

How To Witness to an Evolutionist

The best way to begin our study on how to witness to an evolutionist is to ask the age old questions, Knock, Knock, who's there? Your response would be an Evolutionist! I then ask, "who in the world are you?" Your answer would be, "someone who follows the theory of evolution." I then ask, "What exactly is the theory of evolution?"

Here are two simple definitions:

1. Layman terms: this description is found on page 62 of the book, it says, "It never ceases to amaze me that when we were in kindergarten they taught us that a frog turning into a prince was a fairytale, when we got into college they told us a frog turning into a prince was science."

2. Scientific terms, Wikipedia quotes a book by Ernst Mayr which says, The scientific theory of evolution—the explanation for how evolution occurs—states that all living things are descended from a single common ancestor at some point in the distant past. This idea is called common descent. Since the beginning of life, evolution has transformed the first species into more and more different species as life has found a variety of ways to survive and flourish. This has resulted in the many diverse forms of life that exist today.

Notice the statement life has found a variety of ways to survive and flourish. Charles Darwin's book "On the origins of species" taught and showed faulty evidence for how all life could be explained by natural processes apart from a supernatural creator.

Darwin's theory of evolution is the excepted scientific theory taught in majority of public and private schools. Little Children up to impressionable intelligent college students are taught that everything that we know and see can be explained by natural processes apart from a sovereign God.

The teaching of evolution has basically become an excuse for why a person doesn't have to believe in God or the Bible.

Paul told us a little under two thousand years ago what the consequences would be for following this teaching, he said in Romans chapter one that mankind would begin to worship themselves which is seen to day in humanism and also he said that all moral absolutes would be lost. The reason this is so is evolution teaches that I am nothing more than an animal, so is I came from a dog I can live like a

hog, no one can tell me what to do, I am following my animal instincts.

Not only has the world and its morals been effected by the teaching of evolution, but Christian theology has as well. The theory of evolution is one of the reasons for the birth of liberal theology in the 1800's. The literal interpretation of the first eleven chapters of Genesis no longer became excepted, instead scholars began to take an allegorical interpretation to these chapters to fit the so called facts of science.

Many liberals became theistic evolutionists and left the young earth view held by the reformers. They taught that God made matter, then allowed it to evolve through natural processes. This teaching is unbiblical because it denies the plain evangelical teaching of Genesis 1 which shows us that God made everything according to its kind, the Bible plainly teaches that God didn't use evolution.

Another problem with theistic evolution is if you don't believe Genesis 1-11 are true and literal you have no basis for anything such as: creation, marriage, the fall, the promise of messiah, the change in the earth because of the flood, and also the languages, and the diversity of nations.

It's essential that we follow the Evangelical teaching that God created everything according to its kind just as the Bible says. While talking about Evangelicals it's important to note that though evangelicals are in agreement that God made everything, were in disagreement on the order and the time that it took to complete it.

There are three views commonly held among Evangelicals:
Young earth creation. Old earth creation, the gap theory

Here at Calvary Hanford we believe that Genesis 1-11 are literal, we also consider ourselves young earth creationists, because we believe in a literal 24 hour day for Genesis one. We believe that the earth isn't older than ten thousand years old, we believe that just as Adam was made to look old, so was the earth. We also believe that majority of the changes in our world from that of the garden of Eden was a result of the world wide flood which took place in Genesis chapters 7-8. We also believe that the flood can be used to explain the extinction of

dinosaurs, the ice age and the reason for the decline in the life span of mankind. We also hold to a young earth position because of Romans 5:12 which teaches that physical and spiritual death came with the fall of man.

If you would like to learn more what we believe about the first eleven chapters of Genesis you can read Pastor Gene's studies of Genesis online. Other resources online is the institute for creation research which was started by Dr. Henry Morris, or Answers in Genesis which is the ministry of Ken Ham. You can also go to our book store and find many different creation books.

Now that we know what we believe and what evolutionist believe lets look at how we can witness to them.

We will take two approaches to witnessing to an evolutionist:

1. We will show them that evolution is not fact but faith.
2. We will show them that the Bible and Christianity is not just faith but fact.

Let's look at our first point.

1. Show them that evolution is faith not fact.

It is important that we understand that creation and evolution are both faith based. As creationists we believe Hebrews 11:3 which says, By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Pastor Gene's said in his study of Genesis one that an evolution could say something similar, they would say, "By faith, I, an evolutionist, understand that the worlds were *not* framed by the word of any god, so that what is seen has indeed been made out of previously existing and less complex visible things, by purely natural processes, through billions of years."

So we see that both systems are based on faith and not fact. Actually if an evolutionist is an honest they will tell you that creationists have the same material as they do. The question then arises, If we both have the same material, then how can there be two opposite theories? Presupposition! An evolutionist looks at geology and the fossil record and says that there is no God! These were not

created! With this as his bias his theory is based on explaining how the earth and all life came to be with out God.

On the other hand the Creationist comes to the fossil recorded and says that God made this, then seeks to interpret it from his bias. So we see both sides have biases, both sides are faith. Our job in witnessing to an evolutionist is to show them that evolution and creation are both faith and a bias. How do we do that?

The way we do this is by establishing what it takes to make a scientific fact. I read the following from Pastor Steve Carr's study on apologetics he said, the following.

- (1) A scientist begins with a question or problem.
- (2) Information is gathered and studied.
- (3) A hypothesis is formed (a possible explanation)
- (4) This hypothesis is tested and further evidence is gathered.
- (5) A conclusion is arrived at and a theory is formed.
- (6) When there is sufficient evidence gathered by repeated experiments to prove that this theory conforms to - The Principle of Universality – which means that if all the laws of nature should work the same way everywhere. In other words, it doesn't matter who does the experiment or where it is done, the same results should be produced under the same conditions – When the evidence reveals this level of assurance, then the principle is determined to be a law. For example the law of gravity.

This means that if evolution is a fact then all scientists and all data and all experiments would support it. Such as the law of gravity! We don't see that with the theory of evolution. Not all scientists support this theory, actually more and more are abandoning it because it's bankrupt of evidence.

Some of the great evidence that evolution is not a fact is that non Christian scientists are leaving evolution in support of the intelligent design theory. One of them is Jonathan Wells who is a Professor of micro biology at Cal Berkley.

Well's is the author of the book and movie called Icons of Evolution, in this book and movie, Well's takes us through the high school and college text books and shows us that the evidences they use for evolution are wrong. He shows such things as the drawing of embryos, the Galapagos finches and many other supposed proofs that evolutionists say they have.

Not only do non Christian scientists reject evolution, but evolutionists themselves have not been able to provide any factual evidence that evolution is true, just look at the fossil record?

There has not been one find of a transitional species from a primate to a human all attempts have been proven hoaxes.

Instead of finding transitional species being found more and more things are being found that could not have evolved, this poses a problem for Darwin's theory, because he said himself in his book, "On the origin of species"

"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." Darwin's Origin of Species (1859) p.189

For evidence on species that could not have evolved see incredible creatures that defy evolution.

These two arguments very simply breakdown the evolutionists basis for holding evolution because of scholarship and factual evidence. Since evolution has lost scholarship and lacks evidence it becomes faith just like creation.

At this point I would tell them about the theory of creation, tell that Genesis 1:1 says, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Tell them that creationism is a better faith because God was there, He told us everything that happened in His word. Ask them the question that God asked Job in Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Tell them that in order for something to be proven a fact in science, someone has to be there to observe it, no evolutionists were there at creation, the only person who knows for sure is God and He told us exactly what happened in His word.

When you say this they will automatically say, "I don't believe that because you don't know if the Bible is true!"

This brings us to our second point show them that the Bible and

Christianity is fact.

As creationists we know that God created the world because the Bible says so and it is the inspired Word of God: When it come to the Creation Vs. Evolution debate it really has nothing to do with the facts of science, but it has to do with the Bible. People don't believe in creation because they don't believe in God or the Bible. If they knew God they would know that it's not hard for God to create the world. If they believed the Bible they would know that God created the World and Mankind. As a result of man not believing the Bible he believes in the theory of evolution, we need to prove to them that the Bible is the word of God, if we can do that then we can prove that Christianity is fact!

To do so we can give the following evidences:

1. Show them the Bible it self and Jesus claim that it's the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says,

16. All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17. that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1Thessalonians 2:13 says,

13. For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

Luke 24:44 says,

44. Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me."

2. Manuscript proof: Tell them that we have more ancient manuscripts than any other ancient book. For the Old Testament we have the dead sea scrolls that date before 100AD and we have New Testament manuscripts that come within 150 years from the originals.

3. Archeology: Tell them we have archeology which can prove the

cities, people and wars and events that took place in the Bible.

4. Prophecy: We have prophecies being fulfilled before our very eyes, such as Ezekiel 38 with Iran as a terror against Israel, Daniel 12, which says in the last days knowledge would increase, you have the fulfillment of prophecy of Israel being back in their land. We also have hundreds of fulfilled prophecies in Jesus first coming. In the book "More than a Carpenter", Josh McDowell says concerning Jesus and Old Testament prophecy. "With even greater detail, God wrote an "address" in history to single out His Son, the Messiah, the Savior of mankind, from anyone who has ever lived in history- past, present, and future. The specifics of this "address" can be found in the Old Testament, a document written over a period of 1,000 years which contains over 300 references to His coming. Using the science of probability, we find the chances of just forty- eight of these prophecies being fulfilled in one person to be only one in ten to the 157th power. "The task of matching up God's address with one man is further complicated by the fact that all the prophecies of the Messiah were made at least 400 years before He was to appear. Some might disagree and say these prophecies were written down after the time of Christ and fabricated to coincide with His life. This might sound feasible until you realize that the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament, was translated around 150- 200 B.C. This Greek translation shows that there was at least a two- hundred year gap between the prophecies being recorded and their fulfillment in Christ."

This proves that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, and it proves that the Bible is the Word of God.

5. The resurrection of Jesus:

Always save the best for last, tell them that you can prove for a fact that man didn't evolve but was created by God. They will say, "I would like to see that." Show them in Mark 10 which shows us a conversation Jesus had with the Pharisees about marriage. In this conversation Jesus used the creation account of Genesis 1& 2 as literal, this shows us that Jesus put His seal of approval on creation. After you show them that, show them that in John 8:58 Jesus claimed to be God. Tell them if Jesus was God then He would know how the world and man were created.

Then prove to them that Jesus is God, by telling them that Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is a historic fact we have written eye witness and written testimony. Tell them that all the people who claimed to see Jesus were persecuted and martyred for because

of it. Focus on the resurrection it is the fact that proves that the Bible and Christianity is a fact.

6. Lastly be a witness to them and share the gospel with them show them they are a sinner in need of a savior.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10,

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.