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Is The Creationist Or Evolutionist Theory More Logical?

by Robert Moak

Is there evidence in this world, which seems to support believing that the creationist theory – about how and when the universe was formed – is logical? You want to believe the creationist theory, but you think it is not logical, and it seems the evolutionist theory is logical. Then let us explore just a few examples of a logical approach to looking at a creationist worldview!

The first thing for us to consider in this exercise is to know the answer to the question, "Where did you get the information that causes you to believe Creation is true?" Sometimes we do not want to admit it, but the focal point about Creation is the Bible! Of course many

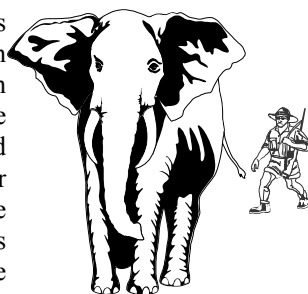
books support or defend the ideas about Creation. However, without reading our Bible, most of us would not know about this theory! We must also realize it is a theory just as evolution, as it cannot be proven through scientific testing. There is no eyewitness testimony to support what happened when the universe was created.

As Christians we believe that God was the only eyewitness, but most non-Christians will not accept the Biblical accounts as the true account to support creation. So as Creationists, we must find some evidence of Creation that can be identified through logical considerations. Then we have a chance of converting someone who believes evolution, to even begin to accept that Creation is the correct answer to this puzzle.

Following are some situations to consider when making a case for Creation, and when answering the question, "How did this universe come into existence?" Remember these are not scientific evidences, but logical evidence to support the Biblical accounts about living creatures that do, or did, inhabit this earth.

Why do animals seem to be afraid of men?

Why do animals with great strength run from a man? While it is true that some animals become man hunters, such animals are considered unusual or called rogue for this strange behavior. Animals that have sharp teeth, fangs, and/or lethal claws will usually try to avoid confrontation with a man, even when the man is unarmed! The following



Bible verses may offer some evidence for this strange fear! *Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you...Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.* (Genesis 9:1-3/NIV) These instructions were given to the only people still inhabiting this earth, as God saved them from the Biblical flood of Noah!

All Flesh Is Not The Same, Why Not?

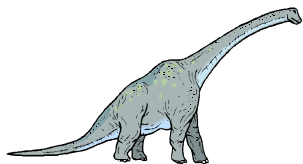
If animals evolved from a common ancestry, then why is the flesh of animals so different. It is very easy to tell fish from beef, or that what you are eating is pork, not shrimp or lobster! Doesn't it seem logical that all flesh would be very similar if it all started out the same? If however, each type of animal were created, then the flesh would likely be very different. What does the Bible have to say about such differences? *All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.* (1 Corinthians 15:39/NIV)

Were Dinosaurs Still Living Less Than Four Thousand Years Ago?

Did dinosaurs really exist? In the past some people who believed in creation did not believe that dinosaurs fit into the scheme of things well, so they denied such creatures ever existed. Some taught that the bones being discovered were the work of Satan – that Satan planted these bones to deceive believers into questioning their faith! Most people today did in fact believe that dinosaurs lived on this planet in the past. The only

real question is ‘when did they exist in the past?’ Was it 65 million or more years ago, as evolutionists believe? Or were they created on day six, about six thousand years ago, as creationists believe? Where does the evidence seem to point?

How did dinosaurs get to be so huge?



How can dinosaurs be explained if the earth is only about six thousand years old? If the Bible is correct, can we account for the existence of dinosaurs?

Many reptiles that live on the earth today continue to grow as long as they live. Some turtles, crocodiles, and alligators get to be huge if they have long lives.

Think about what has been revealed through the Bible about the genealogies of the early generations that inhabited this earth. **Men lived 600, 700, 800, even 969 years! If people lived that long it is only logical that other creatures did too.** The Bible states that all creatures that lived and breathed on the land were created on day six. Then it is logical that dinosaurs lived with man in the beginning. **If all the creatures lived for a long time, then the reptiles, and some other animals that continue to grow, would have grown to be huge! So you see it actually supports the Biblical account that dinosaurs lived with early man.**

Was The Geological Strata Laid Down Millions, Or Even Billions Of Years Ago?

Does the discovery of the bones of these very large animals favor the evolutionist theory or the creationist theory? For animals to become fossilized the animals’ body must be covered quickly with something that will preserve it. One of the ways this can occur is from the aftermath of flooding. Erosion caused by flooding will result in dirt and chemicals being washed out and then re-deposited in low areas. Thus animals could be washed into such low areas, and then covered with these materials. When the

material dries the animals become trapped in the layer formed, and over time become fossilized. For this to work the burial must occur quickly. If the animal is exposed for just a few hours it starts to decompose. Left uncovered very long it would completely decompose and no fossils would be formed.

Creationists believe the Flood of Noah, as described in the Bible, explains how this occurred. All of the animals living on the land at the time of the flood would have drowned. Some of them were buried by the flooding and volcanic actions that occurred during this global flood. This presents a good answer for how these bones were covered, preserved, and then fossilized. This also offers a good explanation for rock layers containing fossils found all over the earth! Most creationists believe other catastrophic events caused some partial layers to be formed, but most of them are the result of the global flood described in the Bible!

In the past some evolutionists believed that as the sedimentary layers formed slowly over a long time, the dead animals were also being covered gradually by those thin layers. Of course, this explanation could not result in fossils being formed because the animal would completely decay before it could have been covered. Most evolutionists today understand the need of the body being covered quickly to preserve it for fossils to form.



Most evolutionists believe fossils found are evidence of local flooding and/or other catastrophic events that covered the animals quickly, so the fossils could be formed. They still believe it took millions or billions of years for these layers to be formed, and they date the fossils found in each layer based upon when they think it was formed. They also date the layer based upon when they think it was formed!

Evolutionists have a problem in using the rock layers with fossils in them to assume the date when the layer was formed. Because, if the burial happened quickly to

preserve the animal for fossilization, then no meaningful time dating is logical. All the animals found in a layer were buried at the same time! Therefore, a layer could not represent a long period of time passage!

If, however, they assume that the layer was formed by a long passage of time by thin layers being laid down, then the animal would have decayed, and there would be no fossils! This is especially true when it comes to large animals, like dinosaurs, being fossilized.

When a dinosaur fossil is dug up today, does it match the creationist or evolutionist theory? For me there is no doubt that only the creationist theory is logical! Of course, my opinion is biased. I believe it, because the Bible says God created the universe in six days!

If evolution is not logical, then why do so many people accept it as being true? *Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.* (2Timothy 4:2-4/NIV)

Why do you believe what you believe? Is your belief sound and logical? You decide, which theory better matches the evidence found on the earth today!

"... After all, it is not the duty of science to defend the theory of evolution, and stick by it to the bitter end - no matter what illogical and unsupported conclusions it offers.... If in the process of impartial scientific logic, they find that creation by outside superintelligence is the solution to our quandary, then let's cut the umbilical cord that tied us down to Darwin for such a long time. It is choking us and holding us back."

Darwin Was Wrong - A Study in Probabilities, New Research Publications, Inc., 1984, p. 209

“But our ways of learning about the world are strongly influenced by the social preconceptions and biased modes of thinking that each scientist must apply to any problem. The stereotype of a fully rational and objective ‘scientific method,’ with individual scientists as logical (and interchangeable) robots, is self-serving mythology.”

Gould, Stephen Jay, “In the Mind of the Beholder,” *Natural History*, vol. 103 (February 1994), p. 14.

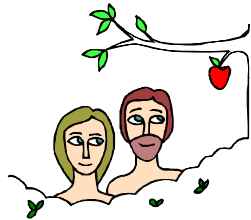
A Garden in Paradise

By Frank Vosler

Once upon a time there was a beautiful garden in Eden (=“paradise”) — the cr eme de la cr eme. The world was young and all dewey-eyed. In this Garden there lived Adam and his wife Eve and God Almighty who was like a loving father to them, and they enjoyed taking garden walks together in the cool of the evening.

Now it so happened that Adam and Eve didn’t have a stitch of clothes on them, but they felt no shame. Now you think that was because they were married, don’t you? Well, you’re wrong. They felt no shame because they had no conscience — yet. You see, there was a tree of the knowledge of good and evil right there in the middle of the cr eme de la cr eme (where else!). As soon as they ate some of THAT fruit, they would have a conscience and make some clothes out of fig leaves.

But there was this problem. God had strictly told them that they must not eat the fruit of the tree of moral knowledge. This



was the only law in this Shangri La. It should be easy to keep ONE law, don’t you think? The trouble was, God had planted that tree right smack dab in the center of the Garden with no fence around it — can you believe it! And it was beautiful and the fruit was beautiful and smelled good. I ran up to Him and said, “Now God, it’s foolish to put that tree right there. Take my advice and pull it up and plant it in the west of Eden —

way west!” Well, He didn’t take any notice of my suggestion because, you see, I didn’t exist yet.

Why did God do that and then tell them they would die if they ate any of it? God KNEW what was going to happen and, since He COULD have fenced the tree, we can only conclude that He really wanted them to eat that fruit though He pretended He didn’t.

Eve was standing close to the Temptation [mistake!] admiring the tree and smelling the fruit, when the devil, who was wandering about in the earth, just happened to drop by for a chat. Now the devil was on to something, for he said to Eve that if she ate that fruit, her eyes would be opened and she would become like God knowing good and evil. Gen. 3:5.

Well, that pushed Eve over the edge and she looked at a nice ripe fruit, took hold of it, and ate it and shared it with Adam who was standing there like a dumb ox to the slaughter. They both ate the forbidden fruit and their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked. And now, my children, this is how we got a conscience and why we wear clothes.

Only the devil said anything about how getting a conscience would make them like God. But in Gen. 3:22, God said, Lo man has become like one of us knowing good and evil. So, the devil was right! But hadn’t God said, “Let us make man in our image”? And doesn’t God have a conscience, knowing good and evil? What a peculiar way to give Adam that God-like trait! So God tricked Adam into breaking the one law He had given him, and Adam and Eve entered the Age of Conscience with one conviction already on their record.

Animals have no conscience, but Welcome, Adam and Eve, to the realm of the gods.(Psalms 82:6). Now that you know good and evil, you have a MORAL responsibility in all that you do.

For some reason, Adam and Eve hadn’t gotten around to eating the fruit of the Tree of Life, so they did not yet have immortality. They were mortal and would die sooner or later, whether they ate the

fruit of the Tree of Knowledge or not. So what did God mean when He said, “In the day ye eat thereof, ye shall surely die”? We can possibly take it two ways. In the minute they ate the forbidden fruit, they died spiritually — their fellowship with God was distanced. Secondly, in the Day of Conscience (this present world) we die physically because the Tree of Life has been moved out of our reach. Perhaps God meant it both ways.

In conclusion, I believe that God wanted Adam and Eve to have a conscience so they would be introduced into the realm of the moral code. In this respect we become like God who also lives according to a moral code. That’s why He can be called “righteous”.

Night Vision #8, 8/3/02, fevosler@cooper.net

GOOD EGGS

Eggs have several interesting properties. For example, have you ever looked at an egg and wondered why it was shaped the way it was? If eggs were rectangular they could not roll away, but they would be weak in the middle of the walls. At the other extreme, a spherical shape gives the greatest strength and smallest surface area (which would be useful in conserving heat), but they could easily roll away.



An owl egg is shaped somewhat closely to a sphere, but most bird eggs are usually big at one end and small at the other end. Some of the mathematics that describes the shapes of eggs would be the Cartesian oval, and the Cassini oval, but actually, there are many other possibilities to describe the shape of eggs.

Fast-flying, highly streamlined birds such as swifts and hummingbirds tend to lay long, elliptical eggs, while those of auks, guillemots, and shorebirds are more pointed at the narrow end. “Egg-shaped” eggs can be closely packed with the pointy ends inward. This helps the adults to cover them efficiently during

incubation, and it also conserves heat better because there is more surface contact between the eggs.

This shape also appears to be especially advantageous for birds that nest on the bare ground or cliffs. If the eggs are disturbed and start to roll, the “egg-shape” causes them to roll in a circle - thus protecting them from falling off of a cliff, or rolling too far from the nest.

Bird eggs vary greatly in color, which are caused by the pigments produced by glands in the oviduct. As the egg moves down the tube, the colors are squeezed out onto the shell. The motion of the egg affects the color patterns. It is as if the brushes are holding still as the canvas passes by! If the egg remains still in the oviduct, spots will remain on the egg. If the egg slowly moves while the glands

are secreting, then there will be lines and scrawls.



Experiments have shown that a colony of murrens which are incubating their eggs, come to learn their own egg

“art”. When they return to the colony after foraging for food, they are able to locate their own eggs from the hundreds of other nest eggs that may be in the colony. If the egg patterns are altered while they are away from the nest, then they fail to recognize their own eggs when they return.

Often, egg colors will help with their concealment in the wild because they will be camouflaged against the background (for example, Arctic Tern and Killdeer). But in other cases (such as a robin and catbird) the bright colors seem to make them all the more noticeable.

The egg provides the developing embryo with a suitable environment outside the mother. Eggs are virtually self-contained life-support systems. All that is needed for the developing life within is warmth

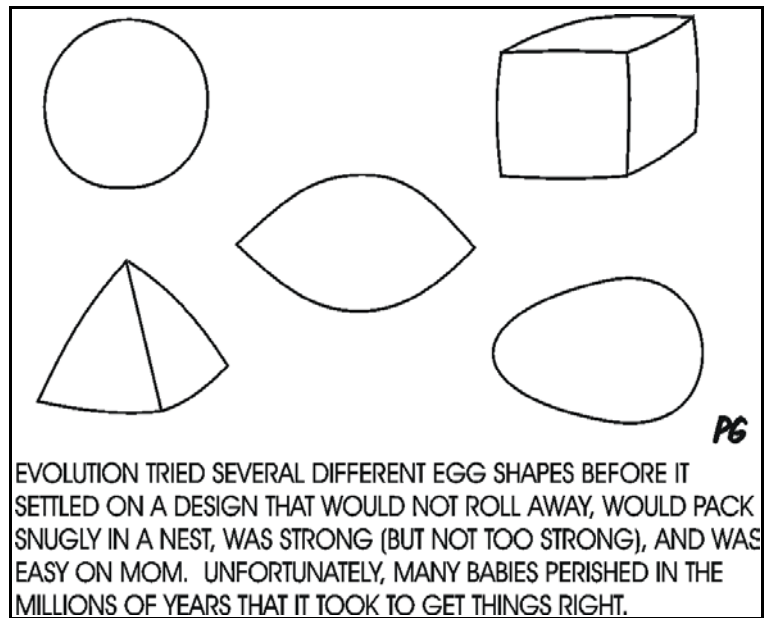
and oxygen. Oxygen diffuses into the egg through microscopic holes in the calcium carbonate crystals that compose the eggshell. In duck eggs, these holes make up only about 0.02 percent of the egg’s surface. Carbon dioxide and water vapor diffuse outward through the same pores.

The fatty yolk that is in all eggs serves as food for the developing embryo. Yolk is broken down to provide energy and water is produced as a by-product. Baby birds that need a lot of parental care after they hatch come from eggs that have about 25 percent yolk. Baby birds that can get up and walk and feed themselves shortly after hatching come from eggs that have about 40 percent yolk. Some bird eggs have up to 67 percent yolk. Hatchlings that come from these eggs are virtually ready to fly when they are born.

Eggs of birds today range in weight from one hundredth of an ounce (small hummingbird) to three and a half pounds (ostrich). Due to water loss, all bird eggs lose about 15 percent of their original weight during incubation. This is probably the result of the necessity of keeping the water content in the egg at a constant level because of the metabolic water that is continually being produced as the yolk is being broken down to provide energy for the baby bird.

Small birds lay eggs that are proportionately large for their bodies, while large birds lay eggs that are small for their bodies. For example, an egg of a wren weighs about 123 percent of the wren’s weight, while an egg of an ostrich weighs less than 2 percent of an adult’s

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weight.

Evolutionists wonder why birds have not “advanced” beyond egg laying and started to bear their young live like mammals do (the platypus and echidna being the “mysterious” exceptions). Some people have claimed that viviparity (live-bearing) is incompatible with flight, but bats disprove that hypothesis since they give birth like most all mammals do.

Most evolutionists simply assume that since evolution is true, then there must not be an advantage for birds to bear their young live – therefore they continue to lay eggs. However, the complexity of the various components of an egg, its structure, the “manufacturing process”, and its inter-relationship with the developing embryo, all cry out that the egg was designed and created by a superb artist and master craftsman. Faberge would be envious if he only knew what God had created when He made the egg!

*Adapted from, Eggs and Their Evolution, by Paul R. Ehrlich, David S. Dobkin, and Darryl Wheye, www.stanfordalumni.org/birdsite/text/essays/Eggs.html and *What Shape is an Egg?*, <http://torus.math.uiuc.edu/eggmath/Shape/>*

“I believe the most fundamental thing we can do today is to believe in evolution.”

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