

# *Replacing Darwin*

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Romans 1:20 NKJV For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are **clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Romans 1:18 NKJV For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men, who suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,

Richard Dawkins: “Biology is the study of complicated things that give the **appearance** of having been designed for a purpose. (*The Blind Watchmaker*, p.1)

Romans 1:21 NKJV Although they knew God, they **did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful**, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

- 1) What does evolution have to do with Christianity?
- 2) How do skeptics *suppress the truth about God revealed in nature*?

What about those who reject evolution? “I shall be using the name ‘history-deniers’ for those people who deny evolution.” Richard Dawkins (*The Greatest Show On Earth*, p.7)

### HOW DO EVOLUTIONISTS SUPPRESS THE TRUTH

Bro. Mike explains - The following are five arguments evolutionists repeatedly use to deny the truth of God’s miraculous creation. A quote is given **BEFORE** some of the statements as an example of the argument.

1. “The **evidence** overwhelmingly supports evolution!”
2. “An overwhelming **consensus** of professional scientists accept evolution.”

Venema: “It is no exaggeration to say that (the very, very few) trained biologists who reject common ancestry (evolution) do so because of prior religious commitments, not for scientific reasons.”

3. “**Religion** – not scientific concerns – motivates opposition to evolution.”

Randy Isaac: “The oft-stated (ASA-American Scientific Affiliation) policy not to take a position in areas of **honest disagreement** among Christians is an extremely important aspect that characterizes ASA. It is also a most difficult one

to maintain. For one thing, it is not easy to differentiate an **honest disagreement** from a **dishonest one**. My personal preference... was that **the reference for honest disagreements was the accepted consensus view of the scientific community.**" (The point of this quotation is that Mr. Isaac is saying that since the majority of scientists support evolution, those who do not are considered dishonest. This is an example of the fourth argument below.)

4. "Purported scientific problems with evolution are based on **lies**."

Niles Eldridge, 1982: "Creation-science isn't science at all, nor have creation scientists managed to come up with even a single intellectually compelling, scientifically testable statement about the natural world." (*The Monkey Business*, p.80)

Court Case, 1982: "The essential characteristics of science are:

- (1) ...
- (5) It is falsifiable

"Creation science... fails to meet these essential characteristics"

Douglas J. Futuyma, 2017: "*The most important feature of scientific hypotheses is that they are testable*" (emphasis his) (*Evolution*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, chapter 22.)

5. "Creationism is **not science**."

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This is the cleverest tactic of all. It takes the most abundant natural testimony of God and marginalizes it as uninformed, unintelligent, and epistemologically deficient. It's a sophisticated way of rejecting the testimony (of creation) as a fairy tale.

Since evolutionists are attempting to suppress the truth that God created the universe,

- 3) How can Christians **destabilize** this suppression?

Bro. Mike explains - Dr. Jeanson suggests four ways for the Christian who is not highly trained in the sciences to destabilize each of these arguments with a simple statement or question, offered humbly, without an attempt to argue. The point is not to convince by argument but to cause those suppressing the truth of creation to think

more about it and to raise questions they cannot answer from their mistaken philosophy.

## HOW TO DESTABILIZE SUPPRESSION

### 1. SIMPLE STATEMENT: Evolution is **impossible**.

Darwin said: "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down." (*On the Origin of Species*, p.189)

"But I can find out no such case." (*On the Origin of Species*, p.189)

Darwin: "Our ignorance of the laws of variation is profound. Not in one case out of a hundred can we pretend to assign any reason why this or that part differs, more or less, from the same part in the parents." (*On the Origin of Species*, p.167)

**A GOOD QUESTION TO ASK: "How do you explain the origin of male and female?"**

### 2. SIMPLE STATEMENT: The best evidence for evolution is ambiguous.

Best Evidence for Evolution

1) "Natural selection/change happens."

RESPONSE: True since the Curse of Genesis 3

2) "New species form."

RESPONSE: Yes, within "kinds"

3) "Transitional forms exist."

RESPONSE: Intelligent beings *design* 'transitional forms'

**A GOOD QUESTION TO ASK: "Did you know that the major evidences for evolution fit the book of **Genesis**?"**

### 3. SIMPLE STATEMENT: The "consensus" is not qualified to adjudicate the debate.

The "consensus" doesn't know that alternative scientific explanations exist.

**A GOOD QUESTION TO ASK: “How many of those people you put your faith in and trust know what creationists actually believe? How many of them have been educated on the other side?”**

**A GOOD QUESTION TO ASK: “How many technical creationist papers and books are PhD scientists required to read as part of their education?”**

- 4. SIMPLE STATEMENT: Creationism has met and exceeded the **gold** standard of science, (a testable hypothesis).**

11,000 bird species alive today

**Calculation from a Creationist perspective**

Assume constant rate of speciation since the Flood, 4,500 years ago

$11,000 \text{ species} / 4,500 \text{ years} = 2.4 \text{ new bird species per year}$

**Calculation from an Evolutionist perspective**

11,000 bird species alive today

Assume modern bird origins post-Dinosaurs. 35 – 65 million years ago

$35 \text{ million years} / 11,000 \text{ species} = 1 \text{ new species per } 3,200 \text{ years}$

$.0003 \text{ new bird species per year } (1/3200)$

**Both Creationism and Evolution predict the rate of increase of species of birds.**

**Creationists – 2.4 new bird species per year**

**Evolutionists - .0003 new bird species per year (1/3200)**

**The results of observations by evolutionary scientists on the Galapagos Islands**

There were 18 species of finches discovered by Darwin in 1837.

These scientists discovered a new one after 181 years.

Therefore, they observed 1 new species in 181 years per 18 species.

$1 \text{ new species} / 181 \text{ years (per } 18 \text{ species)} \text{ (multiply by } 11,000 \text{ species)}$

**Observed rate among Darwin’s finches: 3.4 new bird species per year (per 11,000 species)**

**Which prediction is closest to this observation? Creationist by far!**

**A GOOD QUESTION TO ASK: “Are you aware that creationists have made successful, testable scientific **predictions**?”**

**A GOOD QUESTION TO ASK: “Have you read *Replacing Darwin*?”**