

Acts of Jesus, Lesson 35: Paul was Not an Evolutionist, Part 1

Acts 17:23-26 – Going to be using what Paul said here on Mars Hill as a jumping off place to speak to you about a subject that has plagued and hampered Christian efforts in the West for almost 200 years.

Theory of Evolution

- The first point I would like to make was that Paul was not one; an evolutionist, that is he clearly states his position here.
 - You may say, "Well, the theory of evolution didn't come into being until the first half of the 19th century."
 - So, what you're saying is that now we know more than Paul?
 - In addition, we know more than:
 - Luke a writer of the New Testament?
 - The Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the text?
 - Jesus who though referring to the Book of Genesis on numerous occasions. In **John 5:46** - "Moses" refers to the first 5 books of which Genesis is the first does not indicate in any way that any part of it is inaccurate.
 - That's O.K. if you do believe in evolution - this is a place of free thought - I just want you to know what you're thinking when you think that way.
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1. I'm going to spend 2 weeks giving you some solid info on creation and evolution.

I believe there exists a real need to point out the absurdity of this so-called theory because this line of ignorance strikes at the root of the Bible and the message of the Bible and thus requires a response.

- My first objective is cut the ground, out from under those of us who believe the Bible and yet feel that they hold onto evolutionary principles.
 - I was one of those people who believed that God created through Evolution, but through further study realized that I couldn't believe the Bible is true and hold to this theory.
 - Evolutionary theory has its basis in an ancient earth hypothesis - it postulates that the earth has been here for billions of years.
 - Without billions of years, evolution doesn't have a prayer.
 - Many Christians have been intimidated into believing evolution reasoning, "Why couldn't God have created using evolution?"
 - These same Christians, including me, have thought, "couldn't it be possible that the 6 days of creation refer to epochs of time that represent hundreds of thousands even millions of years?"
 - Thus, they wedded the Bible and evolution and said, "I can see how the two can get along."
 - The fact is they cannot get along, and you do have to choose one or the other.
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2. Let's answer the question: Does the Bible actually say that God created in 6 twenty-four-hour consecutive Days?

1. All 7 days of creation (included the 6 and the 7th that God rested on) are described by Moses as having one evening and one morning indicating a single day in each instance.
 - Nowhere else in all of Scripture does God go out of His way like this to show that these speak of 24-hour days.

2. The Hebrew word for "day" is "Yom" and it is used in two ways in the Old testament.
 - One, to describe a 24-hour day and the other to describe an indefinite amount of time like an epoch.
 - The determining factor in the two usages is whether or not "Yom" is used in conjunction with a number.
 - When it is used in conjunction with a number like "3 days" or "1st, 2nd, 3rd", as in the case of Genesis 1, it refers to a 24-hour day **without exception!!**
 - We are left with only being able to say that these refers to 24-hour days.

3. Some might say, "well, 24-hour days but millions of years in between" – Okay, let's address that.
 - In **Gen. 1:27**, it says that Adam and Eve were created on the 6th day. Therefore, they lived through at least part of the 6th and all the 7th day and yet Adam only lives to be 930 years old according to Genesis.
 - Still some say there are millions of years in between those days. Then why isn't Adam millions of years old? (say you don't believe it, but don't say it doesn't say it)

4. The fourth commandment in **Ex. 20:9-11** states plainly that the Jews were to work 6, 24-hour days and rest on the 7th.
 - They were to do this explicitly because God had created in 6, 24-hour days and rested on the seventh 24-hour day.
 - I say all that to say, you can believe whatever you want that is your business, but you cannot say that the Bible teaches anything other than a 6, 24-hour, consecutive day creation scenario.

3. I cannot prove that God created the universe in 6 days any more than an evolutionist can prove that all this came about by chance.

- Which brings up a good point: Evolution is not anymore scientific than Creationism.
 - For something to be scientific, it has to be observable and repeatable.
 - Creation is neither observable nor repeatable, but neither is Evolution.
 - Both Creationism and Evolution are BELIEF SYSTEMS!!! --- You have to choose what you believe.
 - Evolution is still a theory and always will be because it is not provable; the fallacy of modern science is the assumption that evolution is true—it is only an assumption, a belief system that conveniently eliminates God.
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