

# Evolutionary Bible

*The following is a message given March 19, 2006. It is a summation of what the Bible would look like if evolution were true. It is meant to show the stark reality of what it means to embrace the processes described in powering evolution: death, disease, sickness, devouring and being devoured. Embracing those processes as the way of life for billions of years means the Bible is wrong.*

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In the beginning God and matter existed. In time God exploded matter and the stars and sun were made. In time the solar system formed. In time the waters gave rise to life and life evolved. God saw that everything came to be from one source, from one living cell came all living things.

In time living things developed smell, touch, hearing, seeing, thinking, and awareness. In time, living things moved from the waters to the land. Plants sprang up in the waters and the land. Trees developed, fruit, flowers, and every kind of herb. In time, when all things were prepared, at the right time, God inspired animals to develop and large mammals came into being. After much time, apes arose and covered the lands and from them man.

God saw all that He made in time, and called it good. There was death, disease, decay, devouring and being devoured. The survival of the fittest, natural selection, and mutation brought life to ever higher consciousness; when the time was right, God breathed into the man the spirit of life and man became a living soul.

God said that it was not good that the man should be alone not having a helper suitable for him; so he caused another development and in time brought a woman to being. He said to

them be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. Subdue it and have dominion.

God called the first living man and woman Adam and Eve. God said worship me, serve me, obey me, and you will live a long life. Adam and Eve rebelled against God. They did not want to be ruled by another. God and man were cut off from each other.

Adam and Eve saw that the world with its sickness and disease, death and dying, thorns and thistles, the struggle to survive, was hard. They knew they were going to die because everything dies.

God rested from His works and everything stopped evolving. For billions of years God had waited for man to evolve from single life. God was patient and hoped that man would respond to Him in time.

Man cursed God for death. He saw that evil was everywhere and longed for peace but there was none. Man refused to believe in God as the children of men increased upon the earth. They could not believe in a God that allowed animals to devour each other. They could not believe in a God where death and disease and suffering ruled. What God is this? Evil is what man called it. Men were angry at God.

Men saw that everyone looked after their own ways. That everyone did what was best in their own eyes. Wars, violence, power and struggle, filled the earth. That is the nature of things that is the way of life. God had made it that way.

Men called out for relief, they cursed God, they pleaded for mercy, and they wanted to live forever. God was pleased that man had arisen but disappointed in their constant complaints.

Man realized that oppression, struggle, death and dying were the way of life. They praised the God of heaven no more. They believed that man had created God only to provide comfort in a hostile world—it was a false hope. Men began to believe that

life came from other life, that chance and opportunity had made them. They saw the evil and concluded that no good God would be responsible for it.

They looked to God and found no answers: There was no cause for evil, death and dying, sickness and disease, there was no solution. There was no salvation from life's burden. **They were not responsible—they were born this way.** They agreed that life has no meaning and death is apart of meaninglessness. They concluded that life is what one can make of it, eat, drink, and enjoy what you can for tomorrow you die.

Then man said there is no God, no one to account for this, it happened by itself. They are alone, they are their own god. There are no morals, no good, no higher life; man is the highest form until in time another comes of it.

Where did life come from? Where did love come from? Where did awareness come from? Where did reason, emotions, and a sense of right and wrong come from? There was no answer, it just happened.

Millions and millions of human beings have lived and died. God was pleased to have made them. God planned from the foundations of the world for man to evolve to show them how patient He is. God was sorry that man had to suffer but could or would do nothing about it, that's evolution—get over it.

God decided to visit man. He came among them, He sent His son into the earth. The son taught marvelous things about God. He performed miracles of healing, signs, and wonders with the winds and the waves obeying him. The Son showed how powerful God really is. He even raised the dead but they died again. They asked him, "*Why do we die?*" He said because God made it that way. They asked Him, "*Why can't we live?*" The son said, "*Because all things die.*" Man was amazed at the son, they

worshipped him, they praised his powers, but then he died too. Stories were told about God's son. They hoped he'd come again.

Some argued, *"If he could heal, save from sickness and disease; even raise the dead, why do we all suffer from these things?"* God must not love us. They condemned this God and were not thankful. They reasoned that if they could change the way of life they would have made it different. They would have made things to live and not die. They would have made things in harmony and peace. There wouldn't be sickness or disease, death or dying--that they argued would be good. There wouldn't be evil either. People would love each other, no violence, no war, no hatred, no struggling with pain.

Some argued that this God is distant and uncaring, even evil for putting us in a world like this. Further, that this God would allow death, sickness, disease, pain, suffering for billions of years. What kind of love is this?

Man cried out *"Save us!"* God said *"Why? Be thankful for what you have."* Man asked, *"Why did you make us like this?"* God said *"Because I was lonely for entertainment, I watch you, and it pleases me."*

Many decided that God was a myth and did not believe any more. They wanted to eliminate any remembrance of God upon the earth, and so they did.

*I am sure that those who believe the Bible and evolution are compatible are going to be offended by such a simplistic approach; however, if one does believe the Bible where does one begin and end in applying it? Do we pick and choose concepts at our convenience? There is a major roadblock in understanding evolution's theory and the Bible's teaching...death, dying, sickness, and disease, not to forget devouring and being devoured all being*

*placed in the curse, at the fall, not before (I am not saying this is the only roadblock, just one that is insurmountable).*

**Does it matter what the Bible teaches?** Does it matter that God created the heavens and the earth, the plants, animals, and put man in the Garden of Eden and pronounced **everything was good and very good**? Does it matter that God said to Adam and Eve in the day that you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **you shall die**?

Does it matter that the Bible says that death, disease, sickness, suffering and pain, violence, wars, and the curse in the earth, with devouring and being devoured **came from sin** (Gal. 5:15)? Does it matter that God did **not** make the world cursed? Does it matter that God solved the problem by sending His son to die on the cross to save us from sin?

If death and dying, sickness and disease are the way of life, how can that be called **good**? If the God of all power can not save, how is He God? **What is He saving us from?** If evolution is correct then death, dying, sickness and disease, devouring and being devoured are good things, things God is not saving us from. Is God saving us from sin or rebellion **which are not connected to these things?** Yet...

Read **Romans 5:12-21**

**The Bible clearly teaches that the curse, death, and dying, sin, came into the world by one man Adam.** And it clearly teaches that by one man, Christ, by His atonement on the cross, we are saved from sin and its consequences. If Adam is a myth, then so is any authority in the Bible's message, because it all begins with Adam.

**Romans make it clear that it all begins with Adam.** The genealogies of Matthew 1 make it clear that from Abraham to David, from David to the captivity in Babylon, and from the

captivity in Babylon to Christ, **these people are real**. From Luke chapter 3 the genealogies are from Christ to David, from David to Abraham, from Abraham to Adam, **further establishing these people are real**. Even if some members were left out (when comparing the accounts from the Old Testament); there is only six thousand years of genealogy being presented. Furthermore, that **God did not make a world of evil, sin, and the curse, as declared in Genesis chapter one**. This is clearly meant to mean that death, dying, sickness; disease, decay, devouring and being devoured **did not exist**. It was when he gave dominion to Adam and Eve and their rebellion caused a world of evil, sin, and the curse. **Another validation** of this understanding is the Bible's teaching that in the new heavens and new earth, there will be no more death, dying, sickness, disease, suffering, devouring and being devoured. There will be no more sadness, sorrow, tears, or pain—**this is good news because the world is being redeemed from these things**.

If we believe the Bible there is consistency in a Holy God of love, who created all things **good**, and traced it back for us six thousand years. **God is not willing that any should perish** (2 Pet. 3:9). **God does not take pleasure in the destruction of the wicked** (Eze. 18:32). **God will not dwell with sinful man forever** (Gen. 6:3). God's kingdom will not include evil, sinful humanity, death, dying, destruction, stealing, killing, and suffering. God is holy, God is love, God is perfect, and God is good!

**Evolution contradicts the Bible's teaching**. It matters what we believe, trust, and live by. It matters because the case of evolution I presented is a logical conclusion if it is true. **There is no explanation for the curse, no cause for death, and no redemption from it**. In fact, evolution claims that death, dying, suffering, sickness, and disease, **is the process of evolution**—the survival of

the fittest. Without death the species will not survive, live, and develop...

**Why does Jesus come?** Does He come to pay a visit? Does He come to leave us in our state? No he comes to offer himself a **ransom** for many. **He comes to offer atonement** for sin. He comes to **redeem us from the curse** of the law (Deut. 28 & Gal. 3:13). This world is passing away, a new heaven and earth will be created, where there will be no more tears, no more sorrow, no more death, no more curse. God has only tolerated man's rebellion and evil, waiting patiently for all who are coming to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). God is only waiting for a short period of time to bring rebellion to an end (Six thousand years, not six billion, not eternity past nor eternity future). God is not pleased to see one person die, suffer, decay, be violated, or destroyed, stolen from, or killed (John 10:10). God is not pleased with devouring and being devoured, the Bible clearly teaches that it is the curse of the fall, **not God's design.**

**The Bible puts a roadblock** that cannot be passed in the way of long ages, in the way of evolution's teachings. Sin began with Adam, the curse and the fall; the genealogy brings it home to thousands of years, not billions. God is love and tolerated our rebellion only for a short time. **Jesus' teaching about the tenant farmers, faithful and unfaithful servants, landowners, the wicked vinedressers, speak of an earth lease: A short period of time when evil will be tolerated only to be punished and dealt with by the return of the owner (Luke 12, 16, & 20).**

What we hold in our hands is the Word of God about what happened, what is happening, and what will happen. **God gives us answers to death and dying, why it is here, and what He's done about it.** He has gone to eternal lengths to save us, He has given His Own son **to redeem us**, Jesus' passion was enormous, and his price complete. God is not going to take it lightly the rejection of

His Son. God's wrath is upon a fallen world, he who believes in the Son has life, eternal life; he who does not is condemned already. The earth was given to man, man turned from God; the result was the fall and the curse only six thousand years ago.

**When the Bible refers to ancient times**, it speaks of the patriarchs, Moses, Joshua, the Judges, the days when God moved in miraculous ways, it doesn't refer to billions of years.

A straightforward understanding of events, in context, consistent with the gospel, **compels us to see this roadblock**. The roadblock of God's dealing with sin. Sin that caused the pain, suffering, and death we all know too well. It is Sin that began with Adam and passed to all through him. **If we remove sin's consequences beyond Adam** our understanding of salvation is **undermined**. It is no longer valid. **The connection is lost**. Let the Word of God be true and every man a liar.