concerning man's frustrations to discover the origin of life,

"There isn't any doubt that science, for the moment at least, is at a dead end. The optimism of the 1950's is gone."

Forty years after the discoveries of Miller and Urey, the dying optimism of Stanley Miller was expressed when he said,

"The problem of the origin of life has turned out to be much more difficult than I, and most people, envisioned."

The law of Biogenesis stands! Life only comes from life. Since this is true, the philosophy of evolution is crippled at its very foundation. Life did not spontaneously generate. There was Life before life on earth. It was an eternal Life the Bible reveals to be God.

Even today in the 21st century, the first sentence of the Bible still provides the only reasonable answer to the origin of life:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth!" Genesis 1:1

E2. FLAWED FROM THE START!

Unknown to many people, the 1953 Stanley Miller and Harold Urey experiment was flawed from the start!

While oxygen is essential to life on earth, oxygen quickly destroys nonliving organic matter faster than it can form. The Miller/Urey experiment was purposely kept free of oxygen because it was assumed that there was no free oxygen in the earth's atmosphere in the distant past.

John D. Morris wrote:

"But now with more knowledge it has become abundantly clear that Earth's atmosphere has always had free oxygen. Water vapor readily breaks down into hydrogen and oxygen. Furthermore, we find oxidized minerals in rocks of every supposed age."

If any amino acids did somehow spontaneously generate in the way Miller and Urey suggested, their existence would be very short-lived. They would have been quickly destroyed by the free oxygen bringing the whole theory of evolution to an immediate end.



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