

Evolution 101

Lesson 25

To be convinced of something, we must be presented with proof or sound evidence or argument that compels the mind to accept an assertion as true. Faith is belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.

The assertions of both evolution-ists and creationists cannot be tested empirically since this would require repeating the origin of matter, energy, life and man. Short of that, a person must rely on logical inferences derived from evidences that compel a mind to accept an assertion to be true.

The Christian also has faith working for him. Heb. 11:1 teaches us, ***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*** The logical proof from the world of science as discussed in the previous lessons combined with the evidence from faith as defined in the Bible compels the Christian to believe the Bible’s version of the origin of the universe and “all that in them is.” As a rational person, both his mind and heart are satisfied.

It is a scientific and logical axiom: “Out of nothing, nothing comes.” Yet we have an abundance of material objects in the universe in the starry universe. Where did all of these come from? Logically, they could not have come from nothing, so there must always have existed something from which all these things could have come into existence. That “something” must be eternal or self-existent.

Comparing the universe at its beginning to a very compact “egg” that exploded, begs the question. Where did the egg come from? The majority of scientists today assume that most and possibly all elementary particles may be created by materialization of energy. Matter and energy are inter-convertible according to Einstein’s famous form-ula, $E=mc^2$ (energy equals mass times the speed of light squared). Mass (matter) converts into energy as we observe the stars convert to energy. Scientifically, then, it is possible for matter to be created from a source of “high energy.” But the scientists do not where the energy could come from.

Logically, then, that source of “high energy” must have been that eternal “something” from which this material universe originated. This conclusion is confirmed by the well-tested First Law of Thermodynamics that tells us that energy-mass can neither be created nor destroyed. Hence, science agrees that from an external source of energy the material universe could be created.

The key questions: Was this the original eternal source of energy a living, intelligent personality? Or was it something inanimate, nonliving? Did the universe merely arise out of purely mechanical, physical movements apart from conscious, intelligent direction?

We readily observe only a one-way conversion of matter to energy in compliance with the Second Law of Thermodynamics which decrees that all physical changes result in downhill, degenerating, loss of order outcomes.

Scientists have seen evidence of machine-like precision in the heavenly bodies. Some of our most accurate time-pieces are set by the stars. The biochemists have made it clear that physical processes may account for elementary order such as atoms forming granite crystals, but they cannot make complex organization of matter such as arrowheads, proteins, genes or cells. The complexity of the starry heavens rules out “Blind Chance” as the factor responsible for the high degree of organization evident on earth and in the universe.

The Reflective Universe reports, ***“We also know that the most basic characteristic of life is that it can reverse entropy, the tendency of highly organized systems to become less organized. That is, it can restore order in contrast to the tendency of nonliving matter to reduce order.”***

What does this tell us? That an original Source of Energy must have been alive to provide direction as the energy at his disposal was used to create the natural world around us. The God of the Bible meets this job description.

The Christian’s faith and logic are confirmed by both science and the Bible. Science is the Christian’s natural ally in matters spiritual. There can never be a contradiction between true science and Christian faith. This does not

mean that all “scientists” are allies.

Sudden Culture

It is most remarkable that highly advanced civilizations appeared all over our earth with almost unbelievable suddenness around 3500-4000 B.C. seemingly without roots. When viewed against the evolutionary assumption that man progressed upwardly very slowly over many millions of years, it is unbelievable.

Albert Sippert writes in *From Eternity to Eternity* (p.21) *“Early in their history we find the Egyptians writing and keeping records. They made the world’s first paper and invented ink to go with it. They were able to measure distances and weights with standard measures and reckon time, survey the land and compute taxes. With amazing suddenness we find these people using gold, silver, copper, bronze, turquoise, precious stones, gold jewelry, carvings in rare woods, ivory and stone, ostrich plumage rare animal skins, myrrh and spices.”*

Their architects built royal sepul-chers, pyramids and stone monuments that rank in splendor with the most noble of any later age. Their tools were highly advanced. Very early in their existence the Egyptians knew how to make saws and tubular crown drills with fixed teeth of corundum or gemstones for cutting quarried rock.”

The amazing Great Pyramid of Giza was as high as a 40-story skyscraper and required about 2,000,000 blocks of limestone and granite, each weighing from two to seventy tons. These blocks were quarried, cut, transported up to 500 miles, polished and lifted as high as 480 feet in 20 years.” The suddenness of this advanced culture arising from a void is incomprehensible assuming an evolutionary history.

The immediate ancestors of these artisans were not pre-humans that suddenly acquired these cultural attributes. The Egyptian experience cannot be reconciled with evolutionary history.

The Babylonians and Sumerians were similarly advanced civilizations around 3500 B.C. There were other advanced civilizations existing at this time. One occupied the Indus River valley in N.W. India and another lived in the valley of the Yellow River in northern China. To this list we could add Jericho in the Jordan River valley and many more.

When one compares the assumed evolution of man from animal ancestors with the historical fact of advanced civilizations appearing all at once all over the world, there is simply no correlation. It is incredible to believe that there are no artifacts to bridge a gap of a million years from early man until about 3500-4000 years B.C. when civilization burst upon the scene. The biblical story of the creation of man, the Noahic Flood and the dispersion of the races at Babel is a better explanation of so many advanced civilizations arising around the world at about the same time

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(Romans 1:20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Psalm 19:1-3 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 19:2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 19:3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning (time), God created the heavens (space) and the earth (matter)."

2nd Timothy 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Proverbs 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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