

Death and the Bible

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Introduction

Death is an exceedingly hostile reality for every living organism. But is death just a part of life - or is it **an imposed evil**? If death is simply a natural part of life, then it is an impersonal, random event with no hostile intent. It is just there. The fact it is hostile to an individual is just chance effect. On the other hand, if death is **an imposed evil**, then it is **a created thing** with reasons for its existence! There are two competing systems on the study of, **and belief** about, death - Naturalism and Theism. In this work, I am narrowing Theism to the six day Creation Account of the Bible.

Interestingly, Humanism is left out of this debate. It contributes nothing to either camp. It is outside the hard sciences of atheistic Evolution (Naturalism) and it is clearly outside a six day Biblical Creationism.

Before addressing the Biblical account on death, I have decided to present Naturalism's position first. You may think (at first blush) my five points against the theory of evolution have nothing to do with the subject of death. After all, what does a discussion about matter being eternal ... or spontaneous generation ... or a hostile-to-life environment ... or metamorphosis ... or the Bombardier Beetle - have to do with death? Well, ... if one begins to doubt the veracity of the evolutionary theory, then it's possible, that same one might also reconsider the accuracy of its base assumption - **that death has always been life's constant companion!** Evolutionary theory's assumed constant is that death has been here since the first living material arose. No one even questions if such a huge assumption is correct or not. Yet, the theory itself is fraught with many glaring, fundamental problems. By exposing these up front, my hope is that readers will consider the Biblical alternative position on death (and the Creation Account itself) more carefully - more open-mindedly. Isn't it interesting I have found it necessary to use this tact - when Naturalists (and Humanists) characterize Biblical Theists as the ones who are ... close-minded?

Following that discussion, we will then turn our attention to the Biblical record. Most assertions on this subject are extremely simple - in stark black and white words. The Bible addresses death's origin, its reason for being, its Handler, and its fate.

The Two Competing Systems

Biblical Creationism and all evolutionary systems (including theistic ones like the Age-Day theory) are at great odds on the subject of death. In fact, on this subject, the two systems could not be more diametrically opposed. The separation is dramatic and non negotiable. For starters, the Bible declares death was **imposed** upon man. It is **unnatural**. But Evolutionists assert death has **always been present** in this system. It is **natural**. Indeed, death is **a bedrock necessity** for Evolution. Evolution, in all its sects (including theistic compromises), is built upon death. Let me take a moment to explain that assertion.

While Evolution is built upon several pillars of faith, one of the most fundamental is the teaching of profitable mutations causing incremental change. These favorable mutations give rise to more ecologically fit organisms. **Then they must do the same.** We do not actually see this in nature, but that is the belief. This process has been repeated (saith the faith) billions and billions - zillions upon zillions - of times. This process **requires** death. Parent organisms **must die**. What

would happen if nothing ever died? Without mortality, the planet would long ago have been inundated with living creatures - the bulk of them being the lesser developed species. For Evolutionists, ***death is cardinal to the system***. It had to be present from the beginning. Without death, Evolution folds up on itself. Without death, all teachers of it - and all adherents to it - must pack up and go home. Without death, Evolution dies. What a system! But, as we will soon see, it gets worse.

Biblical Creationism is at the opposite end of the spectrum. Death is an invader to this creation - with a limited "life span." It is alien. Death is not to be accepted and embraced. While its reality is acknowledged, it is ***rejected*** as the ultimate ruler.

As you are beginning to see, the subject of death forms a very sharp dividing line between Biblical Creationism and all evolutionary theories. But some, like many of my seminary professors, have a foot in both camps. They have taken an oily eraser to this extremely bright line (death) and smudged that line. You will soon see the extreme error of such a hybridism. One of my goals is to *reestablish* this bright line. I compare this effort to an incident I had in my teen years. When I was 17, my foot was crushed in a hydraulic lift on the back of a tractor. The blood supply was severed to most of my big toe. Dried gangrene ensued to the flesh which had lost its blood supply. Over the next few weeks, the doctors had to wait for a clear "line of demarcation" before the dead flesh could be cut away. When you finish this Ebook, you will either be part of the dead flesh of evolutionary belief, or else you will be found with life-giving blood flowing to you. You will not be able to straddle that line. Boy ... what a bold assertion.

But ... Let's First Take One Step Back

Before discussing death in greater detail, it may be beneficial to discuss some basic elements of Evolution. I will wave five red flags about the Evolutionist's belief system. Then, I will discuss Creationism. I will spend some time on the Creation account, followed by a broader view on the entire Bible's positions on death. The Bible's teaching *on life* necessarily enters this material. I will then share some personal reflections on this material, and then conclude.

Red Flags a Wavin'

While I believe all longevity models, and their accompanying evolutionary theories, have many glaring problems, here are five massive ones. There are more.

1. Matter is Eternal

Everything we see, know, or experience has a genesis of some kind. There is a previous state *to every thing we observe*. Everything comes from something. But in the search for origins, Evolutionists do a curious process reversal when they get back to the "beginning." "*Matter,*" saith the Evolutionist, "***did not come from anything. It has no origins. It is eternal.***" So, for the Evolutionist, technically, there is no beginning. Everything else comes from something - except matter. This is ***the lone exception*** to their otherwise universally held *belief* that everything we see, or know of, had a precursor. Evolutionists halt their quest for origins **at matter** - maybe some incredibly dense blot at the center of a Big Bang. This, my friend, is a statement of faith.

Biblical Creationists believe there was a time matter **did not exist**. It is ***not*** eternal. God spoke it into existence. He made matter out of nothing. "*I, the Lord, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself, and spreading out the earth all alone ...*" (Isa 44:24). "All things" include ***matter***. Original matter, in whatever form it first appeared, was created **by One**

who had no beginning. **God** is eternal - not matter. “*By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared (formed) by the word (rhema) of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible*” (Heb 11:3). “*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth*” (Gen 1:1). The faith of the Biblical Creationist simply takes one step past where the faith of the Evolutionist halts. The Creationist’s faith is based upon Bible assertions while the Evolutionist’s faith rests on a **necessary violation** of a basic tenet of their naturalistic system.

So, the choice is between matter being eternal, or God being eternal. Neither choice yields to logic. For anything (or Anyone) to eternally **just be there** - is truly incomprehensible. Whether matter, or God, for something, or Someone, **to have no beginning - to just be there** - well, that is terrifying. What if there are other things “**just there**” we haven’t been exposed to yet? Like a billion decibel sound or something? But I must admit, to adhere to a faith espousing **inorganic material** as eternal is not as terrifying as is the faith of the Biblical Creationist. That faith espouses a **living, moral Being** who knows everything (Isa 40:13,14,28), sees everything (Pr 15:3), and is a God “*who cannot lie*”(Tit 1:2). “*Before Me, there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me I am God. Even from eternity, I am He I am the first and the last, and there is no God besides Me Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none*” (Isa 43:10b,12b, 13a, and Isa 44:8b. I must say, that last phrase, “*I know of none*” is haunting). To maintain, as the Bible does, that an intelligent “Being” created all this - and **He** is the eternal one - well, this is unfathomable. But to simply accept that matter is eternal - well, that too is unfathomable. Something, or Someone, absent of origin, is incomprehensible. But at least the faith of the Biblical Creationist remains consistent with their system of faith. But the Evolutionist must abandon their entire process system to adhere to their faith on origins. “*Matter,*” saith the Evolutionist, “*has no origin - even though everything else does.*”

2. Spontaneous Generation

Before considering the rise of organic life from inorganic elements, it seems reasonable to take a moment to discuss the existence of **the inorganic environment** that has presented the possibility of such an event. Most Evolutionists I have been around completely skip speaking of this mandatory, intermediate, and critical step to life on this globe. The reality of this planet’s position and its chemical constitution is absolutely astounding. While there is some tolerance for life to exist in varied chemical and environmental conditions, the windows are extremely narrow when placed upon a continuum showing the extremes. For example, the earth’s distance *from the right kind of sun* is absolutely critical. And if the earth had *just a bit* of an elliptical orbit, even though it possessed all the correct elements for life to spontaneously arise, there would still be no life. At one point of the ellipse, the water planet would be **the boiling-water** planet. Then, a little later in the year, the water planet would be **the block-of-ice** planet. And this favorable orbit needed to be in place for what - the last billion years or so? Then let’s consider our atmosphere. It’s density, composition, and temperature nurtures life - while many of our neighboring planets are surrounded by a toxic brew. Our skies even protect us from a life-giving sun that also produces lethal radiation. When considering this planet’s mass and the gravitational pull, these had to be within tolerable limits for life to be possible (Did you know if Saturn was set on a huge lake of water it would float like a cork? In the same lake, the earth would sink like the rock it is.). Now, when you get to the surface of the earth, other physical requisites come into play for life to be possible. For example, while it is clear that some creatures can exist in salt water, once the salt reaches a certain level, life, as we know it, ceases. Witness, the Dead Sea. Also, creatures can

exist in varying pressure ranges, but once those get too high or too low, life, as we know it, ceases. The physical requisite for an environment to be capable of birthing life is astonishing. But that is only part of the inorganic story. All the correct **elements** had to be here, too. If the wrong elements were here (like only metals), even the most ideal environment would still be an inorganic world. The proper elements, and resultant compounds, had to “just be here” **along with** the proper cosmic environment if life was going to be able to spontaneously arise. The point? This entire planet is an exceedingly delicate and special place from a physical standpoint. It is the rarest of jewels. To believe this physical environment “just happened” takes a great faith. Nothing in the observable universe supports such a faith. Indeed, that belief requires a greater amount of faith than the Biblical Creationist needs for attributing this environment to the activity of God. That is much easier to believe. ***And this is before the mystery of inorganic elements giving birth to organic life forms is even considered!*** And if you believe this environment to be “common,” then find me another one. Just one. I realize you are searching for the tiniest of needles in a huge haystack, as there are billions of stars, but the fact you are searching for a needle is proof in itself the earth is not “common.”

I believe ***scientifically sound*** environmentalists are rightly alarmed about the damage we exact upon our planet. We do not understand its tolerance levels, and at what point any given component might be pushed too far causing systems wide trouble. But most environmentalists do not understand this entire system is currently under a degenerative curse. The One who created this earth, has also subjected it (for a season and for some very specific reasons) to many destructive forces. Some of these destructive forces are now “naturally” in the system (to be discussed later in detail) while others are left to the “creative” degeneracy of man. Before I became a Christian, man’s abuse of our planet weighed very heavily on me. I had decided to read the Bible, and in my journey, I came across a couple of passages that deeply affected me. I wasn’t a Christian yet, but God used these passages to make me want to read more. *“And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged and for the rewarding of Thy bond-servants, the prophets and the saints and those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth”* (Rev 11:18). When I read this passage, I thought, *“If He created this place, doesn’t it make sense He would be angry with those who willfully destroy it?”* *“Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord”* (Ro 12:19). I then thought, *“Son, you do not need to worry about this anymore. God Himself will deal with those who destroy His creation.”* A tremendous burden was lifted from my shoulders at that moment. On the heels of that insight, I read God’s command to Moses about stone altars. *“And if you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane (pollute) it”* (Ex 20:25). The stones were just fine the way He made them. While I favor ethical and purposeful experimentation, investigation, and invention, it must be conceded that our hands pollute much of what we touch. It is one thing **for God** to subject the Creation He made to corruption and futility, and even reserve it for fire (all to be discussed in due course), but it is quite another matter *for man to destroy it*. Man has not been given that right by the One who decides what rights man lawfully possesses. You know, from God’s perspective, the earth *may be* the center of the universe. The universe is His exterior decorating for us - an embellishment! Boy, I can hear the howling now. I know this planet revolves around the sun. I said, *“according to God’s perspective.”*

But even if we assume our inorganic environment did arise by accident, the Evolutionist is still faced with a Herculean task to explain. And here it is. How can nonliving elements give rise

to living organisms? How can (could) inorganics *give birth* to organics? But the question is even deeper than this. You see, *none* of the elements that make up our body are alive. Carbon is not alive. Iron is not alive. Calcium is not alive. Arsenic is not alive. Lead is not alive. None of the other 23 elements which compose us are alive. In fact, you can't even say they are dead. They are *inorganic*. Life is **absolutely absent** from each and every element in the known universe. So, how are organics alive anyway? The importance and gravity of these questions and observations cannot be overemphasized. No element *even hints* at possessing any of "the stuff" we call, "Life." If you put a bunch of nonliving materials together, how does that mix come alive? The most complex machines we create are still as dead as the doornail we pound into our door casings. And, unless I missed it somewhere, all our attempts to make life arise from any combination of nonliving elements, even in all kinds of carefully controlled and protected environments, have yielded nothing except various inorganic chemical soups. So, herein lies the real problem for the Evolutionist. They have always been, and are quite consistent in their assertion that life *does not spontaneously arise*. All living things came from *previous* life forms. They *consistently* profess this belief for each present day life form as they trace each one back **a billion years - until they come face to face with the first living "thing."** It is at this critical moment, **the moment of truth on the origin of life**, the Evolutionist makes another stunning reversal - and spontaneous generation is embraced! And this is the **lone exception** to an otherwise universal rule! Wow! "Life," saith the Evolutionist, "*spontaneously arose from nonliving matter - but only with that first living thing.*" Mother earth takes on a literal meaning. Inorganic earth gives birth. And these new births must also have a fully operational reproductive system - that does not return the favor. They birth organics - not inorganics! Evolutionists are indeed a people of the greatest of faiths - but a faith based on foundations with tremendous inconsistencies. Some might even call them hypocrisies. Is this abandonment of scientific principle a pattern at each crunch time?

To believe matter is eternal, and a Big Bang randomly created our inorganic ecosystem, and these inorganics spontaneously gave birth to living matter, and those organics were birthed with a fully operational reproductive system (that could also accommodate modest positive changes so evolution actually occurs) - well, no religion requires a faith this massive. With a faith this immense I think Evolutionists can believe anything they want to believe!

The faith of the Biblical Creationist is steadfastly consistent with itself. God is eternal, He made matter, and He created an inorganic system capable of sustaining life. He then somehow infused life into a collection of inorganic materials - even though the elements that make up the living organic mass are still inorganic in themselves. For the Creationist, God is behind matter, the universal ecosystem and is also solely responsible for the invention of life. At least to this point, Biblical Creationists are exhibiting a consistent faith.

3. A Hostile System of Degeneration

How does life form in a system that is so hostile to it? Even now, inorganic forces are constantly *attacking* the fragile life that exists on the supporting skin on this globe. Heat, cold, fire, floods - given enough time, some inorganic force will overcome each life-form - unless some life-form eats the other life-form first! So even some fragile life attacks other fragile life! But even the inorganics are under constant attack. Everything has "a life-span" - even stars - like our sun. Its life, like organic matter's life, peaks and is then snuffed out by degenerative forces. Degeneration is king. The universe is a tremendously harsh environment. But against all odds,

the Evolutionist believes life (though still without adequate origins explanation) arose. Life swims upstream against the propensity of the universe, and “wins” for an exceedingly short season before succumbing to lethal degenerative forces. The Evolutionist believes life somehow **came up** from this hostile-to-life base. This is another tremendous faith position as the propensity of the observable universe argues against such an occurrence. Even in our current, relatively benevolent-to-life environment on earth, we find no pockets of spontaneous generation as the environment is still very hostile to life. But at least, on this point, Evolutionists have not made some kind of reversal in their science or principle. Their problem is that everything in their sciences speaks against such a possibility. I will soon refer you to a book that looks into the statistical possibilities of even amino acids arising spontaneously - much less a fully functioning living cell - with a fully operational reproductive system!

On the other hand, Biblical Creationists believe life was created in a totally benevolent-to-life environment. Life was fully here, and formed, **before degeneracy - and death - entered the picture**. Death was imposed upon *a benevolent creation* (as well as a bunch of attendant curses), **and pulls life down**. The Creation Account will be examined in some detail shortly. As you can see, these are two completely different views about life on this planet. The two beliefs could not be more opposite. For the Creationist, life purposely (and purposefully) arose in a benevolent environment, but for the Evolutionist, life is a random, doomed, aberrant occurrence. And it somehow arose in the face of fantastically hostile odds.

Let’s now turn our attention to some of the life on our planet. I will wave two more red flags - but each of those flags has hundreds ... no, *thousands* ... no, *millions* of attendant red flags. In fact, the world may not have enough red cloth available to make all the needed flags.

4. Metamorphosis

Evolutionists, in all their varied factions and sects, still hold one common principle: evolutionary progression occurs (notice the present tense) by **incremental change** through profitable mutation. But that is only the first step for evolutionary success. It will be of no value if a profitable adaptation arises - just to die with the creature it evolved in. That mutant creature must not only survive into adulthood, but also reproduce. But, that is only the second step for successful evolutionary progress. I think the new mutated advantage must also be coded as a dominant gene. To assist in genetic success for this new adaptation, it would help if the mutation arose in a male and female of the same species at the same time. But the chances of that, and the two finding each other, and successfully reproducing, and having their “superior offspring” survive and reproduce, is probably a mathematical impossibility. So, I think we are left with one mutated donor with a dominant gene. But even dominant genes can be lost to future offspring if the parents pass on “wrong” combinations. Clearly, the evolutionary faith rests on **the best** of randomly occurring scenarios. But, for the sake of argument, and to get to my point in this section, let’s grant the viability of the “incremental change” faith. It is hard to give this ground because it makes me feel like I am surrendering to a blind faith. But, while I pretend this part of evolutionary dogma is true, let’s examine metamorphosis.

For this red flag I want to secure two very strong believers of the evolutionary family and set these brothers before two caterpillars in my garden. One brother is from the “Bush Theory” sect and the other from the “Straight Liners” sect. If any of you middle-of-the-roaders want to come join this observation party, well that’s okay. Just do not block the view of our extremists. I want to hear them comment on the phenomenon they are about to witness. But before

proceeding, I guess it would be appropriate to give a thumbnail sketch of the “Straight Line” sect and the “Bush Theory” sect under the evolutionary umbrella. This may be useful for the enlightenment of ignorant Creationists, as well as uninformed evolutionary laymen.

The “Straight Liners” believe that current species have cousins around them who are in the same family tree with a **relatively recent common ancestor**. For example, man and ape branched from a common ancestor fairly recently. Straight Liners are the ones you see hurriedly digging all over the globe in their quest to find this “missing link.” Unfortunately, in this faith driven fervor, some rabid believers have concocted elaborate hoaxes, but I guess that is a plague common to all metaphysical realms. All disciplines have well-intentioned zealots who stoop to lies and deceit in the attempt to legitimize their belief system. Because their convictions are so strong, and they believe their views are superior to competing ones, they justify their fraud by professing commitment to the common good. Unfortunately, their zeal has blinded them. You see, once their fraud is exposed, the very notions they so fervently forwarded, are horrendously damaged - even becoming laughingstock material. The remaining honest adherents must hang their heads in collective shame as they retreat into a defensive posture and damage control. The Piltown hoax, or Osborn’s Nebraska Man, did not help the Straight Liner sect.

“Bush Theory” adherents believe common ancestors of current species could have occurred at any point along the lifeline of the “related” creatures. So, rather than drawing evolutionary trees (the Straight Liners) the “Bushies” draw evolutionary bushes. For example, the common ancestor of man and ape may have occurred much earlier than the fabled “missing link” - maybe some tiny, early mammal. These little warm-blooded fur balls, the true common ancestor of man and ape, have long since vanished from the scene. Therefore, the Bushies are not looking for “missing links” between species, and even chuckle at their brother’s search for such creatures. Bushie extremists may even go all the way back to primordial pools of goo in their “search” for common ancestors between species. In fact, they may even go back to primordial pools in different locations on the earth, with each pool being responsible for independent evolutionary bushes separate from other bushes. In other words, current man and current ape may have arisen from separate pools of goo **and not even have a common ancestor!**

By the way, if the common ancestor of man and ape was some warm-blooded, little fur ball, all their carcasses were probably devoured by some precursor to the modern day vulture before they could fossilize. Or maybe some precursor to the modern maggot ate them all. So, how could our soft little fur balls have fossilized? Every dead thing I have ever seen is either eaten or else rots. What the scavenger misses, microorganisms devour. This is true of plants and animals alike. So, how were **any** fossils created? Today, and in all of modern human history, everything disintegrates. Fossilization of an organic requires a very special set of conditions. How could dinosaurs fossilize in tropics teeming with all kinds of ravenous scavengers, maggots and microorganisms that devour dead flesh? And where are the conditions **today** to fossilize our land, air, and sea creatures for the benefit of future ages to study? But let’s just forget about these red flags I’m waving. For now, I am throwing them at the feet of our Evolutionist friends. Evolutionists of all sects can pick them up and hide them somewhere out of sight. Let’s go back to my garden and observe our fat, green, voracious caterpillars.

As we examine my tomato plant in early June, two caterpillars are in view. They are slow moving, pudgy, little creatures. Their main defense is a very good camouflage and, although my tomato plants would not agree, they are harmless. Their awkwardness and vulnerability combine to make them rather cute. When plucked from the plant, they roll up into a little ball - as if that

could really help them. Once they rightly determine I'm not going to eat them, they unroll and start moving their multitudinous stubby little legs in a synchronized wave as they search for my tomato plant. If we leave them for a day or two, and come back - it is amazing how they have grown! They are obviously **very successful evolutionary creatures!** They have secured a very lucrative ecological niche for themselves on my tomato plants. They are acting, and reacting, in this environment extremely well! In fact, they are getting so fat, we fear they may explode! But then, one day in the height of the growing season, something very strange occurs. Our two fat caterpillars have disappeared! There is plenty more to eat - so where are they? Did some hungry bird have them for lunch? But then we spot some strange "casings" hanging close by. As it turns out, our caterpillars have entombed themselves! What is this about? Are they hiding, or creating some kind of shelter, or what? No answer is forthcoming. As the weeks pass, they never come back out, and there is no exit hole anyway. By now, these hungry little fellas have surely starved to death, or else fried to death in their coffins. As curious investigators, and as the summer wanes, we are compelled to confirm our suspicions, so we cut **one** of the little coffins open. To our sorrow, there is no green caterpillar inside. In fact, all we find is a nondescript jelly like substance - a glob of goo where our cute, fat, evolutionarily successful creature once was. Why did this little guy entomb himself and disintegrate? This is a great mystery. Scratching our heads, we all depart to our own homes. In the meantime ... the other coffin ... we have left alone.

A few weeks later, when passing the remaining tomb - well, I could have sworn I saw it move ever so slightly. But it was probably the wind. But what's this? It moves again, and this time it clearly is not the wind! There is something inside that tomb - and it is alive! "*Come back here my evolutionary friends, come back!*" And come you have! In awe, we sit down, glued to the unfolding scene. Something is desperately trying to get out! And if it doesn't get out soon, whatever is in there will surely expire! But how can something **already dead die** in a tomb? None of this is making any sense. Then it happens - the tomb splits - and a haggard, moist creature starts pulling itself out! After a tremendous struggle, the creature frees itself. It soon dries out into a marvelous creature! But it is **nothing** like our green caterpillar. So, where did it come from? And how did it get in our green caterpillar's tomb? Did some invader get *inside* our caterpillar, force our caterpillar to entomb itself, and then feed on it until it could break itself out of the tomb itself? Questions, questions, questions!

Well, after some time of discovery and analysis, we figure out what has happened - sort of. The caterpillar never did die. It did disintegrate in a manner of speaking, but not with any rotting in view. It changed - it metamorphosed! Here is a **partial** list of what went in that "tomb" and what came out.

- ▶ The caterpillar had a head and twelve body "rings." The butterfly has three distinct body parts.
- ▶ The caterpillar had six eye spots. The butterfly has a phenomenally complex compound eye, with as many as 20,000 eyes close together!
- ▶ The caterpillar had mandibles and chewed plants for food. Plants would have run away from them if they could. But the butterfly cannot chew anything. It sucks nectar and is even a friend to plants. Plants want **to attract** the butterfly, as the butterfly pollinates many of them. The digestive systems of caterpillar and butterfly are radically different.
- ▶ The caterpillar had all kinds of stubby little legs. The butterfly has six long delicate legs.
- ▶ Our caterpillar had a bald little head. The butterfly has two antennae, and it turns out

- these are very sensitive sensory preceptors - possibly even radar capable!
- ▶ The caterpillar grew very rapidly. The butterfly never grows.
 - ▶ The caterpillar regularly shed its skin. The exoskeleton of the butterfly never changes.
 - ▶ This is just the tip of the iceberg. The differences between these two creatures are enormous and systems wide.
 - ▶ Oh, yeah. One other little observation. The butterfly - can fly! It changed from a slow lumbering creature to a nimble aerial artist. An incremental development, right?

At this point, Evolutionists of all stripes (Straight Liners, Bushies, and all in between) collectively reach out their hands, grab this stunning creature and pull it back under the umbrella of Evolution. Wait a minute! Not quite so fast! This is an illegal use of the hands. I would not be a friend to the Evolutionary Community by allowing this infraction of their own rules to go unnoticed, unexposed, or unchallenged. What happened to the **fundamental teaching** of incremental change? It looks like this butterfly is flying into the face of this bedrock belief (pardon the pun). What is **incremental** about a creature completely transforming itself into an entirely different creature - in a matter of weeks?!? This makes no sense. Both the caterpillar and butterfly are successful creatures. Both act and react extremely well to the environment - though in completely different ecological niches. There is no way these are of the same stock - but they are! So, what could possibly possess the caterpillar to reinvent itself? As a caterpillar, it was doing just fine. All it had to do was learn how to lay eggs and hatch more little caterpillars. But the caterpillar “decided” on another route. Right in the height of the growing season, with an abounding food supply, our fat and happy caterpillar abandoned its lush niche, quit eating, and entombed itself. It’s as though it said, *“I’ve had enough of this life of Riley. I’m going to hide myself and turn into a flying marvel - and maybe even migrate - rather than living all of life on this one tomato plant!”* This whole deal is bazaar. What is going on here? There are all kinds of worms who are happy to be worms, live as worms, and die as worms. What could possibly motivate the caterpillar to leave its successful life and make a wholesale change? **And how could it do it anyway?** If a caterpillar looked up and decided it wanted to be able to fly like a bird - **so what?** Humans have had a great desire to fly, but the best we have been able to do is create machines to do it. Why haven’t we at least **started the process** of growing wings? Landings and takeoffs would be much safer and we wouldn’t have to worry about bombs being implanted in some artificially propelled contraption. We obviously **want to fly - we have even gone to the moon** - but none of us even have the hint of a nub of a wing. Maybe we aren’t as smart as a fat, green *caterpillar*. I hope rattlesnakes don’t learn from the lowly caterpillar. I hope they stay content wallowing in the dirt.

Quite seriously, metamorphosis is miraculous. It is not natural. You may want to say it is natural as it occurs “naturally” in species all over the globe. And that is indeed true. But you are actually witnessing a supernatural act. It is ridiculous for people to seek miracles, when God has placed them all around us. For example, one day, I was leaning against a short chain link fence in south Florida. Right by my hand was a cluster of little round grapes that were sweet as sugar. I then examined the source from whence came these little delights. How could these delicious grapes be on the end of a puny little stick with a scrawny little root system in dirt that was more sand than dirt? Natural? Yes. Miracle? Yes. Concerning metamorphosis, the Evolutionist is befuddled while the Creationist marvels. The Creationist lets these little miracles fly in his/her face and is amazed at the creative ability of God. Not only can this God mix up inorganic

materials and create life, but He can also take *the organic materials* of a vibrant creature, reorganize it, and cook up a butterfly. He is a chemist, biologist, geneticist and artist with stupefying ability. With such knowledge, power, ability, and imagination, the Creationist can only wonder what kind of life expressions will be found in the coming eternal state. On the other hand, our Evolutionist must jettison the foundational, incremental progression principle when attempting to deal with metamorphosis and begin a desperate grasp for straws. If you are an Evolutionist, you need to take a second look at your beliefs. You need to reexamine what your preachers and teachers have propagandized you with. I believe they have been hiding information from you. Have they ever talked about their massive reversals in fundamental principles like the ones I have shared with you? If so, what have they said? Have they admitted these reversals are **statements of faith** that also contradict their original **faith** positions? Do they even acknowledge they are asserting faith statements instead of empirical scientific positions anyway? Have they ever discussed with you statistics and probability studies in relation to Evolution? But, I do have one more red flag I must wave. I want to reference the Bombardier Beetle. Then I am going to challenge you to read a small book. If you are confident in the accuracy of Evolution, you will not fear the challenge.

5. The Bombardier Beetle - “But, wait! You can’t use that example!” Well, let’s see.

I wish I could say I figured out this Bombardier Beetle thing by myself. But, I didn’t. And my evolutionary teachers either hid this material from me, or did not know it themselves. But whatever the case, I was too dull to see the forthcoming material. The same is true of the metamorphosis material above. One small part of the book I will soon reference you to, deals with the Bombardier Beetle. I am very familiar with this little beetle, and when I read this material, I was astounded. I cannot do it justice here, but I will present **the main point**.

When I was a boy, I was infatuated with insects. I loved them, but I also had one of those malicious streaks - you know ... the magnifying glass thing. Looking back, I hope their pain capacity was limited and primitive. But there was one bug I avoided. My friends and I called them, “Stink Bugs.” I am pretty sure this was the Bombardier Beetle - a highly offensive little creature. After my first encounter with one, they were always given a wide berth - just like a skunk. Well, Duane T. Gish, Ph.D., filled me in on this little guy. Here is the long and short *on the stink* of my Stink Bug.

This defensive system is composed of *two* separate storage chambers with a different chemical in each one. When threatened, the beetle sends the chemical from each storage chamber into its respective combustion tube. An enzyme is then added to each chemical. These are two different enzymes and cannot be interchanged as they are specific to the chemical in each combustion tube. One enzyme causes an explosion in one tube while the other creates a terribly noxious smelling chemical in the other tube. A “mysterious inhibitor” is added to one of the chemicals which prevents oxidization of the other chemical when the two chemicals are mixed (I think I got that straight. Go get the book and see if I did!). Both tubes open at the same time and an exploding gas is jettisoned under great pressure - at a temperature of up to 212 degrees Fahrenheit! That is the boiling point of water! For this process to work, tremendously complex and perfectly timed muscular activity is required. This is phenomenal. The result? Repulsed is any predator ... including a boy with a magnifying glass! The point of this recital is to lead to this quote by Dr. Gish. Concerning this highly complicated and intricate defense mechanism, **“everything had to be complete and functioning before anything would be of any use.”** **Each**

part of this complex system is of **no use** until **every part of it is developed and working together** - with exact timing! Please read that statement again. No evolutionary principle can explain how such a system could be developed **by increments**. Intermediate beetles would have had to mutate, **and then retain, parts** of a system that gave them no advantage to any contemporaries. Something would have to be guiding the beetles in this progression - **when no advantage would be seen until the entire system came on line!** This defies Evolution.

Some pseudo-evolutionists have made the argument that the use of the Bombardier Beetle is a flawed example for refuting Evolution. They point to Dr. Gish's *side comment* that intermediate beetles might explode if the ingredients came together incorrectly. Those who make this contention have missed the point entirely. This is probably deliberate as I do not believe those who hold to Evolution are really that dull. The defense mechanism system of the Bombardier Beetle defies Evolution's bedrock assumption of incremental development. Darwin *himself* would make that case - and abandon his own speculations. You see, Darwin probably was a genuine naturalistic scientist, and with additional information would go where the facts led him. Before he died, he was already questioning some of his own speculations. He wondered why we didn't have intermediate species around us and he also knew that if we discovered anatomical systems that could not have developed incrementally - evolutionary theory would be forever debunked. Enter the Bombardier Beetle. That is all Darwin would have needed to see - and he would have let his theory crumble back to the dust from whence it came. But, had he decided to still cling to his "theory" in the face of bone crushing fact, he would have just removed himself from being a scientist to a fraud. He would know that honest anatomical studies on every species around us would expose systems that defy incremental development. In one species, a defense mechanism, in another species some component of the reproductive cycle, while in another species a radar capacity ... on and on infinitely. From what I have read of Darwin, I do not believe he would have chosen the path of denial of scientific fact. I believe he was an honest man. The exceedingly complex defense mechanism possessed by this inch long, insignificant little Stink Bug is but the top snowflake on the top of the tip of an iceberg. Honest biological facts make honest Evolutionists come to an inescapable conclusion - Evolution is dead. It is impossible physiologically and statistically. While some may still consider Evolution to be *metaphysically* viable, as far as being **scientifically** viable - well, the life that some have tried to breathe into Evolution has proven to be a waste of breath. We must now search for a different source for the breath that even Evolutionists possess. **They do breathe** - but the question still remains, "*From whence does the Evolutionist get his/her breath?*" Before moving to the Creationist's faith, let's summarize the demise of Evolution, and see how we arrived at the stark conclusion - "*Evolution is dead.*"

Evolution is Dead

At critical points, Evolutionists abandon principles they otherwise hold as universal constants. So, its demise is partly due to self inflicted wounds. But there is not just one arrow through the heart - there are many. Arrow one: Everything comes from something - except for matter itself. Arrow two: Spontaneous generation is rejected - except for the origin of life itself. Arrow three: It isn't enough that it spontaneously arose - but it had to have **a fully operational reproductive system!** Then, life, which is exceedingly complex and delicate, must successfully organize in a hostile system ruled by inorganics - which are in turn ruled by degenerative forces. Life has both of these thousand-pound guerillas pounding on it at all times. We are now at arrow

four at least. Then, incremental profitable adaptation is attacked by a butterfly! And adding insult to injury, the Bombardier Beetle comes along and sprays in the investigative Evolutionist's face. What an assault! Innumerable arrows are now flying from all directions. Yet many an Evolutionist still clings to his/her faith in the face of these faith-killing evidences. And it is clear Evolutionists adhere to **faith positions** - *not merely theories*. **Theories** are easily released when contrary factual material arises. But **faith positions** are not easily released. This is because the believer is **emotionally vested**. Faithfulness can be a strength, unless the cause is fatally flawed. That leads one into an errant, blind faith.

But there are other reasons Evolution is dead. For instance, statistics and probability sciences place the viability of evolutionary theory ... at zero. Whether the mathematical possibility of amino acids randomly lining up to create a functioning protein, or the development of beneficial DNA molecules occurring by chance - these probabilities calculate out at zero. So, why are the findings **in these disciplines** ignored by Evolutionists? But, lethal arrows keep on coming. For example, for this faith to be viable, **naturally occurring beneficial mutations should be in evidence in various species all around us**. But where are they? Mutations seem to be universally **detrimental** to the creature that develops them. Many times, the creature so afflicted is attacked by those of the norm and is ostracized, or killed - or both. Who knows, we may find homosexuality is a mutation that not only leads to a dead end of that creature's line, but also creates **a natural repulsion** by those in the norm of the species. Homophobia, or hate crimes toward homosexuals, or homicide, may be a **natural instinct** of the heterosexual human animal. For a fuller discussion on this point, get my Article, "*Evolution and Homosexuality*." So, concerning mutations, the question is, "*Where have all the good ones gone?*" (That sounds like a good song title.) Or maybe the real question is, "*Have there ever even been any good mutations?*" And, as alluded to earlier, if there are good mutations, how many become dominate genes, and are then successfully preserved? Furthermore, most young of all species never make it to the reproductive phase. They are subject to predators, disease, fatal juvenile errors, natural disasters - **the list goes on and on!** So, for this mutation thing to realistically work out, good mutations **must be everywhere** so some may make it into the reproductive cycle. Honestly ... an Evolutionist puts his/her faith in the best of all possible scenarios - when present day, objective observation does not support the faith! The arrows fly from all quarters! Evolution is not just wounded - it isn't even in the state of being mortally wounded. It is dead. The carcass is on the ground with arrows sticking out everywhere.

Well, here is that one little book I promised to refer you to. It is, "*The Amazing Story of Creation From Science and the Bible*," by Duane T. Gish, Ph.D., Copyright 1990. It is simply, yet skillfully, written. Of course, Dr. Gish is *just one* of an entire group of scientists to whom I will now refer you. They are part of the Institute for Creation Research, 10946 Woodside Ave North, Santee, CA 92071 (Phone: (619) 448-0900) or visit www.icr.org. Creation Scientists are involved in all areas of scientific inquiry. Unfortunately, their impressive, and growing, body of work has been excluded from the public schools in the United States. While those who exclude this body of work claim the principle of separating Church and State, it is probably more likely that those trafficking in a dead faith are terrified Creationists may have a live one. For those of you with scientifically wired minds, Creation scientists have a whole new world waiting for your intellect. They have extremely compelling theories on fossil creation, dinosaurs, geology and dating, mutations, etc., etc., etc. I have only scratched the surface of their research. I think you will find it interesting and challenging.

Concerning Evolution, I can't help but wonder ... at what point does a well intentioned, errant faith become relegated to the realm of a fairy tale? The Greek gods and goddesses crossed that line at some point. I wonder when Evolution will be recognized in the same manner? One of my first college courses was, "Introduction to Physical Anthropology." I believed in Evolution. I really did. I loved it. But now I see it as fairy tale. Maybe it is just one conversion at a time. But here is the real bottom line on Evolution's death. Error, in any realm, can only survive for a season. Eventually, it is exposed, and falls. Many believed the earth was flat. Many believed if man went a certain speed, he would explode. These beliefs had a season, but then went the way of the Greek gods. Evolution, being mathematically impossible and refuted by nature, has always been dead. Actually, nothing killed it ... as it never was alive anyway. Its adherents just never realized that.

I must confess, there are times I wonder why I have made the effort to write this Ebook. Today (January 13, 2004), I heard a national news report that made me wonder anew. President Bush just revealed his proposal to redirect our space program to pursue a manned moon station, and then make flights to Mars. A reporter asked a man on the streets of New Orleans what he thought of the President's proposal. The man thought it was a good idea. He then calmly stated, "*It would be nice to know what they're doing on other planets.*" Even more astounding - the reporter did not even flinch. This obviously sounded quite reasoned to his ears. I guess they do not realize that Star Trek, Star Wars, and all of that genre **are fictional**. And these two guys are products of an educational system with trillions of dollars poured into it. I couldn't help but wonder, "*Is there even an audience for what I am writing?*" But, if my efforts profit even one eternal soul, then the labor will have been worth it. So, I will continue the effort.

The Power of Repetition - For Good and For Bad

When I took my first year of New Testament Greek, my instructor often used the phrase, "*Repetition is the mother of learning.*" We all know that "*practice makes perfect.*" Repetition can be very good - or very bad. Unfortunately, error stated long enough, is often accepted as truth. For example, millions of people **are convinced** cold weather causes colds. They have even been successful in naming the two hundred plus infectious viruses as - colds. As another example, many governments completely control all media as they fully understand the power of repeating their message without competition. Unfortunately, that is exactly what has occurred with Evolution. Most people do not even realize there are legitimate Creation scientists in all fields of scientific research. And many of them are deserters from evolutionary folds! But evolutionary propagandists use every means at their disposal to marginalize their materials. If they cannot keep it hidden, they attack the messengers as pseudo scientists, etc. But do you know anything **firsthand** of their research, deductions, and theories? Or are you content to submit **to what others have said** about these scientist's work - and continue to allow yourself to be propagandized? If you are confident in the accuracy of your own positions, you will not be afraid to examine their materials. In fact, if you find **they** are in error, you will be fortified in the veracity of your own position(s). That is why I write "Organic Documents." I **want** contrary views forwarded. It makes me stronger, and can at times, even cause modification. You see, I have a basic philosophy. I believe I have nothing to fear **from truth** in any area. Nor should you.

For those who are just beginning the journey to abandon the evolutionary faith, I must warn you - not all is well in Creationist circles. Propagandists thrive there too. For example, **on the subject of origins**, there are Age-Day theorists. They believe each "day" in the Creation

Account is really an age. They *mix* Creationism and Evolution. And, sorry to say, it doesn't end here. There are other longevity models by professing Creationists. I will address these a bit later. So, if you decide to investigate Creationism, go first to the investigations of Creation *Scientists*. Leave the theologians for later. Much later. Much, much later.

Time to Turn the Corner

Well, maybe "much later" has already arrived. Let's turn to the original purpose of this Ebook and examine the Biblical material on death. We must start with the Creation Account. But don't worry. I am not a theologian (in the academic sense) or a Bible Scholar (in the academic sense). Even though I was elected to the International Society of Theta Phi (an academic, theological honors society) - and have a Master of Divinity - I am still just a Bible student. That is all I ever *have been*, and all I ever aspire *to be*. So, all you Evolutionists, jump on board! Maybe you will be given some things to think about. Let's talk Bible.

The Original Creation

The Creation Account is started, and completed, in Genesis 1:1-31. There is a consistent pattern throughout the Account. It goes like this; "*Then God said, ... and God saw that it was **good*** (whatever He just made)." The Hebrew word "good" means, "*excellent of its kind.*" Other connotations of this word include, "*pleasant, agreeable, pleasing, fair, sweet, well, choice, pure, rich, valuable in estimation, precious, or right.*" It is a very positive word of benevolence. And when the creation was completed, we find this declaration. "*And God saw all that He had made, and **behold**, it was **very good!***" "**Behold**" is a demonstrative particle with a conjunction. It is designed as an attention getter for the material that follows. It is a wake-up call to the reader to pay attention as an element of surprise is about to be introduced. "*Reader, don't miss this! Wake up! Look at this! Behold!*" "*Behold what?*" you ask. "*Look at the finished creation! It is not just 'good'! It is **very good!***" It is at this exact point I part company with professing "believers" who adhere to some sort of longevity model - some modified Evolution invention. There are many nuances in these sects, and my examination of their beliefs will be cursory and later. But for my purposes here, I do want to point out a common denominator of all *theistic* Evolutionists. They do not believe in **a literal rendering of the Creation Account**. It is symbolic at best - mythological at worst. Adam and Eve are not actual people - or if they were, they never appeared in the historical situation of Genesis 1. Also, these non-literalists (like their atheistic, Evolutionist brothers) do not believe there has ever been a point of **a completed creation** - the world (and all its contents) is in a constant state of evolution. But in an attempt to engage the Naturalist (theistic or atheistic), let's pick a moment in time to look down on this planet. Let's pick the second when man was no longer a primeval animal operating solely by instinct. He just made the grade of being morally conscious, aesthetically conscious, and metaphysically conscious. He just became modern Homo sapiens. Let's call this moment, "the dawn of The Age of Reason." So, at that split second, what kind of world does the Biblical Creationist see ... and what does the theistic, or atheistic, Evolutionist see?

When God announces the finished creation is "*exceedingly good*" (Gen 1:31), the Biblical Creationist sees a pristine creation **not yet subject to the curses of God**. Death is absent. Disease is absent. Bloodshed is absent. Injury is absent. Life teems in an environment created by, and preserved by, God. Every living thing is "enjoying" the life the Creator has given it. At this point I am going to make some blanket assertions. Where sin is absent, all negativity is also absent. *It*

wasn't until Adam's rebellion that death, and all its acolytes, entered this creation. Every negative thing has its genesis in sin **and the curses imposed by God at the rebellion of Adam.** At that moment, the entire creation plunged into a deep valley - in which we now reside. But originally, the creation was an extremely pleasant place. A fairy tale you say? Well, let's look down on this earth, at that same moment, with the eyes of one adhering to a longevity sect.

When man entered The Age of Reason, here is the planet the Evolutionist sees. On the Atlantic, maybe a category five hurricane is slamming into the North American Continent. Or in the Pacific, a tremendous tidal wave is bearing down on some hapless islands following a huge earthquake. Elsewhere, tornadoes are touching down, while killer lightning strikes are occurring in other locales. Some of those spawn horrendous forest fires. Blizzards are raging on the poles while blistering sandstorms are occurring in some desert regions. A lethal volcano is also spotted on the globe. All these scenes claim the lives of thousands and thousands of creatures. Some are killed instantly, while others are wounded and then fall prey to opportunistic predators - like slow killing bacterium. But in other seemingly peaceful areas, there are other scenes. The cool night air is rent by the screams of a mother dying in childbirth. In other places, children stray from the cave and are devoured by wild beasts. And all over the globe, animals are ripping other animals to shreds, with the prey going down fighting for life. Yes, this world is populated with rotting carcasses, animal refuse, pesky insect life, as well as poisonous plants and animals all over the place. But, then a beautiful paradise isle is spotted. It's time to leave the mayhem and go down for a peaceful visit. While basking on a semi-shaded beach, some lazy fishing ensues into that glassy, emerald-colored inlet. Suddenly, the caress of the tropical breeze is interrupted by a tug on the line. The catch is a baby barracuda. This thing has a mouth wrapping from lateral fin to lateral fin - **and is filled with razor sharp teeth!** Immediate questions include, "*Does this thing have a mom and a dad? How big are they? What kind of world is lurking under this seemingly serene watery skin?*" So, here is the bottom line. For the Evolutionist (atheistic or theistic) the world when man entered The Age of Reason is one **of terrific violence.**

Professing Christians who adhere to some longevity model must completely redefine what "*exceedingly good*" means in Genesis 1:31. No one can see the world of the preceding paragraph as "*exceedingly good*" or "*extremely benevolent.*" Longevity models portray a violent planet from inception to the current moment - and there never was a "finished" creation. And, as you will see, the theist Evolutionist must also redefine New Testament materials. But let's start with a closer look at The Fall.

The Fall of Man and Attendant Curses

The third chapter of Genesis is a narration of Adam's fall and the accompanying fallout. In Genesis 2:16,17, God levied one prohibition on Adam. "*From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.*" At that point, Eve was not yet created. It is impossible to know how long Adam lived in obedience to this command. And after Eve was created, it is impossible to know how long the two of them enjoyed their life together before the Fall. Read Genesis 2:18-25 and 3:1-13. But with Adam's rebellion, God then stepped in - and stepped on - His creation. He made it, and He could do with it as He pleased. And act He did. Here is **what we know happened**, to be followed by, **what else I suspect happened - and why.**

What We Know Happened

Genesis 3:14-24 tells us some specifics of God's judgements. First, the serpent was cursed. It was relegated to crawling in the dust (snakes) and a hostile relationship became the norm between that animal type and man ("*between your seed and her seed.*" Some spiritualize this as hostility between believers and unbelievers, but God often uses a real **physical reality** as a starting point to spiritual truths. For now, I'm sticking with the physical reality. Snakes are not embraced by most people.) Next, Eve was addressed. A multiplied pain in childbirth became her lot, as well as a strained relationship between husband and wife (even though there would be great pain in childbirth, "*yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you*"). Then the ground took a hit. It was cursed, but Adam paid the price in this curse. It would yield thorns and thistles as the natural product, and man was relegated to eating "**plants of the field**" - not the garden. Labor became toil (sorrow) for Adam, and was accompanied by the "*sweat of the face.*" This hostile toil became necessary to gain the essentials of life and would continue until man returned to the ground - "*because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*" That is called, death. Then an animal(s) was killed so Adam and his wife could be clothed. That is called ... more death. "*Oh, but Adam did not die! He didn't die **that day** like God said he would!*" Oh, but he did. We shall return to that shortly. Finally, Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden, and were prohibited from ever returning. So, was that the whole story? I think not. I believe it is hardly even the beginning.

What Else I Suspect Happened - and Why

The Bible does not tell us everything, but what it does tell us is accurate. Two very important New Testament passages impart critical information about the original creation. Here is the first. "*Just as through one man **sin entered into the world, and death through sin, so death spread to all men, because all sinned***" (Ro 5:12). According to this verse, death did not exist **for man until Adam sinned**. But, would death be ruling **everywhere else** before Adam sinned? Would carnivores be running all over the place ripping up other animals - while Adam and Eve lived above the fray? Did disease, pestilence and mayhem attack every living thing **except** Adam and Eve? Were they immortal gods in the midst of this sea of death? I don't know anyone who thinks God created such a confused mess - two creatures above death and the rest subject to it. So, if death did not exist **anywhere** before Adam's rebellion, do you know what that means? It means Evolution is a total fairy tale. Why? Very simple. Without death, Evolution is impossible. Indeed, Evolution **requires death** from the first living molecule in the primordial slime up to the present. Evolution is built upon death - a billion years of death is mandatory. If there was no death in the creation before Adam's rebellion, then the animals and plants **were created in final form from the start**. Special creation of every species of plant and animal **is required**. That means God created each and every plant and animal species from the dirt (from nonliving matter) - *and breathed life into them*. He made thousands and thousands and thousands of different plant species on Day Three. On Day Five, He created thousands and thousands and thousands of birds and sea creatures. Then, on Day Six, He created thousands and thousands and thousands of land animals *as well as making Adam*. All these living things were made fully complete and able to reproduce in three, twenty-four hour periods. Do you see how great a divide the subject of death creates between Evolution and Biblical Creationism? And the historical Adam was only about seventy-six generations prior to Jesus (see Lk 3:23-38). From an evolutionary viewpoint, this is so recent that any species around us now **were also there!**

Extinctions are possible, but not new species formations.

Before proceeding to my second passage, I wish you would lay down on your bed with a closed door, and no distractions, and think about the assertions I just made. These are stupefying claims. God created *from the dirt* all the different types of life, all over the globe - in three, twenty-four hour periods? Man is still incapable of creating any kind of life anywhere. All he can do is manipulate existing life - or else mix up inorganic soups. So, concerning this three-day creation of all living organisms on the planet, you must make some decisions. You must ask, and then answer, these questions as you are laying on your bed thinking about this stunning claim.

Question One: “*How big is my God?*”

Question Two: “*Can He actually do such things in three, twenty-four hour periods?*”

Question Three: “*Did He actually do these things in three, twenty-four hour periods?*”

If either question two or three is answered, “No,” then you are an Evolutionist. You see, there is no other choice. But the first question is the most basic. “*How big is my God?*” Is He even capable of such a feat? The answer to this, one way or the other, does affect how all science is approached. I believe a root problem for “theistic” Evolutionists rests with their faith. It is small. They suffer *more* from *the idea* that *any* being - God or not - could pull off such a feat. God may have created *to a degree*, but after setting various things in motion, He handed the ball over to evolutionary processes. But, as you may already see, the “death issue” balls up the works on such a position. These “theistic” Evolutionists want to take *what they believe to be* the best of both systems and create a hybrid position. This is an impossible position (more later). But, back to you. So, ... how big is your God? Well, here is how big mine is. I believe He created all the plant and animal life on the face of the globe - in three, twenty-four hour periods. And He didn’t even break a sweat. I cannot tell you when, where, or how He secured that kind of power, but He says He has always had it, and He says He is incapable of lying (Jer 32:27 and Heb 6:18). Let’s now look at the second New Testament passage that sheds more light on The Fall.

“*For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now*” (Ro 8:19-22). This passage is packed. This creation was acted upon **by God** in very negative ways. It is a **futile creation, an enslaved creation, a suffering creation**, writhing in pain. Is this consistent with the Genesis 1:31 declaration of an “*exceedingly good*” creation - ***one now longing for freedom and deliverance?*** I believe our current environment is quite different from the one of Genesis 1:31. The simple statement, “*Cursed is the ground because of you*” (Gen 3:17), left out some of the details of wholesale planetary change that occurred in that split second. Let’s revisit that moment. Here are ***some other things*** I suspect happened at the fall of Adam.

First, the broad stroke. I believe **every negative thing in this entire creation can be traced back to God’s judgements in Genesis 3:14-21**. Phenomenal fundamental changes ripped through the entire created order and our world descended into a very, very deep valley. We live in it. Only God, Adam, Eve, and the angels, know how deep a valley was carved out. To be sure, God has left a lot of beauty here and a lot of miracles, but monkey wrenches permeate everything. Though sometimes hidden, they are always there. Even a perfect sunset is marred by

the fact it is a passing jewel. We are pushed on and cannot stay there. Now, here are some of the fine hairs that make up this broad brush stroke.

A Futile Creation. Over and over, Solomon complained about the *futility of this age*. If you want candid observations about this current age, stripped of idealism, self delusion, and false fragrances, read Ecclesiastes. It is twelve short chapters. The positive thinkers of our world do not like this “negative” diatribe by Solomon. *“It is filled with sour grapes and pessimism!”* When I read it, I see realism. Solomon did not want to play positive mind games with himself that he knew to be straw dogs destined for fire. Reality, whether positive or negative, is **what it is** - reality. Quite honestly, an atheistic Evolutionist who thinks on, and understands, the implications of his/her faith - well, the picture is indeed bleak. As one example, our dying sun, that creates beautiful scenes as it sets, *mocks us*. It makes life possible, but is setting **on us** and will take the life it accidentally spawned down with it. What cruel irony. Scientifically speaking, Creation Scientists agree with these forward conclusions of the atheistic Evolutionist - the sun **is** dying, and life, as we know it, will die with it - unless something dramatic occurs between now and then. But rather than scrambling for a space program that can take us to some new home in another solar system (with its dying sun), or hoping to be rescued by the hands (or claws, or whatever) of some benign alien race - well, the Biblical Creationist again takes one more step beyond what the Evolutionist can take. The Creationist examines the Biblical material **concerning life and the afterlife**, and embraces that material also. We will soon examine this faith position in some detail. But for now, back to Solomon. One example of his complaints dealt with inheritances. He had wisely interacted in this system for an entire lifetime, to then *“leave it to the man who will come after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is futility”* (Eccl 2:18,19). The positive idealist would say to Solomon, *“Don’t think about such negative things! Where are those rose-colored glasses we gave you? Get them back on!”* But here’s the point. This futility factor was not present (or any other ones Solomon points out), or possible, before the curses by God in Genesis 3. *“For the creation was **subjected** to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it”* Was this creation already *“subjected to futility”* when He called His creation *“exceedingly good?”* I think not. But there’s more.

An Enslaved Creation. Not only is this creation futile, but God also made it in *“slavery to corruption.”* Other translations say, in *“bondage to decay.”* Ever heard of the Second Law of Thermodynamics? Everything tends toward disorder. Things devolve and decay. Was the creation like this when God declared, *“Behold, it is exceedingly good!”*?

A Suffering Creation. *“The whole creation groans and suffers **the pains of childbirth** together until now!”* Ask a woman in labor if she is experiencing an *“exceedingly benevolent”* situation. Our current world is described as being in the middle of those pains - now. So, is the *“exceeding benevolence”* of Genesis 1:31 the same creation as what is described in Romans 8?

Our world is a place of futility, enslaved to decay (corruption), and suffers death and destruction. This is not the same world as the one of Genesis 1:31. *“And God saw all that He had made, and behold! It was extremely pleasant.”*

At the sentencing of Adam, monumental change also occurred in reference to his physical body. When told he would return to dust, either his physical body changed, or the environment changed, or both changed. The result - **the environment** gained physical dominion over Adam’s body *it did not have before*. Death, and all its acolytes of disease, injury, and pain, came into being and gained dominion. This is not a little thing. This is the legacy he passed down to us all.

The result - we don't really *live* here ... we just survive here for a few years. *"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned"* (Ro 5:12). So, what might be some other changes after Adam's sin?

Biologically:

- ▶ Carnivores came into being.
- ▶ Lethal and/or debilitating bacteria and virus strains came into existence.
- ▶ Poisonous plants and poisonous animals came into existence.

God either modified current species, created new ones, or both, and just did not bother telling us.

Inorganically:

- ▶ Natural disasters became possible. This includes floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, lethal lightening strikes, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc., as well as meteor strikes, damaging solar flares, damaging radiations, etc.
- ▶ Man also became subject to accidents and injury. How many have simply slipped, broken a hip, and then succumbed to various complications?
- ▶ As men multiplied, the manifestations of his sin nature have resulted in an untold amount of damage to others or self. Everything from horrendous physical damage (murders, tortures, assaults, maimings) to a whole array of mental and emotional assaults (slanders, railings, false witnessing, verbal assaults of all kinds).
- ▶ There are many other relatively minor irritations that arose in this valley that will be absent once this age is terminated. Things like rotten odors and tastes, offensive sounds, or harmful lighting. Time itself may be an entity unique to this age. When Satan sinned, the clock turned on, and a time limit was set on his actions and pursuits. When the final judgement is completed, the clock may cease, with eternity replacing it. Time, as we have known it, may just melt away as it is replaced by an eternal day.

It is important to understand that when God acts, many collateral things may happen *that He does not tell us about*. Let's consider Eve for a moment. God *did not* say to Eve **that she, too, would return to the dust**. But, ... she did. That judgement was not stated, but it became a very real consequence for Eve - and every woman after her. Second, you might have noticed Eve (and Adam was with her) carried on a lucid conversation with ... an animal! There seemed to be no surprise **this animal talked!** I believe animals were muted at the fall. In Numbers 22:22-35, we have a remarkable account of Balaam and his donkey. Balaam began striking her, *"and the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, 'What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?'"* (v.28). The conversation then continues. In this whole exchange, it says **the donkey talked** - not that the Lord spoke through the donkey, or some such thing. God, for that moment, unmuted the animal - and she spoke what was on her mind! If both of these assertions are correct (Eve died and animals were muted), then it is clear **we are not told everything that changed at the time of the curses of Genesis 3:14-21**. So, what else occurred? Well, review the list above. We are born in, raised in, live in, and die in - a very deep valley.

So, here's the bottom line. Any negative reality in this current age is tied to Adam's fall. Another way to look at this is to examine what we are told the Coming Age will be like, and that gives some definition as to what this original creation was like. As you can see, I am asserting

that a tremendous number of miracles occurred at the same time and in the twinkling of an eye. Well, so what? What is so novel about that? If you believe the very first verse of the Bible, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*" anything else is rather trivial. Lots of big things happened and probably all at once. And if you believe He is going to do what He says He is going to do *on the Last Day* - well, what's the big deal about Him instantly creating a massive shift in the laws governing this creation **at Adam's fall**? And so what if He didn't bother telling us everything? Most people do not believe what He has told us already, so why should He waste the effort to tell us more?

You know, there may have been another miracle of this same type, or genre, at The Tower of Babel. You have probably never heard this before, and what I am about to forward is not some cardinal issue of the faith. Indeed, I do not even assert it as an absolute truth. But I will not be the least bit surprised if this "hunch" will be revealed as a correct deduction on Judgement Day. Have you ever heard this question? "*If Adam and Eve were the first human beings, and if we are all descendants of Adam, then where did all the races come from?*" Built into this question is the assumption (probably accurate) that a literal Biblical Adam and Eve are so recent in history, the required time for such diversity in the races is impossible, especially when current races can be traced quite some ways back. Well, let's revisit Babel.

In Genesis 11, one of the most stupendous miracles in all the Bible is alleged. At that time, "*the whole earth used the same language and the same words.*" The people decided to build a city with a tower that would "*reach into heaven.*" They wanted to "*make a name*" for themselves and they did not want to be scattered "*over the face of the whole earth*" (Gen 11:1,4). God decided on another route. At His chosen split second, **he confused their language so they could not understand one another!** This is an incredible account, and worth a second look. At the moment of this miracle, the people did not quit speaking - they kept speaking but could not understand what anyone else was saying! As a result, the work ended, and God "*scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth*" (Gen 11:9). The miracle is this; in an instant, *their brains were totally rewired!* One moment they spoke, *and thought*, in a universal language. Then, in the next instant, they spoke, *and thought*, in an entirely new language. And I bet they did not think their personal language changed, *but everyone else's did!* And I bet when they thought about their past, they thought to themselves in their new language, and it never occurred to these newly linguistically rewired minds that those memories were originally in their previous universal language! And these new languages were so different from one another, that even the simplest communicative ability between individuals was lost. This was an astounding feat by God! But here is my point. Just as God left out telling us that Eve was subject to death at the fall, He may have left out telling us the rest of the story at Babel. When the languages were confused, He might have confused skin colors, hair colors, hair textures, and all kinds of minor things like eyelids, nose and lip shapes - **and He just didn't bother telling us.** He then drove some north (Caucasians), some south (Negroids), some east (Asians), and some west (Middle Easterners). Absurd you say? "*Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?*" (Jer 32:27). Like I said, I do not push this as dogmatic truth but I will not be surprised to find out this is the truth on the origin of the races. God does not tell us everything, but what He does tell us is solid.

The Mother of All Errors ... For Evolutionists

There is one more subject to address before leaving Adam and Eve, and the original

creation, behind. Many believe the earth and universe to be very old. Along with a belief that matter is eternal, Evolutionists believe our universe may be twenty billion years old - with the earth being about five billion. Geologists measure the ages of rocks and believe them to be millions of years old. When astronomers study the stars, they believe the light they are seeing is millions of years old. These “facts” have caused more Bible believers to run away from the literalism I am forwarding than any other contention. And it is true that many of the laws *of the current age* do support some of their contentions. For example, light does travel - and even the light we see from our sun is seven minutes old. If the sun blew up, we would not know it happened (or be fried) until seven minutes after the fact. Similarly, it is “simple” mathematics to know the light of a star that is a million light years away - is a million years old. But, herein lies the Mother of all errors ... for the Evolutionist. ***They assume the current laws of nature have always been in place!*** The Bible refutes this assumption. It teaches that our current natural laws **began at Adam’s Judgement**. To take *current* natural law - and impose it on the pre-fall Creation Account is a different kind of Genesis - the genesis of evolutionary error! I address some of these changes in natural law elsewhere (“*Death and the Bible*” pgs 16-23), but for now, let’s just look at a couple of things. What about the “birth” of Adam. Was he born? As a Creation Account literalist, I do not believe he was. God formed him on the sixth day - **as an adult**. At one *second* old, he probably looked thirty *years* old! When Eve was “born,” she probably looked thirty, too. They both had *an appearance of age* - at “birth.” This is also true of *all the animals and all the plants in the original created order*. **They were created mature**. This is sometimes referred to as Special Creation, and is called the Pro-chronic or Ideal Time theory. Concerning the stars, He says He made them “*to give light on the earth*” (Gen 1:15). That is the purpose for them. For Him to set them in varied places of the heavens *with their light already here from the moment of creation* - well, what’s the big deal? In a totally consistent fashion, they, like Adam and Eve, had *an appearance of age* at “birth!” And the same goes for the rocks. We also may find that at the fall, **time** (in a degenerative sense) **began**. Half-lives began, along with all kinds of other scientific laws, **that were not in the original created order**. When this age concludes, we may find **this** has been the fatal flaw in current science: **scientists assumed the natural laws of this order were eternal laws when they were actually temporal laws - coming into existence about ten thousand years ago**. And one other thought. Maybe the miracles in the Bible are exhibitions of the scientific laws *of eternity*. Miracles might be little insertions of **the real laws** operating outside this bubble of degeneration - samples of what awaits us! Yes, the natural laws of this fallen order may indeed be **the aberrant “natural” laws**. They, like death, are actually **unnatural**. Wow!

Well, let’s get back to our Ebook’s purpose - death. I can sense your excitement about that. Let’s sum up where we are - with a few cursory questions and answers. We will then continue with some substantive discussion.

Where Did Death Come From?

The Bible says death came from God. Just as He created life, He also created death. In fact, **three** deaths exist - soon to be discussed.

Was Death in Existence Before Adam’s Sin?

While it is *probable* death has been present in at least **one other** created order in eternity past, as far as **our** physical order, death was absent before Adam sinned. However, it is highly

probable fallen angels were in the throes of the first death before our order was created (hang on - this first death will soon be revealed). Fallen angels are at least subject to “the second death” which may indeed be their second death. Also (without stating my reasons here), I believe death will be a limited exercise contained to the fallen angels and fallen man (and our present creation).

When Was Death Created?

Concerning this earth, death was created, and then imposed, when Adam, the first man, sinned. Romans 5:12 (quoted earlier) makes this clear. But listen to this bedrock passage. “*The wages of sin is death*” (Ro 6:23). The consequence for one’s personal sin *is death*. **This passage is absolute nonsense if death was here anyway.** Death is a penalty for moral evil. By the way, that is why Jesus had to rise from the dead. The moment He died, the sins He had taken on Himself (ours), *were paid for*, and vanished. Where sin does not exist, death has no claim and cannot exist. So, there He stood, on the other side of death’s door, with no personal sin! He *had to rise from the dead* as death had no rightful claim to Him - or His body.

Then Why Does Death Rule the Rest of Nature?

God decided to subject this created order to death not of its own will but by His decree (See Romans 8:19-22). The natural order, which was subjected to Adam, suffered the fate of its leader because of the failing of that leader. Nature became collateral damage, you might say. We all are suffering repercussions from that sin. The impact of *that one sin* cascaded to create this horrific valley in which we find ourselves. Please do not tell me all sins are the same. While it is true all sins cause damage, some obviously cause more. This was a big one. (This statement may turn out to be the greatest understatement of all time by a human - and you were there!) It sure seemed small at the time (after all, it was just one little bite on one little fruit), but that one little act of rebellion was soon heard round the world. Its sound reverberates to this very moment in all the heavens and through all the earth.

Was There Ever a Time Death Did Not Exist?

Yes. There was a time when no fallen orders of beings existed. Whether this order, or the angel’s order, or some previous sinful order, there was a pre-sin era free of death.

Will There Ever Be a Time Death No Longer Exists?

I will refrain from answering at this point. The answer may be surprising. Read on!

Back to the Two Competing Systems ... For a Moment

The two faiths, Evolution and Biblical Creationism, disagree on when, how, and why death came into existence. But even Evolutionists believe there was a time when there was no death. For the Evolutionist, death did not come into existence until life somehow spontaneously arose. And death was just there. Creationists kick that despicable can **up** the road. Creationists believe death was absent until moral evil arose, and then God’s hand of judgement fell.

So, here’s a quick *comparative* review. This will also lay the path for ensuing materials. Compare these point to point (1 to 1, 2 to 2, etc).

For Creationists:

1. Death was *totally absent* from our completed, original heavens and earth.
2. Death is *unnatural* and was imposed upon man, by God, when the first man sinned.
3. The rest of creation was also *negatively impacted* when Adam sinned.
4. Death *has spread* to all human beings, because all sin and all are in Adam.
5. Death is called "*the final enemy*." It is destined to be overcome by Christ.
6. Non Christians are headed for "*the second death*." Man is potentially subject to *three* deaths.
7. Death, and all its attendant maladies, will be *forever absent* in the new heavens and earth.

By the way, what are the "three deaths" just alluded to? Take a moment to write down what you think they may be! Then read on to see if you are correct!

For Evolutionists (and all longevity model proponents):

1. Death has *been present* from the beginning of life.
2. Death is *natural* and absolutely imperative to evolutionary progression.
3. All creation *has been dominated* by death from the start.
4. Death has not "*spread*" to all humans. Death has *always been*, and *always will be*, integral to the human experience.
5. Death may be an enemy from an individual's point of view, but from an evolutionary view, it is a natural, *and necessary*, part of the progression of the species. Death is *a universal constant*.
6. There is but *one death* for any living thing. Death forever extinguishes the individual life.
7. For the Evolutionist, this existence *is all that is*. All will continue in random development just as all has randomly evolved. The only "controls" over this random development are natural laws - which randomly developed. Metaphysical considerations are wishful thinking at best, and the basis of insane activities at worst. The hope of a utopian new heavens and new earth may be a benign speculation, but the belief that one's *moral* or *civil* values have merit and should be forced on others constitute metaphysical malignancies (For a more through discussion on the conflict between Evolution [Naturalism] and all metaphysical valuation systems [all Humanistic and Theistic Constructs], read "*Abortion: How (and Why) Abortion Resides in the Weakest Form of Human Thought and Valuation*," by me - it's free at www.freelygive-n.com).

Back to the Bible

The Essence of Man

Before discussing the three deaths man is subject to, some determinations on the essence of man - what we are - is imperative. This will lay the groundwork for the coming information. There has always been debate over the "components" of man. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, seems to view man as a three "dimensional" creature. "*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" That sounds like three components to me. So can we define these? Well, since I asked the question, you probably suspect I have some ideas.

To begin, *our body* is - our body. I guess we're okay so far. But now comes the tricky part. The spirit and the soul are not visible, and if they are two separate components of man, I do not find a clear-cut definition for either of them in the Bible. I loosely hold that *our soul* is comprised of our mind, will, and emotions. I guess you could wrap these up broadly as our personality. *Our spirit* is another dimension of our invisible self. I do not know if I can really

define it. But I think you will soon see it is something different than either body or soul - and has a life, or death of its own - depending on one's relationship with God.

I may have mislabeled the two invisible components of man. ***Our spirit*** may be our mind, will, and emotions, and ***our soul*** may be the part of us that is in direct relationship with God (or not). This is not a good time for confusion, but if I have erred, **the error is in semantics - not substance**. I will explain this in **"A Fly in the Ointment."** Now, man's three deaths.

Death One: Spiritual Death

Adam was told, *"From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die**"* (Gen 2:16,17). Adam did eat of it, and Adam did die. *"Aha!"* I hear you say. *"You want to take the Bible literally - **but Adam did not die that day!**"* Oh, but he did. The day he sinned, in fact the moment he sinned, he died. Adam was instantly separated from God, and that placed him **in death**. Here is the scriptural progression of sin.

First, God told the Israelites, *"... your iniquities have made **a separation** between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you so that He does not hear"* (Isa 59:2). (Technically, He does hear, as each person will account for every word uttered [Mt 12:36]. But He does not "hear" in the sense of responding toward us.) **Sin separates one from God.**

Second, *"all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"* (Ro 3:23). **Every human being sins and is therefore separated from God.**

Third, we are told ***what that separation means***. **God views us as dead.** *"And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins ..."* (Eph 2:1. Also see Col 2:13). **The sinner is **dead** in his/her transgressions.** Not real sick - but dead. And what God says is dead - is dead. He knows what is dead and what is alive as He has created both states. *Adam did die **the moment he sinned**.* Physical death came later. One can be physically alive, mentally alive, volitionally alive, and emotionally alive - but dead in sin. In fact, that is the condition of every human being who has sinned. Paul said, *"I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, **and I died**; and this commandment, which was to result in life, **proved to result in death for me**; for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it **killed me**"* (Ro 7:9-11). Sin **killed** Paul - but he was still physically, mentally, emotionally, and volitionally **alive**.

Incidentally, those without access to the Law, **are not free of sin**, and this death state. *"For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law For when the Gentiles, who do not have the Law, do **instinctively** the things of the Law, these ... **are a law to themselves** They show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their **conscience** bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them"* (Ro 2:12,14,15). At some point, those who do not have the Law, still fall to sin as they violate their conscience. *"The Scripture has shut up **all men** under sin"* (Gal 3:22), as *"both Jews and Greeks are all under sin"* (Ro3:9).

There is debate if we come into this world spiritually dead - as spiritual stillborns - or if we are initially alive to God until we cross that fateful line of personal sin. I guess I would say there is a time we are alive to God (Paul said he was) but that window closes very quickly as we soon sin against what we know is right. Anyone reading this has long crossed that line. Each individual has a moment when God sees him/her as accountable for wrong choices in life. That moment varies for each individual. If a person dies before that moment is reached, I do not

believe that one is subject to *“the second death”* which is to be addressed shortly.

True spirituality exists only where there is a real connection to the Creator. In Adam, we are all spiritually dead - at least when we reach accountability for sin before Him. Once we sin, the connection with the living God is severed - and the relationship with God **dies**. The moment Adam sinned, he died spiritually. Animosity replaced benevolence. (Sounds like the same result with the rest of the creation!) This is our contribution to the created order. We are a bunch of real winners. Spiritual death is poorly understood in Christian circles. Many sects do not realize their call to unbelievers is a call to the dead. While we are to declare the things of life to dead people, we should understand, it takes the miraculous, gracious power of God to give life to that dead one. *“(E)ven when we were **dead** by reason of our transgressions, (He) made us **alive** together with Christ ...”* (Eph 2:5). When this occurs, the dead one has been *“born again”* (Jn 3:1-15, 1Cor 3:4-7, and 1Pet 1:23-25). By the way, absent this new birth, a person *“cannot enter into the kingdom of God”* (Jn 3:5).

Spiritual death is a very significant death. When a creature, made in God’s image, is separated from that life source, an explosive circumstance is set in motion - a state of affairs destined to hit the fan. In the past, I have used different illustrations in an attempt to convey this state of affairs - but they all fall short. But, here they are anyway.

Attempt one. In our spiritually dead state, we are like a vacuum cleaner unplugged from the source of power. It can’t work. (Neither does this illustration as that vacuum would just sit there. We obviously don’t - even though we would be better off if we did.)

Attempt two. But it is really more like a crossing of wires that causes the motor to blow up.

Attempt three. Or maybe this circumstance is more like clockwise versus counterclockwise motion. God thinks, acts, and feels in a clockwise direction. Once we enter spiritual death, our thinking, actions, and feelings begin moving counterclockwise. At times we may slow the speed of that counterclockwise movement (through reforms and resolutions), but it is just a slowdown. There is never a real reversal in direction.

Attempt four. Or maybe one can view spiritual death like a fish out of water. Once the fish is removed from an environment of life, it is still alive for a while - flipping, flopping, convulsing - and then physically dies.

Well, those are some attempts to illustrate the terrible position in which this spiritual death places us. Human beings (and angels as well) who are alive, but separated from God, are in a continual state of misfire. The degree of misfire varies, but misfires rule the day. The first and foremost **commandment** is that we are to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mt 22:37,38 and Deut 6:5). In our “natural state” we **never** do that. That means we live in a constant state of sin. Actually, *we can’t fulfill this commandment*. We are spiritually dead toward God. Dead. There is not even a little spark of **life** in us. We are **alive**, but **life** is completely absent.

When addressing Christians about their pre-conversion state, Paul said, *“you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formally **walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all **lived** in the lusts of the flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh, and of the mind, and were by nature, children of wrath, even as the rest”* (Eph 2:1-3). Notice how he says we were **“dead,”** yet **“walked”** and **“lived!”** He also said, *“... (Y)ou were*

formally alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds ...” (Col 1:21). “*For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh For the mind set on the flesh is death ... because the mind set on the flesh ... does not subject itself to the law of God, **for it is not even able to do so**; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God*” (Ro 8:5-8). Do you remember a moment ago when I said we *can’t* fulfill God’s first commandment when in our “natural state”? Well, now you know why I said that. “*There is **none** righteous, not even one; there is **none** who understands, there is **none** who seeks for God; **All** have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is **no one** who **does good**, there is **not even one***” (Ro 3:10-12 from Ps 14:1-3). This spiritual death thing is a real bad deal. To be made in the image of God, and then to be separated from Him - it is no wonder people are all messed up. Crossed wires with short circuits everywhere. Some people unravel - some explode. Some maintain a fairly even keel, but even they have to continually shift their weight to keep their boat from capsizing. In a strange way, I do have a type of respect for people who live their whole life and never turn to the Lord. I was not able to do that. But that “strength” will not prevail and is an overestimation of oneself. A Wave is coming that no one will be able to successfully navigate.

As you can see in the passages just cited, God regularly addresses **the natural mind** as the place of **corruption**. It is “*alienated and hostile,*” “*set on the flesh,*” and indulges itself in its lusts. He also speaks of “*a depraved mind.*” Thoughts are the basis of all our actions. And deeply ingrained values (formed by thoughts), lay the base for our emotional responses as well. As an example of this progression, when discussing homosexuals, God speaks of giving them over to “*a depraved mind.*” This is a judgement toward them as “*they did not see fit to have God in knowledge any longer.*” Here is the bulk of the passage. “*... (T)hey became futile in their speculations (thinking) and their foolish heart was darkened (a passive verb - thus acted upon) Therefore, God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity*” and “*to degrading passions; for the women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men in men committing indecent acts And just as they did not see fit to have God in knowledge any longer, God **gave them over to a depraved mind, to do things which are not proper ...***” (Ro 1:21,24,26-28). A mind unplugged from God, and that is the reality for all who are spiritually dead, leads to a depraved mind and *the doing* of improper things.

There are two other important Biblical teachings about the mind of man. **First**, a mind separated from God (the spiritually dead) often believes **it is thinking correctly**. “*There is a way which **seems right** to a man, but its end is the way of death*” (Pr 14:12). **Second**, one of God’s primary priorities **is to change the thinking**. The Greek word, *metanoia* - literally means “*after mind.*” It is a rethinking on some subject followed by changing one’s mind from a previous conclusion. To translate this word, “repent,” is unfortunate as most people relate that word to deeds. God’s goal for the Christian is to bring **every thought** into conformity with Christ (2Cor 10:5 and Ro 12:2). He/she is to be transformed so as to **have the mind** of Christ (1Cor 2:16). If one *thinks* the way God does, everything else falls into place - will, actions, and emotions.

The material in the last paragraph sets the stage for tremendous clashes. Bitter ones. The mature mind of the flesh not only believes **it is right**, but it believes **the mind of Christ is the depraved one!** Head-on collisions are unavoidable. “*When a wise man has controversy with a foolish man, the foolish man either rages or laughs and there is no rest*” (Pr 29:9). God levels a warning toward all who set themselves against His stated positions. “*Woe to those who call evil ‘good’ and good ‘evil’; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute*

bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isa 5:20). Below are a few examples of human thoughts directly opposed to God's positions. I have written on some of these at www.freelygive-n.com.

Example one. "*Homosexuality is a viable alternative lifestyle. Same sex activity is fine as long as it is consensual.*" This even violates the thinking of the Naturalist. See "*Evolution and Homosexuality*" or "*Sex and the Bible.*"

Example two. "*Adultery is not 'a sin.' It is a 'tryst,' or an 'indiscretion,' or just a 'lapse in judgement.*" Again, see "*Sex and the Bible.*"

Example three. "*Capital punishment is murder by the state. Murderers, and those guilty of capital offenses, have a right to life.*" See "*Capital Punishment and the Bible.*"

Example four. "*Abortion is a woman's right. It is a privacy issue that begins and ends entirely with each individual woman.*" See "*Abortion: How (and Why) Abortion Resides in the Weakest Form of Human Thought and Valuation.*"

Example five. "*The spanking of children is child abuse. Violence begets violence.*" In truth, it is child abuse **to not spank**. Many of the alternative disciplines are actually the abusive ones. I need to write an article on this.

Example six. "*Drunkards, drug addicts, sex addicts, gambling addicts, etc., have a sickness - a disease. One afflicted by disease cannot be held responsible for resultant actions.*" I need to write on this one as well.

These erroneous positions are proclaimed as "enlightened" and "good." They even propel "progressive" movements. Examples like these abound. It is astonishing how these positions are exactly backwards - yet advocates are absolutely certain they are right. I believe it is possible the final governing system of this age will be one of a complete Secular Humanism. The 666 of The Revelation may be symbolic of adherence to a totally secular system. Numerologists maintain that six (6) is a symbolic number for man, and three (3) is a symbolic number for completion. So, three (3) sixes (6's) may represent a completely Secular Humanistic governing system - totally one of man - of flesh. It is interesting that such a system will not only be void of Biblical values, but it will also be void of accurate science when it contradicts that ruling Secular Humanism. This is clearly revealed in "*Abortion: How (and Why) Abortion Resides in the Weakest Form of Human Thought and Valuation.*" By the way, that is about the extent of my Biblical numerology. You can probably see why I don't mess with it much.

So, the point is this. A mind separated from God by this spiritual death, leads to all kinds of faulty conclusions *and resultant errant actions*. All human atrocities can be traced back to this source. Spiritual death is a spring of death. We drink deeply from this fount. That is the legacy Adam passed on to us. But, this is just the first of his "gifts." Let's unwrap some others.

Physical Death

This is the first of the physical deaths, but the second experience of death. When Adam sinned, his physical body returned to dust from whence it came. At the moment of curse, the environment gained dominion over Adam's body. As his descendants, that mortal flesh passed to us. Our bodies are subject to disease, injury, and ultimately death. It does not matter how well we take care of ourselves - our bodies will succumb to this environment.

When examining the curses of Genesis 3:14-19, some maintain God cursed the serpent and the ground - *but not the man and woman*. To come to this conclusion, one must believe this

“return to the ground” statement was idle talk - **and death was already the reality**. While it is possible God did not actually touch Adam’s body (He just strengthened the environment), I do not believe this to be the case. For example, I do not think Adam and Eve originally ran around behind bushes in The Garden of Eden relieving themselves. Their bodies changed. But whatever the case, the reality of physical death, when that did not exist before, is a curse **on the man**.

As pointed out earlier, this “return to the ground” talk was directed at Adam - not Eve. But Eve died too. And so have all her daughters. God says, “*The wages of sin is death*” (Ro 6:23). If death was already here, then what kind of nonsense statement is this? For an adherent to any longevity model, this sin/death thing **is stupid**. It is some kind of religious threatening with the goal of scaring people into certain behaviors and away from others. Evolutionists of all stripes (including to the honest **theistic** longevity model adherent) would say, “*Death has always been the constant companion of all life on this globe for the billion years it has been pulling itself up from the slime. To think death was absent until man ‘sinned’ is just ridiculous.*” That is the mild version of their stated position. But, the Bible clearly asserts that death is because of sin. Longevity model adherents **cannot disprove** this. They can only say they do not **believe** it. **They believe** death started with the first living organism and has been the companion of every single living thing that has ever been or ever will be. So, that first living organism not only was birthed from inorganics with a fully functioning reproductive capacity, but it also had to be mortal! Boy, that was a bad choice. The **belief** of the Evolutionist is clearly different than the **belief** of the Creationist. And (here we are again), I guess it is even more obvious to you - **both are faith systems!** Faith, by definition, is not subject to proof by empirical verification. The Evolutionist cannot prove his/her faith position any more than I can prove mine. One is reduced to examining evidences leading up to the point of stepping into a faith posture, and then deciding if those evidences justify the chosen faith.

The Second Death - Eternal Death

This is a bit complicated to explain. In this “death” nothing actually dies in the sense of ceasing to exist. Also, if being alive in this state can properly be called death, then this is the second death *physically*, but actually the third *experience* of death. Please listen carefully.

To begin, “the second death” **is a place**. “*But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death*” (Rev 21:8). There is no **life** in this lake, yet all who are there will be eternally **alive**. “*The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever*” (Rev 20:10). Jesus often referenced rejected individuals as being “*cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (Mt 8:12). “*Weeping*” is grief or pain (or both) and “*gnashing of teeth*” is either from pain or hatred (or both). To be in darkness with one’s senses in tact is torment too. Studies have shown that light deprivation has very negative effects. This “*second death*” is one in which the victim is alive physically, volitionally, mentally, and emotionally. These areas are in a full receptivity mode, with full awareness and sensitivity to the surrounding environment. But all the input for eternity - is death. They are “alive” but encased in the wrath of God - forever. Every atom around the victim is hostile to life, yet the victim lives on. Alive - yet forever separated from the life of God. Some have described Hell as a place that is void of God’s goodness. The reality of this is unthinkable. I haven’t created this,

and I have no vote on its existence or duration. I am simply reporting the facts to you. So, this lake of fire is actually a third form of death, but the second physically. But, there may be another reason why this lake of fire is called “*the second death.*” Jesus said this place was “*prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Mt 25:41). Since it was initially prepared **for them**, maybe the reference is to **their** second death. When they sinned, maybe they spiritually died at that moment (like we did), so this lake is **their** second death - but (potentially) man’s third. Confused yet? I did say you would be exposed to things you have never heard didn’t I? There’s more!

Life

In discussing what the Bible teaches about death, it necessarily follows we must discuss what it says about life. From the Evolutionist’s viewpoint, this life discussion is quite simple. An organism is born, lives for a time, and then dies. That’s it. That’s the way it has been, and that’s the way it will be. Of course, some hope to thwart death by the discovery of some kind of regenerative force, but once death becomes the individual’s reality, that’s it.

The Bible paints a totally different picture. Let’s begin with a remarkable passage in Ecclesiastes. When speaking about man, Solomon states, “*He has also set eternity in their heart ...*” (Eccl 3:11). Ahh ... this explains so much! Because eternity is **set** in man’s heart, death does not compute! It **can’t** compute! Eternity and temporalness, cannot be equally in play in the same heart! We **say** we know we will one day die, but we **do not** really understand that. **And I do have proof for this assertion!** What’s the proof? Read on.

If we really knew we were marching toward death, and along the way heard a rumor that someone rose from the dead, we would drop everything and investigate that with the greatest of fervor. No one would need to tell us that **we should** investigate such a report, and no one **would be able to stop us** in that quest. In fact, a report of this nature would be broadcast on the news 24/7 and every human being would be clamoring for information - and would pay any price and make any sacrifice to get into that action. When Christians say Jesus rose from the dead, that claim does not even raise an eyebrow - unless it is to say, “*Yeah, right. And what have you been smoking lately?*”

In the account of the rich man, who was in Hades, a remarkable discussion ensued with Abraham. (Hades is the place where the disembodied, unsaved go after death - all to be discussed shortly.) From that place, the tormented rich man begged that Lazarus **be sent back from the dead** to warn the rich man’s five brothers about that place of torment. Abraham said, “*They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.*” But the rich man said, “*No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!*” But Abraham replied, “*If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead*” (Lk 16:28-31). At least seven separate individuals wrote the New Testament and they all declared the same thing; **Jesus was stone cold dead, and three days after His death, he physically walked out of His tomb alive.** It is even asserted He appeared to more than five hundred people on one occasion (1Cor 15:6). But have you ever even made a **cursory examination** of these claims? Do you know **who** made these claims? Do you know **anything** about them? Are you even **remotely interested** in searching this out? If not, why not? The answer is exceedingly simple! Since God has set eternity in your heart **you really do not understand you are going to die.** You see, YOU are the proof I said I was going to display!

Now, be truthful. When you first heard of the resurrection of Jesus, did you drop everything and investigate this claim? And your death could come **at any second.** None of us

really understand death is around some bend waiting for us with open jaws! From now until then, we continue loping along, oblivious to this noncomprehensible reality, until we stumble off into it. We have not been built to comprehend death. Some, who have had a close brush with death, are affected so as to alter their priorities in the here and now, but even in these cases, they must remind themselves of their mortality. At best, death is seen as a shadow somewhere up ahead. That is why I revise Abraham's remark ever so slightly, and say, "*If they will not listen to the Bible, neither will they be persuaded if Jesus did come back from the dead.*" The month after an Easter service probably has about the same attendance as the month before it.

Incidentally, what Evolutionists call an "instinct for survival" I see as an object lesson of - eternity *set in the heart*. Threats to life are *naturally resisted* because death, as an unnatural imposition, is feared, hated, and acted against. Eternity set in the heart is the **natural order of things - not death**. This extends to all life forms on the earth.

One's Physical Life in This Age

First, God takes full credit for the creation of all life forms. Nothing comes to life, or is alive, without His activity (Gen 1:11,12, 20-22, 24-28). Concerning human conception, God often stated He "*opened the womb*" and conception then took place (Gen 29:31, 30:22, 1Sam 1:19, Ps 127:3, etc.). Alternately, He sometimes "*closed (the) womb*" (1Sam 1:5,6). David flatly states, "*Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb*" (Ps 139:13. Take a moment to read all Ps 139:13-16). **God is active in the womb**. Ecclesiastes 11:5 alludes to His presence and activity in the womb as well. Any place that God is actively working in is a holy place, and unrighteous intrusions by sinners will elicit a violent response from Him. "*Vengeance is Mine. I will repay*" (Heb 10:30). Abortionists, and all complicit in this civil rights crime, have no idea what is rushing toward them. Justice delayed will not end in justice being denied. For a more detailed treatment of this topic, read, "*Abortion: How (and Why) Abortion Resides in the Weakest Form of Human Thought and Valuation.*" But for our purposes here, just know that God takes full responsibility, and credit, for the creation of each human life.

Next, God takes credit for **sustaining each one's life**, and also for **all deliverances from death**. "*In Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them*" (Ps 139:16). "*God is to us a God of deliverances; and to God the Lord belong escapes from death*" (Ps 68:20). If you have had brushes with death (and you have obviously been spared), God says He is responsible for that deliverance. But this pertains to more than just the physical close calls. Deliverance from spiritual death (death one), physical death (death two), or the second death (the second physical death, but the third death experience) - deliverance from any or all of these are escapes belonging to the Lord our God. When John fell like a dead man at the feet of Christ at the opening of the Revelation, Jesus told him, "*Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades*" (Rev 1:17,18). In the matters of life and death, and eternal life and death, Jesus is the Boss. That's just the way it is. There are no votes or opinions on these matters that carry any weight or relevance.

Concerning **eternal life**, this is what we know. Eternal life is a **gift** - the Giver being God Himself (2Thess 2:16 and 1Jn 5:11). Jesus defined it this way. "*And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ who Thou hast sent*" (Jn 17:3). Knowing God automatically brings with it - eternal life! Eternal life is in the here and now, not in the distant future. It begins the moment the Holy Spirit takes up residence in, and seals, the one who

believes the Gospel message. The Holy Spirit's presence is referred to as a pledge, or down payment, of the coming inheritance (2Cor 1:22, 5:5, and Eph 1:13,14). When God gives one eternal life - well, think about that! *It cannot be taken away or lost.* That is an impossible contradiction. If you **have it** - then you will live forever and the life question is forever settled. It is impossible to have it - and then lose it! To **lose eternal** life? That is an oxymoron - a muddled mental knot of nonsense. On the flip side, if you never had it, then you could not lose it. It is impossible to lose something you never had. You might **miss** something you never had, but you cannot lose something you never had. By the way, God owes no **sinner** eternal life. That, too, is a muddled mental knot. Death and sin are synonymous. These are the sinner's companions. Eternal life is alien to that world.

Once a person becomes a Christian, the rest of this life is one in which the Christian sees himself/herself as a pilgrim, or stranger, passing through this world - "home" being on the other side of this mortal life and age. "*For our citizenship is in heaven ...*" (Phil 3:20). At death, the Christian is welcomed by God into His presence (Ps 116:15 and Phil 1:21-23). The disembodied saint is then in Paradise (Lk 23:43), or Abraham's bosom (Lk 16:22). I believe this is simply two names for the same location (Of course, there are two **embodied** saints there right now - Enoch and Elijah). On the Last Day, Jesus will raise all bodies from the dead, and these disembodied saints will be reunited with their body. But that physical body will have been changed, in that it will be immortal - "*the dead will be raised imperishable*" (1Cor 15:52).

When Christ returns, there will be some Christians here at the end of this Age. They will then be changed "*in the twinkling of an eye*" as "*this mortal must put on immortality*" (1Cor 15:53). In that moment, the confirmation of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence will be seen by all. "*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you*" (Ro 8:11). In that split second, what is mortal (our current flesh) will be "*swallowed up by life*" (2Cor 5:4). "*This mortal must put on immortality*" (1Cor 15:53). And once this reality has occurred, "*death is swallowed up in victory*" (1Cor 15:54).

In the coming ages, the Christian will be found to be 100% alive in every way possible. Our body will be **eternally immortal** - in complete dominion over every physical environment we might ever enter into. Hallelujah! There is no telling what kind of environments we may be given to enjoy. Eternity is a long time for God to create pleasure grounds for us to interact in. Also, our emotions will be totally engaged in the circumstances in which we find ourselves. And those emotions will line up with God 100%. Mentally, not only will every thought be in full obedience to Christ forever (and we will be exceedingly thrilled about that), but we will also "*know in full*" just as we "*have been fully known*" (2Cor 10:5 and 1Cor 13:12). All synapses will be firing fully and righteously forever! Our volition (will) will be in complete sync with God, and our spirit will be alive and we will be walking fully with our Creator. But here is what is going to be astounding about the coming existence. We will sense **no restraint** physically, emotionally, mentally, volitionally, or spiritually **at any time in any way for all eternity**. We will sense nothing - except total liberty! "*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*" (2Cor 3:17). We will be fully active and aggressive **in life** - yet fully confirmed and established in righteousness. There will be no dark corners in us. So, where will we be? Well, let's take a cursory view of the coming state, and I will list a couple of passages you can review for more details if you are so inclined.

The New Environment

At God's return, *"the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up The heavens will be destroyed by burning and the elements will melt with intense heat. But according to His promise, we are looking for a new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells"* (2Pet 3:10,12,13). In this new environment, *"there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away"* (Rev 21:4). Suffice it to say, this new and eternal state will be one in which the Christian is fully enveloped in the good things of God. To examine this coming state, see Revelation 21 and 22 and 1Corinthians 15:35-58.

Finally ... Here Are All the Scenarios of Death and Life in the Human Experience.

We will first review terms and then list the varied combinations and possibilities of the human condition and experience.

Concerning Death:

Spiritual death - occurs when one sins against God in an accountable way. God alone knows when, and if, this occurs for the individual human being. Some, who are mentally incapable, may never reach a point of accountability. This is between God and each individual.

Physical death - the expiration of one's physical body.

Hades - the "holding tank" for all who have physically died apart from of Christ. It is a place of torment for all disembodied souls. They are mentally, volitionally, and emotionally alive, but remain spiritually dead. Their body is temporarily dead. This state concludes on Judgement Day.

Hell - the final destination for everyone outside of Christ. The person is alive physically, volitionally, mentally, and emotionally, but continues spiritually dead. Jesus refers to Hell as a place of *"eternal punishment"* (Mt 25:46). The most accurate of descriptive words and the most vivid of imaginations and meditations fall desperately short of the reality of this place. Just as I cannot grasp or convey how magnificent Heaven and the coming eternal events are going to be, so also I cannot grasp or convey the true dreadfulness and horrors of eternal Hell. No one can.

Concerning Life:

Born Again - the event that occurs when one receives Christ. One's spirit is "reborn" and the connection with God is established (possibly reestablished if it was indeed active before one's personal, accountable fall). I must say I am a bit conflicted upon our original connection with God being real and really there, but based upon Romans 1:19, and 7:9, maybe it was - thus the spirit is born *again*. This is probably the correct position.

Paradise - the "holding tank" for all who have physically died in Christ. It is a place of "comfort" at the very least for these disembodied spirits (Lk 16:25). They are alive mentally, volitionally, emotionally, *and spiritually*. Therefore, I call them more than disembodied *souls* - they are disembodied *spirits*. Their physical bodies are temporarily dead, but this state will conclude on Judgement Day.

Heaven - there will be a new heavens **and a new earth** *"where righteousness dwells"* (2Pet 3:13). The inhabitant is immortal - mentally, volitionally, emotionally, spiritually, and

physically. Death, and all acolytes, are eternally removed and will be forever absent.

Here Are the Possible Scenarios and Fates for an Individual:

Physical Birth/ Spiritual Death/ Physical Death/ Hades/ Hell. Some will die spiritually, then die physically, then go to Hades, to then be physically resurrected - with body and soul sentenced to Hell. This is the fate of everyone who has physically died (or will) outside of Christ. *Born physically ... die spiritually ... die physically ... die eternally (Hades and then Hell) - so, born once; die three times.*

Physical Birth/ Spiritual Death/ Born Again/ Physical Death/ Paradise/ Heaven. These people died spiritually, but became Christians (born again) before they physically died. At physical death, they went to Paradise, to then be physically resurrected with body, soul and spirit placed in the new heavens and earth. *Born physically ... die spiritually ... born again ... die physically ... go to Paradise and then Heaven - so, born twice; die twice.*

Physical Birth/ Spiritual Death/ Hell. Some will have died spiritually, but will be physically alive at the return of Christ. It does not appear they will then physically die, but will go directly to the Judgement seat of Christ. They will then be damned with an immortal body. *Born physically ... die spiritually ... die eternally (directly to Hell) - so, born once; die twice.*

Physical Birth/ Spiritual Death/ Born Again/ Heaven. Some will die spiritually, but then become Christians (born again) and will be physically alive at the return of Christ. At the moment of His return, these people will be physically changed (made immortal) and go directly to heaven. Physical death and Paradise will be skipped. Do you remember in the Introduction when I said, death was going to get me ... “maybe”? Well, this explains the “maybe.” If I am alive when Jesus returns, physical death will be an experience I will happily forego. *Born physically ... die spiritually ... born again ... then directly to Heaven - so, born twice; die once.*

Physical Being (some pre-born, some born)/ Physical Death/ Paradise / Heaven. Some physically die before falling into spiritual death. They expire before reaching a point of being accountable for sin before God. I believe all aborted babies are in this category. Also there are many in the special needs category with very limited abilities who may never be accountable for actions in this life. In all these cases, God alone knows who is, and who is not, guilty of accountable sin before Him. Scripture emphasizes that Judgement is based upon **accountable actions** - not upon inherited nature or circumstances. *“And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw **the dead**, the great and the small, **standing** before the throne, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, **according to their deeds**. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them **according to their deeds**. And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire”* (Rev 20:11-15). [Notice the dead **are standing**. They are dead in their sins. They are physically, mentally and emotionally alive - but spiritually dead. The bodies are all raised on the Last Day. Also notice the fate of

Hades. It, and all its contents, will be delivered to Hell.] My point is that all passages relating to a destiny of Hell are contingent on **accountable** misdeeds. Also see Matthew 25: 31-46. Concerning dead infants, including all aborted babies, in 2 Samuel 12:23, David understood his dead child to be in good standing before God. David knew he himself was destined for glory, and that his dead child had preceded him. Clearly, many human beings die before accountability (spiritual death) kicks in. Because we are in Adam (his physical descendants) we have *inherited* a mortal body which can be overtaken by hostile forces at any given time. ***Physically alive ... die physically ... then Paradise ... then Heaven - so, born once (or in pre-born life); die once.***

Physical Being (some pre-born, some born)/ Heaven. These are the same non accountable individuals just referenced, who will be here when Christ returns. All these individuals are in mortal bodies that must be changed. Their mortality will be swallowed up, in the twinkling of an eye by immortality. They will go directly to the new heavens and earth. ***Physically alive ... then Heaven - so, born once (or in pre-born life); never died.***

I think these are all the options.

In case you are wondering, I am aware of this statement by Jesus. "... *everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?*" (Jn 11:26 - read 25 too!) But, the Bible also says, "*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his godly ones (saints)*" (Ps 16:15). So ... how does one reconcile these declarations? Well, when the Christian physically expires, ***the body dies***, but the actual ***person*** does not. The actual person is ushered directly into God's presence - forever freed from his/her mortal, corruptible body. The imprisoning, weak, faulty, cocoon is abandoned. It also appears the saint (Christian) is confirmed in personal righteousness at that same instant - never to sin again. This is indeed a precious moment in the Lord's sight. The raised, incorruptible body of the saint will be formed and reunited with that actual person on the Last Day. So, once born again, the Christian never *really* dies. The gift of eternal life precludes that possibility.

Incidentally, there may be a broader reason why each saint's death is precious in God's sight. When each saint "dies," the conclusion to this age is ***one step closer***. This number of these "deaths" is finite. While I do hope the number is exceedingly large (and your name will be "*found written in the book of life*" [Rev 20:12-15]), there is a final tally. While God has many reasons for this age's existence, the overarching reality of it is not one that delights Him. Even before the flood of Noah's day, we find "*the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart*" (Gen 6:5). It appears our world will again "ripen" to this same sorry state before He concludes it (See Mt 24:37-44 and Lk 17:26,27). The injurious impact of sin, on all aspects of this created order, is one He has been exceedingly patient with (Ro 9:22) - but has also determined to forever conclude. So, with the exit of each saint, not only will that saint no longer "*grieve the Holy Spirit*" (Eph 4:30), but this entire age is just that much closer to its consummation. This is "precious."

A Fly in the Ointment

Well, maybe two ... maybe even three. Fly one. The fallen angels are referred to as evil ***spirits*** all through Scripture. According to the material I have put forth, they should be called evil ***souls***. My theory maintains they are ***spiritually dead*** because of their sins, but alive mentally, volitionally and emotionally (their ***soul***). I'm not too concerned about this unraveling my case

before you for a couple of reasons. For starters, the angels may have a completely different makeup, or essence, than us - in being and in relationship to God. They are other-dimensional beings as it stands anyway and their existence predates us. Indeed, their access to God (see Job 1 and 2), and their age may put them in a wholly different category in about every way. But, my other reason is as follows. Both the soul and the spirit are invisible entities. When Paul spoke of sin killing him, **something in him** (that made up the "I" of him) *died* (Ro 7:8-11). That same "thing" died in all of us who are declared by God as dead in our "*trespases and sins*" (Eph 2:1). With that "I" dead, we are still clearly alive mentally, volitionally, and emotionally. Maybe it is our *soul* that dies with death one, and we are still *spiritually* alive - our *spirit* being our mind, will, and emotions. And because we sin in our mind, will, and emotion, we could then be seen as evil *spirits* - like the fallen angels - with our *soul* being dead. But if I have erred, it is a blunder in semantics **and the substance of my case still stands**. This slip up may even be partly due to cultural pollutions - as our society speaks of "generous *souls*," or "*soulful* music," etc. But, on the other hand, gospel songs are referred to as "*spirituals*." But I still tend to stay with my original semantics for this reason. When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being born again, He said, "*That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*" (Jn 3:6). I think the Spirit rebirths after His kind. He generates *spiritual* births. Also, Paul speaks of the Spirit "*combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words*," and the one so taught is "*spiritual*" (1Cor2:13-15). Therefore, fallen angels are evil *spirits* - and are a different order of beings with different (and unknown) components making up their essence. Details, details.

Fly two (potentially). I have said nothing about our "heart." But what is that? Is it our inmost being? Our feelings? Our real self? Our spirit? Some of these things are just not defined anywhere in the Bible. All I do know is that when sin enters our existence *something* of us, or in us, dies. I still lean toward our spirit dying based on reasons given in the previous paragraph. But maybe our essence is more than three components. The physical is clear, and I believe the spirit is pretty clear. But I have lumped the mind, heart, volition and emotions all into the soul. But it is possible these are all separate and distinct units inside of us, including the soul being its own invisible unit in making up our essence ... which leads to the third potential fly.

Fly three. It is risky to build a theological position from **one verse**. 1Thessalonians 5:23 is the only passage listing "*the spirit, and the soul, and the body*" in one place. But, these three parts are listed with the stated desire we be "*sanctified **entirely***" and "*preserved **complete***." The natural man is dead spiritually, yet is alive mentally, emotionally, volitionally, (and heart?). It seems reasonable to lump these together as the other unit - "the soul." (See Rev 20:12, Eph 2:1 and Ro 7:8-11.). Let's move on.

Death's Fate - Does Death Have an End?

Evolution says, "*Death **possibly** does have an end. If all life in the universe ceases to be, then death ends. But if life, on any level or locale, continues, then death also continues.*" The Biblical Creationist says, "*Yes and no. For all Christians, and for the created order, death will be abolished. But for unredeemed creatures - angels and humans - the second death will be an eternal reality.*" Obviously, these two systems totally disagree on death's origin, purpose, future, and fate. Oil and water do not mix. Both views cannot be correct. Death is an extremely important issue to be right about. One's belief about death firmly plants a person in Biblical Creationism - or else in some version of a contrary longevity model. At Christ's return, several things are going to happen. The fate of death will be part of the action. "*The last enemy that will*

be abolished is death” (1Cor15:26). Death’s destiny could not be stated more clearly. The only thing you must determine is if you think this is a fairy tale - or truth. Does Jesus have this kind of power, authority and inclination, or is this just some kind of metaphysical dream? Paul stated it all in this way. “*If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most to be pitied ... If the dead are not raised, ‘let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die’*” (1Cor 15:19,32). So, if the Evolutionists are correct - **then this is it and let’s grab for all the gusto we can get!** For Christians to have denied themselves indulgences into any area of desired pleasure - and to have suffered *persecution for a fairy tale* - well, of all humans, this is the most miserable of lots.

What About Those Who Hold a Hybrid Position - Part Evolution and Part Creationism?

In the vaunted Systematic Theology circles, the position I have adopted on the Creation account is called, “The Naive-Literal View.” At the other end of the spectrum, the atheistic Evolutionist is labeled, “pagan.” So, the *really enlightened ones* are Hybridizers. These superior “intellectuals” concoct various scenarios using elements from Creationism and Evolution. They take what they perceive to be best of both sides, and meld the chosen elements into a coherent system. Now, an unseen, guiding Hand is inserted into the evolutionary process. But, *when* is that Hand inserted? *Why* is it inserted? *Where* has it been inserted? *What* is inserted? And who is the One inserting His/Her/Its hand in the first place? So many questions to be addressed! What I have heard from these theists is similar to the rabbit-in-the-hat trick. When God is needed - pull Him out of the hat. But, when He appears to be an embarrassment, stuff Him back in. These longevity model theists have introduced *supernatural arbitrariness* into a field of (supposed) empirical scientific study. These hybrid inventions betray and belie the fundamentals of both Evolution *and* Creationism. True Evolutionists reject a floating hand of “God” dipping into, and out of, the origins or natural progression of this world and universe as this creates a muddled, twisted, mystical system with no reliable boundaries for systematic empirical research, data gathering, or theory forwarding. Concerning Creationism, when dealing with the Biblical materials, these “enlightened theologians” begin by dismissing the Creation account as a literal six day period. They embrace a nuanced Evolution - with The Creation Account being some kind of symbolic material. But as *theistic* Evolutionists, all Hybridizers share this common ground: ***death was an established reality long before Adam and Eve*** (or whoever was the first Homo sapiens) ***came on the scene***. Therefore, death, entering the world ***through one man***, is nonsense (Ro 5:12). So, also is the ridiculous assertion that death is one’s “*morally justified payment*” for personal sin (Ro 6:23). To tell Adam he would “*return to the ground*” is not a judgement, as he was heading there anyway - assuming there was an Adam in the first place.

But this is only the beginning of the Hybridizer’s assault. While death takes the first hit (as just alluded to), Adam and Eve, and attendant curses, take the next. Their story is just that - a story. At best, it is symbolic folklore forwarding various “Biblical Principles.” So, Luke, Paul, ***and Jesus***, are in error when they hold Adam and/or Eve as real people portrayed in a genuine, historically accurate situation. But when Paul discusses the role of women in 1Timothy 2:8-15, **he bases his argument on Adam and Eve**. If they are simply mythical, then Paul’s case falls apart. Even Jesus’ case for marriage fidelity becomes flawed (Mt 19:3-12). For many, such “historical” error is enough to justify dismissing Paul’s position on the role of women, or Jesus’ understanding about marriage and divorce. Some Hybridizers may try to hold Paul’s and Jesus’ teaching together by saying this was “innocent error” - as they were operating in their own historical framework and didn’t know any better. But when pushed by those who want to

dismiss Paul's and/or Jesus' teachings because of this error, the Hybridizer soon wilts.

Some Hybridizers forward an "Age-Day" theism. They believe each "day" of the Creation account is symbolic for an age of time. A more fanciful theory is the "Pictorial Day" theory. Each "Creation Day" represents a "topic" of the created order - with no chronology considerations. Other Hybridizers, believe God formed the original creation, wound it up, and walked away. Everything then developed on its own. Others believe in a more interventionist Creationism where God intervened at key moments to "create." This is sometimes referred to as "Progressive Creation." There are other theories, but why bore you? Biblical Creationists (Fiat Creation, or The Naive-Literalist View), reject these scientific versions of "political correctness."

The professed "wisdom" of these Hybridizers is neither scientifically *nor* theologically palatable. **Evolutionists** view the Hybridizer as a *mentally* negative mutant and hope he/she is not capable of reproduction - thus passing on mental flaws. **Creationists** view the Hybridizer as an "intellectual" who does not understand the basic tenants of Creationism or Evolution. The Hybridizer does not understand what the Bible teaches about death, and they have also embraced much of the plastic science forwarded by Evolutionists. Creation Scientists have a growing body of work that argues for a young earth and universe. Hybridizers need to avail themselves to these materials - and then look at God's Word again. I am not sure how much God will allow for disbelief of His Word - and things still be okay. Now, for another serious subject.

Hell - Some Effects (plural) It Has Had On Me

I have had my share of objections to the Bible's teaching on Hell. One time, there was a man I felt I needed to share this material with. He was a recently retired world class body builder who had then given himself to a modest amount of wine - but full portions of women and song. He was very happy. He was genuinely enjoying the pleasures of life with no apparent down side. He was what I call a smart sinner. Many people (like me) are stupid sinners. Some sin choices quickly destroy one's health and fortunes - and often land them in great trouble with the law. For example, drug addicts come to ruin physically, emotionally, financially and legally in short order. Just ask Jim Morrison. But others, the smart sinners, can fully exercise their sin and live as kings and even cultural icons. Just ask Hugh Hefner. Well, this body builder was in the Hefner camp. Did I need to talk to this man about a destination only a heartbeat away from him - to talk to this happy man - **about Hell?** I looked up toward Heaven and said, "*Lord, this is a great message to carry to my fellow man. This is a great way to 'Win Friends and Influence People.'*" But, I have come to know (and really knew it then), if I have any concern for another, I will ask God for the opportunity to tell them the truth. The goal is for this to occur at the right time and in the right spirit. But even if my spirit is not right (like Jonah's), love still shares the truth. But, I have not always been thrilled to carry a message of good news *and* bad news - *extremely bad news*. And how can one embrace the good news if there is no knowledge of the bad news? When considering Christianity, Jesus warned potential followers to "*count the cost*" (Lk 14:28). He said, "*a pupil is not above his teacher*" (Lk 6:40). Indeed, *to be like the teacher* is the goal. The Teacher of this good news/bad news message was pulverized and then nailed on chunks of wood until He expired. Any follower of His who leaves this life in a less violent fashion **has been let off easy**. "*For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake*" (Phil 1:29). Boy, ... this is exciting.

In our natural state, God says every human is *His* enemy (Ro 5:12). When a person becomes a Christian, that hostility ends - but other hostilities arise. A Christian not only retains

his/her natural enemies, **but now picks up a bunch more** - specifically - *God's enemies*. Here's how this works out. I am a Caucasian male in the United States. With those three realities, I have many, many enemies. A Muslim extremist (or maybe not really very extreme) would kill me in an instant without knowing any more about me. Many other nationalists around the world would do the same if given the opportunity. Here in the good old USA, many African Americans would kill me if they could - especially if they thought they could get away with it. And if this country fell into the hands of some of our feminists, and they held absolute power, my life would be in grave danger. Many of them hate men. Currently, they can only gnash their teeth. As we move past my nationality, skin color, and gender, if Socialistic Democrats held unbridled power, they would kill me as they learned of my social and economic persuasions. The list of personal enemies goes on and on. When one becomes a Christian, these natural enemies do not disappear. Now I am a *Christian* Caucasian male in the United States. Not only do my natural enemies remain - *but now I pick up God's enemies!* Wow, the news just gets better and better, doesn't it? Actually, it is - when the alternative is considered. Which is better, to continue to have God as one's enemy (and ultimately fall into His hands), or to add God's enemies to one's list, knowing the maximum penalty is to be tortured and killed - but that's it. Jesus responded to such a scenario in this manner; *"My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who after He has killed has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!"* (Lk 12:4,5). The author of Hebrews echoes this sentiment. On the heels of discussing the judgement and vengeance of God, he states, *"It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God"* (Heb 10:31). God promises to deliver us from all enemies - unless **He** is our enemy.

When I was on staff at a Christian Drug Rehabilitation Center, we had one particular client who persistently asked a lot of sincere questions about Christianity. One day, the Director and I were talking with him, and the Director asked him, *"Lewis, why are you so interested in wanting to know how to become a Christian?"* The answer was immediate. *"I want to be saved from God!"* The Director and I looked at each other, shrugged our shoulders and laughed. That was a very sane response. Each person must decide if He means business about this sin stuff and if He has the power to enforce His will. One must decide if He is bluffing and threatening or if these Biblical materials are **warnings** of what He is willing and able to do. I believe the latter.

By the way, I did talk to the happy, whoremongering, body builder about the end of the path he was prancing down. That may prove to be one of the best things I have ever done.

When operating in shallower spiritual waters, I am very happy to understand that the enemies of God are only a breath away from falling into His hands. Sometimes, the teaching about Hell brings me peace - and even satisfaction. I know that evildoers will be dealt with at the time and place of His choosing. *"Do not fret yourself because of evildoers, or be envious of the wicked; for there will be no future for the evil man, and the lamp of the wicked will be put out"* (Pr 24:20). God will mete out justice in a full, fair, and accurate way - as only He can. This does relieve me, and at times I rejoice in this certain knowledge. But sometimes, when I get a glimpse of what Hell is going to be - my fear **for them** overpowers all else. I find myself praying for them - that God might change them (like He did me)- and deliver them **from Himself!** There are many outside of Christ I do have respect and admiration for, and I long for their conversion. And I am **not** longing for their conversion because I see "their potential" for impacting this world. I simply want to see them in a safe relationship with the God who created them. When David was asking God to deliver him from wicked men, he asked to be delivered *"from men, whose portion in life*

is of the world” (Ps 17:14). If they are not converted, this life will be all the life they ever experience. This is a real sorry state of affairs.

In my deeper times, when I get a clearer picture of what Hell is - I find myself terrified. I am not terrified about my destiny, but my first thoughts are toward my two children. One time, when my oldest was a toddler, she burned her hand on the metal shade of a little high-intensity lamp. She cried and cried and kept shaking her hand - trying to shake off the pain. I tried to comfort her, but she kept crying until she wore herself out and fell asleep on my lap. Later that day, as I got in my car to go to work, all I could think of was my precious daughter leaving this life outside of Christ, on fire from head to toe, trying to shake off the flames of Hell. But there will be no relief for eternity. This is the most dreadful scenario one can possibly contemplate. All I could do was stop everything and bow myself as low as I could go - and beg God to spare her from such a fate. I now have a second daughter, and even now I beg You, O Lord God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, please, O God Almighty, have mercy on my two children. Please, in Your wrath, remember mercy. My dear readers, when the reality of this teaching hits me, it floors me and I not only pray for my children, but others start coming to mind - their friends, others in my family, customers I serve, etc. - and I beg God for mercy upon them. But here is the worst part. I know that Hell is even worse than my deepest understandings of it.

Conclusion

Herein lies one problem for Evolutionists. To them, the primary material in this Ebook is absolutely ridiculous. It is mythology of the highest order. It causes them to alternately laugh or scorn. *“How can anyone **actually believe** such fanciful claims? Claims of Hades and Paradise. Claims of Heaven and Hell. Claims of Jesus rising from the dead, ascending into heaven, and scheduled to return to earth. Claims to then raise all bodies from the dead, reunite those bodies with their disembodied spirits and/or souls, and then send those immortal people to a place of eternal torment or eternal bliss. What a joke!”* The Evolutionist has a hard time listening to Creation Science **when this other material is hitched to it!** But here is another root of the Evolutionist’s problems. There is an important passage New Testament passage that applies to any faith community and, as demonstrated, **Evolutionists are indeed a community of faith.** *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves **teachers in accordance with their own desires**; and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths”* (2Tim 4:3,4). Many people, in fact most people, want to believe **what they want to believe.** *“Don’t bother me with contrary facts!”* They find security and stability in the faith they have chosen - and only listen to teachers with whom they basically agree. This is a natural human inclination. Many only want to hear from “scientists” who reinforce, or further, their chosen **faith positions** (Notice this last word is plural). They will not even examine, much less entertain the deductions and conclusions of Creation Scientists **who are looking at the same scientific data they are looking at!** But there is even a deeper reason for this refusal to honestly engage Creation Scientists.

Let’s say an Evolutionist is persuaded by the arguments of Creationist Scientists that Evolution is indeed dead. Where can they turn? If **science** refutes their evolutionary faith, *and the claims of the Bible (as stated above) appear as a fairy tale* - where can they go? To turn away **from both faiths** is a turn to a black hole. Who can turn from something (even error) - and happily walk **into nothing?** Who can go from faith (even errant) - *to no faith?* Who can do that? The Evolutionist, particularly the atheistic one, cannot mentally or emotionally entertain any

real challenges to their faith. They may **toy** with challenges, but they cannot allow them to seriously arise on the radar screen of their mind. And it should **not** be expected they would be able to do so. Indeed, there is but one sensible expectation - the Evolutionist **must bury** their opposition. To appeal to Evolutionists for honesty, integrity, or ethics in scientific study and inquiry is a naive hope of idealistic platitudes. These must be tossed overboard. As the ship, "The Evolutionist's Dream" sinks, the Evolutionist only sees a drowning in a black sea of confusion. That ship must be kept afloat at all costs. It is a matter of survival. When challenged at fundamental levels by Creation Science, the instinct for survival in the Evolutionist kicks in. The emotion is raw, and the knuckles are bare. That is why **outside forces must be marshaled** if competing ideas are to be made available in the arena of knowledge and genuine inquiry. As a practical example, our government **must require by law** that Creation Science materials be in our public schools, alongside evolutionary thought, with points and counterpoints being exchanged from both faiths, issue by issue. I am quite certain many of you have no idea that Creation Scientists address all the same subjects Evolutionists do - and in great detail. Whether the subject is astronomy, geology, or the life sciences, Creationists study origins as well as current processes. It is also my guess you have little idea of the positions they forward in all these areas, with their scientific proofs and hypotheses. You can change that situation, assuming you have the courage.

The evolutionary faith, is plagued with huge physical, metaphysical, and statistical probability troubles. And these are substantive griefs. As we have seen, they include process reversals at critical points of origins (i.e., matter declared as eternal, or life arising spontaneously from inorganic materials, **and** simultaneously being able to reproduce). Then butterflies and Bombardier Beetles (who are representatives of many species who sport similar features) mock incremental change - a critical bedrock proposition upon which Evolution is entirely dependent. Then Evolution is assaulted by its own hoax producing zealots (Dawson, Osborn, etc.). But troubles compound. Natural mutations are universal disasters - yet the evolutionary faith is completely dependent upon the opposite. And even if profitable mutations do arise, what are the physiological demands for successful genetic encoding? Add to this a fossil record absent of needed transitional forms, plus the question of fossil formation in the first place - well, these "problems" have ripped gaping holes through the hull of the ship ... and Evolution has sunk. Those on board have gone down with it, but are currently in a state of denial. But one day, facts will overtake denial and propaganda, and Evolution will take its place in mythology along with a flat earth, the Greek gods, pre-born humans being sub human, etc.

Actually, I believe Evolution is more about resisting Creationism than it is a real commitment to real science. I once asked an unsaved, intellectual "friend" (who was anti-Bible) this question. *"Why do you think there are so many 'scholars' and 'scientists' who have set themselves to disproving the Bible - even if in but one point?"* His reply was simple with no hesitation. *"Well, if you can once and for all disprove the Bible, you will become instantly - and forever - famous!"* This effort is like an ant marching up to a hundred foot high wall of steel that is twenty feet thick, and declaring, *"I am going to chew you up and spit you out!"* The steel wall would not even bother responding to the "threat."

As a Creationist, I believe things I did not see and cannot prove. I did not see God create in six days, and I did not see an originally pristine earth free of death. I cannot prove death is a judgement of God in response to sin. And I obviously cannot prove any of the future assertions either. But, you cannot prove these faith positions are not true. You might not believe them, but you cannot disprove them. The other option is to believe in a system that life itself, in all its

forms, argues against. But here is another Bible assertion I cannot currently prove. “*There is no wisdom and no understanding, and no counsel against the Lord*” (Pr 21:30). None that will prevail anyway. Every speculation contrary to God will be forever destroyed. All holding such opinions and **beliefs** (errant faith) will be displayed *as fools* for all to see. This will occur on the Last Day - the great and terrible day of the Lord. It will be like a huge tidal wave that had been warned of ... but is now seen. It will break over everything. What seemed safe ground to the Evolutionist will be forever inundated. It is my hope God will use many points raised in this Ebook like a series of small breakers washing up on the Evolutionist’s beach - eroding some of that beach into the Ocean of God. But even if God does not allow these small breakers to wash anything into the Sea of Life, the tidal wave is still on the way. He will not allow the Land of Death to continue. Death (in this case Evolution) *cannot* live on. That in itself is an oxymoron. This is not a warning of *what might come*. It is a warning of *what is coming*. I can’t stop it ... you can’t stop it. I didn’t create it ... you didn’t create it. The Coming Tidal Wave is an act of God. It originates in Him, is directed by Him, and will occur at the exact instant He has determined. We are out of the decision making loop on this one, my friend. We always were.

Well, we have covered a lot of ground. If anything I have written benefits you in any way, I will be greatly pleased - even if I never know it on this side. My main hope is that you come to peace on the issues of life and find yourself on solid ground. That’s it.

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