

Evolution Revisited

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Darwin was an atheist. He believed there was not a shred of evidence in the entire universe for the existence of the supernatural. He offered his theory of evolution to prove that we do not need a God to explain the existence of the cosmos.

Evolution may explain some aspects of creation, but it doesn't answer the basic question: where did mankind come from? If you say we came from the ocean, then where did the ocean come from, and where did planet earth come from?

Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI approved the concept of Theistic Evolution, which rightly presumes that God is the first cause of our evolving universe.

We have all seen variations within an animal species.

For example in an ecosystem, some giraffes have long necks and others short necks. If something caused low-lying shrubs to die out, the short necked animals would be at risk. But nature provides. After a few generations the giraffes grow longer necks by adapting themselves to their new environment.

While this may be true, no evidence exists to show essential changes occurring in a rising spiral from the amoeba to reptiles to birds to mammals to apes to man.

Darwin's theory of evolution is based on the false premise that there is no God. He claimed that nature tells us that the higher species of life evolved gradually from the lower by minor changes over millions of years. He called the process "natural selection." But this is a theory which has never been proven scientifically. Many of Darwin's followers readily admit this.

In an attempt to explain some of the unanswered difficulties they found in Darwin's theory some evolutionists offered their own version of his theory. They asserted that that new forms of life do not come about through slow growth, but appear suddenly, after millions of years of stability. For example, they say that one day a reptile produces an egg that produces not another reptile but a bird.

Scholar Lawrence Azar wrote a book entitled, "Evolution and Other Fairy Tales", published by Author House, Bloomington, Indiana, (July 2005). He writes, "If any sane person believes this, then he surely must believe in fairy tales." Azar wrote this 619-page book, which ends with a carefully researched scientific bibliography of 42 pages. It is a book, which examine the claims of the evolutionists, and critiques the logic and cogency of Darwin's arguments, proving them to be essentially bankrupt, without sufficient scientific evidence. Azar's criticism has received the acceptance of believers and non-believers in the scientific community.

Father Kenneth Baker, SJ, wrote an excellent review of Azar's book in The Homiletic & Pastoral Magazine, (July 2006). "This book is a critical analysis of the claims of the evolutionists. The author shows that there is no proof for Darwin's claims." There has never been proof of the transmigration of one species into a higher one, no missing link.

All those ex-Catholics who left their faith because of Darwin's false claims would do well to read this book. Their misguided acceptance of the unverifiable aspects of Darwin's atheistic theory of evolution has led them on a downward spiral that has endangered them spiritually.

A beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit, written by Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, can be of help to anyone aspiring to live a holy life.

Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore You,
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me,
Console me. Tell me what I should do.
Give me your orders, and I promise
Perfect obedience, and perfect love.