

Evolution Revisited

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Darwin's theory of evolution has prompted many Catholics to question their Faith. Before you make the same mistake you should know more about the troubles that surround Darwin's theory. Many aspects of Evolution are disputed even among his own followers. They are divided into two main groups: the Gradualists and the Saltationists.

The Gradualists maintain that the higher species of life evolved gradually from the lower forms of life by small changes over millions of years. This process of Darwin is called "natural selection."

The Saltationists say there is no scientific evidence to prove Darwin's theory of Gradualism. The Saltationists maintain that new forms of life do appear, but only suddenly, after millions of years of stability. They believe that a reptile one day produced an egg that one day produced, not a reptile, but a bird. They claim this was all done without any Divine intervention, which was the main purpose of the testing: to prove there was no God.

Scholar Larry Azar responded, "If any sane person believes this, then surely he must believe in fairy tales." Azar wrote a 619 page book, with 42 pages of carefully researched, scientific bibliography, entitled, *Evolution and Other Fairy Tales* (published by Author House, Bloomington, Indiana, July 2005). It is a book, which carefully studies the claims of the evolutionists, and examines the logic and cogency of their arguments.

Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI only approved the concept of Theistic Evolution, which presumes that God is the first cause of our evolving universe. How and when we humans appeared in this process is not spelled out clearly.

Father Kenneth Baker, SJ, wrote an excellent review of Azar's book in *Homilectic & Pastoral Magazine*, July 2006, saying "This is not a book of creation science. It is a critical analysis of the claims of the evolutionists. Fr. Baker shows that there is no evidence whatsoever for evolution, in the sense that essential changes occur in a rising spiral from the amoeba, to reptiles, to birds, to mammals, to apes, to man." In other words, no proof for evolution evolution from species to species.

Beware all you Catholics who left your religion behind because of your misguided acceptance of the unverifiable theory of evolution. You have traded your birthright for a myth.

Einstein is correct, " There must be a supreme intelligence behind the universe." The Church is also correct in teaching that Jesus Christ is our divine Savior. The story of the fall in Genesis is not to be interpreted as literal history; rather it is a revealed truth that teaches us to turn to Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

For me the doctrine of original sin proclaims the fallen state of mankind, and is the easiest doctrine to prove. Just look at the carnage of the last Century. The theory of evolution gave Nazi Germany and Marxist Communism the principle of racial superiority, which many was used to validate their belief that certain classes of people, such as Jews, Gypsies, Negroes and Catholics, were inferior to the Germanic Race. It is a theory that is deeply flawed.

Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them."