Six Degrees of Separation

Is Christianity just another path to eternity? That would be the assumption of many. But there are at least six ways that Christianity is very different from every other religion. Other religions share many commonalities, but Christianity is unique. What is most amazing is that the differences are things people cry out that God should be, but God is referred to as “Father.” In all other religions, god is nonexistent or yet reject. Only in Christianity:

Dinosaurs and Man

At the left is a replica of an a stegosaurus dinosaur carved in a ten-foot column at the Ta Prohm Cambodian Temple which was dedicated in 1186. Below-left you see that the entire column is decorated with many reliefs, all of which are of existing, living creatures (Photos by Don Patton). Below-right is Native American art from the Grand Canyon. These examples and the photos on page four are just some of the examples of proof man lived with dinosaurs. So, here are the scientific FACTS. Native American art is of creatures they saw. They did not make up non-existing creatures. We show Native American drawing from Grand Canyon

Genetic Entropy

Dr. J. C. Sanford is a semi-retired professor from Cornell University. His specialty is genetics. He has written over 70 professional papers, has been granted 25 patents and is co-inventor of the “gene gun” used by companies to create microbes with special characteristics. Now he has a book that looks at what the professional researchers have discovered about DNA, genes, and mutations. Though the book has some jargon in it, you don’t need a degree in genetics to understand it.

Which Way Is The Train Going?

Okay. Confession time up front. Guy loves trains. So here is an excuse to put a picture of his favorite locomotive on the front page of the newsletter. But there really is a scientific reason for the train.

Twenty-Five years before Darwin published Origin of the Species, a young-earth creationist, Edward Blythe, wrote a scientific book on natural selection. It said pretty much everything Darwin said about natural selection. The difference is that Blythe contended that there is a limit to change that can occur in natural selection, where Darwin thought that the change could progress until a whole new type of organism evolved.

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selection can not account for the increase in information in DNA required in moving from goo to you, they had a new hope in genetics. Gould made it central to Punctuated Equilibrium, his take on how new creatures could come about. His thought is that mutations in DNA would result in big changes that could be new creatures. The assumption was in place and they just had to do the science to show it could happen. Notice all they need is a “could,” not a “did” to show evolution might be possible. The research has progressed and some conclusions are clear.

According to Sanford, the Primary Axiom of evolution is as follows: Life is life because random mutations at the molecular level are filtered through a reproductive sieve on the level of the whole organism (p. 5). In other words, “...man is merely the product of random mutations plus natural selection.” (page v) Sanford then uses the book to shoot down this axiom step by step based on scientific fact. Throughout the book, Sanford uses the analogy of a book and DNA. Mutations result in the changing or letters in the book. As long as we can still figure out what is being said, the book is usable. The words eventually become so garbled that they are no longer understandable, the book is useless - the creature becomes extinct.

The first significant finding is a look at a study by Bergman in 2004. Bergman did a search on the topic of beneficial mutations. The result is significant. He found 453,732 articles with the word mutation. Of those, only 186 mentioned the word beneficial. When looking at those studies he found that every single “beneficial” mutation involved loss of information and function! A modern day example: Certain bugs on a tropical island have lost the ability to grow wings. This is a beneficial adaptation because the wind always blows strongly on that island, so bugs with wings get blown out to sea. But the benefit comes as a loss of information. Those bugs can never again grow wings in future generations.

Having wings could someday possibly become a benefit. But the information is gone forever. The wings have been mutated into oblivion.

Chapter 3 is fascinating. Geneticists have been concerned about the mutation rate in humans for decades. It was reasonably assumed that a mutation rate of more than .12 to .3 per person per generation could be a problem and a rate of just one mutation per person per generation would be big trouble. Various studies have pegged the mutation rate as low as 100 mutations per person per generation and as high as 300! We are in big trouble. Sanford then shows that because of the interacting complexity of the DNA code, the effective mutation rate is somewhere between 612 and 6,360 mutations per person per generation. (p. 37). Fortunately, most mutations, though they are a loss of information, are minor in their effect -- most have no real effect.

Of course, the evolutionist will counter that natural selection can keep the fittest while filtering out the worst of the mutations. Not true... the fittest still carry with them all the little not-so-bad mutations. In the end, information is getting lost at a rapid rate. Sanford covers every angle of how this works and how natural selection offers no hope of eliminating the downward trend in our DNA... natural selection doesn’t even slow down our fast spiral into extinction.

Here is the real significance of what we have seen so far. Gould’s Punctuated Equilibrium model for evolution is the generally accepted model for how one kind of creature can turn into another. It works like this: A small group of a kind of creature gets isolated so the small group can only interbreed with each other and their offspring. A mutation occurs. (Actually it would takes thousands of information-gaining mutations, which we know never happens.) Because the population is small, these mutations become dominant and a new kind of creature appears. Actually, genetic science shows that the isolated population would become extinct in a very short period of time as mating pairs would both carry all the negative mutations and the problem compounds at a geometric rate. We have seen what happens in small human population groups and it is all bad. Did you know that the offspring of mating first-cousin humans live an average of 10 years less than the general population? It’s all down hill.

Page 131 has information that alone ends the possibility of information gaining mutations. Research has shown that most DNA is poly-functional. The DNA may be read in one direction to create one protein and in the opposite direction for another protein. Still another protein may be coded using just a section of the same DNA and so on. So any mutation affects several proteins or operations of the DNA. The probability of a mutation being a helpful increase in information for all of them are impossible, especially considering that scientists have NEVER found a mutation which is an increase in information (or up-hill in effect).

Evolution of goo to you is impossible. If you think it can happen, you can believe it, but scientific fact says your belief is not based on science. The quote in the box to the left doesn’t tell the whole story. Gibbons, A. ‘Calibrating the Mitochondrial Clock’. Science 279(5347):28–29, January 2, 1998. Does tell the rest of the story and it is confirmed by Sanford. Mitochondrial DNA mutations are occurring much faster than was assumed 1987. Eve, the first female human, lived just 6000 years ago. Once again, evolution assumption has been disproved by solid science. More importantly, the Bible has once again been shown to be accurate in every statement relating to science. This is no surprise because Jesus is our Creator and He is TRUTH.
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This is where the train comes in. Think of a train leaving Chicago, going to New York. Let’s say the train is evolution. An evolutionist is standing beside the tracks. The evolutionist might say, “We see the train leaving Chicago. It is headed to New York. We can only observe the train moving away from us for a mile or so, but we can be sure it will arrive in New York.”

This is equivalent to seeing a fossil deep in the strata. Now let’s go to New York and see what the train looks like. This is like looking at a creature alive today. We see the track headed toward Chicago so we are confident that the train started in Chicago.

We notice that there are some variations in trains, particularly locomotives. They vary in size, paint job, and power plant. This is the equivalent of natural selection.

This is a pretty good analogy. If your basic assumption is that evolution is true, it makes a lot of sense and is a sound argument.

Now let’s look at what we assume and how that compares to what we really know:

We don’t know that the track actually makes it the entire distance from Chicago to New York. In science, we can look at data.

1. Let’s look at fossils of creatures that we know existed then (in Chicago) and now (in New York). They look exactly the same. Cockroaches, Ginko trees, Horseshoe crabs, Lingula Lamp shells, Neopilina mollusca, Tuatara lizard... EVERY creature we see in the fossils that are alive today are exactly the same. So why doesn’t our locomotive look the same? It should. The track does not modify the locomotive. Human intelligence does.

2. How did the locomotive get all the new information to become so much more advanced? The building plans for the Chicago locomotive does not have the information necessary to become the New York locomotive. This is the equivalent to DNA. Naturalism (Darwinian evolution) has no way to advance this way. Neo-Darwinists say it happens via mutation. But, as we found in the Genetic Entropy book (see page 1), all changes that result from mutations, result because the DNA has LOST information.

3. Did the Chicago locomotive also become a ship and an airplane? Remember, in evolution, we must not only get more advanced creatures, we must get the full spectrum diverging from the simpler creature. This would not just be a change in information, this would be a total re-writing.

After reading our article on Genetic Entropy to see how the genetic code really works, we can determine what really happens:

First, the track does not reach from Chicago to New York. There is just a short length of track and it also runs a very short distance toward Los Angeles. Our train is just going to shuttle back and forth on this very short stretch of track. The limits to biological change contained in the DNA allows creatures to vary, but only a little. As the train shuttles back and forth, there are things happening. Most mutations do not result in significant change, but there is a slow falling apart of the information. The paint is going to fall off the locomotive. Rust will form. Occasionally there will be a significant mutation. An important part becomes cracked or breaks. Or small losses add up and a part rusts through. The locomotive now hobbles along with a loss of efficiency. Eventually, a critical part breaks and the locomotive can no longer move. It becomes extinct.

How does evolution compare to the fossil record?

We can look at data. Jesus is the Creator of heaven and earth and you and me.

In summary, you can believe in evolution, but you shouldn’t confuse your belief with science. The scientific FACTS show us that evolution is not related to science. In fact, it is exactly opposite of the facts. Jesus is the Creator of heaven and earth and you and me.

The facts speak of Him. CRM

QUOTE:

"We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have an a priori commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, 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."

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Jesus, not men for knowledge.

3 Jesus is not only teacher, He is Savior. He not only teaches us how we should live, but knowing that we can never 100% please God, He has become the Redeemer... He paid the price of our lack of perfection by giving His life even though He lived a 100% perfect life in the eyes of the Father.

4 God operates by Grace. In all other religions that believe in afterlife, the human must earn the way to eternity. One life may end in heaven or hell, or countless lives must be lived to finally earn an eternity of rest. In Christianity, God has made all the provision. All we have to do is accept His gift and we have an eternity of rest given to us at no cost. We then show our appreciation for the gift by attempting to live a life more pleasing to God every day.

5 Everyone is equal. Hinduism has an extreme caste system. Women are degraded in many religions, treated as property. He who follows the rules best gets the reward. But, all are equal before God, our Father.

6 God accepts you just as you are at the time you accept Christ. All of us have struggles. Some are outwardly obvious, like anger. Others are not so visible, such as alcohol addiction. In Christianity, we are all accepted where we are at the moment we accept Christ as Savior. We show our appreciation by moving closer to Christ, working with Him overcome our struggles. Nobody is at a disadvantage.

In summary, it is all about God, not us. God provides the means to himself. Nobody is at an advantage. Nobody is “better” or higher in rank. All have the possibility of an intimate relationship with our Creator, Jesus Christ. And this relationship, Jesus taught us, is the ONLY way to an eternity of rest, in deed, in His presence. Jesus’ last words to His followers was to share the Good News of the Kingdom of God with everyone. We are delighted to share the Good News with you! CRM

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examples of accurate drawings, tapestries, figurines and reliefs of dinosaurs made by people, on four continents, more than 200 years ago. There are hundreds more examples we do not have room to display. The logical conclusion is that men lived at the same time as dinosaurs. If it was one isolated example, we could call it coincidence. But we have HUNDREDS of examples. We have the internet links on our web site home page so you can read the stories behind these photos and many more we don’t have room for. CRM

For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Jesus Christ - Luke 8:17