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Evolution

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Module 9: Evolution

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Introduction

- Science and the Bible in Darwin's day**
- Three ways some balance science and the Bible.**
- Understanding the literal translation of the Bible with its' literary expressions.**
- How should a Christian use the Bible to approach Science? (Note Solomon)**
- The Bible is not a Science Book, but when it speaks on science it is accurate.**

A Sketch of Darwin

- **Christ's College & a strict literal Bible**
- **Thomas Malthus, *An Essay on the Principles of Population.***
Concept: Survival of the Fittest
- **Sir Charles Lyell's writings:**
The present is the Key to the Past
- **5-Years as Naturalist on the *HMS Beagle*:**
- **The nature of his eroding Faith.**
 - Too Literal when relating to scriptures
 - Too Liberal when judging the Bible by science.

The Bible & Science

Truth is Worthy of All Acceptance.

Creation must be understood by Faith.

**Denial of Creation requires willing
ignorance based upon the desire to deny
God's Judgment and His Salvation.**

There is a falsely so-called Science.

The limitations of observable phenomena.

**The Bible and True Science do not
contradict each other.**

When the Bible speaks on Science.

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The Object of Truth is to Save Sinners

1 Timothy 1:12-17 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did [it] ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This [is] a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, [be] honor and glory for

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1 Timothy 4:8-10

Bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This [is] a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.

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There is a limit to observable phenomena:

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Denial of Creation requires willing ignorance

Final Judgment is the motivator of Denial:

2Peter 3:2-8

That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

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Uniformitarianism-The present is the key to the past

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There is a Falsely, So-called Science

“Knowledge” can oppose Truth!

1Timothy 6:20-21 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.

2Tim. 3:1-9 (Last Day's Peril) Men shall be... traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. ...Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ...so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all [men]

The Limitations of Observable Phenomena.

Earthly Knowledge is limited and disabling...

1Corinthians 1:22-29 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [are called]: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, [yea], and things which are not, to bring [down worldly things].

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Spiritual Knowledge comes by Revelation

1Corinthians 2:1-10 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.... And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, [even] the hidden [wisdom], which God ordained before the world unto our glory:.... But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God

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Spiritual Knowledge is beyond earthly knowledge:

Ephesians 3:16-19 That he would grant you, ... to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what [is] the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Romans 11:33-36 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable [are] his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, [are] all things: ...Amen.

The Limitations of Observable Phenomena.

Spiritual Knowledge is beyond earthly knowledge:

--Divine Revelation begins where Natural Science ends

--Interpretation of Natural Science is not limited to the limitations of the scientific process.

--There is that which is past finding out! God's glory is revealed in the hidden wisdom of God. ***"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."*** (Prov. 25:2)

The Bible and True Science do not contradict each other.

The Bible is not a science book, but when it speaks on science it is accurate.

- Don't go beyond what the Bible says, for that may contradict true science.**
- Don't use interpretation of scientific data as the basis for contradicting the Bible.**
- Questions that raise doubt are not answers to things past finding out in the natural realm.**
- Beware of the motives for rejecting Biblical revelation, pride prejudices the search for truth.**

Darwin's Theory

- Darwin's prejudice began from a false foundation of what the Bible actually teaches; therefore, doubt was easily cast upon his views of the Bible and he then abandoned the Bible altogether.
- Variation within a species was attributed to a false Biblical premise. The Bible declared the Immutability of a Kind to include the entire spectrum of reproduction within that kind. Darwin limited the Bible's claim to the exact variations we observe. (common error of his day)
- Variations within a species are actually evidence of Incomplete Dominance within a species.
- Darwin fell prey to the so-called science of his day.
- A strong opinion about the Bible is not the same as a genuine and strong Faith in the Bible.
- My own Testimony...

Immutability

I am God, I change not...

Pr 24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: [and] meddle not with them that are given to change:

Mal 3:6 For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 6:17-19 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that within the veil; [BEWARE OF TEXTBOOK ERROR!]

Micro & Macro Evolution

1. Evolution means gradual change.
2. Micro-evolution implies gradual change within a species. This is variability.
3. Macro-evolution implies gradual change between *Kinds*. This is never observed.
4. The difference is substantial:
 1. Micro-changes are based upon predictable inter-actions of existing genetic material.
 2. Macro-changes require the introduction of new genetic material from non-conforming change over time.

The Geological Column

- **Strata**: The specific layers of earth that are distinctly observable
 - **General pattern**
 - **Non-conforming patterns**
 - **Tran-sectional patterns**
- **Fossils**: The manifest remains of organisms buried in rock.

The Evidence of Fossils

- **Fully formed species**: Fossils show no partial development between *Kinds*.
- **No Intermediate Links**: So called intermediate links are missing, hence the term *Missing Link*. However, much controversial illustration abounds which clear evidence of willing ignorance on the part of the unbelieving scoffer.

Structural Homology

- **Common Design indicates a common designer:**
Similarity of structures indicate a similarity of function and point to a common designer.
- **DNA DISPROVES HOMOLOGY:** The genetic DNA is dissimilar between organisms for similar features.
- **Genetic Homology disproves Evolution:**
Manifest traits arise from different genetic matter.

Molecular Biology

- **The Protein Sequences for similar proteins is dissimilar between *Kinds*:**
- **They are created by different DNA:**
- **When Compared to each other, they are randomly similar with no patterns that would reflect evolutionary ideas.**

Neo-Darwinism

- **Punctuated Equilibrium.**
- **Various “Christian” ideas: .**
- **The nature of time and chance.**
- **The evidence for design and the present I. D. movement.**

Willing Ignorance

Why so many believe such ignorance.

2Cor. 4:1-4 1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.