

INTRO:

If evolution is true, than Jesus' death did nothing for it you. It was unnecessary and worthless

It is very important for many reasons, as I will show

Before we get into the reasons why it's important, we must get a handle on key words and ideas that will be mentioned many times

TERMS TO DEFINE

-Creationism:

The belief that God created the earth in 6 literal 24 hour days and all species of animals originated from certain kinds that God created. Additionally, it is the belief that the earth is only 6 to 10 thousand years old

-Evolution:

The belief that all life originated from a single self-replicating cell that appeared from matter several millions of years ago (the number changes often). Additionally, it believes the earth is somewhere between 4 and 14 billion years old (depends on the source)

-Needs 3 things:

1. Time
2. Mutations
3. Natural Selection (use people to illustrate nat select)
 - 2 parents
 - 2 kids
 - one mutation helped a kid
 - one mutation made things worse

-Gophers

- one leads to brown fur
- one leads to white
- Falcon (use James) able to see the white easier, eats them all
- the white gophers are eaten and die off while the brown ones survive
- the genetic code that has the brown info in it lives on while the white code dies off with the gophers

I. Why?

I. Why it matters

THEOLOGICALLY

Death before the fall

- Wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)
- We know death is not natural
 - Expected but not desired or wanted
 - We are inherently not alright with death
 - Death shouldn't bother us if it is natural
 - Death is irregular

- How would sin punish us ultimately if it does not lead to death?
- How/when did sin enter?
 - Sin came into world through one man (Rom 5:12)
 - What kind of creation is good when death and suffering and killing exist?
 - God called it good

SLIDES RECAP

- Suppose death did exist before sin
- What does that imply about God?
 - He is the ultimate standard of what “perfect” means
 - If He called the earth “good” and He was the only essence that existed to compare the world to, then how could it be anything less than perfect?
 - If a perfect substance declares something “good”, then how can it be anything less than perfect? (especially if nothing else exists to
 - Death would have to be part of what “perfect” means
 - contrary to what we all believe and know
 - Why would a perfect being use an imperfect, sloppy, messy and violent method to bring together His world?
 - A craftsman uses his best tools to make an expensive creation, they don’t use the rusty and left over tools
- Death limits things, and God cannot be limited
 - we are created in God’s image
 - How can we who are in His image be limited when God is not?
 - Which means God would not be everlasting and never ending
- Jesus came to die for sin
- If death existed before the Fall, then it would be have been normal and regular, not a consequence
 - What would Jesus have come to save us from?
- Genesis 2:17 and 3:19

HERMINUTICALLY/SOCIALLY

Interpreting the Bible

- When does allegorizing stop?
- Who decides the first 11 chapters are poetry and then narrative starts with Abraham?
- Why do we accept the people after Babel but not before?
- If Adam is figurative, not literal, than what do we do about Paul’s comparison between Adam and Jesus?
- Romans 5:12-21
 - “Adam...a type of the one who was to come” vs 14

-“For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have...the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ” vs. 16-21

Tolerance

When do you believe the miracles were impossible because science says they’re not?

Resurrection?

Paul says this is the essence of our faith, so if this miracle is impossible according to science, what do you do?

-Can’t do the “God in the gaps” answer (“Well He’s God”) because that also applies to creation

SPIRITUALLY

Necessary for salvation?

No, but demonstrates a lack of understand about the consequences in believing evolution

V. What do we do with this?

Confirms accuracy of Bible (authors who confirmed Gen 1)

-God, Moses (Ex 20:8-11)

-Jesus (Mark 10:5-9)

-Paul (Romans 5;)

-David (Psalm 136-uses creation in the same literal context as Red Sea crossing and other stories)

-Bible is scientifically accurate (does not teach science, but confirms it)

-God use evolution?

-“good”, not death, disease, violence

-Understand implications

-NOT necessary for salvation

-but leads to mis-understanding of scripture and an accidental dismissal of Jesus’ death

-Contradicts, but does not lose salvation

HAND OUT CARDS FOR QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS FOR ANOTHER SESSION ON EVIDENCES

II. Is Bible scientific?

-Teach or confirm science?

III. Definitions

-Types of evolution

-macro

-micro

-mutations

-loss of genetic code

-Nat. Selec

IV. Monkey Wrenches

-Common ancestor/functionality

-DNA similarity

-Fossil of Lucy

II. Bible scientific?

The Bible is completely flawless in all it's claims (quote: completely flawless in all that it claims to be flawless in)