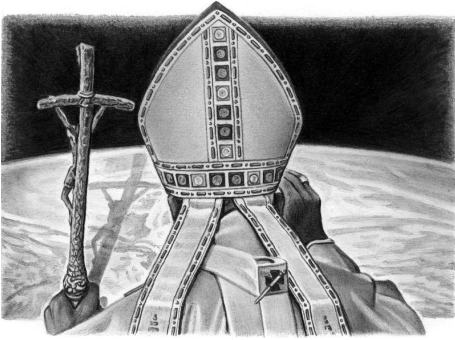


Can the Pope Save the World?



Drawings from the CD Higher Clips.

This task is too huge for a single person. It would rather require a number of colossal divine interventions. But does religion really ensure we reach the ultimate goal: **The brotherhood of all and eternal friendship?** A number of *essential facts* from a body of scientific findings will provide the answer. Intrigued? Start reading, it will be worth your while!

Do You Produce Dollar Bills, When Burning Paper?

Hardly! Yet we are expected to believe in fanciful *suppositions* regarding the origins of life. These odd *conjectures* influence our view on the meaning of life, and dictate our treatment of each other and Planet Earth. One unsustainable theory goes like this (see Vance Ferrell's three-part book of reference, "Evolution Encyclopedia," Chapter 1, *The Origin of Matter*, Part 4, at evolutionfacts.com):

Without any assistance, *nothing* compressed itself into a tiny, tiny dot. This dot then stretched or blew itself up, **without** the use of energy. Thus, it is assumed, helium and hydrogen came into being – emptiness had filled itself with something! It is *presumed* that the natural elements came into existence through even more explosions. Without any gravitation, the compression would never have stopped. So nothing would have, forever more, been falling into itself. Without gravitation, the expansion would never have halted, either. Hence, all would only have been an eternal emptiness, and you would never have received this article.

The original bang – from the outset impossible in itself – would only have produced radiation, and that will not hand you a universe. Through creative activities, let it be noted, you make things, you do not destroy them. Thus, the Big Bang disqualifies itself. Still, we are here! Who, then, fashioned everything, without ruining anything?

Gases, like hydrogen and helium, never form chunks. In frictionless (= having no resistance) space, therefore,

matter would have gone on spreading *forever*. Nonetheless, it is held that matter – without the aid of a plan or a Creator – aggregated into the universe. According to evolutionary thinking, the laws of nature would have been obliged to invent themselves. Do you believe that?

Moreover, the universe is mathematically designed, most orderly, and fine-tuned. Without precise laws of nature from the outset, the planets would have raced about uncontrollably or crashed into each other! A "Big Bang" would, therefore, have rendered the exact orbits of the heavenly bodies *impossible*. An explosion brings about chaos, not order.

The Favoured Planet!

From the fascinating DVD, *The Privileged Planet* (copies may be ordered from illustramedia.com, or the entire film be watched on YouTube) we learn, among other things, circa 20 prerequisites for life in space. Here are some of them: The planet in question must be localised within the Habitable Zone (if the Earth were closer to the Sun by 5%, it would be as hot as Venus; 20% further away and it would be as cold as Mars). It must circle the right type of star; be protected by gaseous giants; travel in a nigh on circular orbit around its sun; possess an atmosphere rich in oxygen; have the right mass; itself be circulated by a moon; be fitted with a magnetic field. Also required are flexible parts in its crust, streaming water, a correct correlation between oceans and continents, and a suitably quick planetary rotation. All conditions must be fulfilled simultaneously. For this to have happened spontaneously is mathematically impossible. In addition, small errors in the laws of physics – which are uniform throughout the cosmos – would prevent life. Just like conjuring forth an automobile by tossing an ignited stick of dynamite into a Volvo factory is unfeasible, chance cannot create a universe and life! Who, then, was the originator of it all? What do *you* think?

How Did the First One-Celled Creature Arise?

"For many years the medieval idea of spontaneous generation was the accepted explanation. According to Webster, spontaneous generation is 'the generation of living matter from non-living matter ... [it is taken] from the belief, now abandoned, that organisms found in putrid organic matter arouse spontaneously from it.'

Simply stated, this means that under the proper conditions of temperature,

time, place, etc., decaying matter simply turns into organic life. This simplistic idea dominated scientific thinking until 1846, when Louis Pasteur completely shattered the theory by his experiments. He exposed the whole concept as utter foolishness. Under controlled laboratory conditions, in a semi-vacuum, no organic life ever emerged from decaying, nonliving matter. Reluctantly it was abandoned as a valid scientific issue." – Joe Crews, *How Evolution Flunked the Science Test*, pg. 3 (can be read as well as downloaded free at amazingfacts.org/medialibrary).

Can Evolution Still Do the Impossible?

"Dr. George Wald, Nobel Prize winner of Harvard University, states it as cryptically and honestly as an evolutionist can:

'One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. Yet here we are – as a result, I believe, of spontaneous generation.' – *Scientific American*, August, 1954.

That statement by Dr. Wald demonstrates a much greater faith than a religious creationist can muster. Notice that the great evolutionary scientist says it could not have happened. It was impossible. Yet he believes it did happen. What can we say to that kind of faith? At least the creationist believes that God was *able* to speak life into existence. His is not a blind faith in something that he concedes to be impossible." – Crews, pgs. 4-5.

What about Chance?

"The chance for a proper combination of molecules into amino acids, and then into proteins with the properties of life is entirely unrealistic. *American Scientist* magazine made this admission in January of 1955: 'From the probability standpoint, the ordering of the present environment into a single amino acid molecule would be utterly improbable in all the time and space available for the origin of terrestrial life.'

A Swiss mathematician, Charles Eugene Guye, actually computes the odds against such an occurrence at only one chance in 10(160). That means 10 multiplied by itself 160 times, a number too large even to articulate. Another scientist expressed it this way:

'The amount of matter to be shaken together to produce a single molecule of protein would be millions of times greater than that in the whole universe. For it to occur on earth alone would require many,

almost endless, billions of years.’ – *The Evidence of God in an Expanding Universe*, pg. 23.” – Crews, pgs. 7-8.

Far From a Working Cell

Then investigative journalist Lee Strobel casts light on the human cell on the DVD *The Case for a Creator* (published by illustramedia.com and available on YouTube): Irrespective of the number of molecules originating in a primitive atmosphere, you are still far, far from achieving a living cell. Take a sterilised test tube and add the correct mixture of salts at the right temperature. Add a living cell that has everything it needs for survival. Prick the cell with a sterilised needle. The contents of the cell will leak into the test tube. All molecules necessary for life are now in the test tube. It is still impossible to create a living cell out of them. You cannot put Humpty Dumpty together again. A few amino acids in an ocean do not produce living cells, either. Non-living components cannot have arranged themselves into the first, living cell. Materialistic explanations as to the origins of life are burdened with serious errors.

Did You Programme Yourself?

In olden days, they believed the human cell was very simple. In it, there are molecular machines. A typical cell is the tenth of a pinhead in size. There are three milliard units of DNA inside the cell! Thanks to DNA, we have molecular machines which make the cell work.

The human body consists of billions of complex cells. These are put together in an advanced “factory” and need to fit with each other and perform their special assignments. DNA is the most effective system of information handling in the universe. Herein we find the language of life, its code. The DNA molecule contains a four-digit code, that is, it functions like the software in a computer, but is much more complex. This code is required for the working of the cell and of molecular machines. The information is stored in the form of four different chemicals, described by science with the letters A, T, C and G. Series of these bits of information constitute the code of complex molecules, which in turn contribute to the advent of complex things like eyes and legs, wings and hearts. This code is the most densely packed information in the universe.

DNA has built-in mechanisms protecting it against erroneous coding. Exact

copies are to be made. This excludes the transition, or evolution, to other species, with their DNA.

From where originated the information in the DNA? The ability of ink to fasten onto paper does not explain how the contents in today’s paper came about. There is a chemical reason for ink fastening onto paper, but it does not explain how the ink was arranged in such a way that meaningful information can be read in the paper. The information supersedes the instrument conveying it.

There is only one known source of information, namely intelligence. The information in DNA thus demands an intelligent source.

(Now read Steve Parker’s *The Human Body Book, 2nd Edition*, with its accompanying DVD, put out by Dorling Kindersley Limited in 2007 and 2013.)

Must Not All Things Be in Place?

Every evolutionary change must mean some kind of advantage. Natural selection would pass by incomplete advantages – these have no value. The selection is made only among existing things; it is unable to produce them. Thus, evolution is restricted to changes within a species; it does not bring about huge changes: Transitions between species.

Cartoonist Jim Pinkoski’s book *A Creationist’s View of Dinosaurs and the Theory of Evolution* should make us sit up and take notice: All parts of the eye have to be in place at one and the same time, for the eye to function. Simple forms of life, too, have complex eyes. These only work when all of the pieces are assembled. Pinkoski quotes none other than Darwin: “To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree” (*Origin of Species*, 1902 edition, Part One, pg. 250). Thus, the eye disproves Darwin’s tenet (pg. 12). When did all the one-eyed animals decide to evolve an extra eye? Where are, for instance, all the one-eyed dinosaurs (pg. 13)? The absence of intermediary forms weighs down the theory of evolution even more.

In addition: Ought not evolution to continue? Where are, for example, animals with an extra leg, or some other

novelty (pg. 14)?

The Moon, the Sun and Mutations

The Moon recedes by about 5 cm (2 inches) yearly from the Earth. Had the Moon (and the Earth) come into existence several milliard years ago, the Moon would have been too close to the Earth. The result? Well, all life would have been drenched two times a day by huge tidal waves! When man landed on the Moon, the layer of dust there was only 2.5 centimetres (1 inch) deep. Had the Moon been several milliard years old, the layer of dust on it would have measured several decimetres. The Sun consumes its mass and shrinks by about 1.5 metre an hour. Had the Sun and the Earth been in their current positions milliards of years ago, the Sun would have been even more of a giant, than today. The Sun would have burned up our home in the cosmos (Pinkoski, pg. 19). (Milliard = Billion in U.S. English.)

Almost all mutations are harmful, yet it is believed that they have contributed to the existence of men, shrubs and stones (pg. 20). Transitional forms between non-living matter, protozoa, etc. all the way to monkeys and humans are lacking. Sudden leaps in the chain of evolution would have meant that a reptile laid an egg, and a bird hatched from it (pg. 21).

What Is Evolutionary Suicide?

Answer: For a life form, while evolving, to decide to split itself into two sexes! Only an **idiot** of a life form would demand such a challenge, by turning itself into two genders, forcing the male and the female to find each other in precisely the right moment in their cycles of reproduction, to guarantee the continuation of its species (Pinkoski, pg. 15).

What Is More, Than Impossible?

“Various **protein molecules** can have **50, 100, 200, 300**, or even **400 linked amino acids** – and each amino acid is made up of a special arrangement of **4 or 5** chemical elements, and each chemical element is made up of a unique combination of neutrons, protons and electrons! ... The probability for forming **DNA** proteins is gigantic: **1 in 10^{167 625}!!!** ... Mathematicians usually consider any event with a probability of less than **1** chance in **10⁵⁰** as having a **zero probability!!!**” (Pinkoski, pgs. 16-17. His emphases). Thus, nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever could!

Did You Know This About Geological Layers?

"In Glacier National Park there is a "1 billion year old" block of "Precambrian" limestone on top of a "Cretaceous" shale formation which is supposedly only 100 million years old." (Pinkoski, pgs. 22-23.) It should be the other way around, according to the theory of evolution. Did a mistake happen? Then that mistake was strong, because the shale formation is more than 563 km long, 56.3 km wide and over 9.5 km thick! Enormous, unbelievably strong currents during a worldwide flood would have been able to stack different layers of sediment from various directions (containing the skeletons of sundry animals) on top of each other. Compare Genesis, chapters 6-8, at the very beginning of the Bible!

The Kalām Cosmological Argument

Whatever begins to exist has a cause;
The universe began to exist;
The universe has a cause.

"Sounds Reasonable..."

Vance Ferrell again (same source as on page 1): "Chaos can never change itself randomly into cosmos; disorganized matter can never transform itself by accident into the highly organized elements with their whirling atomic particles, or into stars circling one another with thorough precision and balanced orbits. And it can never change mud and seawater into plants and animals." Do you also see that? Why, then, are we not told these matters of course at school and in the media? Does someone not *want* us to know?

Life only comes from life. Since it could not have created itself out of nothing, life must have had an originator – a since eternity past self-existing, immortal Creator, who is superior to time, space, matter, life and death.

This is how He did it: "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. ... For he spake and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." Psalms 33:6, 9. God *spoke* matter forth. The first man, however, was a **handiwork**: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7.

In Psalms 14:1 it reads: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable

works, there is none that doeth good." If you feel foolish, watch *Creation: The Earth is a Witness*, on YouTube!

Who Preceded Whom?

The hen preceded the egg, for the egg could not have laid itself. Since the hen was unable to conjure forth herself, she – and the rooster! – had a Creator. Then the egg could be laid, and the chicken could peer out. Adam and Eve were created as *fully grown persons*, and were then able to have children.

John Rutter Got it Right!

Sometimes a song can be spot on:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

2. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

4. The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

British composer John Rutter's version of this gem is wonderful, especially the recording by Katherine Jenkins!

Creation Week in Short; Marriage

The Creator *spoke* forth matter and *ordered* it to assume the shape and nature He desired (Genesis 1-2:3). On day one the 24-hour day was introduced – light was separated from darkness (perhaps God then used some unknown source of light, since the Sun was ignited several days later?). Day two saw the atmosphere appear – the correct mixture between oxygen and nitrogen. Otherwise, a single spark would have made the planet catch fire and burn up, or nobody could have breathed and the birds would have had nothing to fly in. On day three were the

land, the sea and the vegetation spoken into existence. This ensured space for ocean and land animals plus man, as well as providing vegetarian food for the animals and ourselves. On day four God arranged the Sun and the Moon. They were to regulate seasons and to give light both night and day. On day five He ordered forth the ocean-living animals and the birds, on day six the land animals and man. All conditions for life were in place. Flora and fauna are inter-dependent and give off nutrients, etc. which benefit each other. This makes evolution impossible. In evolution, only the fittest survives, at the expense of the others. The seventh day was reserved for rest and communing with God, which we have largely forgotten.

From Genesis 2:18-25 it is evident that it was not good for Adam to be alone. That is why a woman, an equal partner, was created for him. She became his wife. For nature to work, there are still required a plus and a minus pole. Two identical poles only repel each other.

More on the first week: Long ages between the days of creation would have meant burning heat for the one side of the planet (following the creation of the Sun), while the other side would have been frozen in ice. Without a protective atmosphere, all water would have evaporated because of the Sun's intensive rays, had the Sun been put into operation on day one.

The length of the week and the name of the day of rest (the seventh day) in many languages, **Sabbath**, also prove the accuracy of creationism. From the beginning, the day of rest of creation week was to be kept holy during *one and the same weekly day*, every week. This we can learn from the fourth commandment in Exodus 20:8-11, which orders rest from work during the seventh day. Keeping holy a day of rest hundreds or maybe a thousand years long would not have been reasonable.

Adam (and Eve) experienced part of the sixth day of creation week and all of its seventh day. Had those days been thousands of years long, Adam's eventual age could not have been what it was. Due to his rebellion against the Creator, he died and was 930 years old at his death, and not thousands of years old before the fall (Genesis 5:5). Thus days, weeks, months and years were reckoned from the beginning. (We get the year from the

Earth's voyage around the Sun. The month is determined by the Moon circling our planet. The day is governed by the rotation of the Earth. No natural/cosmic explanation can be found for the length of the week, except for the seven days of creation week!)

"It was very good"

That was how the Master Designer graded the world He had just created (Genesis 1:31). First the Bible describes a happy world, without suffering and death. Then man decided to learn, what it means to be independent from God. He had been warned about the dire consequences. Equipped with free will, he was, however, allowed to choose his way. God does not desire forced obedience, and has not made us into robots (see Genesis 1-3).

Then almost the entire Bible describes God's strenuous efforts to persuade man to be rejoined to Him. What is more, He paid for man's rebellion through the sinless life and voluntary, sufficient sacrifice of the divine Christ (for historic proof concerning the Saviour, read *The Case for Christ*, by investigative reporter Lee Strobel. You will marvel at his astounding findings!).

Finally the Bible describes a world forever delivered from evil and death (Revelation 21-22). There the original, sound meaning of life will be carried through. We get one life, in which to decide whether we shall be freed from the spirit of insubordination for ever (Hebrews 9:27-28; II Corinthians 5:10). The theory of evolution only offers strife and ruin, without any meaning of life. God fills the vacuum with His goodness and hope for the future!

Caring and Assistance

A Christian will know the solidarity of the Lord, to use a word normally lacking real meaning among humans. Here is a handful of examples of His many efforts to secure our eternal good:

He lovingly watches over everything that has to do with mankind and other living things on the Earth (the entire Bible).

He is the source and sustainer of life (Acts 17:28).

He set down eternity in men's hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11, Swedish Bible).

He is righteous and affectionate (Exodus 33:19; John 3:16-17).

He informs man of his origin and His noble, unselfish motive behind creation

(Acts 17:22-31).

He gives us the handbook for happiness (God's Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 19:16-26; James 2:10-26).

He instructs about the misery prevalent on the Earth and the reasons why (Romans 5:12-21).

He tells us of His desire to reinstate us to our original condition, without any defiance to His laws (Matthew 3:1-12; chapters 5-7).

He explains His plans for achieving this (II Corinthians 5).

He details our voluntary and yet necessary cooperation (James 4:5-10).

He reveals the future (Isaiah 46:10; the Messiah predicted in Isaiah 53 and Daniel 9:24-27; four great powers prophesied in Daniel 2; 7:1-7; etcetera).

He promises He will live with man forever (Revelation 21:1-7).

A Meaningful Existence

Life, therefore, is no hopelessness in the middle of the wrongly perceived emptiness of eternity! This is made clear by that masterpiece called *The Great Controversy*. This book comes to you free of charge and concerns itself with world history from the dawn of Christianity to the restoration of paradise. A literary pearl, it sketches fascinating character portraits; analyses evil and suffering; deals with the rebellion against the sound world order in heaven and on the Earth; man's condition in death, spiritism; the judgment and its execution; the crafty Devil; the gift of salvation; religious dictatorship, fanaticism and tyranny; the struggle for enlightenment and religious liberty; God's commandments being falsified; the Protestant Reformation; the French Revolution; biblical prophecies, including the one about the USA; the Anti-Christ; the powers supporting the Anti-Christ; the play and counter-play behind the scenes leading soon to a final war between good and evil, besides much else. *The Great Controversy* clearly shows that God only wants to bless us, and controls world events, including the drama unfolding before the soon return of Christ! You can get your own gratis copy from Steps to Life at the address to the right, if you are a U.S. citizen. For United Kingdom residents, free Bible courses are available here: truthfortodaybiblecourse.org.uk/index.html and *The Great Controversy* here: adventbooks.org. No obligation or cost!



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The universe, then, was **created** with goodwill in mind, and shall not be destroyed. Suffering will forever be a thing of the past (Nahum 1:9). This *essential information* guarantees a harmonious eternity for all **voluntary** believers!

These will have realised the following: All have sinned and the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Sin is the transgression of God's Ten Commandments (I John 3:4). God's **gift** is annulling the penalty for sins and providing life eternal through the sinless Christ Jesus, Who took on Himself our transgressions by His death on the cross (Romans 6:23; John 3:16). Belief in the gift of God involves obedience to the commandments, in the power of the Spirit (Romans 3:31; 8:1-4). This way, God makes a person holy and performs through him or her good works (Hebrews 12:14; Ephesians 2:10), ensuring the brotherhood of all and eternal friendship!