

The Creation of Man

Introduction:

The study of the doctrine of man is termed “anthropology” in theology.

There are three areas of general concern in such a study:

- The Creation of Man
- The Nature of Man
- The Fall of Man

Perhaps it is not surprising that in each of these areas the Devil has conjured up some alternative, Bible-denying theories: mainly, “evolution,” and the “man is basically good” theory. Even a casual observer would agree that these theories are both widespread and damaging to the work of the Lord.

It is important to discover what the Bible teaches on the subject.

I. The Fact of Man’s Creation

A. The Actuality of Creation

The Bible expressly declares that man was created by:

1. A desired act of God. — Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16
2. A deliberate act of God. — Genesis 1:26
3. A designed act of God. — Psalm 139:14
4. A direct act of God. — Genesis 1:27 “...God created man...”
5. A distinct act of God. — Genesis 1:25 (animals); 1:27 (man)

B. The Act of Creation

1. In General Terms — Genesis 1:26-27

This passage relates the creation of man to the general creative acts of God.

See also: Nehemiah 9:6; Job 33:4; Psalm 100:3; Acts 14:15; I Corinthians 8:6

2. In Specific Terms — Genesis 2:7, 21-22

A discrepancy has been imagined at this point. Genesis 1 declares that God created male and female on the 6th day, whereas Genesis 2 indicates some time elapsed between the creation of Adam and the making of Eve.

Answer:

- (1) The creation of Eve did occur on the sixth day as indicated by Genesis 1:31.
- (2) Eve was “in” Adam from the first.

Note: We were also “in” Adam (I Corinthians 15:22; Romans 5:12). Though we often say (correctly) that “God made us,” He did not literally form us from the dust of the ground as He did Adam (He uses the means of parental reproduction.). So too with the creation of the female.

C. The Aim of Creation

Why was man created?

1. For the Glory of God. — Isaiah 43:7

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2. For Personal Fellowship — Genesis 3:8

Although God's creation was great and mighty, marvelous and wonderful — He could not fellowship with it, or set His love upon it.

II. The Fallacy of Man's Evolution

The "Theory of Evolution" is exactly that — a theory! It is Satan's answer to the fact of God's creation, the modern version of it stemming from the writings of Charles Darwin (1809-1882).

A. What is the Theory of Evolution?

In actual fact, there are several theories of evolution. Basic to all is the development of an increasingly complex organism over a time period of millions of years, resulting in modern day man.

Cell -> Jellyfish -> Fish -> Crocodile -> Lizard -> Dog -> Monkey -> Ape -> Cave Man -> Modern Man.

B. What are the Branches of Evolutionary Thought?

There are basically 2 schools of evolutionary thought:

1. Atheistic Evolution.

This leaves God and the Bible completely out of the picture, but cannot answer the very first beginning of matter problem. See: Romans 1:22; Psalm 14:1.

2. Theistic Evolution.

This view has been concocted by modernistic and neo-orthodox theologians in their attempt to remain happy bed-fellows with the "scientific" fraternity. It attempts to place God at the very beginning of things by saying that He "kicked things off" (the big bang!?!) and that evolutionary processes -> then took over. (Deism.)

Such a theory usually interprets the creation account in Genesis in a "demythological" way, finding hidden meanings in the narrative. E.g. the 6 days were in reality 6 eras of mega-years.

However, the "Law of First Mention" defines the word 'day' as a literal 24 hour day — see: Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31; 2:1-3. This is further demonstrated by Exodus 20:11 and Deuteronomy 4:32.

C. Biblical Creationism and Evolution Compared

It should be fully understood that Creation and Evolution are not mere differences of opinion — they are diametrically opposed to one another, as the following chart reveals:

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BIBLICAL CREATIONISM	EVOLUTIONARY UNIFORMITARIANISM
Matter created by God in the beginning	Matter existed with "God" in beginning
Earth before sun & stars	Sun & stars before earth
Oceans before land	Land before Oceans
Light before the sun	Sun the earth's first light
Atmosphere between two hydrosphere	Atmosphere contagious with hydrosphere
Land plants first life forms created	Marine organisms first forms of life
Fruit trees before fishes	Fishes before fruit trees
Birds before insects ("creeping things")	Insects before birds
Land plants before sun	Sun before land plants
Whales before reptiles	Reptiles before birds
Man before woman (by creation)	Woman before man (by genetics)
Man before rain	Rain before man
Creation complete	"Creative" processes still continuing
Man the cause of sin and death	Struggle and death necessary antecedents of man

D. The Effects of the Theory of Evolution

To accept the theory of evolution as fact is to deny that Genesis account of creation. To deny this is to deny the Word of God (e.g. I Timothy 2:13), and the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 19:4-6.)

1. Modernism

I Timothy 6:20-21; II Timothy 4:3-4.

Modernism is a denial of the Word of God in religious circles.

2. Humanism

Humanism is a denial of the Word of God in societal circles.

Humanism denies the fact of sin. It declares, "Man is not getting worse! — he is getting better."

Abortion, Euthanasia, and suicide are the natural bi-products of a society which considers man to be an animal, striving for the survival of the fittest!

The Bible does not advocate survival of the fittest — it teaches love toward others and the sacredness of human life.

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3. Socialism and Communism

Socialism is a denial of the Word of God in political circles. In the Marxist “calendar of saints” Darwin ranks second to Karl Marx, the founder of modern-day communism. Marx was greatly influenced by the theories of Darwin.

Fascism (National Socialism, Nazi-ism) is the fruit of evolutionary thought — see: Matthew 7:18.

E. The Failure of the Theory of Evolution.

Thomas Huxley wrote:

“There is nothing more tragic than the murder of a beautiful theory by an ugly fact — and nothing is more supervision that the way in which a theory will continue to live after its brains have been knocked out.”

Today, more and more scientists are moving away from the theories of evolution for the simple fact that they cannot be proven. The evidence has not come in!

- There is NO evidence for any “transmutation of species.”
- There is NO evidence which shows a “missing link” between monkey and man.

Evolution is not an established scientific reality, it is a belief — a system of faith. No one was present at the beginning of time, and it takes faith to believe in a special, direct, supernatural creation by God as well as the random, natural selection processes. The real question is: “Which is more credible? — the Bible, or science so-called?”

The theory of evolution contradicts two well-established, demonstrable scientific facts:

1. The First Law of Thermodynamics.
The law of mass-energy conservation states that nothing is now being created or annihilated.
2. The Second Law of Thermodynamics.
The law of entropy states that all systems tend to become disordered and simple.

F. The Bible Answer to Evolution.

The Bible expressly declares the following facts:

1. Man was Created, He did not Evolve. — Genesis 1:26-27
2. Man and Animals were Created Separately. — Genesis 1:26-27
3. Animals were Created to reproduce after their kind. — Genesis 1:21, 24, 25
4. Plants were made to reproduce and bear fruit after their kind. — Genesis 1:11-12
5. The Nature of Man Differs to that of Animals.
 - a) Man has “God-consciousness.” — Romans 1:18-19
 - b) Man has a never dying soul. — Ecclesiastes 3:21; Hebrews 9:27