

# "Did We Really Evolve from Apes?"



## Scouting Report

The concept that the universe and everything in it was created by an Intelligent Designer who spoke life into existence out of nothing is at the core of the Biblical worldview.

Genesis 1:1-2 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

Read the Creation Account in Genesis 1. List what was created by day:

Day 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 6: \_\_\_\_\_

## Establishing Ground Rules

The bottom line: neither creation nor evolution is observable or repeatable. Consequently, everyone – even those deemed to be experts in the field – allow our personal biases to dictate where the evidence takes us.

Evolutionary theory is not more scientific or better science than creationism. There are three biological puzzles that continue to stump evolutionists but make sense in the context of the Biblical worldview:

### 1. Life can't come from Nonlife

Charles Darwin, in his work *On the origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* said that,

"if it could be demonstrated that any complex organism existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."



No mechanism by which non-living matter can randomly spark itself into life *has ever been demonstrated*.

## 2. The source of the information of life

Life consists of more than all the physical parts working in unison—it requires the information to run the parts.

Think of it in terms of a computer. The computer is just a piece of hardware. The software must be engineered in order to communicate with the hardware in order for it to be useful.

'Materialists' believe that there can't possibly be anything that we can't see. What happens when they can't find the answer in a form that can be clearly observed?

## 3. Irreducible Complexity

The theory of Irreducible Complexity says that there are certain organisms that randomly appeared that are so complex, and no one has an explanation for who created those organisms.

Charles Darwin Was not a biologist. He earned a Masters of Arts in Theology. What life event changed Darwin's perspective and caused him to change his opinion on the origin of species?

Even though Evolution is a framework built on assumptions that never had and never will have direct, first-hand, observational proof, Darwinism has been uncontested in many circles. Based on the video, can you name a few?



So, if biology and materialism can't explain 1) How life was created from non-life; 2) where the information of life comes from, and 3) Who designed highly complex organisms, there are a couple scenarios that are highly unlikely:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

### What about Dinosaurs?

The term 'dinosaur' which means 'terrible lizard' was not even invented until \_\_\_\_\_.



## Straight from the Rulebook

*write out these verses for your own reference*

Read the following Biblical texts and note what they say about creation:

- John 1:1 –
- Colossians 2:3 –
- John 4:24 –
- Romans 1:18-25 –
- 2 Peter 3:3-7 –

If you are interested in studying all the geeky scientific stuff from people much smarter than me, I would highly recommend that visit the website <https://answersingenesis.org/>

## Post-Game Analysis



1. **Our personal bias dictates where we allow the evidence to take us.**

Many of us were taught in school that evolution was true and creation was a myth.

***Applying this in my own life...***

*Am I willing to admit that my own bias affects how I look at the scientific facts?*

2. **Science and religion are not in opposition to each other.**

Faith in the historical accounts found in the Bible, is not "blind" faith - it is supported by good science.

***Applying this in my own life...***

*How would I defend the creation theory the next time that someone tells me that creation and the Bible are just myths?*

3. **Evolution is not a proven science but rather a scapegoat.**

When scientists can't find an explanation for abnormalities, they use the evolutionary theory to explain it away, rather than using evidence to explain evolutionary theory.

***Applying this in my own life...***

*How has this video/discussion changed my view of God?*