Before and After Genesis 1:1

What was God doing before “the beginning?” He was already the three-in-one that we discussed last issue. God existed in the persons of Father, Son (Jesus) and Spirit (sometimes called the Holy Ghost). What were these three (in one) doing before the beginning.

First we must comment on what was before the beginning. Before the beginning doesn’t exactly make sense. Because time was created as part of the

The Year of Darwin

You don’t have to look far to discover that this year is Darwin’s 200th birthday. Scientific American dedicated nearly its entire January 2009 issue to Darwin and evolution. As usual, all of the stories are about natural selection, which creationist Edward Blythe first described in a book published 25 years before Origin of the Species. We did see something new See Darwin on page 2

Why Darwinism is Scientifically False

The formula for evolution, as defined by Dawkins and others is: Mutation + Natural Selection = Evolution. We are talking about dinosaur to bird evolution. Let’s start at the beginning. When Darwin looked through a microscope at a cell, he saw a blob with some specks. He came up with the idea that natural selection could be the driving force behind evolution by selecting traits that make the creature more fit, more likely See Mutation on page 3

Benjamin Carson

A TV movie about pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson premiered February 7, 2009 on TNT. As we write this, we have only seen previews. In one, Carson says his faith gets him through the day. What probably won’t be told is that Carson is a young earth creationist and speaks his mind on it frequently. Much as they would like to, the naturalists can’t expel someone of his stature from science. Speaking of which...

We had hoped to announce a showing of the movie Expelled in this issue. We want to follow the movie with a Q&A / panel discussion. We think we finally have someone but just in case we are still looking for someone(s) to defend life from non-life and evolution on the panel. If you can help, please call us at 928-282-2433.

Science News to Learn By...

C-14 Dating Confirms Young Earth

It has happened again. Fossils supposedly 112-120 million years old were tested for C-14 dates. Four wood fragments and two index fossils, ammonite shells, were dated. The six specimens dated to 36,000 to 49,000 years old using C-14. Once again real empirical measurements show that assumptions of long ages are false.

1st Human 5000 years ago

Professor of genetics Steve Jones has done See News on page 2
Darwin continued from p. 1 though. One writer traced human hernias to sharks saying that shark anatomy explains human hernias. One must wonder why he did not use a land-based mammal to explain hernias. Well, in evolution you have to find on occasional coincidence and call it evolution.

National Geographic covers Darwin and evolution in a major article in the February issue. Once again natural selection is the topic. Why doesn’t anybody talk about one kind of creature becoming another? Because they can’t.

New Scientist did provide us with insight creationists have been saying since the early 1960s. The Tree of Life is a figment of the imagination. That’s right. New Scientist finally prints reality. Many evolutionists have rejected the Tree of Life concept because genetics shows it to be false. New Scientist says it is more like a web than a tree.

Why would they say that? Because genetics has shown you don’t see a nice trail of changes in DNA from one kind of creature to another. Evolutionists predicted a trail of changes = another falsification of evolution. If you try to build a tree of life using DNA, the tree looks different for every genetic sequence. This means that all that work assembling a sequence of fossils is now worthless. After all, if proteins form a web, it only makes sense that skeletal morphology will not be sequential either.

Let me mention one thing they all forgot to mention. Dawkins states in The Blind Watchmaker that evolution requires that almost all DNA be junk. Dennett, in Darwin’s Dangerous Idea concurs, quoting Dawkins. The human genome project has shown that there is little (possibly no - they aren’t done looking yet) junk DNA.

Also missing is the long-used argument that the eye is poor design. That is because ophthalmologists have told the evolutionists that they should do a little research before they make statements like that. The eye is long to see that every experiment done supports creation and refutes evolution.

News continued from p. 1 an analysis of DNA and concluded that the British are related as 6th cousins or closer. He calculates that everyone alive today can trace their ancestry to everyone alive on earth 5000 years ago. We are so interbred that it is becoming more common for a mom and dad to have the same mutations. In countries where marrying 1st cousins is common, mutational caused defects are a huge problem. The effect is pronounced on the island of Orkney in Scotland. The mutations, as creationists have long predicted, have lowered the ability of the islanders to adapt to changing environmental conditions. There is a periodic population crash on the island caused by a variety of changes. If mutations were a good thing, we should see these islanders getting better, not declining in adaptability.

Ebola Evolution(?) A new species of Ebola virus has appeared in Uganda. The new species is not a new kind of creature to another. Evolutionists predicted a trail of changes = another falsification of evolution. If you try to build a tree of life using DNA, the tree looks different for every genetic sequence. This means that all that work assembling a sequence of fossils is now worthless. After all, if proteins form a web, it only makes sense that skeletal morphology will not be sequential either.

Last, we must mention Scientific American’s article on Creationism. As usual, they lie. The first statement is that creationists want religious ideas taught as scientific fact. Materialism is a religious idea. We don’t like that the courts have made it the government established religion contrary to the constitution. And, we don’t want creation taught in the schools. A quick look at any reputable creation web site will reveal that fact. The rest of the article is a review of court cases and propaganda. They do not try to refute a single argument of creationists. Evolutionists fight any criticism of their theory because they lose the debate every time.

Chimp / Human DNA A team of scientists at Indiana University - Bloomington took a close look at chimp and human DNA. They discovered that 6.4% of human genes are not present in chimps. It is widely known by evolutionists that the difference in DNA now far exceeds the 1.25% difference you see quoted all the time. A few years ago we had an article that did the calculations that show that there must be 41 positive, information-increasing mutations per generation of chimp and man to account for the differences. This moves the number to hundreds of positive mutations per generation required to create change from a common ancestor to modern chimps and humans. Do the atheists not read their own professional journals? Or do they choose to lie because the truth just hurts too bad? You decide. The real reason is that they hate that science proves Jesus is the creator of the universe, you, and me.
**Mutation** continued from p. 1 to survive. The weakness of this idea should be immediately obvious. It could only select from the traits that already exist. It provides nothing new. But, atheists like the idea so it is accepted as good science.

By 1928, DNA was thought to be the carrier of genetic information, but the mechanism was unknown. Progress was slowly made until 1953 when the structure of DNA, and the mechanism of mutation, were finally discovered. Neo-Darwinism and our formula of **Mutation + Natural Selection = Evolution** were firmly established. A potential source of new information had been found and the theory became quite solid.

The concept of neo-Darwinism is logical, methodological and rational. But we still didn’t know the specifics of how it worked in detail. In particular, we did not know the mutation rate. In the mid 1950s a mutation rate of .5 mutations per person per generation (pppg) was accepted as the probable rate and all research assumed that rate when interpreting experiments.

**Why .5 pppg?** There were two excellent reasons.

**First,** there had to be as many mutations as possible to ensure that change could occur over a few million years. That seems like a long time, but based on the huge size of the DNA information base, millions of mutations had to occur relatively quickly.

**Second,** the rate had to be slow enough to let natural selection do its work. .5 pppg was the perfect rate. Fast enough to get a lot of change while being the fastest rate allowable for natural selection to work.

Here is why that rate is the fastest allowable. If the mutation rate is 1 pppg, then when a male and female mate, the offspring will get two mutations that are new to the genome. How can natural selection select between two mutations? It becomes difficult, though still possible. It would slow the rate of overall change verses .5 pppg.

If the mutation rate is above 2 pppg, chaos is the result. Selecting among 4 mutations becomes a major problem. The reason is that nearly all mutations are a loss of information, and therefore selectability. Naturalists acknowledge this fact. A positive mutation is rare. A mutation that adds information required to become a new kind of creation has never been documented. If offspring have 3 negative mutations at the same time as getting one positive one, you select the negative ones along with the positive ones. That is a problem. The odds are a million times to one that all four will be negative. How do you select away a particular negative mutation when they are all negative. At best, you slow the evolutionary process to such a crawl that a trillion years is not enough time to get from one cell to humans.

Now imagine that the mutation rate is 300 pppg. The offspring get a total of 600 mutations that are new to the genome. And the vast majority of the time, they are all negative. Even if you get a positive mutation, it brings along 299 negative mutations. If you are losing $2.99 on every $3.00 sale, your profits will not increase by selling more items. In addition, millions of little negative mutations take their toll on the overall genome fitness.

If your offspring have 600 new mutations, their children will have those 600 plus 600 more new ones. What do you get? Millions of mutations in just hundreds of generations. And, as published in several studies, that the first human female lived 6000 years ago. Natural selection cannot select anything new and novel. The formula **Mutation + Natural Selection = Evolution** cannot work. Evolution by descent from a common ancestor is impossible. Dinosaur to bird evolution is falsified by scientific and mathematical reality.

But a recent study came to the conclusion that the mutation rate has increased recently so this is not a problem. The first human female actually lived 30,000 years ago. What is the measured scientific reason for this conclusion? There is none. They made it up because they don’t like the fact that the Bible says mankind is 6000 years old. Of course, 30,000 is still a far cry from the assumed 200,000 years needed so even that fairy tale does the naturalist little good. Evolutionists cry out, “Creation is pseudo-science!” It appears that they misidentify the person in the mirror when they make the accusation.

Mutations are occurring at a rapid rate in all creatures. That helps explain why the fossil record is a record of extinction... 99% of all species that have ever lived are extinct.

The real reason they are extinct is because after Noah’s flood they were unable to adapt via natural selection to the new environments left in the wake of the flood. Evolution cannot violate entropy any more than you will discover, unbeknownst to you in advance, that your house got a new coat of paint last night. Mutation rates and their effect are proof that devolution happens and it is all downhill. Dinosaurs did not become birds, they only became extinct.

Mutations lower the fitness of every genome. Once the genome degrades enough, the creature can no longer adapt and it becomes extinct. It is the only scientific possibility. We know of zero mutations that have added information to a genome. We know of a few mutations that add benefit to a genome while at the same time lowering the information content, such as bacteria resistance to antibiotics, but 20,000 human mutations that result in a health malady is the proof that our genome is going downhill. 1000 additional mutations that are harmful to humans are documented by researchers every year.

Empirical scientific studies give us the actual formula:

**Mutation + Natural Selection = Death**

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beginning, there was no time before the beginning. Therefore the term “before” is misleading. “Before” implies a period of time, but time did not yet exist.

The best term I can think of to describe before the beginning is the ultimate term God uses for Himself at several places in the Bible, “I AM.” That is to say that all there was before the beginning is God’s existence.

You cannot really say that God existed in eternity past, because the word “past” implies time. But it may be the closest our feeble brains can come to describing “before the beginning”:

I AM for eternity past.

So, what was God doing before the beginning? He was communing with Himself... Father, Son, Spirit. They had the perfect loving relationship. A decision was made that they desired fellowship with something else, something new they could include in the loving relationship. That something is you and me.

Thus we arrive at the beginning. To create the universe, you and me, God had to use something He had yet to use: Power. So, you could think of power as a somewhat secondary characteristic of God. Had He never created the universe, He would have never used His power. His power is still absolute and it was always a part of Him, but you might say love came first.

Adam and Eve had a perfect loving relationship with God. We must note here that love requires freedom. Without the freedom to reject there is no true love. Made in love, Adam had to have the freedom to choose to reject God.

Adam used that freedom, deciding to break fellowship with God. When Adam ate the fruit God had said not to eat, Adam rejected the perfect love of God. This required the expression of another attribute of God that had always been there but, in a way, was not self-evident because there was nothing to contrast with it. Sin made the contrast and God’s holiness became evident.

God’s holiness requires that sin be done away with, and, alas, the sinner had to go if sin was to go. God had two choices. He could use His power and simply annihilate the universe. But this would be a contradiction of His love. So God used his power to become a man and pay the penalty of sin. And He used His power to overcome the death that sin required. Only a person of God, Jesus, the Son, could pay the penalty. He did so 2000 years ago. He did it because God’s love cannot be overcome by any of His other attributes.

This leads us to gnosticism which is at the root of Hinduism and the New Age. First, gnosticism teaches that love came first.

...We do not have any available fossil group which can categorically be claimed to be the ancestor of any other group. We do not have in the fossil record any specific point of divergence of one life form for another and generally each of the major life groups has retained its fundamental structural and physiological characteristics throughout its life history and has been conservative in habitat. G. S. Carter (Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge), in Structure and Habitat in Vertebrate Evolution

Well, we are now about 120 years after Darwin, and knowledge of the fossil record has been greatly expanded... ironically, we have even fewer examples of evolutionary transition than we had in Darwin’s time. By this I mean that some of the classic cases of Darwinian change in the fossil record, such as the evolution of the horse in North America, have had to be discarded or modified as a result of more detailed information. Dr. David Raup, Curator, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Conflicts Between Darwin and Paleontology. Field Museum of Natural History Bulletin, Vol. 50 (1), 1979, p.25.