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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8

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Is Creation Science?

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In preceding issues of CSA News we have discussed several of the "Great Proofs of Evolution." The following articles are available at www.csama.org, under "CSA NEWS (Newsletter):"

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Our book, Real Scientists Just Say NO! (pg 3) discusses nine "Great Proofs of Evolution" in the chapter "Origin of Kinds."

There is one we haven't discussed in print, but we could drag this on ad nauseum. With an audience, before now, someone has usually said, "You're just being negative, why don't you present positive proof of creation?" I give two answers to that question:

1. The scientific method, like most proof methods **is, by its nature "negative."** **The way you prove a proposition true is by trying to prove it false.** Failure to prove it false is the key reason you accept it as true. It is the business of science to try to prove propositions false. Evolutionists always try to prove their proposition true using persuasion, then insist anyone who fails to agree is ignorant, crazy, dangerous, or some combination.

2. I will be happy to "**prove creation true**" using all six of the accepted methods of proof that men commonly use, but evolutionists will generally still not believe. Why? If they believe evolution, they have already demonstrated that "proof" is not what they want, because evolution has been demonstrated by no accepted proof method, and has been falsified by all of them.

But, **"Everyone knows you cannot prove Creation, it is believed on faith, even creationists say that."** Read carefully. I fully agree that virtually everyone, creationist and evolutionist says that creation is faith. I go them one further, even the Bible teaches that creation is believed by faith (Hebr 11:3) But that is not the whole truth. Most people labor under the delusion that science is **not** believed by faith. If you don't understand this, you must read Real Scientists, or the "What is Science" article listed above. I can only take the time here to remind you that any scientific proposition (theory, hypothesis, law, etc.) can never be proven true, it can only be tested to the extent that your conviction (Greek, *pistis*: conviction, faith) is raised enough that you choose to believe the proposition. **Newton never claimed his "Laws" were true or proven! He claimed they had been "rendered general by induction."** Karl Popper, the greatest philosopher of science in the last century, put it this way, **"Science seeks true theories, but can never be certain which theories are true."** If science cannot be certain which theories

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are true, it necessarily follows that belief in any theory is by faith.

Usually an evolutionist will scream, "I suppose you believe the Law of Gravity is faith?" If I have time, I demonstrate that he doesn't know what the Law of Gravity is. It is not "Rocks go down," but a theory about why they go down, the source of the force, how great it is, and over how great a distance it acts. Einstein believed rocks go down, but he thought gravity was superstition. He proposed another theory of why rocks go down. People pretend to believe both Einstein and Newton, which is impossible. I suspect both are wrong. But I also believe rocks will continue to go down regardless of the currently popular theory about why and how. My belief that rocks will continue to go down is still based on faith, at least in the uniformity of the present created universe. I think it is a **reasonable faith**, which we call "science." A silly faith if extended too far, e.g., I have no way of knowing how rocks will behave after the return of Christ.

If you believe Newton's theory about why rocks go down, you have a different kind of faith than I do, and I strongly suspect you will be disappointed. Why? It is easy to use the scientific method to "prove" rocks go down when released. To falsify the theory, all you must do is find one that does not go down (with no other forces involved). Failure to find one, and millions that do go down, tends to increase your conviction, *pistis*, faith, that rocks go down. However, testing the notion that it is an attractive force acting over infinite distance, rather than competing theories, is a bit more sticky. Think about it.

The key here is "belief in scientific theories is faith," but can be a reasonable faith, which is what I will show is true of creation.

As you consider "theories" it is also important that you not allow yourself to be deceived by the widespread false claim that "science produced our high technology society." Technology has nearly always preceded theoretical science. While it uses some theories, technology is different from scientific theories. Technology only needs to know that rocks go down, it does not need to know why. Theories **can** be useful to technology, but only if extensively verified by testing. Even then, they need not be true, only reasonable approximations. For example, I believe Newton's theory of Gravity is false, but his estimate of the force involved is fairly close, so we can shoot cannons and space vehicles with reasonable consistency. Some people believe they are using Newton's theory of Gravity when they do this. They are not. They are using only the part that was close to right. The theory itself is probably false. Technology does not depend on the truth of theories, it depends only on the mechanism working, which often happens in spite of the theories of the day, not because of them.

Again, please read [Real Scientists Just Say NO!](#) or at least the article listed above [What is Science?](#) Remember, there is 10 times the information in the book on this topic.

Creation is Science, Therefore, it is Also Faith

The Bible teaches the same thing as Popper. Romans 1:20 says that every man knows that creation is knowledge based on the evidence found in nature (science). But Hebrews 11:3 says belief in creation is faith. In Romans 1:18-25 he makes clear that the evidence for creation is so great that all men are accountable for acting on that knowledge. Like the best scientific theories, though they cannot prove it, they can still be certain of the truth of creation and be accountable for it. Am I saying belief in the Bible is the same as science? Only somewhat, because, unlike evolution, for creation, we have **revelation** which is beyond the scope of this article.

A Challenge to the Evolutionary Community:

- All the major propositions of Biblical Creation can be stated as testable scientific propositions and "rendered general" like the laws of motion. (Newton refused to use the word "hypothesis," asserting it played no role in science).
- Every major Creation proposition has already been tested and verified, and most men already know it.
- Not only the "scientific method," every method of proof in the above book and articles certifies Biblical Creation.
- No other origins narrative can make this claim stick; not Islam, not Hinduism, not Buddhism, certainly not evolution (atheistic or theistic).
- Evolution **can** also be stated as testable scientific propositions. When you do so, all of them have already been proven false (which may explain why it is never stated that way).

My challenge: When I show that *Science* "**Renders Creation General!**" Will you change, or will you "[continue to] rage" (Acts 4:25, Ps 2:1)?

Biblical Creation as Testable Scientific Propositions

The Bible teaches creation in many different places, but the most sweeping summary was inscribed in stone by the finger of God in Exodus 20:11, "*For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them...*" Here God claims to have created virtually all the interesting things in the universe in only six days. Genesis 1:1-3, and Leviticus add more detail regarding the creation of basic kinds (Hebrew, *min*) of life.

Together the Bible clearly claims that God:

1. **Created Matter**
2. **Created Life**
3. **Created Basic Kinds of life**
4. **Especially Created man** (See Genesis 1:1-3. Also note that man's sin resulted in the "bondage to decay" being applied to the entire creation, Jesus came only to earth, will return only to earth and will bring a new earth.
5. **Cursed** - Genesis 3 and Romans 8:20-22 describe "the curse" or "**bondage to decay**" placed on the entire creation as a result of man's sin.
6. **Is eternal, transcendent spirit.** All this was done by Yahweh (YHWH, perhaps Jehovah, depending on how one attempts to fill in the vowels). Yahweh (**God**) is a **spirit** (**John 4:24**) who is transcendent to man and the rest of "nature," physically, spiritually and mentally (Isaiah 55:9).

There are other Biblical origins propositions which would be very interesting, but, in this essay, we will stick with these.

To wet your appetite, we will start with matter and life, the two most complex things with which we must routinely deal. As discussed above, one can state creation is such a way that it cannot be tested by science, and evolution is always stated in a way that

it cannot be tested. If we say "Six thousand years ago, God created matter and life," we cannot test it. But, neither can we test the theory that billions of years ago nothing sired matter and later matter sired life. We learned long ago in science that it is often difficult to test the theory you want to test. Real scientific training should include teaching strategies of restating propositions so they can be tested.

One Biblical Creation Proposition

So let's state Biblical Creation as propositions we can "render general" by induction (a la Newton). We know that both matter and life are such complex systems that man, who creates countless complex systems, cannot create them. We also know that, of the complex systems whose origins we have observed, all of them were created. Consider then the proposition I call "**The First Law of Complex Systems:**"

"All Complex Systems owe their existence to acts of creation involving plan and work by one or more intelligent living beings."

This proposition meets every criterion imposed by philosophers from Bacon to Popper. It is testable, repeatable, and falsifiable. We have observed the origin of billions of complex systems, from pocket comb to space station. Every one of them required acts of creation. Not one of them ever happened by random processes. Tens of thousands of experiments have tried to falsify it by trying to create by random processes. Every human who ever lived can testify that there is not one observed exception to this law. But what does it tell us about matter and life?

Well, we know from the 1st Law of Thermodynamics and the Law of Biogenesis and the entire human experience, that matter and life do not self create. And we know that matter and life are even more complex than things whose origins we have observed (pocket combs and space ships). We also know that the more complex systems whose origins we have observed, required more intelligence, design and creative acts than simple ones. Therefore, it necessarily follows that matter and life were also created. Exactly as Newton did, we have stated creation as a testable scientific proposition and rendered it general by induction, then, as did Newton, deduced further conclusions. QED.

Some will argue, "You are talking about God. The National Academy of Science, and others say scientific theories must offer natural explanations." We will deal with this and another objection next time, but, to get you thinking, I will hint now that, all science proceeds from at least one unprovable axiom, even plane geometry. Since, if our theory is true, God is the only thing that is eternal. **God therefore is the only thing in the universe that is natural. Everything else is created, therefore, not natural, but artificial! God, then, is the only natural explanation!** (More next time)

Furthermore, the law was formulated without mention of God. One benefit of Scientific Laws is that *they are useful in making predictions beyond the framework in which they were certified.* It is not a weakness, but a strength of the **1st Law of Complex Systems** that it "predicts" that life and matter were also created. That is good science!

Evolutionists usually don't know what to do with this, but sometimes say, "That's just the argument from design, that's been refuted." Balderdash! The Lord willing, we'll deal with this and more next time.

This was a just a brief introduction. Chew on it.

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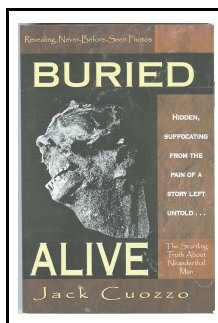
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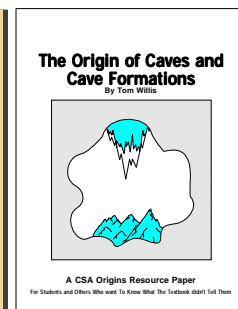
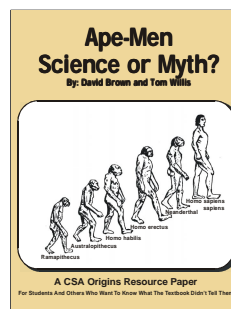


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