

# EVOLUTION

**Bible Study**  
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# Introduction

In our last lesson we studied about the Biblical account of creation.

Unfortunately this is not accepted as fact by many universities and seminaries today.

Maynard Shipley, head of the Science League of America, says, "Scientists the world over accept the general theory of evolution as valid and incontrovertible and regard the process of evolution as a fact. "

We believe that the Bible is true and that evolution is a false theory.

Dr. Arthur L Brown, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.E., says, "Evolution (as a theory) has utterly collapsed from the weight of its own inherent absurdities and impossibilities. "

# 1. Evolution defined

- **A concise definition by Herbert Spencer, "Evolution is always fundamentally an integration of matter and dissipation of motion. "**
- **Mr. Spencer means that the process in nature is always from the simple to the complex; and from the complex to the more complex. He says this is true of both plants, animals and humans, too. The process was from non-living matter to plants, animals and then humans. Briefly: Evolution is the gradual development of higher forms of life from a lower stage of living matter.**
- **This theory seeks to explain the universe from a "primitive nebulosity" to a modern world.**

## **2. Claims of evolution**

- It claims to include in its scope every atom of matter, even the most infinitesimal living thing.**
- It claims to include every living minute of time, past, present, or future.**
- It flatly rejects all other theories or explanations of the world and universe.**
- It emphasizes continuity but recognizes secondary causes like natural selection, heredity, adaptation to environment, physiological selection and the natural struggle for life and the survival of the fittest.**



### **3. Missing links of evolution**

- **It fails to account for the first atom.**
- **It fails to explain how the original matter changed from homogenous to a moving one.**
- **It fails to explain how the present universe is a cosmos and not a chaos.**
- **It fails to explain continuity--how does a horse produce a horse and not an evolved specimen.**
- **It fails to explain how life came from the non-living original atom.**

# **3. Missing links of evolution**

- **It fails to explain the introduction of animal sensation and consciousness.**
- **It fails to explain the leap from the animal world to that of man.**
- **It fails to explain the present distribution of matter on numberless stars and planets.**
- **It fails to explain the changes from the psychic, social, moral and spiritual realms.**

## **4. Theistic evolution**

- To try to answer the first missing link, Theistic evolution says that somewhere in the dark misty past God created original matter and set the mass of atoms in motion.**
- Modern evolutionists are swinging more and more to Theistic evolution. This is true of Professor Romanes and John Fiske.**
- Theistic evolution divides into two forms: one that God merely created the first atoms of matter and the other that God still assists in the emerging process.**

## **5. Attitudes towards evolution**

- A. Some dogmatists hold the theory regardless of arguments presented against it.**
- B. Some hold evolution as a hypothesis possessing a high degree of probability but not yet established.**

**The marks of a legitimate hypothesis in science are:**

- (1) It must not be inconsistent with facts already established as scientific.**
- (2) It must be capable of verification or disproof by subsequent investigations.**



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**(3) It must be applicable to the description or explanation of the phenomena, and if it is, must assign a cause fully adequate to have produced them. Evolution violates (1) and (3).**

**C. Some accept evolution in a modified form, i.e. Theistic evolution, etc.**

**D. Evangelicals reject the theory and accept God's story of creation in Genesis.**

## **6. Some famous scientists do not accept the theory of evolution**

- **Dr Albert Flesschman, professor of Zoology in the University of Erlangen, Germany:**  
**“The Darwinian theory (of evolution) has not a single fact to confirm it in the realm of nature. It is not the result of scientific research but purely the product of the imagination . . . the doctrine of Descent has not been substantiated.”**
- **Sir John Ambrose Fleming, F.R.S., President of the Victoria Institute of London, England published a book, "Evolution or Creation", which is a crushing attack on evolution.**

## **6. Some famous scientists do not accept the theory of evolution**

- Douglas Dewar, distinguished naturalist of England and author of many books and an acknowledged authority, has written another book, "Difficulties of the Evolution Theory", which is a complete and effective argument against evolution.**
- Dr Clark Wissler, curator-in-chief, of the Anthropological section of the American Museum of Natural History, in his book, "The Case Against Evolution", says,? As far as science has discovered there always was a man, some not so developed but still human beings in all their functions, much as we are today... man came of a blue sky as far as we have been able to delve back." (that means he was created)**

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- Douglas Dewar in "Difficulties of the Evolution Theory" writes, "The breeder, no matter on what plant or animal he experiments, after he has effected a number of minor changes in any given direction, is suddenly brought to a standstill; in a comparatively short time he reaches a stage at which he cannot accomplish more, no matter how much he try... this fact is fatal to the evolution theory."**
- Professor A. C. Seward of Cambridge writes, "A student who takes an impartial retrospect soon discovers that the fossil record raises more problems than it solves."**

# Conclusion

- The proofs of evolution from oceanography, botany, comparative anatomy, vestigia organs, embryology, geology and paleontology, etc. dissolve under true scientific investigation. Evolution at best is but a system or fabric of hypothesis; much of it is pure fiction.
  - How much better to accept the Word of God and believe what true science proves, that man and everything were created perfect and each was created as it is now.
  - God's creation order was "after his kind", Genesis 1:24, to the living creatures; in verse 21 the command to the plant world was "after their kind", and this rule has been obeyed.
- I take my stand with God and true science against the error of this venomous theory.



# Review Questions

- **Why do you suppose evolution has such a hold on the universities of today?**
- **What is the theory of evolution? (give a simple explanation in your own words)**
- **What are the four claims of evolution?**
- **Give 6 secondary causes recognised by evolution.**
- **List the 9 missing links of evolution.**
- **What is the difference between atheistic and Theistic evolution?**
- **Is it wise to try to harmonise Theistic evolution and the Bible account of creation? 348. Is it possible that the minority of scientists who reject evolution can be correct? Why? 349. Of the 8 famous scientists quoted in this lesson which do you feel is the weightiest quotation? Why?**
- **Give 3 verses from Genesis, chapter one, to prove that**