



# PREPARE THE WAY

*The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.*

LUKE 3:5

## The Religion of Darwinian Evolution

Science and Christianity:

Two books were influential in starting the myth that Christianity is at war with science. Neither of the authors were professional historians:

John William Draper, History of the Conflict between Religion and Science (1874)

Andrew White, A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom (1896)

David Lindberg Professor Emeritus History of Science, with Ronald Numbers, Professor History of Science and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, writes “Despite a developing consensus among scholars that science and Christianity have not been at war, the notion of conflict has refused to die”.

Science and Christianity:

Every major field of science has been founded by Christians with a Biblical worldview,

Copernicus (1473-1543) Astronomy; Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1627) - established the scientific method;

Johannes Kepler (1571-1630) Mathematician and Astronomer;

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) Astronomer- said that “the Bible cannot err.”

Rene Descartes (1596-1650) Mathematician, Scientist and Philosopher;

Isaac Newton (1642-1727) Mathematics & Physics, "The most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion on an intelligent and powerful Being.”

Robert Boyle (1791-1867) Chemistry; Michael Faraday (1791-1867) Physics;

Gregor Mendel (1822-1884) Mathematics & Genetics; William Thomson Kelvin (1824-1907) Physics;

Max Planck (1858-1947) Physics & Quantum Theory

The Religion of Evolution:

“A religion is essentially an attitude to the world as a whole. Thus evolution, for example, may prove as powerful a principle to coordinate men’s beliefs and hopes as God was in the past. Such ideas underlie the various forms of Rationalism, the Ethical movement and scientific Humanism.” – Julian Huxley, 1965

Mathematical Probability of Spontaneous Generation of Life from Non-life (Progenote Theory):

"The likelihood of the formation of life from inanimate matter is one to a number with 40 thousand naughts [zeros] after it. It is enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution.”

– Sir Frederick Hoyle, British astronomer & mathematician

Blind Faith in the Progenote Theory:

“Most modern biologists, having reviewed with satisfaction the downfall of the spontaneous generation hypothesis, yet unwilling to accept the alternative belief in special creation, are left with nothing. I think a scientist has no choice but to approach the origin of life through a hypothesis of spontaneous generation.”

– George Wald, The Origin of Life

Problem of Transitional Species:

“...so must the number of intermediate varieties, which have formerly existed, be truly enormous. Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against my theory.”

– Charles Darwin, Origin of Species

Lack of Transitional Species Still Persists:

“We are now about 120 years after Darwin and the knowledge of the fossil record has been greatly expanded. We now have a quarter of a million fossil species but the situation hasn’t changed much. The record of

evolution is still surprisingly jerky and, ironically, we have even fewer examples of evolutionary transition than we had in Darwin's time.”

– David Raup, Field Museum of Natural History

“The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology. . . . [T]o preserve our favored account of evolution by natural selection we view our data as so bad that we never see the very process we profess to study.”

– Stephen J. Gould, Natural History (1977)

Irreducibly Complex systems are evidence for Creation:

[I]f it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.”

– Charles Darwin, Origin of Species

Irreducibly Complex:

“By *irreducibly complex* I mean a single system composed of several well-matched, interacting parts that contribute to the basic function, wherein the removal of any one of the parts causes the system to effectively cease functioning. An irreducibly complex system cannot be produced directly... by slight, successive modifications of a precursor system, because any precursor to an irreducibly complex system that is missing a part is by definition nonfunctional.

– Michael Behe, Darwin's Black Box

Circular Logic in the Textbooks:

“To determine the age of the rocks, look to the kinds of fossils... to determine the age of the fossils, look to the kinds of rocks.”

– Glenco, Biology 1994

Religion in the Textbooks:

"[E]volution--is not a theory. It is a fact, as fully as the fact of the earth's revolution about the sun. Like the heliocentric solar system, evolution began as a hypothesis, and achieved "facthood" as the evidence in its favor became so strong that no knowledgeable and unbiased person could deny its reality."

– Douglas Futuyma, Evolutionary Biology, 1986

The Religion and Hypocrisy Exposed:

“Evolution is fact, not theory... Birds arose from nonbirds and humans from nonhumans. No person who pretends to any understanding of the natural world can deny these facts any more than she or he can deny that the earth is round, rotates on its axis, and revolves around the sun.”

– Richard Lewontin, Bioscience, 1981

The Religion and Hypocrisy Exposed:

“We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs... no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is an absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.”

– Richard Lewontin, 1997

Evolution and Anti-Christian Propaganda Often Go Hand in Hand:

Atheist & leading spokesperson on evolution, Dr. Richard Dawkins,

“It's time to question the abuse of childhood innocence with superstitious ideas of hellfire and damnation. And I want to show how the scriptural roots of the Judeo-Christian moral edifice are cruel and brutish... When it comes to children, I think of religion as a dangerous virus.”

Scientists Speak Out (the list of scientists with appropriate credentials who have signed this statement is approaching 1,000):

"We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged."

<http://www.dissentfromdarwin.org/>

“A fair result can be obtained only by fully stating and balancing the facts and arguments on both sides of each question.”

– Charles Darwin