

The Breath of Life



And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:7.

I recently had the experience of assisting Ken Ham, executive director of Answers in Genesis Ministries, with a series of programs at a Bible college, seminary, and high school. I was intimately familiar with (biblical) creation science beforehand. After hearing most of the presentations, I had the occasion to speak with Ken during a rare break. I shared with him that four indistinct words from the biblical creation account convince me of the truth of special creation: “the breath of life.”

The biblical creation sequence might at first seem illogical to us: light was created before the sun; reptiles were created the same day as mammals and man (evolutionists believe that dinosaurs lived earlier than man), and; birds created before dinosaurs (evolutionists believe birds evolved from dinosaurs). How does a Bible-believing Christian explain this?

If the Bible is true and infallible, it should be easy to prove these “inconsistencies.” So, what evidence do we have one way or the other? Let’s start with the “breath of life.”

The moment after a living being dies, the body still contains every essential DNA strand, molecule, organ, and body fluid it possessed while alive moments before.

Why did it die? What is the fundamental essence missing that prevent the organized materials from living?

Ken Ham is a scientist. He agrees that this “breath of life” is outside of our human comprehension and perception. This reason alone would allow me to accept intelligent design by a supreme being (God), but there are many other reasons. Some scientists attempt to solve the intelligent design quandary by introducing space men as the intelligent designers; but where would they come from?) What about Cro-Magnon man, Neanderthal, and proof of evolution found in the fossil record? What about the Bible’s stories of a Noachic flood and dinosaurs?

The Discovery Channel aired the production *The Last Neanderthal*, which was about our supposed brutish ancestor. Evolutionists must make Neanderthal fit into their long ages time frame, so they depict Neanderthal as apish. Sit on a bench at the mall; you will see all sorts of shapes walk by, including “Neanderthal” and “Cro-Magnon.” Following is the evolutionist claim, and the creationist response:

- Neanderthals perhaps had complex language (from *The Last Neanderthal*). The Bible teaches that there are only God's People, not Neanderthals, Cro-Magnons, Homo Africanus, etc. They all spoke from the day of the creation of Adam (creationist position). So, we agree.
- Neanderthals lived in Europe and the Middle East hundreds of thousands of years ago. We agree with the location for early man as indicated by the Bible.
- Lived in small groups. Cared for one another. Hunters/gatherers. Crude tools. Buried their dead. Of course. We descended from 2 people. We were families from the day Adam and Eve had their first son. God gave us every herb for food. We did not eat meat until after the flood.
- Disappeared suddenly. Several possibilities. Those living prior to Noah's flood were buried in the flood. Others scattered quickly after the confusion at Babel. Others picked up and moved from time to time.
- Neanderthals had large bones, large brains, were muscular. Compare Eskimos to Native Americans to Europeans to Asians. All humans can be built differently including skull shapes.
- A new "predecessor," Cro Magnon, was found in France. His skull was different than Neanderthal, he was taller, lighter boned, ate a better diet, and made jewelry. Sounds like the USA.
- A second group came "out-of-Africa" and either displaced all others including Neanderthal, or mixed and merged with the others. We mix and merge all the time these days and use the hateful name "half-breed."

The fossil record consists of dead animals whose living cells were replaced by minerals over a period of time. To fossilize, a dead animal or plant must be covered by mud quickly before it is eaten or decomposes. Evolutionary scientists are not consistent with this process. They count the layers in the same rocks and conclude ages of millions of years. They accept the improbable notion that dead animals lay uncovered for long ages (without being eaten or rotting) and then fossilized. The Bible tells us that a worldwide flood covered the entire earth. This would have killed and fossilized every air-breathing creature except for those on the ark. The fossil record therefore fits the biblical account better than the evolutionary account.

What else rings true of a flood? The sunken cities found in the oceans (also the subject of a Discovery Channel production) have presented investigators with an enigma. Who built them? When? How? What happened to them? I believe the simple solution is that these cities were destroyed by Noah's flood, and remain covered by the now-deeper oceans.

Can dinosaurs fit with the Bible? Absolutely. The Bible speaks of "dragons," just as does medieval history. God speaks of dinosaurs with Job:

Lo, now, (Behemoth- perhaps Diplodocus) strength is in his loins, and his force is in the muscles of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar. His bones are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God. Behold he drinketh up a river, and hasteneth not. Job 40:15-19, 23. Canst thou draw out Leviathan (perhaps t. Rex) with a hook? Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons, or his head with fish spears? None is so fierce that dares stir him up; I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion. His teeth are terrible round about. His scales are his pride. By his sneezings a light doth shine. Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid. Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. Job 41: 1, 7, 10, 12, 14-15, 18-21, 25, 33.

Evolution is a form of religion. It is a preformed system of beliefs. The Bible says:

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water. 2 Peter 3:3-5.

The religion of evolution has as its trinity Time, Chance, and Struggle & Death. As its bible, On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, as its televangelist, Nova, and its periodical, National Geographic. The saints of evolution include of course Charles Darwin, Thomas Huxley, Ernst Haeckel, and Carl Sagan. The fundamental scripture, a quote from the late Carl Sagan, is “The cosmos is all there is and ever will be.”

The incredulous premise of evolution is that “in the beginning” there was a “big bang” after which all else came to be. After millions or billions of years, a serendipitous arrangement of molecules gave rise to a proper environment to support life. Other molecules by chance resulted in a living cell. Then after millions or billions of additional years, through time, chance, struggle, and death—voila! Catastrophes and climactic changes caused extinctions. Man alone arose to a supreme level, having evolved from a lower, apelike animal.

There is no room or need for a personal, creator God in the naturalistic religion of evolution. In fact, evolution is perhaps Satan’s most clever lie. Unlike Satan’s temptations such as, “did God really say that,” in the lie of evolution we are told, “we don’t need God,” or “there is no God.” Satan must snicker every time a Christian says, “I believe that God created everything, and evolution is how He did it.” Sadly, I fear that a majority of Christians believe just that. The reason a Christian would believe in evolution is because that is what we are being taught by the secular world, and we are not being exposed to the fallacies of evolution in church. Evolution is a faith the facts fail.

Creation is a faith the facts fit. You can believe that the Bible is God’s infallible word. It contains truth and it is truth. The Bible is not fairy tales or just stories to channel our morals. If you are not a Christian, you might not be aware of the very best news from the Bible; that is, Salvation and eternal life in Heaven with God according to His promises:

- *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23.*
- *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9.*
- *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:1-3.*

If you want eternal life, accept Jesus as your Savior. Pray these words, “*Dear Father in Heaven, I know I am a sinner and have sinned against you. I am sorry for my sins and sinful nature, and ask that you will forgive me. I accept Jesus now as my Savior who shed His blood for me. I give my life to you and will strive to live for you. Thank you, LORD, for saving my soul. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.*”

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