

High mutation rates lead a living system to break down and be destroyed rather than to greater complexity and survival. The evolutionist perceives mutations as an important mechanism for the change of one species into another. When mutations occur, however, it can be compared to getting a poor photocopy in which the text becomes illegible. This leads to a poorer photocopy, etc, until the original copy is destroyed. Or, a mutation is like an explosion in the DNA. This leads to breakdown in its functional complexity, not a higher form of life!

Finally, **biology teaches the fixed nature of species**. It is true that a species can adapt and change to its environment as Darwin saw in the birds at Galapagos, but this does not mean that a flea can change into a dog or a starfish into a shark, or a monkey into a man! Particular species are incapable of interbreeding or changing into another species.

The consistent testimony of Scripture is in harmony with the true laws of

science: *"I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works"* (Psalm 139:14)! Believe in your Creator Jesus Christ, for He loves you so much He died on the cross for your sin and rose again the third day to also be your Savior! By Matthew Recker

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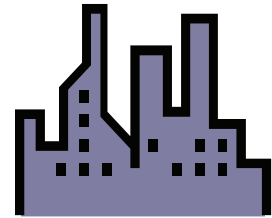
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Genesis 1:1 is a foundational verse for all Scripture and for natural science. *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”* This teaches that we live in a time (“in the beginning”), space (“heaven”) and mass (“earth”) universe which forms the basis of all science! Yet if this verse is false, there is no reason for us to believe anything else in the Bible. Adam and Eve would be a sham, and there would be no sin. If man evolved from a monkey, man would be “improving,” rather than fallen with a sinful nature. This would make the death, burial and resurrection of Christ useless. The evolutionary theory is a direct attack upon the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ! But evolution is not true! The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ Himself is the planner, the power, the purpose, and the preserver of all creation!

Colossians 1:16-17 declares, *“For through him (Jesus Christ) were all things created...all things were created by Him, and for Him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”*

I see at least five insurmountable problems that make the evolution of man from a monkey (and therefore from some pre-biotic chemical) scientifically and Scripturally impossible.

The first problem is the **origin of the first life**. Dr. Asa Gray, a famous botanist, said, “A beginning is wholly beyond the ... scope of science which is concerned with how things go on and has nothing to say as to how they began.” British scientist Sir Oliver Lodge declared, “Ultimate origins are inscrutable. Let us admit, as scientific men that the real origin, even of the simplest thing, we know nothing, not even a pebble.” True science teaches that nothing is now created or destroyed. The present day processes of nature are energy conversions, and the total quantity of energy in the universe remains constant. Since this is true, where did all matter come from and where did the first life come from? The scientific law of biogenesis states that life only comes from life. Because God is ultimate life, the Bible teaches that life came from Him. After He created the vast universe with human life on earth, he finished his creation (Genesis 2:1). This squares perfectly with good

science.

The **gaps in the fossil record** is another unanswerable problem for evolution. If man evolved from a monkey and was therefore something else before that and something else before that, etc, and all of this took place very slowly over billions of years, then the fossil record should tell the story. Darwin believed that it eventually would when he said that transitional life forms must be “inconceivably great.” There ought to be thousands of “missing links” in the fossils, yet there is not even one!

The **incredible complexity of the smallest thing and every living thing** is a strong argument for Divine Creation. When Darwin saw a cell he saw a “black box” and a so-called “simple life form.” This is simply not true. Every living cell is an amazing molecular machine with irreducible complexity. That is, all the parts must be completely formed, in the right place, in the right size, operating at the same time. The molecular structure of living things with its DNA and proteins argues strongly for a wise Creator behind all living things!